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## MSc Comparative Social Change (One Year Full Time Joint UCD-Trinity College Dublin Programme)

The MSc Comparative Social Change is a one year full time programme which is jointly delivered by the UCD School of Sociology and the Department of Sociology at Trinity College Dublin. It provides students with the theoretical frameworks and practical research skills necessary to understand the processes and pressing issues presented by global social change, and with the skills to critically explore the social, cultural and economic forces that drive social change today.

The programme aims to develop students' knowledge of major social change issues, such as globalisation, the changing roles of women and

the interrelated areas of migration, education and employment, and to offer insights into the different forms they take across states. The MSc uses the recent experience of Irish social change in a comparative European and global context to provide training in substantive topics relating to issues of comparative social change.

The programme provides advanced training in conceptualising, designing and conducting comparative research, across countries, and examines the role that this can play in policy development.

### Why study at UCD?

#### Tradition



Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence

#### Global profile



UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide

#### Global community



Over 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD

#### Global careers



Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa for Non-EU students

#### Safety



Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

### A strong International Focus

The MSc has a strong international dimension drawing on rich and informative experiences from Ireland, Europe and further afield particularly India, China and Brazil (BRICs).

## Course Content and Structure

**90 credits**  
taught masters

**60 credits**  
taught modules

**30 credits**  
dissertation

#### Core modules:

- Research Methods
- Globalisation and Social Change: India, China and Brazil
- Introduction to Comparative Social Change: Concepts and Cases

#### You must also choose from the list of modules below

- Race, Ethnicity and Education in Europe and North America
- Migration, Labour and Conflict
- Gender and Social Change in a Comparative Context
- Everyday Nationhood in Comparative Perspective
- Economic Globalisation and Social Change
- Comparing Healthcare Systems





## Career Opportunities

The MSc Comparative Social Change is particularly relevant for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the public and private sector, international institutions and civil society organisations. Students receive a solid academic training in social change issues - such as gender, education and the labour market - which can be applied to real-world problems.



This training has the potential to open up career opportunities in fields such as research, policy development and advocacy.



**Fees** Information on Fees is available at  
<http://bit.do/UCD-TCD-Fees>

## Entry Requirements

- Applicants should normally have a primary degree in sociology or social science, or a closely related discipline.
- A Second Class Honours Grade One (2:1) or higher is required. This is equivalent to a GPA in the range of 3.08 to 3.67 under the UCD honours classification system.
- Applicants who do not meet the academic requirements but can confirm professional qualifications and/or experience will be considered.
- All candidates are expected to be proficient in written and spoken English. Applicants whose primary language is not English must submit evidence of a certificate of proficiency (such as TOEFL, Cambridge or IELTS). Test results must be less than two years old.

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## Graduate Profile

**Keytelynne Radde**  
US, Student

The specialist sociology masters programme in UCD challenged me in new ways and was really very interesting. It's helped me to further develop and hone my academic skills, as well as learn new things about myself and my learning style. I also liked that while there were set and required classes, I was also able to choose other classes that fit with my interests and what I would like to do after graduate school.

Even though UCD is a large campus with a very large student body, it is easy to contact and meet with academic faculty. Every lecturer I've ever asked to see outside of class has been accommodating and accessible. I also love the culture and all of the opportunities being in Ireland has provided me with. I've had amazing opportunities for travel, meeting people, playing sport, and many other opportunities that I would never have had without coming to Ireland.

## Related Masters in UCD

MSocSc Sociology

MSocSc Global Migration and Cultural Differences

MSocSc Crime, Violence and Conflict

MSocSc Cultural Sociology

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