



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



MA Philosophy (One Year Full Time)

The MA Philosophy is designed for philosophy graduates who wish to develop an advanced competence in philosophy. You can choose to specialise in areas where UCD School of Philosophy has particular expertise such as contemporary European (continental) philosophy, analytic philosophy, classical philosophy, philosophy of law, political philosophy, and cognitive science. Through advanced training in philosophy, students will acquire valuable transferable skills for a professional career in business, government or the media. The MA in

Philosophy in UCD provides a solid foundation for further graduate study in top-ranked doctoral programmes in philosophy. Faculty in the School have published widely and are prominent in international academic circles. In the past, the School has welcomed renowned figures such as Noam Chomsky, Hilary Putnam, John McDowell, Alasdair MacIntyre, Charles Taylor and Jürgen Habermas. Students will become part of a thriving graduate community and enjoy a vibrant intellectual atmosphere in a supportive environment.

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



Safety

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

Largest teaching and research centre for Philosophy in Ireland

The UCD School of Philosophy is the largest teaching and research centre for Philosophy in Ireland. It was recognised as one of the top ten schools in the English-Speaking World for graduate studies in twentieth-century continental philosophy by the Philosophical Gourmet Report.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
taught modules

30 credits
dissertation

Students select three modules from the following for semester one:

- Philosophy of Mind
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception
- Mind & World
- Philosophy & Literature
- God, Soul and Nature in Ancient Philosophy
- Phenomenology of Embodiment
- Philosophy of the Emotions
- Living Well: Aristotle's Ethics and Politics

Students select three modules from the following list for semester two:

- Law, Liberty and the State
- Autonomy as a Philosophical Problem
- Ethics
- Heidegger – from Dasein to the Kehre
- The Good Society
- Ethics and Limits of Philosophy
- The Cultural Mind
- Reading Aquinas



Career Opportunities

Philosophy graduates work in diverse fields including business, public-sector management, marketing and advertising, media and broadcasting, recruitment and human resources.

Graduates of UCD School of Philosophy have continued to have successful academic careers in Ireland, UK and the US. Others are prominent playwrights, journalists, human-rights activists, broadcasters, film-makers and musicians.



Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/international/apply

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for students with a primary degree in Philosophy, or in another degree that has significant philosophical components; an upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Candidates with an upper second class honours in a postgraduate conversion course such as a Higher Diploma in Philosophy may be considered.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MA Philosophy & Literature
- MA Philosophy & Public Affairs
- MA Cognitive Science

Graduate Profile

Sean Murphy, PhD candidate, Indiana University

Ireland's (especially Dublin's) rich literary history made it the ideal environment to work in. Whether it was in my flat or in the café, the pub, the library, the coast or the Wicklow hills, I always felt myself immersed in a swell of passionate humanists and explorers of ideas. I was surrounded by individuals who really cared about writing on and researching the depths of the human condition. What I liked most about UCD was the faculty in the School of Philosophy, and my fellow graduate students. The professors were all visibly interested in the success of their students. This was especially evident in my relationships with Brian O'Connor and Jim O'Shea. They both instilled in me the confidence that it takes to move on in philosophy, as I am now doing, as I prepare to begin my doctorate at Indiana University, a top-25 Philosophy programme in the US.

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