



MA Gender Studies

(One Year Full Time or
Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

The MA in Gender Studies is a rigorous, interdisciplinary and dynamic programme of learning in feminisms, sexualities, masculinities, gender debates, politics and activism. A global, decolonial and intersectional perspective informs the programme, offering a complex understanding of how oppression and discrimination operate across society, politics and the economy.

Students will explore and challenge gender inequalities and (hetero)sexisms and their relational connection with wider forms of oppression and discrimination.

Students will garner deep knowledge of vibrant transnational fields of study in gender, feminisms, sexualities and masculinities; will cultivate critical thinking and analysis skills applied to gender in the social world; and will develop skills in research and writing and how to ask critical gender questions through our use of innovative approaches in the classroom.

The programme offers a safe and challenging space of research, learning and skills generation. It is designed to prepare students to engage with gender and wider inequalities in the social world - whether through future study and research, through engagement in policy and activism or in broader professional roles.

Programme Highlight

The MA in Gender Studies derives from a longstanding and robust ethic of feminist, queer and broader gender equality activism within the school and among faculty teaching on the programme. Our faculty come from across the world and from a range of academic interdisciplinary backgrounds (such as anthropology, history, law, politics, sociology). They have deep experience, expertise and ongoing engagement in social activism, and in international and national policy making and advocacy. The faculty believe that academics have a critical responsibility as public intellectuals and use their academic and activist knowledge to inform public debate, and in turn to create a vibrant and rich classroom experience.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = 60 credits Taught Modules + 30 credits Minor Thesis

Core Modules:

- Gender Studies: Critical themes
- Gender: Global Concepts
- Feminist and Egalitarian Research
- Minor Thesis

Option Modules:

You will then choose three option modules. Optional modules include:

- Gender, Inequality and Policy
- Gender, Conflict-Harm and Transitional Justice
- Cultures and Sexualities
- Gender, Sexuality and the Body
- Masculinities, Gender and Equality
- Gender, Peace and Security
- Gender and the Political System
- Critical Race and Decolonial Theory
- Development and the Global South

This is an indicative list. Please see www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions for a full list of modules.

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

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



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Graduates from the MA in Gender Studies develop careers across a variety of areas across the non-profit, charity, public and private sectors. They become central members of local communities, key leaders in national and international NGOs and advocacy organisations, in public-sector agencies, in education and media organisations. See the UCD Gender Studies website for more on where alumni have had significant impact through their professional engagements following their studies with us: www.ucd.ie/genderstudies/alumniourcommunity

Graduate Profile



Heather Hartwick,
Canada, Graduate

This is a once in a lifetime experience. I loved the staff in the School of Social Justice; they have been more than helpful and caring. My professors and colleagues have made me feel at home and like I have a network of people to call on if any issues arose, personal or professional. Studying in UCD has offered me such a different dimension of understanding that I would never have experienced attending a university in my native country.

Applicant Profile

- The programme welcomes students from a range of interdisciplinary academic backgrounds, such as degrees in sociology, politics, law, international relations/international affairs, geography, art and literature, history, business or another relevant field. A lower second class honours, or international equivalent is required. We also welcome those with relevant professional backgrounds wishing to pursue graduate study and encourage you to get in touch to discuss your interests and suitability to the programme.
- 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.

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/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- MSc Equality Studies
- MSc Human Rights
- Master in Public Policy

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