



# Professional Masters of Social Work

(Two Years Full Time)

## Introduction

The Professional Masters in Social Work was developed for graduates who are interested in pursuing a career in social work. It is a two year, full-time graduate course providing accredited professional training in social work. The course provides generic social work training that includes two 14-week practice placements in a range of social-work settings.

The course provides an integrated academic and social work practise curriculum that meets the standards set by CORU (which regulates the social work profession in Ireland), and is widely recognised internationally.

You will undertake modules covering a range of social work theories, methods and skills that are applicable to social work practice. You study a range of issues and problems that come to social work departments and the responses to these problems including, for example, child protection and welfare, domestic violence, sexual violence and abuse, mental health, disabilities, safeguarding of older people, addictions, crime and punishment, and health and medical related problems.

## Programme Highlight

With a long history of providing professional social work training in Ireland, our Masters programme will equip you to work in a range of settings in an exciting and rewarding career. There is currently great demand for professionally qualified social workers to work in a variety of fields both in Ireland and internationally. Our graduates are working for both statutory and non-governmental organisations in areas such as child welfare and protection, medical social work, community mental health, community development and criminal justice.

## Programme Content and Structure

**150 credits**  
Taught Masters = **120 credits**  
Core Modules + **30 credits**  
Dissertation

### Core Modules:

#### Year 1:

- Law for Social Work
- Social Work Counselling Skills 1
- Theories of Human Development and Behaviour for Social Work
- Adult Services and Health 1
- Child Welfare and Protection 1
- Research Methods 1
- Social Work Placement 1 (a fourteen week block placement)
- Preparation for Professional Practice 1
- Social Work Methods
- Research Methods 2 (dissertation)

#### Year 2:

- Social Work Placement 2 (a fourteen week block placement)
- Group Work and Community Work
- Adult Services and Health 2
- Social Justice and Human Rights
- Social Work Counselling Skills 2
- Child Welfare and Protection 2
- Preparation for Professional Practice 2
- Advanced Social Work Theories and Methods

## 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 are qualified to work as social workers in numerous different areas of social work practice, as well as in some related professions.

The Professional Masters in Social Work in UCD is widely recognised internationally as a professional social work qualification. Graduates have successfully registered as professional social workers in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

## Applicant Profile

- The programme is intended for applicants with an honours degree in Social Work or Social Policy. Where Social Policy or Social work are not available as an undergraduate subject, other Social Science degrees may be considered as long as they offer sufficient Social Policy or Social Work equivalent modules. Contact the school for more information.
- Interviews are conducted in the second stage of selection for entry – these may be conducted by Audio-visual link, Skype or Zoom.
- Candidates must have completed at least 420 hours of relevant paid or voluntary employment experience by the time they commence the course, including at least 250 hours before 1st of February on year of admission.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (with no score lower than 6.5 in any component), or equivalent.

## About our School

The School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice at University College Dublin is a centre of excellence for research, teaching and professional training in social policy analysis, social work, equality and gender. It provides high quality, innovative community outreach and educational programmes, which are grounded in cutting edge research enhanced by strong links with policy makers, marginalized communities and the social professions.

## Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://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](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships) for further information.

## Related Masters

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

## Graduate Profile



**Sarah McLaughlin**  
Social Worker in the US

My experience of studying social work at masters level at UCD has been overwhelmingly positive. The campus has excellent facilities and a proactive student body ensures a great student life definitely worth experiencing. The faculty in the School are extremely supportive and the curriculum is well recognised internationally.

Now, working as a professional Social Worker, I realise that the masters provided an excellent basis for this challenging and rewarding career.

## CONTACT US

### EU Students

t: 353 1 716 8682

e: [socialwork@ucd.ie](mailto:socialwork@ucd.ie)

w: [www.ucd.ie/socialpolicyworkjustice](http://www.ucd.ie/socialpolicyworkjustice)

### International Students

e: [internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)

w: [www.ucd.ie/global](http://www.ucd.ie/global)

## APPLY NOW

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at

[www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)