



# MA/MSc Peace and Conflict

(One Year Full Time or  
Two Years Part Time)



## Introduction

The MA/MSc Peace and Conflict is designed to provide students with a rigorous understanding of the causes and consequences of the processes of conflict and settlement. Students analyse the different ways that religion, ethnicity and inequality combine to generate internal violent conflicts, with examples ranging from Estonia to India, from Transylvania to Cyprus, and from Northern Ireland to the Basque Country. Students develop the ability to evaluate different policy options and institutional designs for conflict resolution.

A wide range of specialisations are available to enable students to select areas where they wish to develop their expertise. In UCD, students may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in Peace and Conflict. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable for a career in research or academia. The MA track is broader and allows students to choose to complete a dissertation or apply for an internship.

## Programme Highlight

- the theoretical literature on peace and conflict
- the discussed cases
- simulations of policy-making
- studying in a very international group

## Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = 60 credits Taught Modules + 30 credits Dissertation or 30 credits Internship (MA only)

### Core Modules:

- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Research Design (MA only)

### Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science

### Core Option Modules:

MA students choose two optional modules and MSc students choose one optional modules from the list below:

- EU Foreign and Security Policy
- Gender Peace and Security
- International Security
- Political Economy of Security

### Option Modules:

All students choose two optional modules from the partial list below:

- Global Justice
- Comparative European Politics
- Politics of Human Rights
- The Global Political Economy of Europe
- Gender & the Political System
- Politics of Development
- Theory of Human Rights
- The Politics of Inequality
- Quantitative Text Analysis
- Programming for Social Scientists

## 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 work with international bodies, non-governmental organisations and state agencies in roles such as: government social researchers, diplomatic advisors and public affair consultants.

Recent graduates of UCD School of Politics & International Relations now work in:

- United Nations
- World Trade Organisation
- IMF
- European Commission
- Asia Development Bank

## Student Profile



### Ines Meyer

I chose to study the MSc Peace and Conflict at UCD because it offers an interdisciplinary perspective to understanding conflict through the lens of gender, psychology, human rights, and political economy. The students in this programme come from all over the world and bring diverse experiences and perspectives into the classroom. The close interaction with my classmates and professors also shaped how I understand conflict-related harm, and the prospects of working towards a more peaceful society.

I decided to follow the research-oriented MSc-track to get a deeper understanding of the various methods to analyse conflict dynamics. I specialised in conflict psychology and gender, harm, and transitional justice. Both have an extensive working experience in conflict-affected regions and provide us with invaluable insights into their personal experiences.

Moreover, I received the SPIRe postgraduate scholarship, which allowed me to focus on my studies and gain hands-on teaching experience as a tutor. Furthermore, UCD has many student associations, events, and its own Centre for Peace and Conflict research (CPCR) which give students opportunities to engage and connect with people from different programmes. Ultimately, the MSc Peace and Conflict prepares us for various careers in research institutions, NGOs, government agencies or international organisations.

## Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with an upper second class honours, or the international equivalent, in a relevant subject such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law.
- Your application will be considered on its individual merits and individual professional experience will also be taken into account.
- 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](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.

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### Related Masters

- MA/MSc International Relations
- MA/MSc International Development
- MA/MSc Politics

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