



University College Dublin  
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## MA Irish Studies (One Year Full Time)

At a time of unprecedented change in Ireland, the Irish Studies MA programme introduces students to a wide range of issues and debates relating to the historical, material, cultural, social and political experiences of the peoples who have inhabited the island of Ireland from the earliest times until today. This programme offers a unique and exciting opportunity to learn and to conduct research in the institution which possesses the largest and most diverse group of experts in the field of humanities and social sciences who are involved in teaching and researching different facets of the study of Ireland.

The wide-ranging discipline of Irish Studies enables students to design a degree programme to suit their individual interests, and to make the utmost of UCD's nationally and internationally unrivalled concentration of expertise. There are two interdisciplinary core Irish Studies modules which serve as an intellectual hub for the programme, and which provide the small-group teaching and personalised supervision that the students need at graduate level. There is an enticing range of option modules which allow students either to explore new avenues of interest or to deepen their knowledge in a field in which they may already have some familiarity. UCD's location in Dublin naturally also provides students with easy access to many of Ireland's key cultural institutions and libraries.

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## 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

## Course Content and Structure

90 credits  
taught masters

60 credits  
taught modules

30 credits  
research dissertation

### Modules include:

- People, Place and Identity
- Are the Irish Different?

Option modules are chosen from a wide range of offerings provided by contributing Schools, including Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore, History, English, Drama and Film, Archaeology, Sociology, Politics and International Relations, Art History and Cultural Policy, and Music.

Each student also undertakes a 10,000-word supervised research dissertation.

Please see online for a full list of modules.



## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Irish Studies MA are trained not only to acquire, manage and communicate detailed knowledge in a creative, productive and supportive environment, but also to compare and contrast differing sources of information derived from archival, printed, visual and electronic formats. The programme enables students to hone their skills in research, critical thinking, oral and written communication and to produce computer-assisted analysis and presentation of data.



This degree is ideally suited to students seeking to deepen their knowledge of Irish Studies and to enhance their employment-relevant skills, while also providing a pathway for further specialisation in a relevant area or topic at doctoral level. Potential careers might include arts and media, journalism, tourism, cultural heritage, stage organisations, public bodies as well as academia.

## Facilities and Resources

UCD boasts an unrivalled range of academics in the humanities and social sciences whose expertise relates to the study of Ireland. Graduate study at UCD is further enhanced by the university's impressive research and archival infrastructure in the humanities. The National Folklore Collection at UCD is one of the largest folklore repositories in the world, Cartlann na gCanúintí (The Modern Irish Dialect Archive) has a unique collection of twentieth-century Irish language source material, while UCD Archives contain an unrivalled collection of material relating to Ireland's political history and the formation of the Irish state.

## Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at [www.ucd.ie/international/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/international/apply)

## Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a humanities and social sciences background.
- An upper second class honours degree, or the international equivalent in a related area is required.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (no band less than 6.5 in each element), or equivalent.

## International 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/international/scholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships) for further information.

## Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MA History
- MA Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama
- MA Nua-Ghaeilge

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## Graduate Profile

### Maura Haverty, USA, Graduate

My experience at UCD is one that I will truly never forget. At first, as an American graduate student coming over to Ireland to study Irish Studies, I was not sure what to expect and how I would be perceived. All my nerves, however, quickly subsided once I stepped onto the very friendly campus. I knew UCD would become home for me and over the course of a year, it truly did. Choosing Dublin was also an easy decision, as I knew that the capital was full of rich historical sites that I would get to explore. The MA in Irish Studies exceeded all of my expectations and more. Between the small class sizes, the one to one individual instruction from the very gifted and knowledgeable Irish Studies faculty and friendly atmosphere, I learned more in a year about myself than I ever thought possible. I would recommend UCD to anyone like myself that loves to take chances and learn out of their comfort zone.