



MEconSc European Public Affairs & Law

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

Introduction

Whether working in the private, public or voluntary sectors, the ability to explain Europe's past, to analyse its present and to advise on its future is of crucial importance. An interdisciplinary course delivered by UCD School of Politics and International Relations and UCD School of Law, the MEconSc in European Public Affairs and Law is designed to equip graduates with a comprehensive knowledge of European economic integration and Europe's role in the world.

The course takes a genuinely interdisciplinary approach to the study of Europe and the European Union, enabling you to analyse European issues from multiple perspectives. You will be qualified for a career in a variety of spheres including the institutions of the EU and other international bodies, national government structures, think-tanks and other policy-oriented organisations.

Programme Highlight

- Interdisciplinary between UCD's School of Law and Politics, with a focus on political economy.
- Designed to equip graduates with strong expertise in contemporary European affairs, based on a genuinely inter-disciplinary approach to the comparative study of Europe and the European Union.
- Core modules in the internal and external affairs of the European Union, paying particular attention to contemporary changes in political and economic governance of the Euro area.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = 60 credits Taught Modules + 30 credits Dissertation or 30 credits Internship*

*Students are responsible for securing their own internship placements. The School provides a list of potential host organisations, and UCD Careers offers support with application writing and related resources.

Core Modules:

- Law and Governance of the EU
- International Political Economy
- Politics of European Governance

Option Modules:

MEconSc and Law students choose three optional modules from the following partial list:

- International Competition Law
- Comparative Public Policy
- The Politics of International Trade and Investment
- Introduction to Statistics
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Theories of Global Justice
- Behavioural Law & Economics
- Comparative European Politics
- Quantitative Text Analysis
- Politics of Authoritarianism
- AI and Large Language Models
- Public Administration & Policy
- Work & Employment in the Global Economy

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

13,000 graduate students; 15% graduate research, structured PhDs



Global Careers

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



Global Profile

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



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Community

10,000 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 189 countries



Sustainability

UCD is ranked number one in Ireland and 50th in the world for Sustainability



Career Opportunities

Whether working in the private, public, or voluntary sectors, the ability to explain Europe's past, analyse its present, and advise on its future is of crucial importance.

The MEconSc programme equips students to work in various fields, including EU institutions, other international organisations, national government structures, think tanks, and policy-oriented research groups.

Profiles



Joey Donald
Student

This programme provided me with a multifaceted approach to the European Union, through academic lenses of law, politics and economics. With the focus from both a supranational perspective of the EU as well as national perspectives. Providing a holistic approach to EU and its position in the global system. The practical elements of the course allowed us to apply these learnings to real world experiences.

Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1) in any discipline. 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- Applicants with a Second Class Honours Grade 2 (2:2) in their primary degree may be considered for the Graduate Diploma in Politics and International Relations.
- 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. Other accepted certificates include TOEFL, the University of Cambridge, and the Duolingo English Test. Please refer to **UCD's Minimum English Language Requirements** for full details.

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.

SPIRe also offers a Masters Graduate Scholarship to full-time EU and Non-EU Masters students. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship for further information.

Related Masters

- MSc International Political Economy
- MA Philosophy & Public Affairs
- Master of Public Policy



Ivana Jagar
Graduate

This masters was a great choice primarily due to its multidisciplinary design of modules, which offered an in-depth and integrated understanding of contemporary issues of the EU. The programme provided an overview of the European economic integration on which the analytical approach to the EU politics and policies was further developed while, at the same time, the implications of these processes on EU law were explored. In my experience the underlying value of this course is in the dynamic academic environment that encourages students to use critical thinking – helping them to acquire knowledge and develop skills that can be applied in both a professional career and further academic studies.

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