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Professional Diploma in Food Safety and Regulatory Science (One year part time, Online)

Food Safety is an essential Public Health issue without which there is a significant threat to health from foodborne disease. Understanding the legislation, policy and science behind maintaining a safe food system is essential for regulatory bodies, government and the agri-food industry.

This Professional Diploma integrates science, law and food policy from pre-harvest to the consumer and brings experts together from UCD and beyond to help students to develop knowledge and understanding of food risk and

regulation and acquire skills to disseminate and implement knowledge in practice.

This on-line programme gives you all the convenience that remote learning brings with flexibility and learning during your career, while also connecting you to all that UCD has to offer. The Professional Diploma in Food Safety and Regulatory Science has been designed for professionals within food companies and regulatory bodies to learn from leaders in the area of food safety and regulatory science.

Career Opportunities

On completion of this programme, you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills relevant to Food Safety and Regulatory Science within the food industry and beyond which will develop your deep discipline specific knowledge. This can enhance your career options, progression and capabilities within the food industry, regulatory body, or within your own business.

Why study at UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with 165 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

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



Global community

Over 7,000 international students from over 139 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

30 credits
Professional Diploma

3 x10 credits
taught modules

Modules:

- Food Regulation (FDSC40740) – Autumn Trimester
- Science and Standards of Food Safety (FDSC40730) – Spring Trimester
- Food Risk Analysis (FDSC40720) – Summer Trimester

For each 10 credits module students are expected to undertake about 200 hours of work including online learning and independent learning activities.

Each module includes an assignment which will give you the opportunity to showcase your learning, development and appreciation of the issues involved.





Online Programme - How will I learn?

This programme is delivered through the UCD online Platform (Brightspace) and will consist of online lectures, videos, interactive learning, discussion boards and virtual classroom environments.

A repository of resources will be available to support your learning and as a UCD student you will have full access to the library. Tutorials are delivered during each module and there will also be interviews with guest speakers from the world of food safety and regulatory science.



Staff View

Dr. Fiona Lalor

Food Policy & Regulation,
UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science

"The Professional Diploma in Food Safety and Regulatory Science gives a comprehensive overview of the global food safety environment, the stakeholders, and potential hazards in the food chain as well as the process of food risk analysis. It will be invaluable for anyone looking to advance their career in the area of food safety and regulation."

Apply Now

Application is now open. Apply online at www.ucd.ie/apply

Entry Requirements

- Applicants are required to hold an NFQ level 8 honours degree (minimum 2nd Class honours Lower) or equivalent.
- Ideally, applicants should be currently working in, or have previous experience of, the food and beverage industry, regulatory bodies, government departments or trade organisations.
- Applicants who do not hold a NFQ Level 8 honours degree or equivalent may be admitted on the basis of having considerable relevant work experience and are advised to contact fiona.lalor@ucd.ie to determine eligibility prior to submitting an application.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.
- All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Fees

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees.

Related Programmes of Interest

- **Food Nutrition and Health** (online)
- **MSc Food Safety** (online)
- **MSc Sustainable Food Processing** (online)

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