

MSc Environmental Policy

One Year Full Time



Introduction

This one year MSc degree is designed to equip students with essential knowledge about environmental sustainability, and policy and governance frameworks for environmental action, while also developing key professional tools to enable graduates to apply policy-oriented skills creatively in their future careers. The programme takes an international perspective on environmental issues and explores the increasingly complex environmental challenges that societies and governments face across the globe, addressing contemporary environmental debates such as Climate Change, Behavioural Change, Water Policy, Energy Security and Sustainability, and Urban Resilience.

Teaching is focused on areas and skills within environmental policy-making, and an integrated group-project module provides practice-based insights into the policy-making process. Students may gain practical experience in policy analysis, environmental assessment, cost-benefit analysis, public participation, and risk management. Key professional skills for future career development include leadership, problem-solving, communication, media skills, report writing, group work, presentation skills and project management. This programme is accredited as a specialist qualification by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

Course Highlight

UCD Environmental Policy has an established international track record as a leading research centre in environmental policy and is in the Top 150 QS World University Rankings by subject area. Students may also chose to undertake either a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project during the Summer trimester.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught masters
- 60 credits taught modules

- 30 credits dissertation

or

- 30 credit professional work experience

All students undertake 90 credits across a range of modules that help them develop foundational knowledge and skills in policymaking, and equip them to employ these new skills to manage a diverse range of contemporary environmental challenges. In addition to taught modules, students undertake a practice-based studio module, and can also pursue their own specialist interest through completion of a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project.

Modules may include:

- Behavioural Environmental Economics
- European Environmental Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Economics and Climate Policy
- Risk & Resilience in Built Environments
- Research for Environmental Policy
- Tools for Sustainable Development

Please note that all topics listed might not be available in any given year.

Why study at UCD?



Graduate education

12,800 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Global community

9,500 international students and a 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



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

** The accredited version of this programme, MSc Environmental Policy (W271) is a 'Specialist Degree' accredited by the UK's Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and is only available to UCD students progressing from UCD's Planning, Geography and Environmental Policy or City Planning & Environmental Policy degrees. All other eligible applicants should apply for the non - accredited version, MSc Environmental Policy (W269).*



Career Opportunities

To date, our graduates have been very successful in gaining employment in environment related fields in a diverse range of public, private and NGO organisations. Past graduates are now working for a number of agencies both nationally and internationally including private (e.g. Samsung Electronics; Wisetek; Citi Bank; AWN Consulting; EnvEcon; Irish Water), public bodies (e.g. Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs) and NGO organisations (e.g. Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice; Plant life Economy Foundation; Amazon Environmental Research Institute Brazil; publicpolicy.ie; Global Action plan Ireland), in a range of environmental positions (e.g. environmental consultants; policy officers; researchers; climate officers; environmental justice officers). Our graduates have also gone on to pursue further study (PhDs).

Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a social science or a cognate discipline such as environmental science, law, business or engineering.
- 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.
- Students who do not meet the IELTS requirement may wish to consider taking the Pre-Sessional or Pre-Masters Pathway. Full details <https://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/>

International 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. Also apply for our College scholarship www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/noneuscholarships

Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- Masters of Regional & Urban Planning
- MSc Environmental Science
- MSc Urban Design & Planning
- MSc Planning, Development & Urban Design

Graduate Profile

Jiaqi Wu



Academically, this master's programme allowed me to think about contemporary environmental issues from an international perspective. I had the opportunity to meet many students and professors from different backgrounds and countries, driving me to understand the environmental issues in diverse regions and from different viewpoints. My classmates also come from different professional backgrounds, including architecture, economics, computer science, linguistics, etc. We came together to try methods to alleviate future climate change and environmental problems. This is very similar to real society because environmental issues are complex and diverse, which means that we need multiple departments to cooperate. Therefore, students after graduation can go to administrative departments, legal institutions, design companies or NGOs.

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