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MA Sociology (One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

The MA in Sociology offers students unique theoretical training to understand our social world. The MA focuses on qualitative and theoretical approaches to sociology. January start students will begin their studies in the Spring Trimester, complete a dissertation during the Summer Trimester, and conclude their studies in the Autumn Trimester. As a member of a tight-knit community in the School of sociology, students benefit from a wide variety of optional modules availing of the faculty's

unique substantive and methodological expertise. Covering topics ranging from nationalism to migration to violence to social change, the MA in Sociology also involves the completion of a comprehensive research project benefitting from individual supervision. Professionally or as part of a longer academic pathway, students in the MSc graduate with unique theoretical competency offering the ability to build upon a rich sociological tradition

You choose MA or MSc in Sociology

The School of Sociology offers both the MA (W438) and the MSc (W436) in Sociology. Both programmes share many modules and are equal contributors to the close-knit community of scholars in the School. The core difference is the additional methodological breadth of the MSc in that students graduate trained in both quantitative and qualitative approaches to sociological inquiry. The MA offers qualitative training and an additional optional module in place of the quantitative requirement found in the MSc.

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; Two year stay-back visa for Non-EU students



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

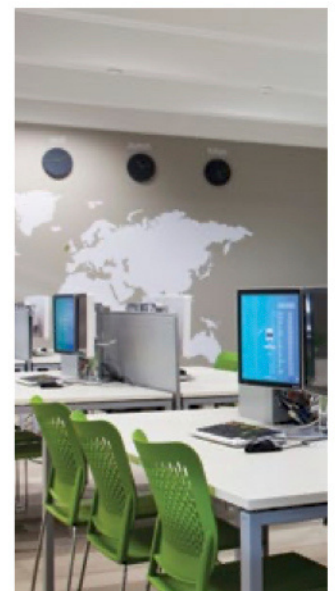
30 credits
dissertation

Core modules include:

- Social Theories and Applications
- Sociological Research: Theoretical and Applied Issues
- Qualitative Research

Optional modules include:

- Economic Globalisation & Social Change
- Global Migration
- Organised Violence and Society
- Dynamic Social Networks
- Critical Race & Decolonial Theory
- Comparing Healthcare Systems
- Nationalism & Social Change
- Social Simulation: Methods and Models
- Policing & Social Conflict
- Demographic Analytics
- Introduction to Comparative Social Change
- Sciences, Technologies & Societies





Career Opportunities

The cross-disciplinary content of this programme means there are exciting opportunities for you in a wide and dynamic range of professions including careers in: journalism; public relations; teaching; social work; human resources; marketing; community and youth development; policy analysis; work in the NGO sector, as well as advanced careers in the civil service; the health sector and the media.



Past graduates have taken the following career and development paths:

- Radio presenter, Dublin
- English language teacher, Japan
- Senior officer, public sector, Dublin
- University lecturers, Dublin, Belfast, United States
- Writer & editor, Humanitarian Organisation, Wicklow
- International writer, producer and film maker, Dublin
- Research analyst, ESRI, Dublin

A substantial number of our graduates continue through to PhD level with us, elsewhere in Ireland or some of the top schools globally.

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should normally have a primary degree in sociology, social science or a closely related discipline. A Second Class Honours Grade One (2:1) or higher is required but Second Class Honours Grade Two (2:2) standard or equivalent may be considered. Applicants with a Joint Honours primary degree should normally have attained a standard of at least Second Class Honours Grade Two (2:2) in their final degree. Applicants who do not meet the academic requirements but can confirm professional qualifications and/or experience will be considered. Applicants may be called for an interview.
- All candidates are expected to be proficient in written and spoken English. Applicants whose primary language is not English must submit evidence of a certificate of proficiency (such as IELTS).

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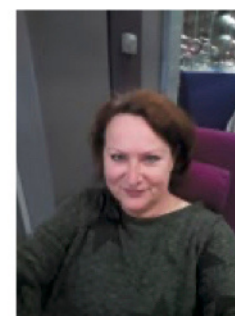
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Graduate Profile

Anita Tuesley

I took a Joint Major in Sociology and Social Policy as a mature student, finishing in 2017.

I was so fascinated with the discipline of Sociology and impressed with the teaching at UCD that I decided to go straight on to the taught masters in Sociology. This was one of a range of options in the field, with others being more specialised. There are many modules to choose from that can sculpt the masters into one that would suit a preferred path or career, and there is a focus on research skills. Classes are small, so that learning takes place in a seminar type setting with strong support from the lecturers, and full participation expected. This has been a very rewarding experience, living up to expectations and more.

Programme Coordinator

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Related Masters

MSc Sociology
MSc Social Data Analytics
MSc Spatial Demography
MSc Comparative Social Change
MA Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies

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