



University College Dublin  
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# MA/Graduate Diploma Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part-time)

Course code:  
**W430/  
W432**

Visiting the EVA  
Art Biennale in  
Limerick 2018

## Introduction

Why is the Movement for Black Lives movement so necessary and, for many, so threatening? How can Europeans disavow migrants from their own former colonies who seek refuge on their shores? What is intersectional activism? What is necessary to cultivate veritable solidarity across differences? How can we imagine, think and act beyond the constraints of the western, state-centred status quo? Why and how has 'race' played so central a role in these conditions and the extraordinary acts of resistance engaged to transform them? Why does a chronic lack of public knowledge concerning the social, political and economic

histories fostering them continue to undermine effective collective action and positive change?

This unique programme critically examines the global historical and structural legacies of colonialism, imperialism and neoliberalism: how they underpin and reproduce contemporary injustices and the ways people are mobilising to resist and transform them. Core modules centre the work of Black feminist, critical race, queer, of colour, Global South and decolonial scholars, cultural workers and activists. This is work that promotes alternatives to western Anglo-European knowledges that are held as 'universal'.

## Programme Highlight

Students can specialise their studies by choosing optional modules across a range of disciplines, literatures and societal issues. The design of the MA is experiential and provides opportunities to cultivate creative practices through engagement with a variety of ways of working across academic, activist, art, practitioner and policy contexts. Through the minor dissertation project, MA students can further develop conceptual frameworks, methodologies and forms of practice for use in their chosen fields and sectors.

## Programme Content and Structure

**60 credits** Graduate Diploma = **60 credits** Taught Modules

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

### Core Modules:

- Critical Race and Decolonial Theories
- Qualitative Research
- Dissertation (MA only)

*Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies is available as a 90 credit Taught Masters or a 60 Credit Graduate Diploma. The Graduate Diploma Programme does not include a dissertation.*

### Option Modules:

- Critical Geographies
- Theories of Gender & Sexuality
- Feminist Media Studies
- Public History
- A Global History of Refugees
- Organised Violence and Society
- Queer Frictions
- Nationalism and Social Change
- Religion in Comparative Perspective
- Human Rights Law and Equality
- Space Place and Gender
- Culture and Sexualities
- Policing & Social Conflict
- Health Illness and Society
- Independent Project

Please see [www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions](http://www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions) for a full list of modules.

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



### 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



### Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



### Global Profile

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



### Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Students join the Art Nomads Collective at the Irish Museum of Modern Art for a day of world map/re/making 2022

## Career Opportunities

There are exciting opportunities for students in a wide and dynamic range of professions including careers in: Social, Community and Youth Care and Development, Education, Politics and Civil Society, and in the Cultural and Creative Industries. Past Graduates have taken the following career and development destinations:

- Teaching and research in universities and schools
- NGOs, IGOs and QUANGOS
- Independent Research, Art and Public Education work
- Funded doctoral programmes
- International student support offices
- Government, Public Service and Civic organisations

Students have worked with Irish Organisations such as: Irish Refugee Council, New Communities Partnership, Dublin City Council, Finglas Library, Royal College of Surgeons, Economic and Social Research Institute and Immigrant Council of Ireland, Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Pieta House International, Tuiscint na Talun.

They have also worked with International Organisations which include: UN Secretary General Offices, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions & Human Rights, International Organisation for Migration, Hague Institute for Global Justice, Save the Children International & UNICEF, Red Cross, Eurofound, The Mellon Foundation, Collective Focus and International Potato Centre.

## Graduate Profile



### Dilnoza Satarova

OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe) Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

The ethnic clashes of June 2010 in the south of Kyrgyzstan to respond to a range of challenges related to the projection of minorities and multicultural co-existence and reconciliation. This Programme's focus on development of critical and research skills and offered the opportunity to work with and learn from leading scholars and specialists in the fields of race, migration and decolonial studies were among the factors that determined my choice of UCD. The guidance, enormous support and friendship of my supervisor is the most valuable experience I gained from the programme. She provided support in preparing my thesis by advising on theories, structure, style and language, and methodology. As a result of this I not only produced a thesis which was graded highly, but also learned a lot about research methods and process.

## Programme Coordinator

### Dr Alice Feldman

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## Applicant Profile

- Applicants should normally have a primary degree. Given the interdisciplinarity of the programme, applicants have joined the programme from a variety of disciplines.
- 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 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 TOEFL, Cambridge or IELTS). Test results must be less than two years old.

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

## Related Masters

- MA/MSc Sociology
- MA Social and Political Thought
- MSc Comparative Social Change
- MSc Global Solutions

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