



MSc in European Governance

Two Years Full Time

Year 1 UCD and Year 2 Utrecht University



Introduction

This innovative two-year double-masters degree from University College Dublin and the University of Utrecht explores questions which are vital for the European Union and Europe at large, ranging from migration to financial governance, from the green economy to welfare state harmonisation. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills to answer these questions. In Year 1, you study in UCD with a particular focus on law, politics and governance of the EU.

In Year 2, you study in the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands and complete a research internship as part of your masters thesis, which is co-supervised by both universities. You will be joined by students who completed their first year in the universities of Brno (Czech Republic) and Konstanz (Germany) and continue your studies with a truly transnational group of students. You will graduate with two masters degrees – an MSc in European Governance from UCD and an MSc in European Governance from the University of Utrecht.

Programme Highlight

You will study in two different cities and countries, where you will have a unique opportunity to see various levels of government at work in two different contexts. You will complete an internship in an organisation that deals with issues of European governance – on an issue that is relevant to that organisation.

Programme Content and Structure

Taught Modules

120 credits
Taught Masters

60 credits
UCD

30 credits
Utrecht

30 credits
Research Internship and Thesis

UCD Core Modules

- Law and Governance of the EU
- Politics of European Governance

UCD Optional Modules

Four modules to be chosen:

- Foundations of Environmental Law
- International Competition Law
- AI and Large Language Models
- Law of the ECHR
- Politics of Human Rights
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Behavioural Laws
- Theories of Global Justice
- Gender, Peace, and Security
- IR Theory: Conflict and Identity

Utrecht Core Modules

- Regulating Markets
- Labour Markets and Welfare States in Europe
- European Union by and for the people?
- European Governance: Professional Skills

A full list of modules can be viewed online. The modules shown here are correct at time of printing but can be subject to change.

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

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



A Leading Global University

Ranked within top 1% of higher education institutions world-wide



Global Careers

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



Global Community

9,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 184 countries



Global Profile

UCD Sutherland School of Law is ranked in the Top 100 Law Schools in the World



Bespoke Law School

The Sutherland School of Law offers a world-class university experience in a modern, state-of-the-art building



Career Opportunities

The skill set acquired in this double degree opens up a wide-range of job opportunities in local, regional and national governments; EU institutions; other European organisations; non-profit and for-profit organisations; and consultancy firms that deal with issues of European governance.

Several UCD careers events are held throughout the year, including dedicated

law careers fairs which are attended by top employers from Ireland, the UK and international markets.

In addition to the unrivalled Careers Network in UCD, Sutherland School of Law has its own dedicated faculty member with responsibility for careers.

Student Profile



Osman Berkin Çetintaş

My time with the MSc in European Governance at UCD was truly an informative journey. The emphasis on law and the opportunities for adding law into my program was what attracted me to the UCD over University of Konstanz and Bruno in the first place. For that aim I took all my optional courses in law which were International Competition Law for the autumn semester while taking Climate Change Law and Policy and Behavioral Law & Economics for the spring semester. The law courses coupled with the international background of everyone involved was definitely a positive which helped me grow as an academic and I am sure will help with my future career as well.

All in all a year full of new experiences and a journey that I have been glad to be a part of.

Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1). 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- Relevant professional experience may also be taken into account.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0 in each element) or equivalent.

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.

The School of Law also offers a number of scholarships to graduate students. Please see www.ucd.ie/law/study/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- LLM EU Law & Governance
- MEconSc European Public Affairs and Law

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