



MA/MSc International Political Economy

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

Introduction

The MA/MSc International Political Economy (IPE) is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the institutions, actors, events, and politics of the global economy. Basing itself in international relations theory and method, the course explores the international trade, monetary and finance systems, the processes of globalisation, the impact of emerging economies and the causes and consequences of economic underdevelopment. You will examine the linkages between the global economy and

international issues, such as environmental concerns, human rights, gender, and migration. You will study both the 'British' and 'American' schools of IPE.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Political Economy. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia. The MA track is broader and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or apply for an internship.

Programme Highlight

UCD School of Politics & International Relations is the oldest and largest school of its kind in Ireland with over 150 years of experience in political studies and a world-renowned staff drawn from many countries.

This programme aims to transform students into specialists in International Political Economy with the capacity to critically appraise cutting edge debates at both national and international level and to be capable of carrying out policy-relevant research therein.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

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60 credits
Taught Modules

+

30 credits
Dissertation

OR

30 credits
Internship* (MA only)

*Students are responsible for securing their own internship placements. The School provides a list of potential host organisations, and UCD Careers offers support with application writing and related resources.

Core Modules:

- International Political Economy
- The Politics of International Trade and Investment
- Research Design (MA only)

Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science

Option Modules:

MA students choose three optional modules and MSc students choose two optional modules from the partial list below:

- Comparative European Politics
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- AI and Large Language Models
- Politics of Authoritarianism
- Politics of Development
- Middle East & North Africa
- Arab Perceptions of Conflict
- Quantitative Text Analysis
- IR Theory: Conflict and Identity
- Politics of European Governance
- Theories of Global Justice
- Gender Peace and Security

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

13,000 graduate students; 15% graduate research, 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

10,000 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 189 countries



Global Profile

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



Sustainability

UCD is ranked number one in Ireland and 50th in the world for Sustainability



Career Opportunities

Graduates work with international private-sector employers, government agencies and NGOs in roles such as: government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, public affairs consultant and political advisor.

Recent graduates of UCD School of Politics & International Relations now work in:

- United Nations
- World Trade Organisation
- IMF
- European Commission
- Asia Development Bank

Student Profile



Anoor Amatul

The MSc International Political Economy has been instrumental in shaping and advancing my academic trajectory. This intellectually stimulating interdisciplinary program offers a holistic understanding of the global political and economic landscape. Its rigorous integration of both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies into the curriculum has provided me with a comprehensive skill set essential for both professional and academic pursuits.

The exceptional faculty members bring a wealth of knowledge to the classroom and are highly supportive of the student body. The program's diverse assessment methods have honed my abilities, making me a well-rounded student.

The international nature of the program has created a diverse classroom environment, enriched by various cultural and professional backgrounds and a wide range of opinions. This diversity has fostered a collaborative and inclusive atmosphere, enhancing the overall learning experience.

Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1) in any discipline. 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- Applicants with a Second Class Honours Grade 2 (2:2) in their primary degree may be considered for the Graduate Diploma in Politics and International Relations.
- 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. Other accepted certificates include TOEFL, the University of Cambridge, and the Duolingo English Test. Please refer to **UCD's Minimum English Language Requirements** for full details.

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.

SPIRe also offers a Masters Graduate Scholarship to full-time EU and Non-EU Masters students. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship for further information.

Related Masters

- MA/MSc International Relations
- MA/MSc International Development
- MA/MSc Politics

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