

MA History of Welfare & Medicine in Society

OVERVIEW

The UCD MA in History of Welfare & Medicine in Society is a one-year taught postgraduate degree programme. It introduces students to the advanced study of the history of medicine and welfare, and equips them with the conceptual and practical skills to carry out independent historical research. Students on the MA are encouraged to engage with a range of concepts, and to place developments within medical knowledge, theory and practice in a broad social and cultural framework. The MA is suitable for students who have previously studied history, as well as for graduates of related subjects in the humanities and social sciences. It is also popular among health-care professionals keen to understand historical contexts that shaped current practices and systems.

COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

All of our teaching at postgraduate level consists of seminar style debates led by world-class researchers. Our course includes training in methodology and research, as well as seminars on gender, medicine and race, colonial medicine, war and medicine; disease and pandemics; disability; global health; activism and medicine; medical racism; institutional medical violence, and medical politics. Every student can choose their own degree pathway from a range of modules on offer. You will complete a dissertation, a substantial piece of original research, which is carefully supervised by one of our experts. The course also offers you the opportunity to disseminate history across multiple media platforms, including blog posts, and you will have the chance to present your research to our staff and peers in a friendly environment at our annual MA conference.

MODULES

- Delving into the Archives: Critical Theories, Power and Practice
- One Health, One World?
- 'Dangerous and Deviant': Medicine and the Marginalised
- Disseminating History
- Alcohol, Drugs and Society
- Medicine, Culture and Society
- Madness and Civilization
- Pills Patents & Policies
- Sexuality and the State in Irish Drama and Culture

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The School of History offers a dynamic research culture and community with dedicated seminars and conferences featuring leading international experts. Our students have access to a range of libraries and archives in UCD and in Dublin city centre, including our partners at the Royal College of Physicians.

APPLYING

If you are ready to apply, entry requirements and application information can be found online: www.ucd.ie/apply



"The global pandemic highlighted the historic entanglements of medical science, cultural practices, and human rights with welfare and healthcare. This course explores these contested relations, equipping you with a sophisticated toolkit with which to negotiate the workplace and the world."

Associate Professor Catherine Cox, Course Director



"The MA in History of Welfare & Medicine in Society was the perfect fit for me. It enabled me to develop my interests in the history of medicine and equipped me with the exciting research skills I needed to undertake further postgraduate study in this area. The lecturers are very enthusiastic and their commitment encouraged me towards a career in academia."

Dr Jane Hand, Research Fellow



CAREER OPTIONS

| Media & Journalism | Govt. & Public Sector | Law & Advocacy |
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| Journalist | Senior Civil Servant | Programme Designer |
| Radio Producer | Diplomat | Public Affairs Officer |
| TV Researcher | Archivist | NGO Project Officer |
| Literary Editor | Teacher | Policy Analyst |
| Publicist | Academic | Strategic Advisor |

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