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MA/MSc International Relations (One Year Full Time)

The study of International Relations probes into the causes and consequences of phenomena such as war, trade, regional integration, migration and terrorism. You will examine theoretical approaches in the contemporary study of international politics and their application. You will improve your skills in research design and qualitative and quantitative analysis. A wide range of specialisations are available to enable you to develop your specific expertise.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Relations. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia.

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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 faculty drawn from many countries.

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; 1 year stay-back visa



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

65 credits
required taught modules

25 credits
dissertation

or

25 credits
internship

Required modules:

- Theories of International Relations
- Security Studies
- Dissertation Design
- Thesis

Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Descriptive Statistics for Political Science
- Inferential Statistics in Political Science
- Qualitative Methods
- Introduction to Research Design

MA students choose four optional modules. MSc students choose two optional courses from the following indicative list:

- International Economic Crisis
- US Foreign Policy
- Africa: Crisis and Opportunity?
- Poverty, Development and Global Justice
- Politics of Human Rights
- Politics and Change in the Middle East and North Africa





Career Opportunities

Graduates work with international private-sector employers, government agencies and non-governmental organisations including the United Nations and IMF in roles such as government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, and public affairs consultant.



Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/international/apply

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with an upper second class honours or international equivalent primary degree in a relevant subject such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law.
- 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 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

International 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/international/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MSc International Political Economy
- Masters in Public Policy
- MA Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict



Graduate Profile

Sandra Perron, Canada, President of Imagine Foundation

Completing the MSc in International Relations at UCD was one of the best decisions of my life. Interacting with high calibre students from around the world, I quickly realised how little I knew about international politics and relations, and how my cultural paradigms, mostly based on limited knowledge, have influenced my decision making in the past. Now, whether it is in my role as a Global Purchasing Director, President of a non-profit organisation or a simple citizen of my country, my studies at UCD have enabled me to better understand the world I live in, and consider more profoundly such elements as human rights, global climate change, or international security in my decision making.

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