



MSocSc Social Work, Welfare and Justice

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

The MSocSc in Social Work, Welfare and Justice is designed for practising social workers interested in refining their analytical and management skills through post qualifying studies, and anyone who wishes to pursue research careers in policy making and analysis in the fields of social policy and social justice.

The programme focuses on a range of topics of relevance to policy makers and practitioners. In recent years, the work environment for social work practitioners is becoming globalised.

In addition, social justice and equality issues are an increasingly prominent concern in the social scientific research.

The Programme provides a range of learning opportunities across a wide range of topics, including: housing, health and social care, drugs and alcohol in the community, theory and practice in social work, gender equality, environment, migration, family and social protection.

Programme Highlight

This new programme enhances the School's existing portfolio of postgraduate taught offers, including our MSc in Equality Studies, Professional Masters in Social Work and MA in Gender Studies that are widely recognised in Ireland and internationally. Our School also contributes to the Master of Public Policy, which is hosted by the College of Social Sciences and Law, and also to the MSc in Child Protection and Welfare shared with the Schools of Medicine and Nursing and Midwifery.

Programme Content and Structure

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

Core Modules:

- Child Welfare & Protection 1
- Adult Services and Health
- Human Rights Law and Equality
- Data Methods for Pol Analysis
- Dissertation

Optional Modules:

- Critical Political Economy
- Housing and Social Cohesion
- Public Administration and Policy
- Comparing Healthcare Systems
- Sociology of Inequality
- Evidence-Based Policy Making

Please see 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



Career Opportunities

Graduates from our related Master's Programmes work in a wide range of fields including social work, public policy, voluntary and community work, education, journalism, health and social care and human rights advocacy. Alumni of these Masters Programmes are employed by major national and international organisations.

Graduates can also apply for research programmes including PhD.

About our School

The School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice at University College Dublin is a centre of excellence for research, teaching and professional training in social policy analysis, social work, equality and gender. It provides high quality, innovative community outreach and educational programmes, which are grounded in cutting edge research enhanced by strong links with policy makers, marginalized communities and the social professions.

Graduate Profile



Chunyue He, China
Graduate

The Social Work, Welfare & Justice Master's programme has provided me with a great opportunity to explore multiple disciplinary areas within social sciences. My specialist area is child protection, but various modules were available across Social Work, Social Policy and Equality Studies and the courses covered a wide range of topics. It allowed me to learn about a field which was different from my undergraduate degree and to extend my knowledge by selecting the topics I was interested in. I joined this programme, longing to find out especially how social systems as a whole work in Ireland.

Faculty members I met always encouraged me to explore more, answered my queries patiently and provided me with various self-learning materials. Seminar sessions were also unforgettable. While discussing social issues with people who have different cultural backgrounds, it was not only an opportunity for myself to learn more, but also a chance to break stereotypes and gain a better understanding of something so distant from my own culture. I very much enjoyed sharing a real taste of Chinese culture with others too!

Applicant Profile

- Applicants should have a minimum of a 2.2 honours degree or international equivalent at bachelors level.
- 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. (A Duolingo Test of English (DET) score of 110 will be accepted for this year's applicant.)

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.

Related Masters

- MSc in Equality Studies
- Master of Public Policy
- Professional Masters in Social Work
- MA in Gender Studies
- MSc in Child Protection and Welfare

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