



MA/MSc Politics

(One Year Full Time or
Two Years Part Time)

Introduction

The School of Politics and International Relations offers an MA/MSc Politics degree, which was developed for those who wish to understand the role of politics in shaping the great issues of our day including power and conflict, distribution and inequality, relations between nations, and the new challenges of globalisation, financial crisis, national security, and climate change. The course focuses on the two traditional pillars of the discipline – political theory and comparative politics.

Comparative politics looks at the European nation-states in a comparative perspective. It analyses regime types, political stability, change and crisis, electoral and party systems. The courses build on expertise within the School on international development, political economy and public policy, ethnic conflict and nationalism, and European Union politics. Furthermore, the study of Irish politics in comparative context has deep roots at UCD.

Political theory—the reflection on the nature

Programme Highlight

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The MSc track includes additional research training and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia. The MA track is more flexible and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or an internship.

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)

Core Modules:

- Comparative European Politics
- Political Theory and the EU
- 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:

- Theories of International Relations
- Global Political Economy of Europe
- Political Violence
- Theory of Human Rights
- Psychology of Conflict in MENA
- Gender & the Political System
- Programming for Soc Scientists
- International Political Economy
- EU Foreign and Security Policy
- Gender, Peace, and Security
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- International Security
- Politics of (mis-)information
- Connected_Politics

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 work with a wide variety of international private-sector employers, government agencies and non-Governmental Organisations in roles such as: government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, public affairs consultant, public relations officer, political advisor.

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

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

Graduate Profile



Sandra Perron
President, Imagine Inc.

Completing a masters at UCD was one of the best decisions of my life. Interacting with high calibre students and professors 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 simply a 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.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with a 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. An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Your application will be considered on its individual merits and relevant professional experience will 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.

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 EU fee scholarships to graduate students. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship for further information.

Related Masters

- MA/MSc International Relations
- MSc International Political Economy
- Master in Public Policy

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