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Course code:

W544
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MA Social and Political Thought

(One Year Full Time
or Two Years Part-time)

Introduction

The MA in Social and Political Thought is a new inter- and multidisciplinary Master's degree. It brings together expertise from a range of UCD's academic departments, namely Sociology, Philosophy, Geography, History, Music, and Politics and International Relations.

Thinking about social and political issues and problems doesn't stop at disciplinary boundaries. The MA in Social and Political Thought harvests the benefits that come with a more openly structured, interdisciplinary approach that is based on a wider contextual appreciation of political and social ideas. It will

provide students with a rich understanding of the theoretical and practical dimensions of key social ideas. Students will develop the knowledge base and critical skills required to think beyond disciplinary boundaries when addressing contemporary social and political problems. This new degree pursues a more self-reflective approach vis-à-vis a purely practical-oriented political engagement or a propensity towards ideological politics. The aim is to encourage political and social engagement by stressing the processual patterns and not just the outcome oriented dimensions of citizenship and civic engagement.

Programme Highlight

The new Social and Political Thought degree puts an emphasis on:

- Improving analytical and interpretative skills through analysing politically and socially relevant meanings in texts and other media, and engaging with critical methodological approaches;
- Developing an awareness and diagnostic skills that allow for addressing the complex relationship between thinking and action;
- Building the resourcefulness and facilitating scholarly/intellectual capacity-building powers to address social and political problems and issues;

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

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60 credits
Taught Modules

+

30 credits
Dissertation

Core Modules:

- Social and Political Thought in past and present: traditions, theories, paradigms
- Social and Political Thought: Problems of Method

Option Modules:

- Organised Violence and Society
- Critical Geographies
- Global History
- Feminist and Gender Theory
- Modern Asia
- French Colonial Identities
- Political Theory & the European Union
- International Political Theory
- Sociological Thinking in the Digital Age
- Critical Acting
- Jonathan Swift and Ireland

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



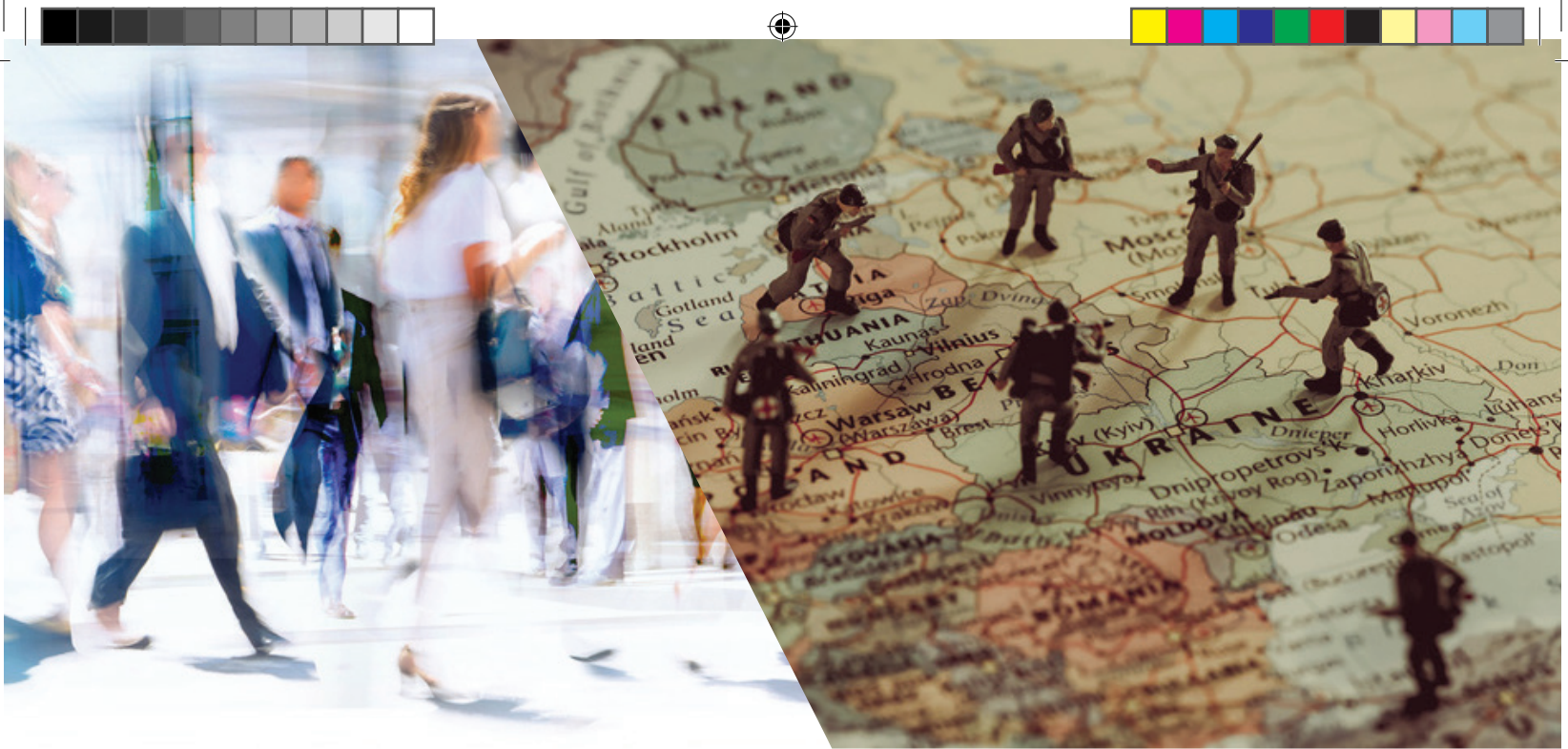
Global Profile

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

The degree provides the necessary inter- and transdisciplinary skills to understand, analyse and communicate appropriately about a given social and political issue, problem or task. It is crucial to comprehend that thought, theories, ideologies and/or ideas never just appear out of nowhere and are never just free-floating or 'relative', that is without any context or history.

Graduates are prepared for careers in journalism, policy analysis, civil society and the NGO sector, the civil service as well as further studies and academia.

Staff Profile



Prof Andreas Hess
Programme Director

Being a good citizen and intellectual openness depend on each other. The Social and Political Thought Masters degree offers a critical perspective on the all-too-often prevailing methodological nationalism and the tendency to form fragmented communities of academic disciplines that all too often follow solely the somewhat limited horizon of the existing division of labour.

Applicant Profile

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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 Comparative Social Change
- MSc Global Solutions
- Master of Public Policy

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