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UCD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

# MSc Behavioural Economics

One Year Full Time | Two Years Part Time

Course codes: W376 | W377

The MSc in Behavioural Economics provides comprehensive training at the interplay of economics and psychology that allows you to gain the knowledge, skills, and tools to understand human decision-making. These behavioural insights are highly sought-after skills in the private and public sectors, as well as in international organizations. Businesses increasingly employ behavioural economics to understand their customers, while public institutions and international organizations use experimental methodologies to design more effective policy interventions.

The skills you will gain in the Behavioural Economics MSc will help you stand out in a world where employers seek to better understand individual and collective decision-making.

## Course Highlights

This is the only MSc in this area in Ireland and it is one of the few worldwide with a strong policy and regulatory focus. This programme features small group teaching from leading economists and a supportive environment. Students on this programme will be an integral part of a research group at UCD focused on behavioural economics and its applications. They will attend research seminars and receive a wide range of supports to help them prepare for their research thesis or their internship.

## Course Content and Structure

**90 CREDITS** Taught Masters = **60 CREDITS** Taught Modules + **30 CREDITS** Dissertation or **30 CREDITS** Intership

### Autumn Trimester

**4 Core modules:**

- Microeconomics
- Behavioural Economics
- Quant Fndn & Research Skills
- Econometrics

**Choice of 1 elective:**

- Environmental Economics
- Development Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Data Programming with R

### Spring Trimester

**Core module:**

- Research & Career Skills

**Choose min 2 out of 3 Behavioural classes:**

- Experiments in Economics
- Behavioural Economics: Policy Applications
- Topics in Psychological Science

**Choice of max 3 from the following 5 credit modules:**

- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Health and Welfare Economics
- Energy Economics and Policy
- Economics of Competition Policy
- Aviation Economics
- Decision Theory
- Adv Metrics: Microeconometrics
- Adv Metrics: Time Series
- Causal Inference & Policy Eval
- Global Economic History
- Banking & Financial Stability
- Eval Methods for Health Econ
- Soc Protect & Labor in Dev Co

In the Summer trimester you will complete either a supervised research thesis or an internship.

## Why study at UCD?

### Graduate Education

13,000 graduate students; 15% graduate research, structured PhD's.

### 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

10,000 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 189 countries

### Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide

### Sustainability

UCD is ranked number one in Ireland and 50th in the world for Sustainability

## Career Opportunities

Many graduates of our Economics masters programmes have gone on to complete PhDs in economics and pursue successful careers as academic or research economists. Many others have moved directly to employment in central banks, think-tanks, financial sector institutions and consultancy firms. Behavioural economics skills are now being widely applied across government agencies, regulatory bodies and a wide range of private-sector businesses.

Employers of MSc in Behavioural Economics graduates include: Behavioural Insights Team, Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service (IGEES), Central Bank of Ireland, Economic and Social Research Institute, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, KPMG, Accenture, Indecon, and other leading national and international organizations and companies.

## About the School

UCD School of Economics is Ireland's leading economics department. Our staff are experts with international reputations in a wide range of topics such as macroeconomics, econometrics, applied microeconomics, behavioural economics, health economics, international trade and economic history.

School members play a significant role in debating economic policy issues and in contributing to the formulation of economic policy.

## Graduate Profiles

**Emily Wharton-Hood**

It was an absolute honour and privilege to obtain my Masters in Behavioural Economics at UCD, which provided me with a much deeper understanding of the world of Economics while teaching me the skills of thinking critically. The MSc provides such a variety of modules while being taught by some of the best in the industry. Advancing my skills in Econometrics and Microeconomics was a highlight of the MSc, but also taking modules such as Energy Economics really broadened my perspective on where Economics is most impactful. Being able to run my own experiment allowed me to conduct my thesis in an area I was passionate about.

Throughout the program you become equipped with skills you would use in any industry you decide to move into. I am currently working as an Analyst at 2K Games Dublin! I could not recommend this MSc program enough; your thoughts and knowledge are not only expanded by academic rigour but also the diverse perspectives among your peers.

## Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with a minimum of an upper second class honours or international equivalent in Economics or in a degree in which Economics is a major component.
- We also consider applicants with a minimum of an upper second class honours degree in another cognate area that has a high quantitative component.
- We will also admit applicants with a Higher Diploma in Economics with a minimum of an upper second class honours.
- 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.

### Related Masters

- MSc Applied Economics
- MSc Economics and Data Analytics

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