



# MA/MSc European Politics & Policy

(One Year Full Time or  
Two Years Part Time)



## Introduction

The Masters programmes in European Politics and Policy-making aim to attract students interested in understanding European politics in comparative context, the challenges faced by European states in the 21st century, and the process of developing policy responses to these.

Issues such as the rise of the far right and the implications of populism for democratic politics, the ongoing challenges of multilevel governance for economic and political stability,

and the security concerns for European states and for Europe in relation to other power blocs, all require urgent attention from political decision makers.

This programme offers an opportunity to explore similarities and differences between the political systems of European states, the distinctive politics of the European Union, and the role of Europe in all its diversity on the world stage.

## Programme Highlight

This programme aims to equip students with a deep and comprehensive knowledge of European politics and international relations, to critically appraise events and developments in European integration, and to establish a basis for students' professional development as European policy specialists.

## 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
- Politics of European Governance
- 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:

- Comparative Public Policy
- Politics of Human Rights
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Gender & the Political System
- Democracy and Election Campaigns
- Law and Governance of the EU
- Electoral Systems
- EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy
- The Politics of International Trade and Investment
- Political Violence
- Quantitative Text Analysis
- Connected\_Politics 2

## 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 within European institutions, with international private-sector employers, government agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations. Organisations including the European Union, the United Nations and IMF are all potential employers, with students having the skills to compete for roles such as Government Social Researcher, Diplomatic Advisor, and Public Affairs Consultant.

## Student Profile



**Liam Kiernan**

This master's programme gave me a clear understanding of politics in Europe, with multidisciplinary modules offering in-depth analyses of political science, public policy and European governance. A diverse range of high-quality and challenging modules were available to choose between.

The programme provided me with the opportunity to use my own initiative in studying the topics that interested me most, while supporting my learning along the way. I particularly enjoyed the hands-on elements of the programme that combined theoretical learning with practical applications. Completing this programme served to kickstart my career and provided me with a clearer view of my professional interests and ambitions.

## Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1). 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- 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](http://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](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships) for further information.

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## Related Masters

- MA / MSc Politics
- MEconSc European Public Affairs and Law

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