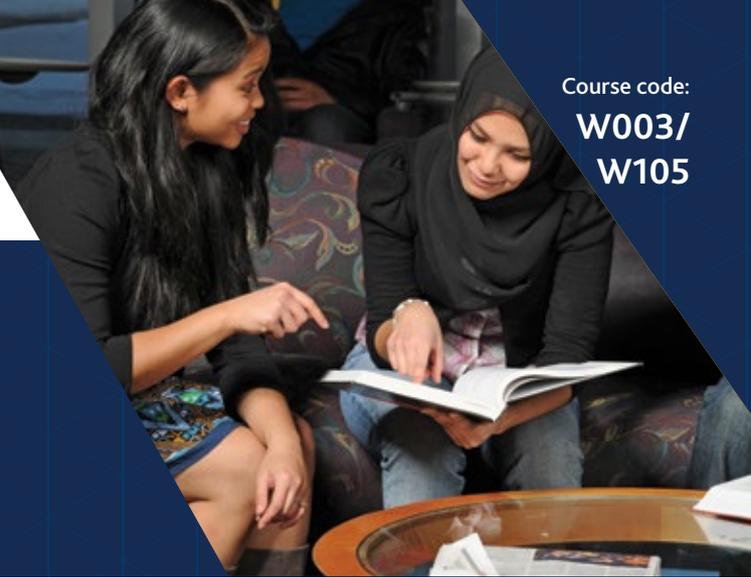




# MSc Equality Studies

(One Year Full Time or  
Two Years Part Time)



## Introduction

The MSc in Equality Studies offers a unique opportunity to examine equality and social justice issues from a range of perspectives and disciplines. The programme was designed for those who wish to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of inequality issues and explore strategies for change. Topics covered include economic, racial and gender and sexuality based forms of inequality, as well as key areas such as education, labour market policy and housing.

The programme combines research, theories and evidence drawn from across the social sciences with contemporary ideas and activism

in the area of social justice, drawing on insights from intersectional approaches to social change.

Drawing students from across the globe, the course emphasizes the relationship of theory to practice with a view to bringing about positive social change. Students also gain from undertaking engaged academic research, which includes researching and designing an equality-related intervention or action. The classroom environment is student-centred and participatory, with a focus on discussion, participation and engagement.

## Programme Highlight

The MSc in Equality Studies is unique in Europe in the way it links research, theory and practice to challenge inequality. Our programme provides a holistic and multidisciplinary understanding of inequality and how to overcome it.

The UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice is widely respected for its research on equality and for its active engagement with social movements and civil society to bring about egalitarian change.

## Programme Content and Structure

**90 credits**  
Taught Masters

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**30 credits**  
Core Modules

+

**30 credits**  
Option Modules

+

**30 credits**  
Research Portfolio

### Core Modules:

(Indicative list, see full list online)

- Egalitarian Theory
- Sociology of Inequality
- Human Rights Law and Equality
- Critical Political Economy

### Option Modules:

(Indicative list, see full list online)

- Masculinities and Equality
- Gender, Harm and Justice
- Culture and Sexualities
- Equalities in Children's learning
- Critical Race and Decolonial Theory
- The Politics of Inequality

Please see [www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions](http://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

Equality Studies graduates work in multiple fields including politics, journalism, law, education, public policy, voluntary and community work, and human rights advocacy.

Our graduates have gone on to careers in organisations including the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, the Red Cross, Marriage Equality, the Irish Refugee Council, Community Action Network, Google, Inclusion Ireland, Free Legal Aid Council, Spun Out and many more.

## Graduate Profile



**Charlotte Byrne**  
Equality Studies graduate,  
Education Officer, Irish Refugee Council

My particular area of interest was migration and having come late to third level education, I was enthusiastic in my belief that education is the key to solve so many inequalities. Since completing the Equality Studies programme, I have accessed employment at the Irish Refugee Council as Education Officer, where I support people in the asylum process to gain education and training to be ready to find employment when the time comes. We also try to influence policy to create a more level and equitable playing field.

I genuinely believe that if the whole world did this course the world would be a better place as everyone would understand why equality is better for everyone. Equality Studies provides the foundation in egalitarian theory and allows you to build your Masters around areas that interest you, e.g. housing, environment, gender, human rights, education, ethnicity, children's rights and so on.

I believe that the Masters in Equality Studies is a great path towards work in any NGO, private sector, International Students or public body in the area of equality.

## Applicant Profile

- Applicants with lower second class honours or above are eligible to apply.
- 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.

### Related Masters

- MA Gender Studies
- MSc Human Rights
- Master of Public Policy

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