



Master of Public Policy

(One Year Full Time; Two Years Part Time; Up to Five years Pathway)

Introduction

The MPP attracts professionals and practitioners in public, private, and non-profit sectors, as well as recent graduates. The programme develops your skills in policy analysis, policy research, and policy implementation and evaluation. The MPP provides an opportunity to analyse policies across the world, to better understand how and why particular policy choices are made, in what contexts, and with what consequences for the lives of those whom they affect.

The MPP equips you with the knowledge base and the analytical tools to make good evidence-

based policy, influence policymakers, and contribute to bringing about change in society.

A particularly attractive feature of the UCD MPP is the scope it gives you to specialise in any of these streams: Citizenship and Rights; Community, Drugs, and Health Policy; Economic Policy; Environmental Policy; EU Policy; Regulatory Governance; Research Methods; Urban Policy. Students may choose to write a thesis or to undertake a supervised graduate internship. The internship option provides practical skills training and career contacts with top employers.

Programme Highlight

The MPP is ranked 1# in Ireland and #17 in Western Europe in the Public Administration category.



Offers excellent employment opportunities either through an internship or thesis.

A unique interdisciplinary course where modules are offered across schools (Social Policy, Economics, Politics, Law, Public Health, Social Justice and Sociology).

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = **60 credits** Taught Modules + **30 credits** Dissertation

Core Modules:

- Data and Methods for Policy Analysis
- Evidence-Based Policy Making and Policy Evaluation
- Public Administration and Policy

It is also possible to study any of these 10-credit core modules as a stand-alone option leading to the award of a Professional Certificate.

Pathways programme:

The Pathway option in the MPP enables students to pursue their studies over a period of up to five years. Candidates who wish to take a flexible approach to module accumulation should specify the Pathways programme in Public Policy when they are applying.

It is possible to exit the Pathway programme at various points:

40 credits: Graduate Certificate in Public Policy, with any three of the four core modules

60 credits: Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, with all taught courses, no thesis or internship

90 credits: MPP

UCD MPP graduates have direct entry to the MPP at Harris School of Public Policy (University of Chicago), and to the MA in Public Policy (City University of Hong Kong).

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

MPP graduates work in the public sector, across a variety of businesses, and in voluntary sector bodies. The positions they have gone on to, in Ireland and internationally, include policy analysts, policy advisors, communications and public affairs managers, policy officers, among many others.

A number of MPP graduates have joined the Irish public service, some through the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service (IGEES) stream. Among the organisations in which MPP graduates have gone on to work with are the Health Services Executive (HSE), the Child and Family Agency (Tusla), Apple Ireland, Morgan McKinley, the Peter McVerry Trust, The Wheel.

Graduate Profile



Charlotte Olhausen

30% Club Scholarship Awardee 2018 - UCD
Master of Public Policy

The 30% Club Scholarship has given me a great platform from which to move onto the career path I wish to follow. I feel very encouraged as a woman to aim that much higher, with a view to eventually securing a leadership role in the policy sectors I'm most interested in.

The Master of Public Policy programme has given me a great training and career preparation. It offers students foundational knowledge of public policy as well as the chance to specialise in their chosen area of policy. I specialised in environmental policy: climate justice is a true passion of mine, but more importantly, it is one of the biggest challenges our world faces. My studies have deepened my skills and capacities, and as a result I am well placed to take the next steps in my career development.

Applicant Profile

- A minimum upper-second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) is desirable, but relevant professional experience may also be taken into account.
- A degree in a social sciences discipline can be an advantage.
- Applicants should submit a personal statement with their application.
- 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 in European Governance
- MA/MSc Politics/ International Relations
- MA/MSc Equality Studies
- MSc Behavioural Economics

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