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MA/MSc International Political Economy

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

Introduction

The MA/MSc International Political Economy (IPE) is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the institutions, actors, events, and politics of the global economy. Basing itself in international relations theory and method, the course explores the international trade, monetary and finance systems, the processes of globalisation, the impact of emerging economies and the causes and consequences of economic underdevelopment. ou will examine the linkages between the global economy and international issues, such as environmental concerns, human rights, gender, and migration. In the course, you will study both positive and critical perspectives on IPE.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Political Economy. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia. The MA track is broader and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or apply for an internship.

Programme Highlight

UCD School of Politics & International Relations is the oldest and largest school of its kind in Ireland with over 150 years of experience in political studies and a world-renowned staff drawn from many countries.

This programme aims to transform students into specialists in International Political Economy with the capacity to critically appraise cutting edge debates at both national and international level and to be capable to carrying out policy-relevant research therein.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = **60 credits** Taught Modules + **30 credits** Dissertation or **30 credits** Internship* (MA only)

**Students are responsible for securing their own internship placements. The School provides a list of potential host organisations, and UCD Careers offers support with application writing and related resources.*

Core Modules:

- International Political Economy
- The Politics of International Trade and Investment
- Research Design (MA only)

Additional core modules for MSc:

- Introduction to Statistics ***or*** Quantitative Methods II
- 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 European Politics
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- AI and Large Language Models
- Politics of Authoritarianism
- Politics of Development
- Middle East & North Africa
- Psychology of Conflict in MENA
- Quantitative Text Analysis
- Conflict and Identity in International Relations
- Politics of European Governance
- Theories of Global Justice
- Corruption, Governance & Development
- Gender Peace and Security

Why study at UCD?

Graduate Education

13,000 graduate students; 15% graduate research, 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

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

Graduates of our Master's programme in International Political Economy are well placed for careers at the intersection of global economics, trade, and policy. The programme's grounding in both the British and American schools of IPE, combined with expertise in trade systems, monetary affairs, and the politics of globalisation, equips graduates for roles across international organisations, government, financial services, and the corporate sector. Graduates of the programme have gone on to work across a broad range of organisations, including:

- International organisations, such as: United Nations (New York and Geneva, World Trade Organisation, International Monetary Fund , Asian Development Bank, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei
- Government and public bodies, such as: European Commission, Department of Finance, Ireland, IDA Ireland
- Consultancy and advisory services, such as: Deloitte, Crowe Ireland, FleishmanHillard EU, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
- Financial services and trade, such as: Allianz Partners , Universal Investment, Dutch-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Korean Foreign Trade Association
- PhD programmes at institutions such as: University of Oxford, Ghent University

Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1) in any discipline. 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- Applicants with a Second Class Honours Grade 2 (2:2) in their primary degree may be considered for the Graduate Diploma in Politics and International Relations.
- 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. Other accepted certificates include TOEFL, the University of Cambridge, and the Duolingo English Test. Please refer to **UCD's Minimum English Language Requirements** for full details.

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.

SPIRe also offers a Masters Graduate Scholarship to full-time EU and Non-EU Masters students. Please see **www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship** for further information.

Related Masters

- MA/MSc International Relations
- MA/MSc International Development
- MA/MSc Politics

Student Profile

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The MSc International Political Economy has been instrumental in shaping and advancing my academic trajectory. This intellectually stimulating interdisciplinary program offers a holistic understanding of the global political and economic landscape. Its rigorous integration of both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies into the curriculum has provided me with a comprehensive skill set essential for both professional and academic pursuits.

The exceptional faculty members bring a wealth of knowledge to the classroom and are highly supportive of the student body. The program's diverse assessment methods have honed my abilities, making me a well-rounded student.

The international nature of the program has created a diverse classroom environment, enriched by various cultural and professional backgrounds and a wide range of opinions. This diversity has fostered a collaborative and inclusive atmosphere, enhancing the overall learning experience.

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