



# MSc Critical Geographies: Power and Inequalities

1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time

## Introduction

Critical geographies allow us to engage with power relations and inequalities that create contemporary societies, spaces, places, environments and lives. It develops a robust critical analysis of power relations and inequalities that define our contemporary and past worlds, in search of improved futures. Hands on, in the field learning includes a choice of international fieldtrips, including a European urban and a Global South option. UCD Geography faculty are engaged international experts leading their fields in Radical scholarship, Geopolitics, Livelihoods and Development, Postcolonialism and Decoloniality, Feminism,

Queer, Healthcare and Urban Governance and Critical Urban Studies. These world leading scholars engage with you to develop your analytical, intellectual and practical skills, informed by cutting edge research. You will develop knowledge of contemporary critical geographies through a breadth of Geographical insights and approaches. This Masters is for anyone who has an interest in considering how power and inequalities are created in different places, and created through the places that they are in, as well as how these power relations are challenged.

## Course Highlight

### Cutting edge research-led teaching.

This Masters offers a unique opportunity to engage with critical and radical geographies, as the only taught Masters of its kind globally. Critical geographies offers a distinctive graduate opportunity for activists to engage with and understand how place, environment and landscapes are central to shaping futures.

## Programme Content and Structure

90 credits  
Taught masters

60 credits  
Taught modules

30 credits  
Dissertation

### Thematic Pathways

As well as the broad programme, there are two thematic pathways, each with an associated fieldtrip and specialized modules:

- Cities, Governance and Sustainability
- Development and the Global South

### Core modules include:

Over the course of the Masters, you will complete five compulsory modules:

- Critical Geographies,
- Research Design (I and II),
- Dissertation (with a choice of focus within the course content) and
- A fieldtrip (chosen from International fieldwork, international urban fieldwork and Global South Fieldwork).

### Optional modules:

You will choose four further modules, with choices including:

- Critical Geopolitics
- Development & the Global South
- Introduction to ArcGIS
- Culture and Sexualities
- Advanced GIS
- Relmapping Dublin
- Remote Sensing
- Masculinities & Equality
- Critical Race & Decolonial Theory
- Critical Political Economy

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



### Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



### Global Profile

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



### Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



### Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



## Career Opportunities

The MSc in Critical Geographies offers key intellectual and academic insights to consider in-depth the power relations that constitute our world. These skills will ensure that graduates are both employable and augment civil society through a keen engagement with social, cultural and political inequalities.

In addition, to critical intellectual development, the course supports students to develop key advanced skills, including critical dissemination across a range of media (blogs, journal articles, report writing) research design and delivery of a large scale project.

Field based experiences that are part of your modules develop your methodological expertise and experience, alongside the practical application of concepts.

This programme offers direct employment prospects including in NGOs, voluntary sector, government, civil service, as well as further academic studies. Beyond this, critical geographies and the intellectual and practical skills developed are designed to enable graduates to understand the world in order to change it.

## Graduate Profile



**Morgane Rudaz**

Doctoral assistant at the Institute of Governance of the Environment and Territorial Development (IGEDT) and the Institute of Gender Studies (IGEND) of the University of Geneva

"The MSc Critical Geographies: Power and Inequality is an outstanding programme that has allowed me to develop key analytical skills, specialise in research areas that I am truly passionate about and diversify my research interests.

Thanks to the support and dedication of my professors, I have had the chance to attend compelling lectures and deepen my understanding of some of the most critical and topical issues facing today's societies.

Overall, this Master's degree has allowed me to develop some expertise in areas I was unfamiliar with before and has provided me with many effective tools to start the next chapter of my academic career: a PhD."

## Applicant Profile

- A good undergraduate degree in Geography or a related discipline. We would encourage applications from those who have studied degrees related to critical understandings that provides appropriate background to the programme.
- 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

- MSc Geospatial Data Analysis
- MA Geography
- MA Geopolitics and the Global Economy
- MSc Risk, Resilience and Sustainability

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