



MA Contemporary European Philosophy

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

For students interested in Contemporary European philosophy (also known as "Continental" philosophy), University College Dublin is reckoned to be one of the top universities in the English speaking world.

The ever-popular MA in Contemporary European Philosophy Programme draws on the three main specialisations of the relevant faculty. These are German Idealism and Post-Kantian Philosophy, Phenomenology and Critical Theory. Topics treated in the modules include transcendental and absolute idealism and subjectivity, intentionality and being in the world, embodiment and otherness, critique of ideology, autonomy and recognition and feminism and gender theory.

Programme Highlight

On successful completion of the programme graduates will:

- Have an understanding of the central ideas and key texts in contemporary European Philosophy including twentieth century phenomenology and/or critical theory;
- Have developed their own arguments and ideas with respect to these questions and approaches;
- Have the capacity to read and interpret difficult philosophical texts;
- Have the capacity to communicate clear lines of argument precisely and succinctly.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

= 60 credits
Taught Modules

+ 30 credits
Dissertation

Core Modules:

Choose 4 from the list below:

- Feminism and Gender Theory
- Topics in Continental Philosophy
- Problems from Kant
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology
- Philosophy and Literature
- The Good Society
- Newman: A Philosophical Approach
- Social & Political Theory: Methods

Option Modules:

Students choose 2 from the list below:

- Feminism and Gender Theory
- Topics in Continental Philosophy
- Problems from Kant
- Critique & Destruction
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology
- Philosophy and Literature
- The Good Society
- Newman: A Philosophical Approach
- Social & Political Theory: Methods
- Consciousness, Agency & the Self
- Moral Agency
- Philosophy of Life Writing
- The Cultural Mind
- Ethics in Public Life

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

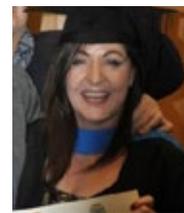
Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Philosophy graduates work in diverse fields including Media, Publishing, Public Policy, Education, Research and Further Study.

Graduate Profile



Jacqueline Fitzgerald O'Callaghan
MA In Contemporary European Philosophy
2022 UCD

Studying for a master's degree in Contemporary European philosophy at UCD was intensely rewarding. Without a doubt I can attest that the school of philosophy is hugely supportive and the efficient administrative staff are always on hand to help.

In essence the MA programme offered an exciting opportunity to explore multitudinous philosophies whilst developing one's own ideas and opinions within an environment of respectful inclusion. We students were expected and encouraged to develop and present well-backed up, well-informed arguments and to engage in lively debate. I particularly liked how the MA programme fostered a culture of critical reflection which did not necessarily involve rejection of opposing viewpoints but rather encouraged us to honestly assess their strengths and weaknesses.

My experiences as a post-graduate student have encouraged me to continue to explore the field. Recently I had the honour of taking part in a discussion panel regarding the merits of bringing philosophy to primary school children, and have instigated philosophy workshops for secondary students.

Contemporary European Philosophy pervades our lives and the MA programme at UCD is to be lauded.

Applicant Profile

- Applicants should normally have a primary degree in philosophy or one of the core subjects of the programme.
- A Second Class Honours Grade One (2:1) or higher is required but Second Class Honours Grade Two (2:2) standard or equivalent may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants may be required to attend for interview either via Zoom or in person.
- Fluency in English is a requirement.
- Candidates who have not completed their primary (bachelor's) degrees with English as the language of instruction will need to satisfy the University College Dublin's English Language Requirements.

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

- MA Philosophy
- MA Philosophy & Public Affairs
- Graduate Diploma Philosophy
- Graduate Diploma Philosophy & Public Affairs

CONTACT US

EU Students

t: 353 1 716 8186

e: gillian.johnston@ucd.ie

w: www.ucd.ie/philosophy

International Students

e: internationalenquiries@ucd.ie

w: www.ucd.ie/global

APPLY NOW

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at

www.ucd.ie/apply