



MA/MSc International Development

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

The MA/MSc in International Development is designed to provide you with an interdisciplinary understanding of the process of development by bringing together expertise in politics, economics, political economy and other areas. You will examine challenges such as the reduction of inequality and exclusion, the expansion of economic and social choices, the progressive realisation of human rights, and the argument for sustainable development. You will acquire a range of skills to enable you to work effectively in the development field.

A wide range of specialisations is available to enable you to select areas where you wish to develop your expertise. You may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in international development. The MSc track includes additional research training and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia. The MA track is more flexible and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or 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 equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to work in international development - either as a practitioner or as an academic/policy specialist.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

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60 credits
Taught Modules

+

30 credits
Dissertation

or

30 credits
Internship (MA only)

Core Modules:

- Politics of Development
- Governance, Politics and Development
- Research Design (MA only)

Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Introduction to Statistics
- 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:

- Political Risk and Foreign Direct Investment
- Comparative Public Policy
- Politics of Human Rights
- The Global Political Economy of Europe
- Political Economy of Institutions and Comparative Development
- Politics of (mis-)information
- Gender and Development
- Politics European Governance
- The Politics of Inequality
- International Security
- Programming for Social Scientists
- Political Economy of Security

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

Graduates of the programme have found employment with the official Irish aid programme, in Irish and international non-governmental organisations such as Trocaire, Goal, Action Aid and Oxfam, and with agencies of the European Union and the United Nations as well as in journalism, education, local community development, and many other areas such as:

- Public administration
- Journalism
- Media
- Civil society organisations
- Voluntary sector
- Academic institutions

Graduate Profile



Ayesha Azeem, Pakistan

Senior Project Officer, Church World Service
– Pakistan/Afghanistan

With the knowledge I learned during my masters in UCD, I am confident that I can fulfil my role with the utmost professionalism and confidence as Senior Project Officer in Capacity Institutionalisation Project (CIP) in Church World Service – Pakistan/Afghanistan, a donor-funded project which deals with initiatives on capacity building of local NGOs and CSOs.

Living abroad for a year on my own enhanced my ability to interact and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds and collaborate effectively within a team and manage varied projects. That one year in UCD and Dublin taught me much more about life beyond a masters degree!

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with an upper second class honours primary degree, or the international equivalent in a subject area such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law.
- Your application will be considered on its individual merits and relevant professional experience will also be taken into account.
- 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.

SPIRe also offers EU fee scholarships to graduate students. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship for further information.

Related Masters

- Masters in Public Policy
- MSc Humanitarian Action

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