Course code: T392

ProfDip Foundations of Sustainable Development

1 trimester (Sept start) or 2 Trimesters (Sept or Jan start)

Introduction

The stability of the Earth as a system is currently at risk as five of the nine planetary boundaries - describing the environmental limits within which humanity as a species may continue to thrive - have now been exceeded. The practice of sustainability is crucial to our management of life under water, life on land, the environment, and for societal health and wellbeing now and in the future. Utilising the digital resources of the SDG Academy and the sustainability expertise of UCD academic staff, the Professional Diploma in Foundations of Sustainable Development is taught through the lens of the SDGS and has the unique ability to address the large range of issues covered by the 2030 agenda. Ultimately, it will equip students to solve some of the most pressing issues of our times. Students who complete the programme will emerge with a holistic understanding of the core tenets of sustainable development across the four pillars of the Sustainable Development Goals - economic, social, and environmental, and governance.

Course Highlight

The programme is flexible and delivered online. It also provides students who complete the programme with a pathway for entry onto UCD's online MSc Sustainable Development programme.

Course Content and Structure

The Professional Diploma in Foundations of Sustainable Development is a 20-credit programme consisting of two core 10- credit module

The programme is fully online ensuring a flexible learning environment for students.

The programme also utilises the best available online sustainability education resources from global experts and is delivered in partnership with the UNSDSN SDG Academy (https://sdgacademy.org/)

Modules Offered

- **Global classroom:** a module specifically designed to introduce students to sustainable development issues in developed and developing nations across the globe.
- **Fundamentals of Sustainability:** a module comprised of three SDG Academy MOOCs that will be delivered and delivered as an on-demand educational offering via the edX platform (https://www.edx.org/).

Why study at UCD?

Tradition

Established 1854, with over 170 years of teaching & research excellence

Employability

UCD is ranked in the top 100 worldwide at 88th globally for employability outcomes for graduating students.

Global profile

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

Global careers

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

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Professional Diploma in Foundations of Sustainable Development may have the following career opportunities:

- As a sustainability expert in corporate entities
- Almost all NGOs now require expertise in sustainability
- Environmental corporate governance (e.g. ESG)
- Education for sustainable development careers
- Sustainability consultant

Entry Requirements

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade II (2H2) or equivalent in a relevant subject such as planning, political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law.
- 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.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees.

Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MSc Sustainable Development
- MSc Environmental Policy

For more information

Get in Touch

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"The global labour force needs to re- and upskill at speed to put the world on a pathway to sustainable development, and professionals need to understand the intersection of science, policy, and practice. That's why University College Dublin and the SDG Academy have created this innovative online Master's pathway for all learners across government, corporates and civil society to earn a Professional Diploma in Foundations of Sustainable Development. You can enter the pathway with or without professional experience in the field of sustainable development, and emerge ready to take part in the transition to a sustainable future."