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## MSc ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (ONE YEAR FULL TIME)

This one year MSc degree is designed to equip students with essential knowledge about environmental sustainability, and policy and governance frameworks for environmental action, while also developing key professional tools to enable graduates to apply policy-oriented skills creatively in their future careers. The programme takes an international perspective on environmental issues and explores the increasingly complex environmental challenges that societies and governments face across the globe, addressing contemporary environmental debates such as Climate Change, Behavioural Change, Water Policy, Energy Security and Sustainability, and Urban Resilience. Teaching is focused on areas and skills within environmental

policy-making, and an integrated group-project module provides practice-based insights into the policy-making process. Students can enhance their own specialist research interests during the completion of a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project in the third trimester. Students may gain practical experience in policy analysis, environmental assessment, cost-benefit analysis, public participation, and risk management. Key professional skills for future career development include leadership, problem-solving, communication, media skills, report writing, group work, presentation skills and project management. This programme is accredited as a specialist qualification by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

### TOP INTERNATIONAL RANKING

UCD Environmental Policy has an established international track record as a leading research centre in environmental policy and is in the Top 150 QS World University Rankings by subject area.

## WHY STUDY AT UCD?



### Professional Work Experience

3 month Professional Work Experience Internship opportunity



### Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching and research excellence



### Global profile

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



### Global community

Over 8,400 international students from over 140 countries study at UCD



### Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 2 year stay-back visa (for non-EU students)



### Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

## COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

90 credits  
taught masters

60 credits  
taught modules

30 credits  
dissertation

or

30 credits  
Professional Work Experience

All students undertake 90 credits across a range of modules that help them develop foundational knowledge and skills in policymaking, and equip them to employ these new skills to manage a diverse range of contemporary environmental challenges. In addition to taught modules, students undertake a practice-based studio module, and can also pursue their own specialist interest through completion of a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project. The program may include topics from the following indicative list:

- Behavioural Environmental Economics
- European Environmental Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Economics and Climate Policy
- Risk & Resilience in Built Environments
- Research for Environmental Policy
- Tools for Sustainable Development

### Thesis, Internship, or Research Project

Students may choose to undertake either a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project during the Summer trimester.

Please note that all topics listed might not be available in any given year.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

To date, our graduates have been very successful in gaining employment in environment related fields in a diverse range of public, private and NGO organisations. Past graduates are now working for a number of agencies both nationally and internationally including private (e.g. Samsung Electronics; Wisetek; Citi Bank; AWN Consulting; EnvEcon; Irish Water), public bodies (e.g. Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs) and NGO organisations (e.g. Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice; Plant life Economy Foundation; Amazon Environmental Research Institute Brazil; publicpolicy.ie; Global Action plan Ireland), in a range of environmental positions (e.g. environmental consultants; policy officers; researchers; climate officers; environmental justice officers). Our graduates have also gone on to pursue further study (PhDs).



### APPLY NOW

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a social science or a cognate discipline such as environmental science, law, business or engineering.
- 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.
- Students who do not meet the IELTS requirement may wish to consider taking the Pre-Sessional or Pre-Masters Pathway. Full details <https://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dedicated scholarships for non-EU students
  - Apply for University Scholarship [www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucdscholarshipsfinances/scholarships/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucdscholarshipsfinances/scholarships/)
  - Apply for College scholarship [www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/nonescholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/nonescholarships)
- Approved by US Dept of Education for federally supported loans

## WORK IN IRELAND

Option to stay in Ireland to seek employment and/or work for 2 years after graduating.

## RELATED MASTER'S PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

- Masters of Regional & Urban Planning
- MSc Environmental Science
- MSc Urban Design & Planning
- MSc Planning, Development & Urban Design

## FEES

Fee information is available at [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)

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## GRADUATE PROFILE

### Jiaqi Wu

I joined the MSc Environmental Policy programme as a UCD 100% Global Excellence Scholar, this has given me a brand-new experience both academically, in life and for a future career. Academically, this master's programme allows me to think about contemporary environmental issues from an international perspective. I had the opportunity to meet many students and professors from different backgrounds and countries, driving me to understand the environmental issues in diverse regions from different viewpoints. I think this master's program can effectively help you broaden your career direction. My classmates come from different professional backgrounds, including architecture, economics, computer science, linguistics, etc. We come together to try methods to alleviate future climate change and environmental problems. This is very similar to real society because environmental issues are complex and diverse, which means that we need multiple departments to cooperate. Therefore, students after graduation can go to administrative departments, legal institutions, design companies or NGOs. I will continue to study for a PhD and this experience of UCD has enriched my resume and improved my ability.