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MSc in Behavioural Economics (One Year Full Time)

This course is devoted to providing in-depth training in the area of behavioural economics. Students will take a range of rigorous economic modules but will also receive training in key concepts in psychology and specialise in learning a range of new models that incorporate the latest evidence on human decision making. As well as being trained in the core concepts and theories of behavioural economics, students will also learn about a range of empirical methods and have the opportunity to run their own field and lab experiment.

The MSc will also cover the ethical, legal, and regulatory context for the ideas of behavioural economics. Thus, the students will be equipped to apply these ideas in a wide range of academic, business, and policy settings.

This programme features small group teaching from leading economists and a supportive environment. Students on this programme will be an integral part of a research group at UCD focused on behavioural economics and its applications. They will attend research seminars and receive a wide range of supports to help them prepare for their research thesis or their internship.

Ireland's Leading Economics Department

UCD School of Economics is Ireland's leading economics department. Our staff are experts with international reputations in a wide range of topics such as macroeconomics, econometrics, applied microeconomics, behavioural economics, health economics, international trade and economic history. School members play a significant role in debating economic policy issues and in contributing to the formulation of economic policy. This is the only MSc in this area in Ireland and it is one of the few worldwide with a strong policy and regulatory focus.

Why study at UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

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



Global community

Over 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; Two-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

70 credits
taught modules

20 credits
dissertation

OR

20 credits
internship

In your first semester, you will undertake a two-week preliminary course in mathematics and statistics. You will also take the following modules:

- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- Behavioural Economics
- Experiments in Economics
- Research Skills

In your second semester, you will take the following two core modules:

- Behavioural Economics: Policy Applications
- Topics in Psychological Science
- Research and Professional Development

You will also take two other modules in the second semester from this indicative list:

- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Econometrics
- Health and Welfare Economics
- Economics of Competition Policy
- Energy Economics and Policy
- Development Economics: Applied Micro

In the Summer semester, you will either do a supervised research thesis on a topic related to behavioural economics or you can do an internship in an organisation working on behavioural economic issues.





Career Opportunities

Many graduates of our Economics masters programmes have gone on to complete PhDs in economics and pursue successful careers as academic or research economists. Many others have moved directly to employment in central banks, think-tanks, financial sector institutions and consultancy firms. Behavioural economics skills are also now being widely applied across government agencies, regulatory bodies and a wide range of private-sector businesses.



Graduate Profile

Lucie Martin

MSc Behavioural Economics

I couldn't be happier with my decision to pursue UCD's MSc in Behavioural Economics. I was very impressed with the quality of the course and the teaching standards: the course incorporated multiple perspectives and disciplines, the lecturers were experts in the fields they taught us yet highly accessible, and we were able to retain some flexibility over which classes to register for based on personal interests, which made for a very intellectually stimulating year. The lecturers were also clearly attuned to the behavioural economics job market and leveraged their extensive networks to allow us to form professional connections throughout the year, thanks to guest lectures and group sessions with current professionals in the field. One particularly memorable experience was that our class got to design, implement, analyse, and present our own evaluation field trial with a policy partner as part of an experimental economics class. I use what I learned during my MSc every single day at my new job with the Behavioural Insights Team and I warmly recommend the course to anyone interested in this field from an academic, policy or industry perspective!

Fees

Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- A primary degree with a minimum of an upper second class honours or international equivalent in Economics or in a degree in which Economics is a major component.
- We also consider applicants with a minimum of an upper second class honours degree in another cognate area that has a high quantitative component.
- We will also admit applicants with a Higher Diploma in Economics with a minimum of an upper second class honours.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (no band less than 6.5 in each element), or equivalent.

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