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MSc Equality Studies (One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

The MSc in Equality Studies offers a unique opportunity to examine global equality issues from a range of perspectives and disciplines. The programme was designed for those who wish to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of global social justice issues and explore strategies for change. Topics covered include capitalism and social class, patriarchy and gender and the oppression of minorities, including those based on race, ethnicity, sexuality, and disability. Throughout, students are encouraged to explore the theory and practice of achieving egalitarian social change.

Drawing students from across the globe, the course emphasizes the relationship of theory to practice with a view to bringing about positive social change.

Students also gain from undertaking engaged academic research, which includes researching and designing an equality-related intervention or action.

The learning environment is student-centred and participatory, with students from a wide range of backgrounds, including community activists, development practitioners, educators and journalists.

Unique In Europe

The MSc in Equality Studies is unique in Europe in the way it links research, theory and practice to challenge inequality. The UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice is widely respected for its theoretical work on equality and for its active engagement with social movements and with statutory bodies to bring about egalitarian-led change. UCD itself has a strong tradition of activism.

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

30 credits
Core Modules

30 credits
Option modules

30 credits
research project

Core modules:

- Egalitarian Theory
- Sociology of Inequality
- Human Rights Law and Equality
- Critical Political Economy
- Researching and Challenging Social Injustice

Optional modules: (indicative list, see full list online)

- Children's Rights, Participation and Well-being
- Disability and Equality
- Reproductive Justice and Sexual Health
- Equality and the Media
- Racism and Anti-Racism
- Gender Theory: Critical Themes





Career Opportunities

Equality Studies graduates work in multiple fields including politics, journalism, law, education, public policy, voluntary and community work, and human rights advocacy.

Our graduates have gone on to careers in organisations including the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, the Red Cross, Marriage Equality, the Irish Refugee Council, Community Action Network, Google, Inclusion Ireland, Free Legal Aid Council, Spun Out and many more.



Graduate Profile

Charlotte Byrne,
Equality Studies graduate,
Education Officer,
Irish Refugee Council

My particular area of interest was migration and having come late to third level education I was enthusiastic in my belief that education is the key to solve so many inequalities. Since completing the Equality Studies programme, I have accessed employment at the Irish Refugee Council as Education Officer, where I support people in the asylum process to gain education and training to be ready to find employment when the time comes. We also try to influence policy to create a more level and equitable playing field. I genuinely believe that if the whole world did this course the world would be a better place as everyone would understand why equality is better for everyone. Equality Studies provides the foundation in egalitarian theory and allows you to build your Masters around areas that interest you, e.g. housing, environment, gender, human rights, education, ethnicity, children's rights and so on. I believe that the Masters in Equality Studies is a great path towards work in any NGO, private sector, or public body in the area of equality.

Related Masters

MA Gender Studies
MSc Human Rights
Master of Public Policy

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- Applicants with lower second class honours or above are eligible to apply.
- 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.

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