



UCD School of Education
Scoil an Oideachais UCD

Master of Arts in Education

MA EDUCATION

This is a taught Masters degree programme designed to respond to the interests and needs of education professionals who would like to develop their strengths and interests to an advanced level.

It provides an opportunity to study a range of topics from within the broad field of education theory, policy and practice and to engage in close study to minor thesis level.

The focus is to develop critical skills of inquiry as students examine and deliberate on key issues relating to education both nationally and internationally

COURSE FEATURES

- Excellence in supervision and teaching
- National and international recognition
- Structured system of support
- Interactive teaching and learning
- Collegial, dynamic and inclusive participation in a community of learners
- Emphasis on high-quality student experience

COURSE DETAILS

Code:	W027
Duration:	12 Months
Next Intake:	September annually
Schedule:	Full-time

'The MA Ed challenged me in ways I didn't expect and I learnt so much because of this.'

'I hope to help improve the initial teacher training programmes in Zambia using the knowledge and skills I have acquired from UCD'

COURSE STRUCTURE

The MA Ed is a 90-credit degree programme taken over one year full time

The MA Ed students are required to take two Research Methods modules, two Core modules, and two Option modules, and they complete a 30-credit thesis.

The modules are completed across Trimester One and Two.

The thesis is submitted at the end of Trimester Three.

COURSE ASSIGNMENT

Assignment-based assessment, with a focus on developing critical inquiry, in-depth analysis and meaningful praxis in the university context.

RESOURCES

- UCD on-line resources.
- International journals; Academic and practise-based.
- UCD Library and specialist library with Innovative resources to support research and scholarship.

SAMPLE MODULES

- Research Methods 1 and Research Methods 2
- Mentoring and Leading Learning
- Global Development and the SDGs
- Critical Policy Analysis
- Psychology in Schools
- History of Childhood and Learning
- Languages and Learning in Schools
- Inclusive Education for Pupils with AEN
- Equalities and Social Justice
- School Effectiveness

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

MA Education graduates work in a range of areas including teaching, education leadership, school principalship, education researcher, writer/author of education texts, language teaching, instructional design, education outreach officer (museums/galleries etc), adult education provider, access officer/equalities officer, policy advisor, educational television/media creation.

ENTRY REQUIRMENTS

Applicants will normally hold an honours degree at undergraduate level (or equivalent) from a recognised higher education institution. Applicants whose first language is not English or Irish must provide a Certificate of Proficiency in English. An overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no area falling below 6 is required. All applicants are interviewed, either in person or remotely.



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