



University College Dublin
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MA American Studies (One Year Full Time)

This is the first graduate programme in American Studies in Ireland. Because of the United States' unrivalled status in the world today, the debates on American values and the mission of American democracy have become a matter of global concern. This programme introduces students to advanced study of American culture and politics, in both domestic and international contexts. It is a multidisciplinary programme that promotes study of the interactions of cultural, social and political factors. It aims to deepen and widen

students' knowledge of major topics and issues as well as to enable them to develop a significant measure of expertise in their chosen thesis subject. The programme affords opportunities to study the US across a range of disciplines – including history, literature, media and visual studies, politics and international relations – and to develop skills in analysis, critical thinking and primary research techniques.

Purpose-built institute for American Studies

This MA programme is centred in the UCD Clinton Institute for American Studies, a graduate and research centre for the study of the US and international affairs.

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; 1 year stay-back visa



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

Core modules include:

- America in the 21st Century
- America and Globalisation
- Foundations of US Foreign Policy
- American Culture
- American Political Tradition
- Research Skills

Please see online for a full list of modules.



Career Opportunities

American Studies graduates have knowledge of American history, culture and politics, making them attractive to multinational companies and national organisations who have extensive relationships with the US. The programme will also interest those wishing to prepare for advanced research in this area.



Students who have undertaken this programme now work in a variety of areas including Communications, Public relations, Journalism, Research, Teaching, Law. Employers include: AIB, Google, NYC Department of Education, Western Union, Certus, International Student Card, Johns Hopkins University.



Graduate Profile

**Julie Farrell, Texas,
Academic Communications
and Marketing Manager**

I wanted to study the culture, history, and political evolution of the United States from a European perspective, and because Ireland and the United States have a unique relationship, I felt that Dublin and UCD would be the perfect place for me to pursue this study. I had visited Ireland previously and, even as a tourist, I knew I would feel welcome and comfortable with Irish life if I moved there. Although Ireland is vastly different to the United States, it was an easy adjustment and fun experience. UCD is a lovely campus full of bright and inspiring professors, students and societies. I even had the opportunity to meet President Bill Clinton during my time at UCD. Shaking hands with one of my country's most influential and creative leaders was an incredible honour. For the past two years I have worked in academic communications and marketing for a university just outside New York. I use the research and writing skills I developed during my MA daily in my current job. I also occasionally teach a course on globalisation to undergraduate students, drawing upon the knowledge I gained on the topic during my studies at UCD.

Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/international/apply

Entry Requirements

- An upper second class honours degree, or the international equivalent in the subject area of social science, humanities or politics is required.
- 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.

International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships for further information.

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- MA Media and International Conflict
- MA Politics and International Relations

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