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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, 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 in the third semester. Students gain practical experience in policy analysis, GIS, 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.

### Top international ranking

Planning and Environmental Policy in UCD has an established international track record as a leading research centre in environmental policy and is in the Top 100 QS World University Rankings by subject area.

## 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 130 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

All students undertake 90 credits across a range of modules that help students develop foundational knowledge and skills in policymaking, and equip students 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. The programme includes modules from the following indicative list:

- Geographical Information Systems
- European Environmental Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Governing Nature
- Environmental Economics and Climate Policy
- Research Design and Methods
- Risk & Resilience in Built Environments
- Environmental Politics and Energy Transitions
- Tools for Sustainable Development
- Thesis Portfolio

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





## Career Opportunities

The MSc in Environmental Policy is designed to provide you with key knowledge, skills and professional tools to work in environment-related careers. These employment areas include:

- Policymaking and Public Sector
- Policy and Environmental Consultancy
- Management (e.g. corporate environmental responsibility)
- Media and Communications
- Research and Teaching
- Environmental NGOs and Lobby Group
- Environmental Regulatory Bodies



## Graduate Profile

### Shikha Ranjha, India, Student

The Environmental Policy programme with its intensive lecture regime, group work and assignments helped me to develop practical and transferable skills. The programme offers a multi-disciplinary approach which allows a person to effectively question and expand upon the theories of environmental management and understand the development of society in harmony with its environment. Internationally recognised and experienced faculty provide you with opportunities for outstanding graduate study in all areas of policy and environmental management and you can expect to be in regular contact with them in case of any questions or help needed. The course is challenging, but is extremely rewarding in the end.

## Apply Now

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

## Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in any discipline such as social sciences and arts, environmental sciences, law and business studies, or engineering.
- At least a lower second class honours primary degree; US GPA of 3.0 overall; or other international equivalent 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 Students

- Stay in Ireland after graduating for 24 months to seek employment
- Approved by US Dept. of Education for federally supported loans
- Apply for Non-EU Scholarships: [www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships)

## Related Masters Programmes of Interest

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

## Fees

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

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