



MA/MSc International Relations

(One Year Full Time or
Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

The study of International Relations examines the causes and consequences of phenomena such as war, trade, regional integration, migration and terrorism.

You will examine theoretical approaches in the contemporary study of international politics and their application. You will improve your skills in research design and qualitative and quantitative analysis. A wide range of specialisations are available to enable you to develop your specific expertise.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Relations. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia.

The MA track is more flexible and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or an internship.

Programme Highlight

Gaining theoretical, historical, and practical knowledge of how and why countries compete and cooperate.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = 60 credits Taught Modules + 30 credits Dissertation or 30 credits Internship (MA only)

MSc

Core Modules:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Theories of International Relations
- Qualitative Research Methods for Politics
- Thesis

Core Options

- Choose minimum of 1
- Political Economy of Security
 - International Security

Please see www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions for a full list of modules.

MA

Core Modules:

- Theories of International Relations
- Research Design

Core Options

- Choose minimum of 1
- Political Economy of Security
 - International Security

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

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



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Graduates work with international private-sector employers, government agencies and non-governmental organisations including the United Nations and IMF in roles such as government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, and public affairs consultant.

Graduate Profile



Sandra Perron
President of Imagine Foundation

Completing the MSc in International Relations at UCD was one of the best decisions of my life. Interacting with high calibre students from around the world, I quickly realised how little I knew about international politics and relations, and how my cultural paradigms, mostly based on limited knowledge, have influenced my decision making in the past.

Now, whether it is in my role as a Global Purchasing Director, President of a non-profit organisation or a simple citizen of my country, my studies at UCD have enabled me to better understand the world I live in, and consider more profoundly such elements as human rights, global climate change, or international security in my decision making.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with an upper second class honours or international equivalent primary degree in a relevant subject such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law.
- Your application will be considered on its individual merits and relevant professional experience will also be taken into account.
- 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.

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/global/scholarships for further information.

SPIRe also offers EU fee scholarships to graduate students. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship for further information.

Related Masters

- MSc International Political Economy
- Masters in Public Policy
- MA Peace and Conflict

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