



University College Dublin
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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 or internship in the third trimester. Students may gain practical experience in policy analysis, 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

UCD Environmental Policy has an established international track record as a leading research centre in environmental policy and is in the Top 150 QS World University Rankings by subject area.

WHY STUDY AT UCD?



Professional Work Experience

3 month Professional Work Experience Internship opportunity



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching and research excellence



Global profile

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



Global community

Over 8,000 international students from over 139 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

or

30 credits
Professional Work Experience

All students undertake 90 credits across a range of modules that help them develop foundational knowledge and skills in policymaking, and equip them 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 or internship. The program may include topics from the following indicative list:

- European Environmental Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Economics and Climate Policy
- Geographical Information Systems
- Risk & Resilience in Built Environments
- Research for Environmental Policy
- Tools for Sustainable Development

Thesis or Internship

Students may choose to undertake either the Thesis Project or an Internship during the Summer trimester.

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



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

To date, our graduates have been very successful in gaining employment in environment related fields in a diverse range of public, private and NGO organisations. Past graduates are now working for a number of agencies both nationally and internationally including private (e.g. Samsung Electronics; Wisetek; Citi Bank; AWN Consulting; EnvEcon; Irish Water), public bodies (e.g. Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs) and NGO organisations (e.g. Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice; Plant life Economy Foundation; Amazon Environmental Research Institute Brazil; publicpolicy.ie; Global Action plan Ireland), in a range of environmental positions (e.g. environmental consultants; policy officers; researchers; climate officers; environmental justice officers).

Our graduates have also gone on to pursue further study (PhDs).



APPLY NOW

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a social science or a cognate discipline such as environmental science, law, business or engineering.
- 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.
- Students who do not meet the IELTS requirement may wish to consider taking the Pre-Sessional or Pre-Masters Pathway. Full details <https://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Option to stay in Ireland to seek employment and/or work for 2 years after graduating
- Approved by US Dept. of Education for federally supported loans
- Apply for University non-EU Scholarships: www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/scholarships/
- Apply for College of Engineering & Architecture non-EU scholarship: www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/noneus/scholarships/

RELATED MASTER'S PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

- Master of Regional & Urban Planning
- MSc Environmental Science
- MSc Urban Design & Planning
- MSc Planning, Development & Urban Design

FEES

Fee information is available at www.ucd.ie/fees

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GRADUATE PROFILE

Tiago Reis

I chose the UCD Master's in Environmental Policy because I wanted to make a career shift from running my own small business in logistics to a qualified socio-environmental career. The UCD programme prepared me for that career shift by providing me with the knowledge and important ideas in the field of environmental sciences and policy, and by giving me transferrable skills that later would be invaluable in my professional life as a NGO researcher, project manager and activist. In the Environmental Policy programme, the balance between scientific overview, policy application and the development of transferrable skills really impressed me.

I would recommend UCD for other international students because it is a lively university, with an excellent infrastructure, professors and staff. Moreover, Dublin is an awesome place to live, where you can have services and cultural life close by and at the same time the UCD campus is quiet and peaceful to concentrate on studies.