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## MA/MSc International Development (One Year Full time)

The MSc in International Development is designed to provide you with an interdisciplinary understanding of the process of development by bringing together expertise in politics, economics, agriculture, political economy and other areas. You will examine challenges such as the reduction of inequality and exclusion, the expansion of economic and social choices, the progressive realisation of human rights, and the argument for sustainable development. You will acquire a range of skills to enable you to work effectively in the development field.

A wide range of specialisations are available to enable you to select areas where you wish to develop your expertise. You may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in international relations. The MSc track includes additional research components including a dissertation and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia. The MA track is broader and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or apply for an internship.

### Oldest and largest school of its kind in Ireland

UCD School of Politics & International Relations is the oldest and largest school of its kind in Ireland with over 150 years of experience in political studies and a world-renowned staff drawn from many countries.

## 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

or

30 credits  
internship

You will study the following core courses. Core modules:

- Politics of Development
- Human and Economic Development
- Dissertation Design

Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Descriptive Statistics for Political Science
- Inferential Statistics in Political Science
- Qualitative Methods
- Introduction to Research Design

MA students choose four optional courses. MSc students choose two optional courses. Selection of optional modules:

- International Economic Crisis
- International Political Economy
- Ethnicity and Conflict
- Theory of Human Rights
- Poverty, Development and Global Justice
- Comparative Public Policy
- Governing the Global Economy
- Politics of Human Rights

Selected MA students may complete an internship in lieu of a dissertation.





## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the programme have found employment with the official Irish aid programme, in Irish and international non-governmental organisations such as Trocaire, Goal, Action Aid and Oxfam, and with agencies of the European Union and the United Nations as well as in journalism, education, local community development, and many other areas such as:



- Public administration
- Journalism
- Media
- Civil society organisations
- Voluntary sector
- Academic institutions



## Graduate Profile

**Ayesha Azeem, Pakistan,  
Senior Project Officer, Church  
World Service – Pakistan/  
Afghanistan**

With the knowledge I learned during my masters in UCD, I am confident that I can fulfil my role with the utmost professionalism and confidence as Senior Project Officer in Capacity Institutionalisation Project (CIP) in Church World Service – Pakistan/Afghanistan, a donor-funded project which deals with initiatives on capacity building of local NGO's and CSO's. Living abroad for a year on my own enhanced my ability to interact and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds and collaborate effectively within a team and manage varied projects. That one year in UCD and Dublin taught me much more about life beyond a masters degree!

## Apply Now

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

## Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with an upper second class honours primary degree, or the international equivalent in a subject area such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law.
- Relevant professional experience will 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.

## International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://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](http://www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships) for further information.

## Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- Masters in Public Policy
- MSc Development Practice
- MSc Humanitarian Action

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