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MA/MSc Politics (One Year Full Time)

The MA/MSc Politics degree was developed for those who wish to understand the role of politics in shaping the great issues of our day including power and conflict, distribution and inequality, relations between nations, and the new challenges of globalisation, financial crisis, national security and climate change. The course focuses on the two traditional pillars of the discipline – political theory and comparative politics. You will examine regime types, political stability, change and crisis, and electoral and party systems; and explore ideas about freedom,

equality, citizenship and rights. You will acquire an understanding of European nation-states in a comparative perspective.

You may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in Politics. The MSc track includes additional research components 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 to develop your professional skills in the field.

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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 faculty 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

Core modules include:

- Comparative European Politics
- Contemporary Debates on Citizenship
- Dissertation Design
- Thesis

Additional core modules required for MSc:

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

Optional modules include:

- Rethinking Security
- International Political Economy
- Ethnicity and Conflict
- Politics of European Governance
- Poverty, Development and Global Justice
- Comparative Public Policy
- Politics of Human Rights
- International Political Theory

MA students choose four optional modules.
MSc students choose two optional modules.





Career Opportunities

Graduates work with a wide variety of international private-sector employers, government agencies and non-Governmental Organisations in roles such as: government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, public affairs consultant, public relations officer, political advisor



Recent graduates of UCD School of Politics & International Relations now work in:

- United Nations
- World Trade Organisation
- IMF
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- Asia Development Bank



Graduate Profile

Sandra Perron, Canada, President Imagine Inc.

Completing a masters at UCD was one of the best decisions of my life. Interacting with high calibre students and professors 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 simply a 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.

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Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a 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. An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- 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.

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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- MSc International Political Economy
- Master in Public Policy

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