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## MA/MSc International Development (One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

The MA/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, 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 is 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 development. The MSc track includes additional research training 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.

## 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 8,000 international students from over 136 countries study at UCD



### Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; Two year stay-back visa for Non-EU students



### Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

## 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.

## Course Content and Structure

90 credits  
taught masters

60 credits  
taught modules

30 credits  
dissertation

or

30 credits  
internship (MA only)

### Core modules:

- Politics of Development
- Governance, Politics and Development
- Research Design (MA only)

### Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science

### MA students choose three optional modules and MSc students choose two optional modules from the following partial list:

- Theories of International Relations
- Politics of European Governance
- Gender in Peace and Conflict
- Governing the Global Economy
- International Political Theory
- Politics of Human Rights
- Psychology of Conflict in Middle East
- Peace & Conflict Studies

Please see [www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions](http://www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions) for a full list of modules.





## 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 NGOs and CSOs.

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!

**Fees** Fee information at [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)

## 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.
- 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.

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