



MA Geography

1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time

Introduction

The MA in Geography will provide you with the opportunity to develop a range of skills and knowledge focusing on human, environmental and physical geography.

During the course you will undertake a cohesive set of core modules covering a broad base of key skills and knowledge sets and you will also have the opportunity to select a number of optional modules that allow you to focus in greater depth on specific subject areas like the

physical geography of cities, critical geopolitics, Reimagining Dublin, Development and the Global South, risk and resilience.

The final component of the MA in Geography is the opportunity to further enhance your specialist interests and hone your research skills by completing a thesis, involving primary research under the supervision of an experienced academic, on a topic of your choice.

Course Highlight

Developing critical theoretical understanding, geospatial technological competency and field-based research skills.

The MA in Geography offers the opportunity to develop one's geographical skillset to a high level and also to hone one's skills in independent research under the supervision of an experienced member of academic staff. As such, it is excellent preparation for a career or further research degree.

Programme Content and Structure

The MA in Geography equips the students with an in-depth understanding of geographical issues and problems in a number of areas such as:

- the environment,
- climate change,
- urban processes and landscapes,
- geomorphology and
- mapping.

The program comprises of coursework, a dissertation and fieldwork in Ireland or in Europe (varies by year).

Core modules include:

- Research Design 1 and 2
- Introduction to ArcGIS
- International fieldwork (choice)
- Dissertation

Indicative Fieldwork Modules

- International Fieldwork
- Global South Fieldwork
- International Urban Fieldwork

Optional modules

(Indicative list, may vary year by year):

- Reimagining Dublin
- Physical Geography of Cities
- Critical Geopolitics and Diplomacy
- Historical Urban Landscapes
- Reimagining Dublin
- Coastal Risks
- Critical Geographies
- Remote Sensing
- Advanced GIS

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

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



Global Careers

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



Global Profile

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



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Community

9,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Welcoming Campus

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



Career Opportunities

This program will provide you with a range of academic and transferable skills that will be a benefit in many careers.

Graduates of this programme may progress to doctoral study, careers in government, international aid agencies, global multilateral agencies (United Nations, World Bank, UNICEF, etc.), human rights institutions (Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc.), think tanks and research bodies.

Past graduates have gone on to work as:

- Teachers at primary and secondary level
- Researchers with government agencies and departments
- Private-sector consultants and researchers
- Aid workers in developing countries
- Marketing and business executives, following further professional training
- Planners and local government officials
- Geographical Information Systems specialists.
- Researchers and lecturers in UCD, University of Bristol, Louisiana State University, and many other institutions.

Graduate Profiles



Celia Hallan
EDP Renewables

"This degree taught me how to reconcile information from many different fields. That is critically important for renewable energy development, where the technical aspects of the projects play against different policy regimes in different environmental contexts with different social and economic conditions.

My experience at UCD also helped me expand my GIS skills, which I use daily for spatial analysis and communication through cartography. I highly recommend that all current students take coursework in GIS. Finally, the flexibility of UCD's Geography program allowed me to focus my thesis research on wind energy development. This gave me a leg up in getting into the industry.

I encourage all current students to take advantage of that flexibility and pursue research in the fields they are considering for careers."

Applicant Profile

- Applicants should have a minimum of an upper second class honours (2.1 / GPA3.08) or international equivalent at bachelors level
- In certain circumstances, we will consider students who have a GPA 2.48 (2H2) and some relevant work or other experience. This includes students returning to study after a break.
- 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 the costs of travel and subsistence for some fieldwork modules are borne by the student.

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.

Related Masters

- MSc Geospatial Data Analysis
- MA Critical Geographies: Crises, Climate & Inequality
- MA Geopolitics and the Global Economy
- MSc Risk, Resilience and Sustainability

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