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

The study of International Relations probes into the causes and consequences of phenomena such as war, trade, regional integration, migration and terrorism. You will examine theoretical approaches in the contemporary study of international politics and their application. You will improve your skills in research design and qualitative and quantitative analysis. A wide range of specialisations are available to enable you to develop your specific expertise.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Relations. The MSc track includes additional research components 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:

- Theories of International Relations
- Political Violence OR International Security
- 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 partial list below.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Politics of Development</li> <li>Politics of Human Rights</li> <li>Comparative Public Policy</li> <li>International Political Economy</li> <li>Politics of (mis-)information</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychology of Conflict in Middle East</li> <li>EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy</li> <li>Gender in Peace and Conflict</li> <li>Peace and Conflict Studies</li> </ul> |
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Please see [www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions](http://www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions) for a full list of modules.





## Career Opportunities

Graduates work with international private-sector employers, government agencies and non-governmental organisations including the United Nations and IMF in roles such as government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, and public affairs consultant.



## Graduate Profile

### Sandra Perron, Canada, President of Imagine Foundation

Completing the MSc in International Relations at UCD was one of the best decisions of my life. Interacting with high calibre students 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 a simple 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.

## 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 or international equivalent primary 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.
- 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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MA Peace and Conflict

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