



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND CELTIC STUDIES AND COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES MA IN IRISH STUDIES

Ireland: Continuity and Change

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At a time of unprecedented change in Ireland, the Irish Studies MA programme introduces students to a wide range of issues and debates relating to the historical, material, cultural, social and political experiences of the peoples who have inhabited the island of Ireland from the earliest period through to today.

This exciting new learning and research opportunity assembles a unique group of leading UCD experts in the humanities and human sciences to offer diverse insights and perspectives on Ireland's cultures and societies both past and present. Because of this nationally and internationally unrivalled concentration of expertise, students are able to participate in two thematic Irish Studies seminars which serve as an intellectual and developmental hub for the programme. Alongside a further core module in contemporary Irish culture, students also take option modules from a wide range on offer in politics, Irish history, literary studies in both the English and Irish languages, folklore, drama, archaeology, material and visual cultures, and sociology. And, because of UCD's location in Dublin, students have ready access to many of Ireland's key cultural resources and libraries.

Irish Studies MA students are trained to acquire, manage and communicate detailed knowledge in a creative, productive and supportive environment, and to compare and contrast differing sources of information derived from archival, printed, visual and electronic formats. Teaching is carried out through small group seminars, research-driven learning, peer interaction, seminar presentations and discussion, and written assignments. Each student also undertakes a 10,000-word supervised research dissertation.

This degree is ideally suited to students seeking to deepen their knowledge of Irish Studies and to enhance their employment-relevant skills, while also providing a pathway for further specialisation in a relevant area or topic at doctoral level.

The MA in Irish Studies can be done both full time (1 year) and part time (2 years).

Total Credit requirement:

90 credits, made up from the following components:

30 Credit Supervised Dissertation

Three 10 Credit Core Modules:

Semester 1: How did the Irish come to be the way they are?

Semester 2: What makes the Irish different?

Semester 2: Honour and Shame in contemporary Ireland



30 Credits made up from Option Modules chosen with the advice of a staff mentor from a wide range of relevant 5-10 credit modules provided by the contributing Schools, including Sociology, Politics, History, English, Archaeology, Irish, History of Art and Music.