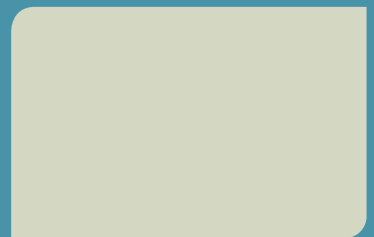
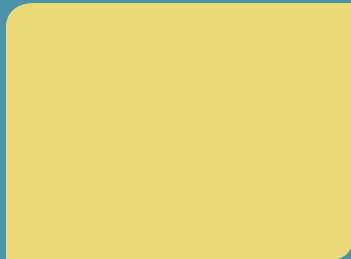




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# Master of Public Policy



**1 Year Full Time / 2 Years Part Time**

## Who is the Master of Public Policy for?

This programme is suitable for graduates who plan to pursue a career in the public or non-profit sectors, policy analysis or consulting and for those already working in these sectors, who want to develop their policy analysis, research and evaluation skills.

## What will I learn?

You will develop an understanding of the political, ethical, social and economic factors which influence policy-making along with the challenges associated with effective policy implementation and regulation. You will also learn to systematically analyse public policies, and acquire skills in policy research and evaluation. In addition, you will have the opportunity to examine a number of policy fields in depth.

## Where can I go?

Our graduates will be found in the public and non-profit sectors and in research and consulting organisations in Ireland and internationally.

## Features

- Core modules introduce you to the key concepts, theories and analytic techniques which underpin public policy analysis.
- Optional research stream which provides you with the skills to pursue a career in public policy research.
- Optional specialist streams which enable you to examine the policy fields which interest you in-depth.
- Master's thesis and associated dissertation design module.
- There is an opportunity to undertake the MA (Public Policy and Management) at the City University of Hong Kong subsequent to MA-Public Policy completion.
- There is a possibility of progressing to the PhD in Public Policy.

# Overview

Public policy making has become more challenging in recent years in the context of the increasing complexity of clients' needs, growing expectations regarding appropriate service quality and diminishing public spending in many countries. The Master of Public Policy is specifically designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills to meet these challenges.

We examine the socio-economic changes and political issues which influence policy making, the challenges associated with effective regulation and administration of public services and ensuring that policy decisions are evidence based. If you are interested in public policy research you can take a number of specialist modules on this issue. We also provide a number of optional streams which will enable you to examine different policy fields in depth.

## 8 Streams

We offer eight different streams; Economic Policy, Environmental Policy, European Union Policy, Citizenship, Rights and Policy, Social & Health Policy, Research Methods, Regulatory Governance and Urban Policy. All students take four core modules: Evidence-Based Policy Making & Evaluation, Public Administration & Policy Making, Comparative Public Policy and Regulatory Governance.



## Curriculum

The Master of Public Policy is a 90-credit programme. The duration is one year full time or two years part time. A 60-credit version of the programme is available as a Graduate Diploma without thesis.

### Core Modules:

- Evidence-Based Policy Making & Evaluation
- Public Administration & Policy Making
- Comparative Public Policy
- Regulatory Governance
- Thesis

## Option Modules:

20 credits are allocated to option modules and students make choices depending on their stream.

### Citizenship, Rights & Policy

- International Political Theory
- Theory of Human Rights
- Law, Liberty & the State
- Development & Global Justice
- Debates on Citizenship

### Economic Policy

- Environmental Economics
- Economic & Property Markets
- Econometrics
- Microeconomics
- Creative Destruction & Economic Growth
- Industrial Economics
- Health Economics

### Environmental Policy

- Environmental Economics
- Public Policy & the Environment
- Environmental Change & Process
- European Environmental Policy
- Environmental Law
- The Urban Environment: Risk, Resilience & Sustainability

### European Union Policy

- Comparative European Politics
- European Environmental Policy
- Politics European Governance
- EU Foreign & Security Policy

### Research Methods

- Qualitative Methods
- Introduction to Research Design
- Descriptive Statistics
- Inferential Statistics

### Regulatory Governance

- Online Regulation
- Law & Governance of the EU
- Issues in Comparative Charity Law
- Media Regulation
- Regulation of Food Safety
- European Environmental Law
- Corporate Governance

### Social & Health Policy

- Health, Illness & Society
- Comparing Healthcare Systems
- Patterns of Health & Wellbeing
- Demography & Family Policy
- Housing Planning & Sustainability

### Urban Policy

- Urban & Regional Development
- Urban & Regional Economics
- Cities in Developing World
- Evolutionary Economic Geography
- Housing Planning & Sustainability
- Urban Environment: Risk, Resilience & Sustainability



# Core Modules

## Evidence-Based Policy Making



School of Applied Social Science  
Lecturer: Dr Michelle Norris

In this module students will examine the use (and abuse) of different forms of knowledge and evidence in the policy making and implementation process; the generation and analysis of evidence for policy making and the impact of this on social scientific research.

The first of these issues is addressed during the opening part of the module. These sessions will examine:

- The role of different forms of evidence in the policy process;
- The role of different actors in producing evidence for policy;
- The relative weights attached to different types of evidence;
- How research interacts with other forms of evidence, such as media opinion; and,
- The challenges of providing evidence for policy making.

The second part of the module the methodologies most commonly employed in evaluation research are examined and their application in a number of evaluation research projects is critiqued. The closing session critically examines the impact which the evidence-based policy making agenda has had on social scientific research.

## Public Administration & Policy



Graduate School – College of Human Sciences  
Lecturer: Dr Mark Callanan

The purpose of this module is to explore the role played by systems of public administration in modern policy making. As well as considering a variety

of theories, models and frameworks for understanding the relationship between public administration and policy, the module examines some contemporary challenges and reforms which are changing the nature of this relationship. The influence of the EU and international organisations on national administrative systems also forms part of the module.

## Regulatory Governance



School of Law  
Lecturer: Professor Colin Scott

This module examines the processes and institutions associated with regulatory governance in OECD countries.

Topics covered include; the regulatory state; counterproductive regulation; setting regulatory norms; monitoring and enforcement; alternatives to classical regulation; non-state regulatory governance; supranational regulation; regulatory accountability and reform.

## Comparative Public Policy



School of Politics & International Relations  
Lecturer: Dr Niamh Hardiman

This seminar course takes a theoretically informed approach to explaining commonality and variation in policy outcomes in the advanced industrial societies. The course starts with an assessment of the competing explanatory claims made about the role of actors: interests, ideas, and institutional context. The emphasis though is on analysing patterns in policy performance across states. What kinds of similarities are there, and how can these be explained? Why are some countries outliers in some policy areas? How do domestic political institutions mediate the liberalizing pressures of globalization?

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