



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

MSc Geographies of the Global South (One Year Full Time)

The Global South accounts for over 80 per cent of the world's population, and represents enormous diversity and rapid transformation, commanding an ever-increasing role in global affairs. Many countries of the Global South have achieved impressive economic growth, including some of the fastest growing economies in the world. Yet, the Global South also houses the bulk of the global poor, with growth often accompanied by mounting spatial and socio-economic inequalities.

This MSc programme offers students a critical understanding of key issues and theoretical debates in contemporary geographies of the Global South.

This one-year degree is designed to provide students with an advanced knowledge of key challenges, potentials and contestations in the Global South at a range of scales and informed by local experiences of development, change and sustainability. A strong emphasis is placed on developing students' applied skills in geo-spatial technology and an understanding of their real-world application to Global South issues, research and to informing practice, planning and policy making.

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 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa for Non-EU students



Safety

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

Field experience in the Global South

Students are provided with an opportunity to gain first-hand experience carrying out a field-based research project in a Global South context. Field and class-based learning develops critical theoretical understanding of key conceptual issues; competency in geo-spatial technologies; and enhances research skills in preparation for a range of careers.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
taught modules

30 credits
dissertation

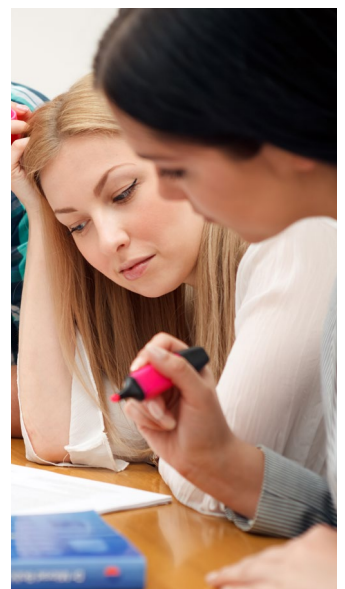
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Core modules:

- Geographies of the Global South
- Development in Asia
- Field Research in the Global South
- Geospatial Technologies: principles and applications
- Geographic Analysis
- Research Design
- Thesis

Indicative optional modules:

- International Economic Crisis
- Neoliberalism
- Geographies of Innovation
- Politics and Change in the Middle East and North Africa
- Poverty, Development and Global Justice
- Politics of Human Rights
- Global Migration
- Economic Globalisation and Social Change





Career Opportunities

The MSc Space and Place: Geographies of the Global South is designed to provide students with the key knowledge and practical transferable skillsets that will be a benefit in many careers. Graduates of this programme may progress to careers in:

- Further research, whether academic or professional,
- NGOs focused on the Global South
- International aid and/or development agencies
- Global multilateral agencies (United Nations, World Bank, UNICEF, etc.)
- Uni- or multinational think-tanks



Graduate Profile

Louise Sarsfield-Collins,
International Humanitarian
Law Advocacy Officer with
Irish Red Cross

"Having a strong sense of how the globalised world works and being cognisant of the geopolitical implications of events is knowledge that I gained in my degree that is vital to the work I do today. Studying geography in UCD provided me with the perfect set of skills in critical thinking; analysis; team work; problem solving and research to underpin my later studies in humanitarian action and in international law and continues to influence how I approach both my career and continued learning".

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should have a minimum of an honours degree or international equivalent at bachelors level.
- Relevant professional or voluntary experience may be considered as part of the application process.
- 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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