

MSc Geographies of the Global South

1 Year Full-Time Masters Programme

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



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.

Career Opportunities

The MSc *Space and Place: Geographies of the Global South* is designed to provide students with the key knowledge and a transferable skillsets of benefit in many careers. Graduates may progress to careers in: further research, whether academic or professional, NGOs focussed on the Global South, international aid and/or development agencies, global multilateral agencies (United Nations, World Bank, UNICEF, etc.), and uni- or multinational think tanks.

What is this degree about?

The Global South accounts for over 80 per cent of 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 geospatial technology and an understanding of their real-world application to Global South issues, research and to informing practice, planning and policy making. The development of methodological research skills is further supported by the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in carrying out a field-based research project in a Global South context.



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Course structure

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You will study the following core courses:

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

These will be supplemented by option modules from an indicative list including the following:

- 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

Graduate Profile

“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”.

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



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