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## MSc Humanitarian Action (15 Months Full Time)

The MSc in Humanitarian Action provides high quality academic education and professional competencies for those working or intending to work in the area of humanitarian action and related areas. It is part of the inter-university multidisciplinary graduate joint masters programme in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA Masters). The UCD Centre for Humanitarian Action (UCD-CHA) and NOHA are well recognised as key global institutional stakeholders in Humanitarian Studies. The programme supports its students to build suitable networks for research and internships.

The programme provides a dynamic classroom based learning environment, involving a variety of teaching methods such as lectures, simulations and field-trips. Furthermore, students get the opportunity to explore specific themes through second semester specialisations and a minor thesis. The MSc in Humanitarian Action brings together experts from academia and the field to lecture on the different modules. The masters programme has always attracted students from diverse backgrounds with varying degrees of experience in humanitarian and related fields.

### NOHA masters programme

NOHA consists of 9 European and 7 non-European universities. More than 3,000 NOHA graduates currently work in international and national agencies in humanitarian action and development.

## 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



### Safety

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

## Course Content and Structure

90 credits  
taught masters

60 credits  
taught modules

30 credits  
research and internship

Core modules include:

- Management
- Public Health
- Anthropology
- Geopolitics
- International Humanitarian Law

During the Orientation Period, students can opt to travel to a partner university to specialise in other themes such as:

- Post-conflict Rehabilitation
- International Institutions
- Legal and Geopolitical Approach to Humanitarian Action
- Disaster Analysis and Intervention
- Peace-building and Management
- Conflict
- Peace-building and Religion

Students undertake a minor thesis on a topic of their choice related to Humanitarian Action. They are also supported in undertaking work placements or internships with humanitarian organisations.





## Career Opportunities

Some 3,000 NOHA graduates currently work in the field of humanitarian relief and international co-operation.



They hold various positions of responsibility in all kinds of international and national agencies, institutions and organisations, both in the field and at headquarters level all around the world. Such positions include programme managers, protection officers, field/country directors, delegates, emergency team leaders, administrators, researchers, academics and consultants.

## Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

## Graduate Profile

### Evin Joyce, Visibility and Reporting Officer for the World Food Programme

When I was 21, I decided I wanted to work in the aid sector after volunteering as a teacher in a school in the slums of Delhi, India. As well as opening my eyes to the realities of extreme poverty, the personal satisfaction at the end of a day's work made my previous jobs pale in comparison. My route to Brussels and a job in the humanitarian sector began in 2010 when I enrolled in the NOHA masters in Humanitarian Action in UCD. The course threw us right into the subject with regular guest-lectures from humanitarian professionals. What I liked most was that our class of 26 was made up of students from 14 countries on 4 continents. Many of my classmates had previous field experience in humanitarian settings, often leading to very interesting discussions in class. Just before the course ended I was selected for an internship in the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) which co-finance the NOHA masters. For me and many of my classmates, NOHA has been an essential and hugely enriching stepping-stone towards work that I am privileged to be a part of.

## Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a minimum of an upper second class degree, or international equivalent, in a cognate subject.
- Given that this is an Erasmus Mundus programme, knowledge of languages of the place(s) of study is an asset. Practical experience in the area of humanitarian action and / or development is valued.
- 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.

## International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees). Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see [www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships) for further information.

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