



University College Dublin
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MSocSc Social Work (Two years full time or four years part time)

The MSocSc Social Work was developed for graduates who have completed a degree with a substantial social policy focus and who are interested in pursuing a career in social work. It is a two year, full-time graduate course providing accredited professional training in social work. The course provides generic social work training that includes two 14-week practice placements in a range of social-work settings. The course provides an integrated academic and social work practise curriculum that meets the

standards set by CORU (the Irish Social Work Regulation Board), which is widely recognised internationally.

You will undertake modules covering a range of social work theories, methods and skills. You study a range of social work practise settings for example, child protection and welfare, mental health social work, social work and disabilities, social work and addictions, medical social work and probation.

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

Premier programme of its kind in Ireland

UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice is a centre of excellence for research, teaching and professional training in social policy analysis, social work, equality and gender. It provides world class, innovative educational programmes, which are grounded in cutting edge research and strong links with policy makers, marginalised communities and the social professions.

Course Content and Structure

120 credits
taught masters

90 credits
Core modules

30 credits
dissertation

Year 1:

- Introduction to Professional Practice
- Family Law
- Child Welfare and Protection
- Counselling Social Work Skills 1
- Social Work Theories and Methods
- Group, Community and Policy
- Research Methods 1
- Social Work Practice Placement 1 (A fourteen week block placement)

Year 2:

- Justice and Human Rights
- Social Work in Health Care and Addiction
- Advanced Counselling Skills
- Group Work and Community Work
- Human Behaviour and Social Work theory
- Research Methods 2
- Social Work Practice Placement 2 (A fourteen-week block placement)





Career Opportunities

Graduates are qualified to work as a social worker and in a wide range of related social care roles such as: professional social work, counselling, health service management, community work and probation.



The MSocSc (Social Work) in UCD is widely recognised internationally as a professional social work qualification. Graduates have successfully registered as professional social workers in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.



Graduate Profile

Sarah McLaughlin, Social Worker in the US

My experience of studying the masters of Social Science (Social Work) at UCD has been overwhelmingly positive. The campus has excellent facilities and a proactive student body ensures a great student life definitely worth experiencing. The faculty in the School are extremely supportive and the curriculum is well recognised internationally.

During my two years, I was afforded the opportunity to complete a placement in Melbourne, Australia. Fellow students travelled to Cape Town, South Africa and others had interesting placements across Ireland. Now, working as a professional Social Worker, I realise that the masters provided an excellent basis for this challenging and rewarding career.

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in social policy or a degree that includes subjects such as public policy, policy research, government, social justice, social work, human and social rights, social disadvantage, and poverty and inequality. A lower second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Interviews are conducted in the second stage of selection for entry – these may be conducted by audio-visual link or Skype.
- Candidates must have completed at least 420 hours of relevant paid or voluntary employment experience by the time they commence the course, including at least 250 hours before 1st of February on year of admission.

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