



# UCD SCHOOL OF HISTORY & ARCHIVES

## MA IN HISTORY - NINETEENTH-CENTURY IRELAND

### **Nineteenth-Century Ireland: Politics, Culture, and Society**

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#### **About the MA**

This MA is a new innovative one-year postgraduate degree, which focuses on Ireland in the nineteenth century (c1800-c1914). The aim of the MA is to enable students to engage in critical debates about the 'state' of nineteenth-century Ireland while also considering the place of Ireland within the broader world. Students will have the opportunity to explore themes through various media; film, literature, and art, amongst others. At the core of the taught programme are two modules: one module explores the impact of key social, economic, political and cultural changes. A second module will consider the relationships Ireland and its people forged with the wider world. This module will consider various themes including Ireland's place within the British Empire, reactions to political movements outside Ireland and the impact of Irish migration. The modules are taught through seminars and students are given the opportunity to develop presentation skills, peer-review students' work and engage in lively intellectual debates. The largest written component of the MA is the 15,000-word dissertation, which is based on original research and is due in July. The dissertation topic can be drawn from anywhere within the theme of the MA programme, the only limitation being the availability of accessible sources.

Teaching staff on the programme include: Dr Catherine Cox, Professor Mary E Daly, Dr Paul Rouse, Dr Susannah Riordan, Dr Ivar McGrath and Professor Maurice Bric.

#### **Why do this MA?**

The MA fosters a lively intellectual community and provides students with rigorous training in analytical and presentation skills. The completion of an original thesis in particular allows students to develop expertise in time- and project-management, writing with clarity and precision, and communication skills. This expertise is vital to a variety of careers such as teaching, all forms of media, politics and academia. Students on the MA come from diverse academic backgrounds and pursue different careers.