



UCD School of  
Applied Social Science

# HIGHER DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL POLICY

## WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This course is for people who wish to change career and pursue further training and careers in Social Work or Social Policy.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?\*

The course provides a selection of modules from the BSocSc undergraduate Social Policy programme.

Core modules include:

- Exploring Contemporary Social Policy
- Social Policy, Social Issues & the Life Cycle
- Irish Social Policy & the Welfare State
- Policy Development & Evaluation
- Theories & Concepts
- The Economics of Social Policy

Optional modules include:

- Introduction to Social Work
- Social Work in Practice
- Crime, Social Services & the Justice System
- Housing Policies, Markets & Homes
- Comparative Social Policy
- Migration, Ethnicity & Social Change
- History and Development of Social Policy
- Social Policy & the Environment
- Gender & Social Policy Analysis
- Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights

*\* Programmes are subject to continuing development and the university reserves the right to make changes at any time, before or after a student's admission.*

## WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

It is a 1 year, full-time course providing a foundation in Social Policy for graduates of other disciplines.

## WHY STUDY AT UCD?

- Ranked in the top 1% of the world's universities
- Ireland's leader in graduate education
- Ireland's leading School of Applied Social Science

## WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

The minimum standard for entry is a level 8 degree in any subject. However, students are normally expected to have achieved a minimum grade of 2.2 (Second Class Honours, Grade 2).

This course gave me an excellent foundation in social policy, both Irish and international. Many of the lecturers are engaged in leading research in their respective fields and students benefit hugely from this expertise and passion. The introduction to social work practice provided by this course also confirmed for me that social work was indeed the career I wished to pursue. Coming from a different academic discipline, this year gave me the base I needed to go on to apply for a Masters in Social Work.

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Kathryn Reynolds

GRADUATE PATHWAY

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