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The UCD School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe) is the oldest and the largest school of its kind in Ireland, with over 150 years of experience in political studies and a world-renowned staff drawn from many countries.

The School's graduate programme offers taught degrees in a wide range of areas, including development studies, international relations, Irish and European politics, conflict studies, human rights, and political theory. It also offers two structured research degrees: the MLitt and the PhD. Students in all of these programmes have access to visiting speakers and other activities of the School's research centres: the Centre for Development Studies, the Dublin European Institute, and the Institute for British-Irish Studies.

SPIRe currently has nearly 170 postgraduate students from over 30 countries. Our graduates work at leading universities and in governments, EU institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, the media, business and the voluntary sector. They are known for their ability to communicate clearly and effectively about complex issues, their ability to analyse and resolve difficult problems, and their contribution to scholarship.

You can apply to us online at www.ucd.ie/apply. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at spire.graduate@ucd.ie.

Professor Paul Walsh
Head of School

University College Dublin

University College Dublin (UCD) is Ireland's largest university, with 22,000 students – over 6,000 of whom are graduate students from many different countries. The School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe) is located on UCD's main campus in Belfield, 5 kilometers south of Dublin city centre and only a short distance from the coast. The large modern campus features several libraries, sports facilities, restaurants, pubs and student residences, plus easy bus connections to and from the city centre. Students may apply for accommodation in one of UCD's campus residences or avail of some of the wide range of private accommodation available in the city.

Dublin is Ireland's capital and largest city. It is known not only as the birthplace or home of many famous writers and artists – from James Joyce to Oscar Wilde, Bono to Sinéad O'Connor – but also as the heart of Ireland's tremendous economic success since the early 1990s. In recent years, Dublin has experienced considerable immigration from around the world, making it increasingly multicultural in character.



Glenomena Student Residence

Scholarships and Funding

Graduate students may apply for funding from a variety of sources. Some funding sources that are tied to a particular programme are listed later. For further details on graduate funding, please visit www.ucd.ie/spire.

MA Politics (European Politics)

Duration: one year full time; two years part time

General Information

The fates of Europe's states, as well as the lives of their citizens, are increasingly intertwined across national borders. Against this background, this programme is designed to deepen students' knowledge of European politics at the comparative-national level and the level of the European Union. All students take a combination of core and elective modules and then write a research thesis under the supervision of one of the European politics specialists in the School of Politics and International Relations. The European Politics stream of the MA programme in Politics is ideally suited to students seeking a deeper knowledge of the theory and practice of European governance. In addition, its research-oriented components provide very good foundations for further studies related to European politics.

The Programme

The MA Politics is a 90-credit programme. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in the first semester, three 10-credit modules in the second semester and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be confirmed). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits. Part-time students take a total of 90 credits over two years.

At the core of the programme are modules focusing on the theory of European integration, the study of European politics in a comparative context, the external relations of the European Union, public policy and public opinion. Remaining modules can be taken from a variety of options in other aspects of European politics and international relations. Students in this programme are also welcome to attend the visiting lectures, conferences and other events sponsored by the UCD Dublin European Institute.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

In addition to substantive knowledge on the theory and practice of European governance, the programme provides students with the skills needed to conduct independent scientific research. It is thus designed for those who intend to pursue jobs in government, European institutions, voluntary organisations/NGOs, and the media, as well as for students who are considering studying European politics at the doctoral level.



Newman Building

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for information on scholarships and funding opportunities.

General Information

The study of Irish politics at UCD has deep roots, extending back to the nineteenth century, and has been headed in the past by distinguished specialists in the area such as John Whyte and Tom Garvin. In addition, the school is home to the Institute for British-Irish Studies, founded at UCD in 1999, which has been promoting a programme of academic analysis and public outreach in the areas of the changing relations between Britain and Ireland, between the two states and the two traditions on the island of Ireland, and between the communities in Northern Ireland, in a comparative historical context. Both the school and the institute organise events at which visiting academic speakers, politicians, public servants, journalists and others may engage in dialogue.

The Programme

The programme offers an attractive and flexible set of options whereby students can follow a themed pathway of study, yet avail of a range of options that can deepen their understanding of their chosen field, and diversify their interests into other areas of study. It provides students with the theoretical, methodological and historical tools, and the access to resources and networks, that are needed to allow them to analyse patterns of contemporary politics in Ireland, including relationships between political traditions on the island, and between Ireland and Great Britain.

The programme is a 90-credit one. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in the first semester, three 10-credit modules in the second semester and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be confirmed). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits. Part-time students take a total of 90 credits over two years.

Three modules form part of the core curriculum, focusing on methodology and research design, politics in the Republic of Ireland, and politics in Northern

Ireland. The remaining three modules can be selected from a wide range of options. These change every year, but typically cover such areas as aspects of comparative politics, nationalism, ethnic conflict resolution, the European integration process, and human rights issues. Over the summer, students complete a thesis of approximately 10,000 words. Students are assigned an academic supervisor to help them choose their topic and guide their research.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

As with most other qualifications in the social sciences, the MA Politics (Irish Politics) offers no single predefined career path. Some graduates continue studying towards a PhD or towards professional qualifications in areas such as law or commerce. Others work in public administration, journalism, business, and the voluntary sector.

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Travel grants may be available from the John Whyte Trust Fund for Politics graduates of Queens University Belfast.

Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for further information on scholarships and funding opportunities.

MA Politics (Political Theory)

Duration: one year full time; two years part time

General Information

Political theory—reflection on the nature and morality of politics—is almost as old as politics itself. As part of humans' understanding of their condition, it has always been understood as valuable in its own right. More recently, changes in contemporary societies have made such thinking indispensable to understanding and participating in the life of one's own state and a newly global world. Political theory combines a rigorous approach to analysing problems with an imaginative search for solutions. Thus government, media and other groups with immediate practical concerns increasingly look to political theory to find new ways forward in situations of conflict, inequality and global change. SPIRe has a tradition of strength in political theory, addressing issues such as democracy, justice, human rights, citizenship, multiculturalism and immigration, security and terror, freedom and inequality, which call for reflection on the moral implications of politics and knowledge of the history of political thought.

The Programme

The programme is a 90-credit one. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in the first semester, three 10-credit modules in the second semester and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be confirmed). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits. Part-time students take a total of 90 credits over two years.

Students take core modules in human rights theory, international political theory and research design; two further political theory modules, and two modules from a range of politics modules. Over the summer, students complete a thesis of approximately 10,000 words. Students are assigned an academic supervisor to help them choose their topic and guide their research.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

As with most other qualifications in the social sciences, the MA in Political Theory offers no single predefined career path. Some graduates continue studying towards a PhD or towards professional qualifications in areas such as law or commerce. Others work in government, journalism, business, and the voluntary sector.



Restaurant (Beside Newman Bldg)

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

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General Information

The post-Lisbon Treaty broadening and deepening of the European Union's policy responsibilities, as well as the inclusion of new member states in recent years, have made the EU an increasingly diverse and complex system of regional governance. These developments have created exciting new opportunities for professionals who are capable of working in a cross-national context, who understand the new political, legal, economic and social structures in Europe, and who can engage in innovative processes of policy-making. Drawing on UCD's expertise in these areas, the MEconSc in European Public Affairs and Law is ideal for those seeking to launch or advance a career in national administrations relating to the EU, in the various EU institutions themselves, or elsewhere in the private, public and voluntary spheres. It also provides a strong foundation for further academic research.

The Programme

The MEconSc in European Public Affairs and Law is designed to equip graduates with strong expertise in contemporary European affairs. Building on the long-standing success of its predecessor, the MEconSc in European Economic and Public Affairs, the degree is re-launched this year with an enhanced emphasis on public affairs and law.

Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in each of two semesters, together with a 5-credit Research Design module. There are complementary core modules across the disciplines of Politics and International Relations, Law and Economics, together with an elective taken from these one of these disciplines or Business. Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits in the area of European politics, international relations or public affairs.

Additionally, there is a study trip to Brussels to enable participants to engage first-hand with European officials and policy experts.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

Whether working in the private, public or voluntary sectors, the ability to explain Europe's past, to analyse its present and to advise on its future is of crucial importance. The MEconSc qualifies students ideally to work in variety of spheres, including the institutions of the EU and other international bodies; national government structures; think tanks and other policy-oriented organizations.



SPIRe Seminar Room

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Government of Ireland scholarships may be available for applicants who are national government officials of new member states and applicant states of the European Union. See website for updated information.

Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for further information on scholarships and funding opportunities.

General Information

The aim of development is to improve quality of life in a world characterised by unprecedented opulence but also by widespread deprivation, destitution and poverty. Development, however, is about more than higher incomes – it is a multidimensional process of change in social structures, posing challenges in such areas as the reduction of inequality, the eradication of poverty and the expansion of the range of economic and social choices.

The academic subject of Development Studies focuses on processes of social, political and economic change taking place primarily – although not exclusively – in developing countries. Teaching and research on development is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, bringing together academic expertise in politics, economics, agriculture, political economy and other areas, while also drawing on the broader strengths of the School of Politics and International Relations.

The programme is designed to provide participants with an interdisciplinary understanding of the process of development and with a range of skills to enable them to work effectively in this field. The programme is also designed to develop participants' existing skills by critically evaluating these from the perspective of a number of disciplines.

The Programme

The MSc in Development Studies is a 90-credit programme. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in the first semester, three 10-credit modules in the second semester and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be confirmed). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits; students are assigned an academic supervisor to help them choose their thesis topic and guide their research.

Three core modules in the programme focus on the politics, economics and political economy of development (Human and Economic Development, Governing the Global Economy and Politics of Development). Three additional modules may be chosen from a wide range of options: these can change from year to year but typically cover areas such as Food Security, Development

Management, Political Economy of Transition, Africa in Crisis?, Development and Global Justice, Human Rights, the Politics of the Middle East and others. It is also possible for UCD Development Studies students to take relevant modules available in Trinity College Dublin, subject to availability.

Students taking the MSc (Development Studies) on a part-time basis complete the coursework and thesis requirements of the programme over a planned two-year period.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

The MSc in Development Studies may lead to careers in a wide number of areas. Some students may continue studying towards a PhD. Graduates of the programme have found employment with the official Irish Aid programme, in Irish and international non-governmental organisations, with agencies of the European Union and the United Nations, in journalism, education and local community development among others.

Scholarships And Funding Opportunities

The Department of Foreign Affairs under the aegis of its Irish Aid Programme offers annual funding to selected nationals from certain developing countries for graduate programmes in Irish third level institutions. Please consult the Irish Aid website at www.irishaid.gov.ie. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for further information on scholarships and funding opportunities.

Grad Dip Development Studies

Duration: one year full time; two years part time

General Information

The aim of development is to improve quality of life in a world characterised by unprecedented opulence but also by widespread deprivation, destitution and poverty. Development, however, is about more than higher incomes – it is a multidimensional process of change in social structures, posing challenges in such areas as the reduction of inequality, the eradication of poverty and the expansion of the range of economic and social choices.

The academic subject of Development Studies focuses on processes of social, political and economic change taking place primarily – although not exclusively – in developing countries. Teaching and research on development is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, bringing together academic expertise in politics, economics, agriculture, political economy and other areas, while also drawing on the broader strengths of the School of Politics and International Relations.

The Programme

The Graduate Diploma in Development Studies is designed to provide participants with an interdisciplinary understanding of the process of development and with a range of skills to enable them to work effectively in this field. Unlike the MSc (Development Studies), this programme does not require the completion of a minor thesis.

Students taking the Graduate Diploma in Development Studies on a full-time basis take six modules over two semesters. Three of these are core modules in the politics, economics and political economy of development (Human and Economic Development, Governing the Global Economy and Politics of Development). Three other modules are to be chosen from a wide range of options: these can change from year to year but typically cover areas such as Food Security, Development Management, Political Economy of Transition, Africa in Crisis?, Development and Global Justice, Human Rights, the Politics of the Middle East and others.

Students taking the Graduate Diploma in Development Studies on a part-time basis complete the course-work over a two year period.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

The Graduate Diploma in Development Studies may lead to careers in a wide number of areas. Graduates of the programme have found employment with the official Irish Aid programme, in Irish and international non-governmental organisations, with agencies of the European Union and the United Nations, in journalism, education and local community development among others. Students who achieve a high overall grade in coursework may apply to complete the MSc (Development Studies programme; this requires submission of a minor thesis).

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

The Department of Foreign Affairs under the aegis of its Irish Aid Programme offers annual funding to selected nationals from certain developing countries for graduate programmes in Irish third level institutions. Please consult the Irish Aid website at www.irishaid.gov.ie.

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General Information

The concept of human rights refers primarily to the relations between governments and their citizens. Political theory explains and evaluates these relations. Political science describes and explains variations in how governments interpret and respond to human rights claims. The institutional expression of human rights occurs in the legal frameworks of international and national human rights law. The inter-disciplinarity of human rights is served by the strengths of the School in social contract theory, citizenship, social and international justice, development, international relations, comparative politics and ethno-national conflict. The School has national and international connections with governmental and non-governmental organizations and is a founding member of the European Inter-University Centre which manages the European MA in Human Rights and Democratisation.

The Programme

The MSc Human Rights is a 90-credit programme taught jointly by staff in the School of Politics and International Relations and the School of Law. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in both the first and the second semesters, and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be announced). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits. Part-time students take a total of 90 credits over two years.

Full-time students take six modules over two semesters. In the first semester, these include the political theory of human rights, the international law of human rights, and one elective. In the second semester, these include the politics of human rights, the European law of human rights, and one elective. Elective modules change from year to year but typically include such topics as the Northern Ireland conflict, international political theory, comparative ethnic conflict, contemporary debates on citizenship, Africa in crisis, food security, political economy of transition, and issues in international relations.

Over the summer, students complete a thesis of approximately 10,000 words. As part of their thesis preparation, students take a compulsory half-module on research design. Students are assigned an academic supervisor to help them choose their topic and guide their research.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

As with most other qualifications in the social sciences, there is no single predefined career path, but it is a complement to many career choices, including teaching, business, journalism, and public administration. Some graduates continue studying towards a PhD. Graduates seeking work in the human rights field typically start as interns with national or international NGOs or with governmental organizations.

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for scholarships and funding opportunities.

General Information

As an academic discipline international relations deals with the causes and consequences of international phenomena such as war, trade, regional integration, migration and terrorism. While rooted in political science, teaching and research on international relations at SPIRe brings together different methodologies and theoretical perspectives. Particular strengths in the School include international political economy, international security, cultural and social-psychological approaches to international politics, regional integration, international institutions, development and human rights. Geographical expertise centres on Europe, Africa, North America and the Middle East.

The Programme

The MSc International Relations is a 90-credit programme. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in the first semester, three 10-credit modules in the second semester and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be confirmed). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits. Part-time students take a total of 90 credits over two years.

Students take six modules over two semesters. Three modules form part of the core international relations curriculum, focusing on analytical international relations theory, methodology and research design. The remaining three modules can be selected from a wide range of options. These change every year, but typically include subjects such as the European Union, politics in the Middle East, US foreign policy, international political economy and normative international theory. Over the summer, students complete a thesis of approximately 10,000 words. Students are assigned an academic supervisor to help them choose their topic and guide their research.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

As with most other qualifications in the social sciences, the degree offers no single predefined career path. Some graduates continue studying towards a PhD or towards professional qualifications in areas such as law or commerce. Others work in public administration, journalism, business, and the voluntary sector.



Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for scholarships and funding opportunities.

MSc Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict

Duration: one year full time; two years part time

General Information

This programme uses comparative political science models and methods to analyse patterns of conflict and settlement. Among the issues covered are the different ways that religion, ethnicity and inequality combine to generate violence. Examples range from Estonia to India, from Transylvania to Cyprus and from Northern Ireland to the Basque Country. Other key topics include different models of conflict and settlement, from consociationalism to federalism to partition and the role of international interventions. The wide range of expertise in SPIRe feeds into the programme, with its specialist resources in the study of theories of ethnicity, identity, conflict; comparative ethnic conflict; Northern Ireland, Western Europe and relevant cognate specialisms in civic republicanism, justice and human rights, international security, European politics, and development studies.

The Programme

The MSc Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict is a 90-credit programme. Full-time students must take three 10-credit modules in the first semester, three 10-credit modules in the second semester and a 5-credit Research Design module (semester to be confirmed). Students must also submit a thesis worth 25 credits. Part-time students take a total of 90 credits over two years.

Students take six modules over two semesters. There are two core modules in comparative ethnicity, conflict and settlement. There are optional courses on a wide range of conflicts from Northern Ireland to the Middle East and Africa, on institutions and norms of multi-ethnic polities and multi-level governance, and on international security and human rights. Students can choose to specialise in (a) Comparative Ethnic Conflict or (b) British Irish Studies (adding courses on Northern Ireland, Irish Political Development, and participation in IBIS events). There is opportunity to tailor one's own course profile by mixing options and

auditing courses. Funded doctoral and post-doctoral research on conflict in the Global Irish Institute and the Institute for British Irish Studies creates a lively intellectual environment. Students are often offered special topics courses related to research projects and specialist workshops and conferences. Over the summer, students complete a thesis of approximately 10,000 words. A thesis supervisor is assigned early in the second semester.

Admission Requirements

Each application is considered on its individual merits. The applicants should have earned an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject with at least Upper Second Class Honours, or its equivalent, such as an overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher in the American system. Relevant professional experience will also be taken into account. Note that these are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission. Applicants in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted conditional on satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree.

Career Prospects

International bodies commonly seek professionals with academic backgrounds provided by programmes such as this. Graduate students who have specialised in the study of conflict at UCD are now in a variety of fields: successful lecturers at other universities; advisors to political parties; professionals in the semi-state sector or the NGO sector (Co-operation Ireland). It is also a key field for those wishing to work in policy-making and conflict resolution: the civil service, police, army, or domestic aid organisations.

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

Please see www.ucd.ie/spire for further information on scholarships and funding opportunities.

General Information

The joint TCD-UCD Masters degree in Development Practice (MDP) is a new two-year programme that offers a world class training and education in development practice at graduate level. The first intake of students will be in September 2010, with a pre-entry intensive training programme held in August 2010.

The Programme

The Masters in Development Practice will develop the core competencies required by practitioners in international development. The programme combines a range of teaching and learning approaches and mechanisms in the seminar room and in the field, and brings to bear expertise from both academics and practitioners. This approach will develop capabilities and capacities in students so that they can understand the theories, practices and languages of different specialities.

The four pillars of the MDP are Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Economics, Management and Health Sciences. Particular emphasis will be laid upon the interconnectedness between politics, governance, civil society, health, environmental conflict and climate change, amongst others. This will enable students to visualise, design and implement collaborative sustainable development solutions and work flexibly as development practitioners across a variety of contexts.

The Masters in Development Practice (MDP) is funded by the MacArthur Foundation (U.S.A.) and is part of a global network of Masters degrees in Development Practice, headquartered at Columbia University in the United States. The MDP will be delivered jointly by TCD and UCD in collaboration with the National University of Rwanda, Realizing Rights, Trócaire, Kimmage Development Studies Centre and Earthmind. Students will be jointly registered at TCD and UCD.

Course Modules and Fieldwork

There are four key pillars in the MDP curriculum: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Management and Health Sciences. The course will be taught by staff from TCD and UCD with input from the National University of Rwanda, Kimmage Development Studies Centre, Realizing Rights and Trócaire.

Planned modules are listed at www.naturalscience.tcd.ie along with their coordinators. Further details on the core and additional modules will be made available in due course.

The National University of Rwanda is a key partner and students will spend a portion of time completing cross-disciplinary fieldwork in Rwanda as well as in Geneva and Liberia.

Admission Requirements

Entry to the program will be based on competitive selection. Applications for admission are accepted from

- holders of first or upper-second class honours degrees (grade point average 3.5 equivalent) awarded by recognised universities and institutions, and recognised degree awarding bodies (e.g. NCEA, CNAA);
- holders of other degrees from recognised universities or degree granting institutions who have experienced at least three years of appropriate employment;
- holders of recognised professional qualifications obtained through examinations who have spent at least four years in study and who, in addition, have been employed for at least two years in the work of their profession;
- holders of diplomas obtained through examinations who have spent three years at least in full-time study at a recognised third-level educational institution and who, in addition, have experienced a minimum of five years appropriate employment.

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit evidence of competency in English in a test administered by an institution independent of their own university (e.g. the British Council).

Applications must be made online, using the PAC system (www.pac.ie/tcd)
For further information please look at:
http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/prospectivestudents/index.php

Career Prospects

A wide variety of careers will be open to graduates from this programme in overseas development assistance for public, private and non-governmental organizations. It is envisaged that the programme will also attract active professionals already working in these fields who wish to strengthen their qualifications.

Assistance for International Students

International Students Office at Trinity College Dublin
International Students Office at University College Dublin

Funding Opportunities

MacArthur Fellowships:

A limited number of MacArthur fellowships are available for students who are citizens of developing countries as defined by the World Bank (for a list of eligible countries see below), please email carmodyp@tcd.ie for further information.

The Irish Aid Fellowship Training Programme:

For more information visit the website of the Irish Council for International Students (ICOS):

Private Sector Fellowships

Details of available private sector fellowships will be posted on the website as they arise.



James Joyce Main Library and Belfield Lake

Applying to our graduate taught programmes involves two steps.

First, applicants must complete an on-line application at www.ucd.ie/apply.

Those who experience technical difficulties applying online should contact the Online Applications Team at www.ucd.ie/apply/help.html, for further advice.

Second, applicants need to submit the following documents:

- Official transcripts of undergraduate degree(s) and grades
- Two reference letters commenting on the applicant's educational background and readiness for graduate training
- Copy of birth certificate or passport
- For non-native English speakers only: proof of English language competence (see details below)
- Application fee by cheque made payable to University College Dublin (only for those who have not paid via the on-line application).



Applicants may upload their documentation once the online application has been submitted. Please note that this is the preferred method of submission. Instructions for the upload process are available at:

www.ucd.ie/apply/Upload%20facility%20applicant%20instructions.pdf.

Alternatively hard copies of supporting documents may be sent to Martin Hurley, Online Applications, Tierney Building, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Applicants whose first language is not English should have met TOEFL, IELTS, or computer-based TOEFL requirements (600, 7, or 250 respectively), or the Cambridge English Test (Certificate in Advanced English at a minimum of Grade B, or Certificate of Proficiency in English at Grade C). Applicants who obtained a previous degree from an English-speaking university may be exempted from this requirement.

Accommodation:

www.ucd.ie/residences/mainmenu/studentaccommodation

Assistance for International Students:

www.ucd.ie/international

Visas:

For information on obtaining an Irish visa please see the website of the Irish Department for Foreign Affairs.

www.foreignaffairs.gov.ie

Fees:

www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/

SPIRe Postgraduate Study Room (equipped with computers and WiFi)



This is a list of SPIRe staff in 2009/10 academic year.

For a current list, see www.ucd.ie/spire.

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