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Global Engagement Master's Partnership Pathway Programme



The Global Engagement Master's Partnership Pathway (GEMPP) Programmes offer students the best way to prepare for their world class UCD master's degree through a combination of academic, language, cultural, and study skills modules.

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The GEMPP Programmes offer a one semester programme starting in January (3.5+0.5+1) or a two semester programme beginning in September (3+1+1). Students take English for Academic Purposes and subject-specific modules, plus options in thesis preparation, cultural studies, and creative thinking, preparing them for their UCD master's programmes.

GEMPP students at UCD enjoy full access to a comprehensive suite of student support services and amenities, designed to enrich their university experience. These resources include the Career Network, which provides guidance on career planning and opportunities, the extensive University Library, and the vibrant Student Centre, home to a swimming pool, cinema, sports halls, and a variety of other amenities.

GEMPP students must meet the academic entry requirements of their chosen master's programme. Students meeting the programme's progression requirements are guaranteed admission to that master's. Progression requirements may vary by programme. All necessary credits will be transferred to students' home universities after completing the programme.

For further information on progression requirements and for a list of master's available through our GEMPP Programme, please visit www.ucd.ie/cegl/programmes/pathways/ge%20pmp/

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Programme	Length	English Language Requirements*	Date
3+1+1	2 semesters	IELTS 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0)	September - May
3.5+0.5+1	1 semester	IELTS 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5)	January - May

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*Please note: Some GEMPP programmes require higher English language scores. For further information please contact premasters@ucd.ie

WHY STUDY AT UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with over 170 years of teaching & research excellence



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global Community

Over 11,100 international students from over 150 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; two-year stay-back visa (for non-EU students)



Safety

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





COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules	Credits	Option Modules	Credits
Semester 1		Semester 1 (choose 1)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Listening & Speaking I Academic Reading & Writing I 1 academic module (related to chosen master's) 	10 10 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern Ireland: Culture and Society Creative Thinking & Innovation Preparing for Your Future Career 	5 5 5
Semester 2*		Semester 2* (choose 1)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Listening & Speaking II Academic Reading & Writing II 1 or 2 academic modules (related to chosen master's) 	7.5 7.5 5/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern Ireland: Culture and Society Creative Thinking & Innovation Thesis Planning, Writing & Presentation Preparing for Your Future Career 	5 5 5 5



Graduate Profile

**Yiran Li, GEMPP UCD-TJUS*
Progressed to MSc Sport Management**

I am a master's student majoring in Sport Management. I joined the 3+1+1 GEMPP programme in 2023 through the UCD-TJUS* collaboration. The programme's professional courses provided me with an excellent foundation and significantly helped me transition smoothly into my master's studies.

This program has been instrumental in improving my communication skills, group collaboration, and academic writing. Moreover, it has given me valuable insights into the Irish sports industry, equipping me with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue career opportunities in this field.

At present, I am planning to find a job in Ireland. The program has not only deepened my academic understanding but also enhanced my ability to adapt to and thrive in the professional sports management sector in Ireland.

*Tianjin University of Sport

***Please note:** Students on the 3.5+0.5+1 programme start in semester 2 and take semester 2 modules only.

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OPPORTUNITIES:

In addition to their classes, GEMPP students have unique opportunities to connect with the UCD community and explore Ireland, including:

- Meeting with academics or representatives from their master's
- Receiving a scholarship towards their master's tuition upon successful completion
- Career guidance talks
- Day trips exploring Ireland's breathtaking scenery
- Option to change their master's during the GEMPP



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In 2024/25, **100%** of GEMPP students met the progression requirements for their master's.

CONTACT US

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