MA Geography
1 Year Full-Time Masters Programme

Developing critical theoretical understanding, geospatial technological competency and field-based research skills

What is this degree about?
The MA in Geography will provide you with the opportunity to develop a range of skills and knowledge focusing on human, environmental and physical geography. During the course you will undertake a cohesive set of core modules covering a broad base of key skill and knowledge sets and you will also have the opportunity to select a number of optional modules that allow you to focus in greater depth on specific subject areas like the physical geography of cities, international economic crisis, the culture of urban regeneration, or historical geographies of Ireland. The final component of the MA in Geography is the opportunity to further enhance your specialist interests and hone your research skills by completing a thesis, involving primary research under the supervision of an experienced academic, on a topic of your choice.

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

Course Content and Structure

The MA in Geography equips the students with an in-depth understanding of geographical issues and problems in a number of areas, such as the environment, climate change, urban processes and landscapes, geomorphology and mapping. The program comprises of coursework, a dissertation and fieldwork in Ireland or in Europe (varies by year). The MA in Geography offers the opportunity to develop one's geographical skillset to a high level and also to hone one's skills in independent research under the supervision of an experienced member of academic staff. As such, it is excellent preparation for a career or further research degree.

**Core modules:**
- Research Design
- Geospatial Technologies, Principles and Applications
- Geographic Analysis
- Interpreting Urban Landscapes
- Thesis

**Indicative optional modules:**
- Biodiversity, Conservation & Climate Change
- Global Migration
- Landscape Management & Characterisation
- Archaeology & World Heritage
- Management in Ireland
- International Economic Crisis
- Contested Urban Environments
- Critical Geopolitics
Career Opportunities

This program will provide you with a range of academic and transferable skills that will be a benefit in many careers. Graduates of this programme may progress to doctoral study, careers in government, international aid agencies, global multilateral agencies (United Nations, World Bank, UNICEF, etc.), human rights institutions (Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc.), think tanks and research bodies.

Past graduates have gone on to work as:

- Teachers at primary and secondary level
- Researchers with government agencies and departments
- Private-sector consultants and researchers
- Aid workers in developing countries
- Marketing and business executives, following further professional training
- Planners and local government officials
- Geographical information systems specialists
- Researchers and lecturers in UCD, University of Bristol, Louisiana State University, and many other institutions.

Fees
Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

Applicants should have a minimum of an upper second class honours (2:1) degree or international equivalent at bachelor's level.

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Graduate Profile

Mei Han, China

"The MA Geography has been a great benefit to me. I have learned very strong analytical skills in Geography. There are quite a few optional modules that I could choose based on my interests and research orientation. The lecturers are all professional and nice, always patient with my questions."

Related Masters

MA Geographies of the Global South
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