MA in Geopolitics & the Global Economy (One Year Full Time)

The MA in Geopolitics & the Global Economy equips students with an in-depth understanding of international relations, war, and conflict resolution as well as national, local and regional economic development, global economic processes, global political events and the knowledge economy.

The course includes fieldwork in an overseas location such as Berlin, Madrid, or Reykjavik. Students acquire a solid grounding in the key knowledge and skills required by a geographer specialising in political or economic geography. Students can choose whether to study the political geography of Europe or US foreign policy in detail and can select a number of optional courses to focus on subject areas that interest them. These optional courses introduce the opportunity for interdisciplinary study with courses offered in political science, history and American studies.

Top International Ranking

UCD School of Geography has an established international track record as a leading research centre in a variety of specialised areas pertaining to the spatial analysis of socio-economic phenomena, and is in the Top 100 QS World University Rankings by subject area.

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Core modules:
- Geographic Analysis
- Research Design
- International Economic Crisis
- International Fieldwork
- Dissertation

Optional modules include:
- America and Globalisation
- Africa: Crisis or Opportunity
- Ethnicity and Conflict
- Northern Ireland
- The Economics of Europe
- Governing the Global Economy
- Economic Globalisation and Society
- Urban and Regional Development
- Development in Asia
- Geography of Innovation

Why study at UCD?

- Tradition
  Established 1854, with 180 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 career support; two-year stay-back visa for Non-EU students
- Safety
  Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre
Career Opportunities

Graduates work in government agencies, international aid agencies, global multilateral agencies, human rights institutions, think-tanks, research bodies and private firms in roles such as researchers, lecturers, aid workers, GIS specialists, planners and local government officials.

Graduates now work in organisations such as:
- UN
- World Bank
- UNICEF
- Amnesty International
- Human Rights Watch
- Deloitte

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in geography or a related discipline including political science, history, economics and sociology, or professionals working in related fields.
- Applicants should have a minimum of an upper second class honours (2:1) degree or international equivalent at bachelors level.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

Graduate Profile

Ryan McCarrel, US, Graduate, International Research Fellow at the Caucasus Research Resource Center – Azerbaijan

Getting my MA in Geopolitics and the Global Economy at UCD gave me an opportunity to study with some leading academics in their field. Lectures were engaging and thought-provoking, challenging me to think critically about some of the most prescient issues confronting the world today.

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