



University College Dublin
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MSc Equality Studies (One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

The MSc in Equality Studies was designed for those who wish to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of global social justice issues and explore strategies for change. Drawing students from across the globe, the course emphasises the relationship of theory to practice with a view to bringing about positive social change. You learn about and develop your own ideas on a wide range of equality, human rights and global justice issues. You will benefit from the opportunity to specialise in areas of particular interest such as capitalism and social justice,

gender justice and feminism, global inequalities, human rights law and practice, and minorities and discrimination.

The learning environment is student-centred and participatory with students from a wide a range of backgrounds with diverse experience and interests including community activists, development practitioners, educators, healthcare professionals, civil servants and journalists.

Unique In Europe

The MSc in Equality Studies is the only masters of its kind in Europe and offers a unique opportunity to examine global equality issues from a range of perspectives. The UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice is widely respected for its theoretical work on equality and for its active engagement with social movements and with statutory bodies to bring about egalitarian-led change. UCD itself has a strong tradition of activism.

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

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
Core Modules

30 credits
Option modules

OR

30 credits
dissertation

Core modules:

- Achieving Egalitarian Change
- Economics of Inequality
- Egalitarian Theory and Practice
- Gender Justice: Feminist and Critical Perspectives
- Global Justice and Development
- Human Rights Law and Equality
- Sociology of Inequality

Optional modules: (indicative list, see full list online)

- Children's Rights, Participation and Well-being
- Disability and Equality
- Equality and the Media
- Global Finance, Money and Power
- Racism and Anti-Racism
- Reproductive Justice and Sexual Health
- Feminist and Egalitarian Research
- Education and Equality





Career Opportunities

Equality Studies graduates work in multiple fields including politics, journalism, law, education, public policy, voluntary and community work, and human rights advocacy.

Alumni of the Masters in Equality Studies are employed by major national and international human rights and development organisations such as Amnesty International and the United Nations.



Graduate Profile

Mona Lotfipour,
USA, Graduate

The MSc in Equality Studies has given me the skills to think critically about complex issues in addition to feeling more empowered to lead change. After completing my degree in biochemistry and molecular biology, I was passionate to learn more about human-rights topics. In addition to learning about inequality in different developed and developing countries, as one of the American students in the class, it was a very unique experience to learn about inequalities in the United States from a different perspective. The world-renowned faculty provide an interdisciplinary framework that includes a wide range of courses such as human-rights law, international economics, philosophy and theory. Fixing inequalities requires an interdisciplinary focus. As I continue my studies at Penn State Hershey College of Medicine, I know that the skills and ideas that I learned as a student in UCD will equip me to create change as I serve thousands of patients who face inequalities.

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a lower second class honours or international equivalent in their primary degree.
- 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.

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