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## MA Women, Gender and Society (One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

Gender plays a crucial role in the way we see the world and in how the world is organised. The MA Women, Gender and Society was developed for those who want to examine society from a gender standpoint and to explore the process of achieving social and economic justice based on gender equality. A feminist perspective offers a complex understanding of how inequality and oppression work locally and globally and offers rich insights into the way multiple discrimination works across gender, race, sexual orientation, disability and age.

The MA Women, Gender and Society provides students with an opportunity to acquire a critical understanding of contemporary society and to develop their knowledge and understanding of the central importance of gender in policymaking and in the process of social change. Students acquire a critical understanding of the gendered nature of economic and social systems and a new outlook on gender roles, sexualities and identities in contemporary society.

### Strong tradition of School activism

UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice believes in the central role of public intellectuals and has a strong tradition of attracting prominent social activists and encouraging student involvement in global, local and regional campaigns. It has a history of engagement with public policy-making and cooperation with civil society organisations and community groups focused on creating a just society and global order.

## 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  
taught modules

and 30 credits  
dissertation

or 90 credits  
taught modules

### Core modules:

- Critical Themes In Gender Studies
- Gender and Globalisation
- Feminist and Egalitarian Research
- Feminist and Gender Theory
- Critical Thinking and Writing

You will then choose two courses from this list of optional courses and complete a dissertation, or, alternatively, select a total of five optional courses. Optional modules include:

- Sexualities and Reproductive Justice
- History of Feminist Politics
- Gender, War and Violence
- International Human Rights Law
- Education and Equality
- Masculinities, Gender & Equality
- Liberation Psychology





## Career Opportunities

Graduates have become central members of local communities, key members of NGOs, employees in public-sector agencies, education and media organisations in roles such as: social researchers, project development managers, lecturers, journalists, and policy and advocacy officers.



Graduates work in Amnesty International, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Crisis Pregnancy Programme, Médecins Sans Frontières, National Broadcasting Authority and the National Women's Council of Ireland.



## Graduate Profile

### Heather Hartwick, Canada, Graduate

My advice to other international students considering the MA in Women, Gender & Society is: do it! You will never regret it. This is a once in a lifetime experience. I loved the staff in the School of Social Justice; they have been more than helpful and caring. My professors and colleagues have made me feel at home and like I have a network of people to call on if any issues arose, personal or professional. Studying in UCD has offered me such a different dimension of understanding that I would never have experienced attending a university in my native country.

**Fees** Fee information at [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)

## Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in sociology, politics, history or another relevant field. A lower second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- 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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