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 policymaking and cooperation with civil society organisations and community groups focused on creating a just society and global order.

Course Content and Structure

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:

- Critical Themes in Gender Studies
- Gender and Globalisation
- Feminist and Egalitarian Research
- Feminist and Gender Theory
- Critical Thinking and Writing
- Sexualities and Reproductive Justice
- History of Feminist Politics
- Gender, War and Violence
- International Human Rights Law
- Education and Equality
- Masculinities, Gender & Equality
- Liberation Psychology
Graduate Profile

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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.

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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