



University College Dublin
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MSocSc Social Work, Welfare and Justice (One year full-time or two years part-time)

The MSc in Social Work, Welfare and Justice is designed for practising social workers interested in refining their analytical and management skills through post qualifying studies, and anyone who wishes to pursue research careers in policy making and analysis in the fields of social policy and social justice.

The programme focuses on a range of topics of relevance to policy makers and practitioners. In recent years, the work environment for social work practitioners is becoming globalised.

In addition, social justice and equality issues are an increasingly prominent concern in the social scientific research.

The Programme provides a range of learning opportunities across a wide range of topics, including: housing, health and social care, drugs and alcohol in the community, theory and practice in social work, gender equality, environment, migration, family and social protection.

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

About Our School

The School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice at University College Dublin is a centre of excellence for research, teaching and professional training in social policy analysis, social work, equality and gender. It provides high quality, innovative community outreach and educational programmes, which are grounded in cutting edge research enhanced by strong links with policy makers, marginalized communities and the social professions.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
Taught modules

and

30 credits
dissertation

or

90 credits
Taught modules

You will attend lectures and seminars and engage in project-based learning, instruction, and independent study with experienced academic staff and input policy-makers and industry.

Core modules include:

- Social Work in Health and Addictions
- Evidence-Based Policy Making
- Economics of Inequality
- Human Rights Law and Equality

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

- Group, Community and Policy
- Drug/Alcohol Use, Community & Society
- Comparing Healthcare Systems
- Introduction to Statistics
- Sociology of Inequality
- Disability and Equality
- Reproductive Justice and Sexual Health
- Travellers, Rights and Nomadism





A new flagship programme in Ireland

This new programme enhances the School's existing portfolio of postgraduate taught offers, including our MSc in Equality Studies, MSocSc in Social Work and MA in Women, Gender & Society that are widely recognised in Ireland and internationally. Our School also contributes to the Master of Public Policy, which is hosted by the College of Social Sciences and Law, and also to the MSc in Child Protection and Welfare shared with the Schools of Medicine and Nursing and Midwifery.



Graduate Profile

Sarah McLaughlin, Social Worker in the US

My experience of studying the masters of Social Science (Social Work) at UCD has been overwhelmingly positive. The campus has excellent facilities and a proactive student body ensures a great student life definitely worth experiencing. The faculty in the School are extremely supportive and the curriculum is well recognised internationally.

During my two years, I was afforded the opportunity to complete a placement in Melbourne, Australia. Fellow students travelled to Cape Town, South Africa and others had interesting placements across Ireland. Now, working as a professional Social Worker, I realise that the masters provided an excellent basis for this challenging and rewarding career.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from our related Master's Programmes work in a wide range of fields including social work, public policy, voluntary and community work, education, journalism, health and social care and human rights advocacy. Alumni of these Masters Programmes are employed by major national and international organisations.

Graduates can also apply for research programmes including PhD.



Fees

Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should have a minimum of a 2.2 honours 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.

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