



UCD School of Education
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Courses for Teachers

MSc in Children and Youth Studies/ PhD Children & Youth

MSC/PHD

The MSc/PhD in Children and Youth Studies is an interdisciplinary programme specialising in research, policy and practice in relation to children and young people.

Set in the context of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the programme explores key aspects of the welfare and wellbeing of children and young people.

It does so recognising the complexity and inter-dependence of issues facing contemporary childhoods and youth.

COURSE FEATURES

- Excellence in supervision and teaching
- Research and learning about children and young people in a multi-disciplinary, supportive environment
- Credit- and modular-based structure
- National and international recognition
- Active teaching methodologies
- Small group and individual tuition
- Structured system of support
- Collegial, dynamic and inclusive learning environment
- Available also as part-time provision with selected blended learning
- Practice-relevant content and outputs

COURSE DETAILS

Code:	W242 FT/W243 PT
Duration:	12 months/ 24 months
Next Intake:	September annually
Schedule:	Full-time

The MSc Children and Youth Studies provides a great opportunity to share thinking and ideas across diverse cultures and contexts'

'I really recommend this course for those interested in sociology, psychology, politics, international relations, children's rights and education'

COURSE STRUCTURE

- The programme provides a tiered, credit-based pathway from masters through to doctoral level study and can be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.
- MSc: 90 credits taken over one year full-time or two years part time
- PhD: 270 credits taken over 3/4 years of full-time study or 5/6 years part time
- Accelerated PhD: 330 credits. For students who satisfy the criteria for transfer from MSc to stage 2 PhD and complete a total programme of work to the value of 330 credits over 6 years of part-time study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to the MSc, students should be graduates in a relevant discipline and/or have professional experience in a related field. For direct entry to the PhD, students must have high honours in an appropriate master's degree (or equivalent) or evidence of other academic standing and/or relevant professional experience that demonstrates suitability for doctoral studies.

Applicants whose first language is not English or Irish must provide a Certificate of Proficiency in English. An overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no area falling below 6 is required.

SAMPLE MODULES

- Children's and Youth's rights and participation
- Equality and social justice in children's learning
- Mental health and wellbeing for children and youth
- Mindfulness for schools
- Advanced studies in Child development
- Additional support needs of learners
- Disability and equality
- Philosophical perspectives on education and childhood
- Children's literature
- Global justice and development
- Theories of human rights
- Interpreting urban landscapes

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This fast growing area is suited to those working with children and youth across a range of professional and public services including education, psychology, social work, health, law, social policy, NGO and research settings.

RESOURCES

- UCD on-line resources,
- international journals,
- UCD Library and specialist library with innovative resources to support praxis.



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