



# UCD SCHOOL OF HISTORY & ARCHIVES

## UNICA MASTERS IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

### **UNICA Masters in European History (120 credits)**

The UNICA Masters in European History is a collaborative programme run by 10 universities in eight capitals around Europe (Dublin, London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Madrid, Tallinn, and Lisbon). It is a two year 120 credit programme, run over four semesters. Students study in two or three of the collaborating universities, beginning and completing their programme in their host university.

The programme encourages students to think about European history in a comparative and interdisciplinary framework. In addition to a methodology seminar taken in the first semester and a dissertation written in the fourth semester, students have an opportunity to study across the geographical and chronological range of European history, from early medieval Ireland to twentieth century Russia, from the economic history of the Roman empire to the cultural and intellectual history of post-1945 Europe. The modules are divided into the following themes: social and economic history, cultural and intellectual history, history of medicine and science, history of dictatorships, authoritarianism, and war, the history of colonialism and post-colonialism, the history of empires and nations, and transnational history.

Within these broad themes, each university offers modules according to its own expertise. For example the module on the First World War offered by the School of History & Archives at UCD is part of the general theme on dictatorships, authoritarianism and war.

Entry requirements include a first degree in history or a cognate discipline and a knowledge of two modern foreign languages (including English) to the level B2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). It is possible to take all modules in English – the participating universities offer several modules in English – but students are expected to read sources in different languages in order to undertake the comparative approach that is central to the programme.

A typical pathway through the programme would be as follows: the student enters the programme at University College Dublin, their host institution for the duration of the programme, and takes three modules in the first semester. In the second semester, the student goes to the Humboldt University in Berlin to take a further three modules. In the third semester, the student completes the taught module component by taking three module at University of Rome Tre. For the final semester the student returns to UCD, where they complete a 30 credit dissertation. The fees are set by the host university.

The programme offers students an excellent basis to undertake further study in European history by enabling them to study in different universities and languages, to meet their peers across the continent, and to develop new approaches to research in European history.

The programme is flexible so if you wish to learn more about it, please contact Dr William Mulligan ([william.mulligan@ucd.ie](mailto:william.mulligan@ucd.ie)) who is the programme coordinator in the School of History & Archives.