



MA in Philosophy & Literature

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

Immerse yourself in the captivating realm of philosophy and literature with the Philosophy & Literature MA programme. This interdisciplinary one-year course, extendable to two years part-time, delves into the intriguing intersections between philosophy and literature. Explore the essence of texts, the worlds they portray, and the intricate relationships between reader, text, author, and reality.

Enhance your critical thinking and research skills while gaining a profound understanding of global ideas and academic pursuits. The programme equips you with the ability to craft compelling philosophical arguments, present papers confidently, and navigate diverse philosophical debates

Programme Highlight

Through this programme you will gain literary and linguistic skills while developing your creativity and critical thinking in the close reading of literary and philosophical texts. This unique programme offers the opportunity to work with literatures from a range of languages (English, Ancient Greek, Irish, Modern European) and to work with philosophies from both the analytic and continental tradition. You will also have the freedom to design a dissertation topic entirely around your own interest in these two disciplines.

Programme Content and Structure



Core Modules:

- Dissertation
- Philosophy & Literature

Students must take three Philosophy modules including the core module Philosophy and Literature taught by the programme director, and any other two graduate Philosophy modules that suit their interests. In addition they must take three Literature modules from schools including Modern Languages, Irish, English and Classics according to students' preferences. Finally they must write a dissertation on the relationship between Philosophy and Literature with the supervision of a member of the Philosophy faculty.

Optional Modules

- Digital Methods
- Joyce, Ulysses
- Expressions of Modernity
- Energy, Modernity, Culture
- The Plays of Euripides
- Exploring New Worlds
- Creative Approaches
- Arts and Events Programming
- The Narrative Art
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception
- The Cultural Mind
- Topics in Philosophy of Mind & Cognition
- John Henry Newman – a philosophical perspective
- Feminist & Gender Theory
- Topics in Continental Philosophy
- Philosophy of Time
- Ethics in Public Life
- Reading Nietzsche
- Critique, Destruction and Deconstruction
- Invention of the Modern Self
- Introduction to Cultural Theory
- Historical Memory in Spain

(This is an indicative list of modules, module availability and choice varies each year)

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Graduates of UCD School of Philosophy have continued to have successful academic careers in Ireland, Europe and the US. Others are prominent playwrights, journalists, human-rights activists, broadcasters, film-makers and musicians. A small number of our graduates continue into PhD programmes both at UCD and abroad.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for students with a primary degree in Philosophy, or in another degree that has significant philosophical components; an upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Candidates with an upper second class honours in a postgraduate conversion course such as a Higher Diploma in Philosophy may be considered. MA students may be required to attend an interview either via Zoom or in person.
- 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.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- MA Philosophy
- MSc Cognitive Science
- MA Philosophy of Mind & Embodied Cognition
- MA Contemporary European Philosophy
- MA Ethics: Theory & Practice
- MA Philosophy & Literature
- MA Philosophy & Public Affairs

Graduate Profile



Pierre Balthasar
MA Philosophy & Literature, International Graduate Student

The MA in Philosophy and Literature allowed me to build up on what I wished for during my BA; more freedom in choice for classes, more development of my own research interests and getting motivated to try and do more with my ideas. It was during my MA that I realised I wanted to pursue a doctorate's degree and it was the supervisor to the programme, Dr Lisa Foran, who helped me put my wish into praxis. Not just her, but all of the staff from the departments I took classes in always took into consideration what I wished to achieve in the larger context of my work.

The skills I have acquired during my MA have allowed me to publish in a renowned, international journal as well as do pioneering work in Luxembourgish Studies, the field of my doctoral degree.

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