UCD SOCIAL SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE PROSPECTUS
ENTRY 2024

SOCIAL SCIENCES DN700

ECONOMICS DN710

PSYCHOLOGY DN720

SOCIAL POLICY & SOCIOLOGY DN750

EDUCATION WITH GAEILGE &/OR MODERN LANGUAGES DN760

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Welcome

In the College of Social Sciences, we lead the way with the broadest and most diverse Social Sciences programmes in Ireland offering innovative social sciences education and research to address the critical, social, political, cultural and economic concerns of our time.

This combined with UCD's global reputation with high university rankings across subjects and ranking in the top 1% of universities overall worldwide, makes Social Sciences in UCD a top choice for students looking to study these disciplines.

We offer six undergraduate programmes:

- **BSc Economics** [Three Years]
- **BSc Psychology** [Three Years]
- **BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology** [Three Years]
- **BSc Social Sciences** [Four Years]
- **BSc Sustainability Social Sciences, Policy and Law** [Four Years]
- **BEd Education, Gaeilge &/or Modern Languages** [Four Years]

Your time in studying Social Sciences in UCD will benefit from our progressive methods of teaching and learning which take a collaborative and supportive approach. Our internationally renowned academics will bring their research and expertise into the lecture hall, which will enable you to develop strong research and analytical skills. Each step of your academic journey will be supported by our College team, our academic advisers, our student advisers and your peer mentor group.

Third level education is about more than just what takes place in your lectures and tutorial. We hope to broaden your horizons by enabling you to study abroad in your third year and take an internship where your programme allows you to. You will also benefit from the extensive extracurricular activities which UCD provides through the range of societies and clubs on offer, among other things. You can experience this all with a diverse group of students who come from over 139 countries.

When it comes to the end of your time in your Undergraduate degree, you will be joining UCD's 288,000 alumni who can be found in almost 170 countries. Studying UCD Social Sciences will prepare you for diverse careers across many sectors. At UCD, you will be empowered to explore opportunities and to find your future. Our students gain invaluable critical skills and agency that will help you navigate the rapidly evolving labour market.

I hope that your time in UCD Social Sciences will be a period of academic and personal growth and look forward to welcoming you.

Professor Colin Scott,
Dean of Social Sciences
Principal, UCD College of Social Sciences and Law
Vice President for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, UCD

What are Social Sciences?

How do social, cultural, political and economic forces shape our lives and the world in which we live?
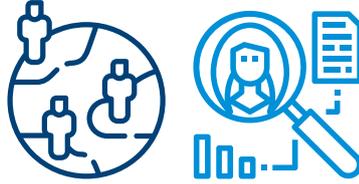
What precipitates economic growth?

Why do people vote the way they do?

Why do people behave the way they do?

What behaviours mitigate climate change?

Research and education in the social sciences directly impacts the way we in Ireland, and further afield in Europe and the rest of the world, view, interpret and make decisions towards a better society.

Social Sciences students explore how people behave as individuals and in human groups - from families and teams to companies and government agencies. Social Sciences investigate the development of societies - past, present and future by combining quantitative data, such as social and economic statistics, with qualitative methods, such as interviews and focus groups. Social Sciences research has transformed our understanding of how societies function, how they are governed, how we work, how and where we live, how we communicate and how we learn. Studying Social Sciences at UCD, you will learn to analyse, criticise and challenge beliefs and assumptions - including your own.

The major social sciences subjects at undergraduate level in UCD include:

Archaeology	Education	Economics	Geography
Information & Communication Studies	Philosophy	Politics and International Relations	
Psychology	Social Justice	Social Policy	Sociology

Analysing data is a key skill for social scientists and **Mathematics and Statistics** are available to combine with social sciences subjects as part of UCD's social sciences degree.

Why Social Sciences in UCD?

Flexible Curriculum

UCD leads the way with the broadest and most diverse Social Sciences programmes in Ireland offering innovative social sciences education and research delivered by internationally renowned lecturers to address the critical, social, political, cultural and economic concerns of our time. The curriculum can be adapted to your personal preferences through the flexibility of taking optional modules through UCD Horizons.

World Leading Subject Rankings

UCD is currently ranked within the top 1% of institutions worldwide.

UCD is highly ranked for social sciences in all the main international rankings of universities. UCD is among the top universities in the world for the following subjects:

TOP 100	2023	TOP 50	2023
Archaeology		Library Information Management	
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT		QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT	
TOP 100	2023	TOP 100	2023
Philosophy		Politics International Studies	
QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT		QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT	

Support Network

UCD and the College of Social Sciences and Law provide extensive support to incoming students. Each first year student is assigned a peer mentor, and there are dedicated student advisers for every programme on hand to make your time at UCD as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible.

The services and supports available for student welfare and mental health encompass a range of services including the Student Health Service, the Student's Union, the Student Counselling Service and our Chaplaincy centre. Additional university-wide learning supports include the Maths Support Centre, the Writing Centre, Library network and IT services - all of which will help ensure a smooth transition to third-level study.

Social Sciences
Research

Social sciences research has transformed our understanding of how societies function. UCD Social sciences research directly impacts the way we view, interpret and make decisions towards a better society.

The scope of social sciences research addresses questions relating to Ireland, the EU and other international regions. Areas of research expertise within UCD social sciences include regulation and governance; leadership; identity; conflict and inclusion; ethical public policy; human development; child and youth well-being; migration; sustainable development and behavioural sciences. Students will have opportunity to work with internationally renowned academics by completing research skills modules and research projects over the duration of their undergraduate studies.

Undergraduate Research and Enquiry

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Students studying social sciences at UCD will develop strong research skills and will:

- Work with leading Irish researchers
- Work with data to understand social and economic problems
- Critically evaluate others' research work
- Present and communicate research results.
- Undertake independent research on a local, national or global issue of interest to them.

Throughout your degree, you will develop your research skills and learn to analyse, evaluate and present your knowledge in a compelling and useful way, with advanced training and research opportunities available during your final year.

CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Impact of wealth and population on Olympic success
- What factors influence feelings of personal safety?
- World Bank development projects and internal displacement
- Economic development and obesity
- One parent households and child educational performance
- Has quality of life in Ireland declined since 2008?
- Human Computer Interaction
- Information and digital literacy

What our Students Say

What really drew me to the Psychology course at UCD was the independent research project you get to conduct in your final year. It is hugely beneficial not only for your experience as a psychologist but also for setting you apart from other candidates for future studies.

Molly Delehant
BA Psychology (2021)

Study Abroad

Why Study Abroad?

The UCD College of Social Sciences and Law encourages our students to participate in exchange programmes abroad. These include Erasmus exchanges to universities within Europe and university-wide exchanges to distinguished universities around the world. In an increasingly complex global age, studying abroad provides an international context for your studies, allowing you to benefit from a transformational experience in the wider world. Studying abroad provides you with a unique opportunity not only to enrich your academic education but also to gain invaluable intercultural, language and social skills.

Who can Study Abroad?

All UCD Social Sciences degrees support students to apply for study abroad opportunities. Students of BSc Psychology, BSc Economics and BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology may apply for a year abroad in a partner university, extending their degree from 3 to 4 years and leading to the award of a BSc or BSocSc International degree.

Students of BSc Social Sciences may apply for a trimester or a year study abroad opportunity depending on their subject or pathway choices as one of the third-year options offered in their four-year degree. Check subject pages for more information available for each subject.

Where can I study?

You can study abroad even if you don't speak a foreign language. UCD has exchanges with Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the US as well as English Speaking opportunities in Asia and Europe. Where exactly you can go to study abroad is dependent on the combination of subjects you study. You can check subject pages for more information available for each subject.

How do I apply?

You apply for study abroad the year before you go. You will be invited to an information session in Year 2 and receive guidance on how to apply.

What our Students Say

Studying abroad for a year in the U.S allowed me to experience a completely different college culture than the one in Ireland. UConn offered a very welcoming environment that quickly felt like a second home. I made many friends from all over the world, who I communicate with regularly, and plan on seeing again when possible. I learned a lot both in the classroom environment through modules I would never be able to take otherwise and also outside of it, where I grew immensely as a person. I returned home a much more independent, confident, and mature person.

Amélie Mahony
BSc Sociology and Information & Communication Studies
University of Connecticut (UConn), USA

What our Students Say

Studying in Sweden has been a once in a lifetime experience. It has given me an opportunity to experience their student life, culture, and traditions. It also gave me a chance to pursue my love of travelling. I have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime. In addition, it has given me an opportunity to expand my choices when it comes to my academic studies. The experience that I gained as a student here has helped me to investigate further opportunities in the job market that will improve my future career prospects.

Dave Lugatiman
BSc Computational Social Science
Lund University, Sweden

Social Sciences Careers

Graduates of UCD social sciences progress to careers in government, NGOs, the media and businesses as economists, policymakers, environmentalists, activists, information managers, HR managers, entrepreneurs, journalists, statisticians, urban planners, archaeologists, librarians, secondary school teachers, social workers, researchers and many more professions across the public and private sectors.

You'll find more detailed information relevant to each discipline on the subject pages in this prospectus. UCD provides career support to students throughout their time in UCD including career coaching and opportunities for personal and professional development through the University's Career Development Centre. Find out more at **www.ucd.ie/careers**

Technology, Media & Communications

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:
* Management Consultancy
* Marketing and Advertising
* Recruitment
* Human Resource Management
* Business Analytics
* Banking and Finance
* Insurance
* Corporate Social Responsibility
* Retail
* Economist
* Market Research Analyst

Weng Tam
Data Scientist, JLL Technologies, London

BA Economics & Psychology (2015)

Patrick Kennedy
Head of Measurement EMEA Growth markets, Pinterest

BA Psychology (2011)

Non-Government Organisations/ Not-for-Profit Sector

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:
* Human Rights Lawyer
* Corporate Social Responsibility
* International Agencies
* Humanitarian NGO's
* Environmental Policymaking
* International NGO's
* Policy and Environmental Consultancy
* Charity Sector

Darragh Moriarty
Communications Officer Irish Cancer Society

BA Politics & Geography (2014)
MA International Relations (2016)

Keelin O' Sullivan
Policy Advisor, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, New York

BA Politics & History (2016)

Public and Civil Service

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:
- Government Agencies
- Heritage Management
- Social Work
- Foreign Affairs
- Public Sector Management
- Health Service Management
- Semi-state Bodies

Manon Keane
Business Development Executive,
IDA Ireland

BA Economics & Politics (2017)

Nikki Glynn-Smith
Exhibitions Assistant,
Victoria and Albert Museum, London

BA Archaeology (2016)
MSc Archaeology (2017)

Business and Finance, Human Resources

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:
- Management Consultancy
- Marketing and Advertising
- Recruitment
- Human Resource Management
- Business Analytics
- Banking and Finance
- Insurance
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Retail
- Economist
- Market Research Analyst

Eva Moroney
Consultant - People Advisory Services
(PAS), EY Dublin

BSocSc Social Science: Economics &
Social Policy (2020)

Colm Mulcahy
Research Specialist, Accenture, Dublin

BA Economics (2018)
MSc Behavioural Economics (2019)

Education and Research

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:
- Data Analyst
- Statistician
- Research Analyst
- Secondary School Teacher
- University Lecturer
- Academia
- Social Researcher

Killian McLoughlin
Doctoral Student, Princeton University, USA

BA Philosophy & English (2015)
MSc Social Data Analytics (2018)

Politics and Policy

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:
- Politician
- Lobbyist
- Policy Analysis
- Diplomatic Service
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Government Social Researcher
- Media Strategist
- Campaign Manager

Sarah Elsaid
Regional Policy Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts, USA

BA Politics & Geography (2017)
Master of Public Policy (2019)

Social Sciences Internships

Social Sciences Internship Programme

The Social Sciences Internship Programme provides students with the opportunity to apply for an optional internship with a government agency, not-for-profit organisation or business to gain valuable work experience related to their field of study. A professional placement enables you to put the knowledge and skills you acquire in Year 1 and Year 2 into practice and helps inform your future career choices.

What is an Internship?

In an internship, you take up a paid role in an organisation to gain work experience for a fixed period of time. Employers value the skills and experience gained by graduates who have completed internships.

How long is an Internship?

Internships are offered in Year 3 and involve a one trimester placement.

Why Internships?

An internship is an experiential learning experience that provides lifelong academic, personal and professional benefits. With an internship you can:

- apply your skills and knowledge in the real world of work
- increase your understanding about a particular role or industry sector
- enhance your confidence in a workplace context to ease your future transition to professional life
- try out roles and organisations to see what suits you and whether you suit that particular industry or job type
- increase your awareness of possible roles you may not have considered
- grow your network providing you with opportunities when you are seeking employment as a graduate and throughout your future career
- gain experience in the world of professional work and real world organisational dynamics
- demonstrate your skills, ability and attitude to future employers

What our Students Say

" After completing my internship, I gained confidence in the skills I learned throughout my course by applying them in a work-based context. I was also able to gain clarity over what I would like to do in the future and I know this will benefit me greatly when entering the working world"

Clare | Information & Communication Studies and Politics & International Relations
Internship Placement: Blue Martini Group

"The internship programme gave me an insight into a prospective industry for my future career. Working in the Kerry Group environment enhanced my communication and practical skills in the workplace. It was great to take things I learned at UCD and convert that knowledge for practical use. To see how the company, as an Irish multinational operates and to be allowed to engage in that global operation was of great benefit to me."

Adam | Economics and Politics & International Relations
Internship placement: Kerry Group

"Taking part in the internship programme put me outside my comfort zone and threw me straight into the real world. I soon realised it was the right choice by the opportunities and experiences that I gained. My experience in Irish Water has been very insightful, I have developed invaluable life skills and professional networks that have encouraged me to look forward into entering the working world. I'm now looking forward to focusing on my career path and the opportunities that are available to me once I graduate."

Kate | Social Justice and Sociology
Internship Placement: Úisce Éireann

Studying Social Sciences with a Language

Studying Social Sciences with languages on the BSc Social Sciences degree programme, you will spend Year 3 at one of our partner Universities across the globe including in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Chile and China.

This exciting pathway combines study in a social sciences discipline with the opportunity to study a language. Along with developing a high standard of language competency, you will enjoy a transformative educational experience that will inform you about the world around you. In addition to building your proficiency in speaking, writing and listening, you will develop greater awareness of the cultures and societies in which the language you are studying is embedded. With the exception of French (H4 in Leaving Certificate or equivalent) and Irish (H3 in Leaving Certificate or equivalent), you have the option to study these languages from beginner level.

During your first two years, you will take modules in your chosen social science discipline (Archaeology, Economics, Geography, Information and Communication Studies, Philosophy, Politics and International Relations or Sociology) and in your chosen language (French, German, Spanish, Italian, Irish or Chinese).

In Year 3, you will live and study in another city, immersing yourself in the culture of another country, exploring your social sciences subject in another environment. You will usually take social sciences modules in the host language (except Chinese where you will study the Chinese language along with social sciences modules through English). In your final year, you return to UCD and take advanced modules in both your social sciences and language subject.

Optional modules for this pathway will allow students explore social sciences in a global context, gaining insight into comparative social science questions and key global issues.

	MINOR SUBJECT					
	Chinese*	French	German	Irish	Italian	Spanish
Archaeology	✓			✓		
Economics	✓		✓	✓		
Geography				✓		
Information & Communication Studies				✓		
Philosophy	✓			✓		
Politics and International Relations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sociology			✓	✓	✓	

* The Chinese Minor is aimed at beginner students with very little or no knowledge of Chinese language upon entry of the programme.

Careers

The combination of a social sciences discipline and a language opens the door to a range of different careers across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, including the Irish Civil Service, the European Commission, International Agencies such as the UN, IMF and World Bank, NGOs, tourism, teaching and multinational and Irish companies.

Many relevant graduate study opportunities are available at UCD including Human Rights, European Public Affairs and Law, Modern Languages, Development Practice, European Politics & Policy, Philosophy & Public Affairs, Social Data Analytics and Race, Migration & Decolonial Studies.

Social Sciences
Undergraduate Degree Options
September 2024 entry

Making the Right Choice

There are five degrees in social sciences in UCD. Each degree has a separate CAO code.

BSc SOCIAL SCIENCES	BSocSc SOCIAL POLICY & SOCIOLOGY	BSc PSYCHOLOGY	BSc ECONOMICS	BEd EDUCATION WITH GAEILGE &/OR MODERN LANGUAGES
4 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	4 years
DN700	**DN750**	**DN720**	**DN710**	**DN760**
The four-year BSc in Social Sciences is a social sciences degree developed for students who want to explore a diverse array of social sciences subjects. Throughout your degree, you study core modules in your chosen subjects along with optional modules in a variety of social sciences subjects. There are options to change your subject choices at the end of first year if you wish. The course map shows what subject combinations you can choose.	This three-year BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology degree is a Joint Major in Social Policy and Sociology. This degree was previously named the BSocSc in Social Science. Graduates often progress to further study to become social workers and related professions. When you apply for this degree via the CAO, you choose DN750 BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology.	The three-year BSc in Psychology is a professional degree accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland. You study Psychology in UCD as a single subject degree only. Graduates often progress to further study to become Clinical Psychologists. When you apply for this degree via the CAO, you choose DN720 BSc Psychology.	The three-year BSc in Economics is a Single-Major degree for students who are focused on studying only economics as a single subject. Graduates often progress to further study to become Economists. When you apply for this degree via the CAO, you choose DN710 BSc Economics.	The new four-year teacher education degree affords students the opportunity to study languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, an Ghaeilge) while also engaging in foundational education modules to prepare for teaching in post-primary schools. Students will study language proficiency skills to a high standard, explore the culture of their chosen languages and undertake school placements. When you apply for this degree via CAO you choose DN760 BEd Education, Gaeilge &/or Modern Languages.
Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. 06/H7 in English, Irish and Mathematics.	**Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements** Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. 06/H7 in English, Irish and Mathematics.	**Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements** Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. 06/H7 in English, Irish and Mathematics.	**Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements** Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. 06/H7 in English and Irish, H5 in Mathematics.	**Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements** Grade O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects.

Go to page 48 to view all entry routes into these degrees. ➜   * BSc Sustainability- DN240. For further information please see page 68.

BSc Social Sciences

With the four-year Social Sciences degree, you choose DN700 at CAO and then select your preferred option below. Your subject choices are guaranteed. There are options to change subject choices at the end of first year if you wish.

Choose one of these four options:

Computational Social Science	Economics, Mathematics & Statistics	Philosophy, Politics & Economics	Two Subject Combination

TWO SUBJECT COMBINATION

JOINT MAJOR
You study an equal number of modules in both subjects, such as Archaeology and Economics.

MAJOR/MINOR
With a Major/Minor degree, such as Archaeology with Art History, you study substantially more modules in your Major subject, that is, Archaeology.

Studying Archaeology

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Economics	Sociology
Geography	Mathematics
Information & Communication Studies	Social Justice
Philosophy	Statistics
Politics & International Relations	

OR with one Minor subject

Art History	Irish Folklore
Celtic Civilisation	Chinese
Greek & Roman Civilisation	Irish
Earth Sciences	

Studying Economics

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Politics & International Relations
Geography	Sociology
History	Mathematics
Information & Communication Studies	Social Justice
Philosophy	Statistics

OR with one Minor subject

Chinese	German
Irish	

Studying Geography

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Sociology
Economics	Mathematics
Information & Communication Studies	Social Justice
Philosophy	Statistics
Politics & International Relations	

OR with one Minor subject

English	History
Earth Sciences	Irish
Greek & Roman Civilisation	Linguistics

Studying Information & Communication Studies

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Sociology
Economics	Mathematics
Geography	Social Justice
Philosophy	Statistics
Politics & International Relations	

OR with one Minor subject

Music	Irish

Studying Philosophy

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Sociology
Economics	Mathematics
Geography	Social Justice
Information & Communication Studies	Statistics
Politics & International Relations	

OR with one Minor subject

Chinese	Irish
Greek	Linguistics

Studying Politics and International Relations

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Philosophy
Economics	Sociology
Geography	Social Justice
Information & Communication Studies	Statistics
Mathematics	

OR with one Minor subject

Linguistics	Irish
Chinese	Italian
French	Spanish
German	

Studying Sociology

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Politics & International Relations
Economics	Mathematics
Geography	Social Justice
Information & Communication Studies	Statistics
Philosophy	

OR with one Minor subject

Art History	German
English	Irish
Linguistics	Italian

Studying Social Justice

as a Joint Major with one of the below:

Archaeology	Philosophy
Economics	Politics & International Relations
Geography	Sociology
Information & Communication Studies	

You can also study selected social sciences subjects as part of a degree in Law or a degree in Arts and Humanities. Visit **www.myucd.ie** to find out more.

Computational Social Science

Taha Yasseri
PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY

Watch our course video ➔

Why is this course for me?

Are you interested in discovering the insights that big data can reveal about individuals, social networks, and social groups? The analysis and modeling of social data and social behaviour is becoming increasingly important for organizations in both the private and public sectors, not just for tech giants like Facebook, Google, and Twitter. The BSc degree in Computational Social Science offers a unique combination of strong computational skills and training in social sciences subjects such as Sociology, Politics, Economics or Geography. Graduates of this programme can expect to find excellent employment opportunities across public and private sectors as well as NGO's and the Civic Society.

The world around us is rapidly evolving, and we are more connected than ever before. The deployment of AI at different parts of our individual and social lives has effectievly put us in an interconnected network of humans and machines. As we navigate this new social landscape, we leave behind digital footprints that can be analysed and interpreted through the lens of Computational Social Science. This field of study provides a powerful tool for understanding the changes taking place in our society by analysing these digital footprints

Computational Social Science is a field that harnesses the power of big data, computer simulations, machine learning, and social network analysis to gain insights into social phenomena and individual behavior. The BSc degree in Computational Social Science is at the forefront of this exciting development in Europe, offering a unique combination of training in both computational and social science subjects. Through this programme, you will learn how to analyse human behaviour using computational techniques. These skills are highly valued in today's competitive job market.

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Students usually attend lectures and participate in seminar discussions and lab tutorials. Assessment is based on assignments throughout the trimester, small group work, individual reports, traditional exams and other forms of assessment.

> In order to study this degree, we strongly recommend that you also have at least a Grade H4 in Leaving Certificate mathematics, or equivalent.

Study Abroad

In Year three, trimester-long study abroad study opportunities will be offered in a number of destinations in Europe, North America, and Australia.

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship role in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:

Data Scientist | Data Policy Analyst | Digital Advisor | Social Networks Analyst | Customer Statistician | Data Insight Generator

Careers & Graduate Skills

With the increasing demand for social data science expertise, graduates of this programme can expect to find employment in a variety of sectors, including Information Technology companies such as Google, Deepmind, Microsoft, OpenAI, LinkedIn, Accenture, Twitter, and Facebook, as well as traditional industries such as Finance, Insurance, Manufacturing, Retail and Energy. Public sector and NGO's are among the other markets where social data scientists are in high demand.

What our Students Say

I chose Computational Social Science as it uses technology to understand and solve complex social issues. This program combines computer science and the social sciences to study human behavior and social systems. It uses large data sets, simulations, and models to understand the complex dynamics and patterns of human interactions in areas such as economics, politics and International relations, geography and sociology.

The professors are knowledgeable and engaging, and the hands-on projects and real-world applications have given me a strong foundation in the field. I am grateful for the opportunity to study it at UCD because of its reputation for academic excellence.

Dave Lugatiman
Student

Computational Social Science
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Computational Social Science*	Statistical Modelling*	Introduction to Programming 1*	Plus core modules in any two of the following subjects: Sociology, Geography, Economics, Politics
Linear Algebra 1*	Mathematics: Introduction*	Information and Social Media	

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Calculus 1*	Probability Theory*	Introduction to Programming 2*	Continue with core and option modules in your two subjects: Sociology, Geography, Economics, Politics
Applied Computational Social Science*	Advanced Computational Social Science*	Digital Judgement	

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Statistical Data Mining	Information Ethics	Web Multimedia	Continue with your two subjects: Sociology, Geography, Economics, Politics
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	Optional Study Abroad	Optional Internship	

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Quantitative Research Project*	Data Analysis for the Social Sciences*	Social Dynamics and Networks*	Continue with your subjects: Sociology, Geography, Economics, Politics
Data Mining	Introduction to Creative Thinking	Spatial Information Systems	
Advanced Predictive Analytics			

*core

BSc Computational Social Science

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Sociology

MSc Social Data Science
MSc in Sociology
↓
MLitt Sociology
PhD Sociology
PhD Quantitative and Computational Social Science
↓
Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc Social Data Science
MSc in Computer Science
MSc Quantitative Finance
MSc Management
MSc Digital Marketing
Masters in Common Law
MSc in Business Analytics

Shape your Career

Data Scientist
Researcher
Journalist
Programmer
Consultant
Civil Servant

Economics, Mathematics and Statistics

Dr Kevin Hutchinson
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

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Why is this course for me?

If you are interested in Mathematics, Statistics and Economics, then this programme enables you to shed light on these areas in depth while also emphasising how they complement each other. Economists employ mathematics to design theoretical models and use statistics to test these models and to explore the tremendous amount of data that is generated by the economy. In turn, the models and data that are part of the study of Economics provide an interesting source of applications for students that have learned mathematical and statistical skills. You will study Economics, Mathematics and Statistics, providing you with a solid foundation in all three subjects. You will also be given the opportunity to specialise in the latter stages of your degree, for example, in applied economics, advanced statistics, mathematical modelling of complex processes, or developing "Big Data" skills.

Through your study you will develop skills in data analysis, and be supported in the development of your analytical and problem-solving skills, as well as in the application of these skills to understanding real economic issues. The degree will provide a structured approach to developing skills of analysis, problem design and resolution using mathematics, economic theory, data analysis and statistical methods. Assessment will be through a combination of end-of-trimester written examinations, projects and continuous assessment.

In order to study this degree, we strongly recommend that you have at least a Grade H4 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad at international partner universities in third year.

US | Italy | Germany | Netherlands | Belgium | Spain | France | Switzerland | Canada | Australia

Internships

In Year three, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:

Broadcasting | Communications | Banking | Finance | Business | Journalism

Careers & Graduate Skills

Many students pursue graduate study in Economics, Mathematics or Statistics leading to Masters and PhD degrees. Both the School of Economics and the School of Mathematics and Statistics offer Masters programmes aimed at further developing analytical and professional skills. Postgraduate qualifications are necessary to work as a professional economist.

What our Students Say

I always enjoyed maths at school but liked the idea of studying economics and statistics too, given that the three subjects complement each other and provide variety in my learning.

UCD's electives offer even more variety, I chose a module in Classical studies. The combination of subjects gives a thorough knowledge of both the theoretical and practical sides of maths and its applications, making it perfect for someone like myself who intends working in the finance sector.

The UCD staff are incredibly helpful when things get difficult academically, this support allows me to continue playing hockey here in UCD.

Hazel Hourigan
Student

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Economics, Mathematics and Statistics

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Economics*	Calculus I*	Principles of Microeconomics*	Practical Statistics*
Combinatorics & Number Theory*	Principles of Macroeconomics*	Statistical Modelling*	Linear Algebra 1*
Introduction to Programming*	Calculus II*		

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Intermediate Microeconomics*	Introduction to Probability*	Multivariable Calculus*	Intermediate Macroeconomics*
Algebraic Structures*	Linear Algebra 2*	Analysis*	Predictive Analytics*

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Econometrics*	Complex Analysis*	Time Series*	Economics Options
Stochastic Models	Financial Mathematics	Optional Study Abroad	Optional Internship

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Multivariate Analysis	Monte Carlo Inference	Statistical Machine Learning	Optimisation in Finance
Specialist Economics Options	Cryptography	Game Theory	Research Module
Advanced Predictive Analytics*			

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BSc Economics, Mathematics and Statistics

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD

MSc in Applied Economics
MA Statistics
MSc Data and Computational Science
MSc Data Analytics
MSc in Economics & Data Analytics

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MLitt
PhD

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

GradDip Actuarial Science
PME Professional Masters in Education
MSc Computer Science (Conversion)
MSc Business Analytics
MSc Quantitative Finance
MSc Actuarial Science

Shape your Career

Economist
Financial Consultant
Trainee Accountant
Trainee Actuary
Journalist
Teacher
Statistician
Civil Servant

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Dr Vincent Hogan
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

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Why is this course for me?

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) provides a broad and deep understanding of how a society works, and indeed how international society works. It examines the complex economic and political forces in play, the problems of measuring and assessing the health of society, and the principles of justice that should guide political decision-making to improve society. PPE will teach students how to read beyond media headlines, and where to find more information about the hot policy questions of the day, in national and international contexts. PPE provides a thorough grounding in all three disciplines that are core to the social sciences.

The programme is quite structured at first, but allows more choice and more specialisation with each successive year.

This programme provides both a well-rounded education in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and every opportunity for you to determine for yourself which subject or combination of subjects you would like to specialise in. Generally, assessment will be by take-home essay and by exam-based essay in Philosophy and Politics, and by project and a combination of midterm and end of term exams in Economics. Continuous online assessment may also be used.

> In order to study this degree we strongly recommend that you have a least O3/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester in partner universities offering PPE programmes across the globe including:

Belgium | Netherlands | Switzerland | Germany | Canada | US | France | Spain | Italy | Switzerland | Asia

Careers & Graduate Skills

The PPE degree combines three disciplines that share a commitment to rigour and problem-solving that make it an ideal programme of education for politicians, civil servants, journalists and managers. You will develop essential skills for any career that requires analysis, communication and problem solving. You will take a multidisciplinary approach to a wide range of policy issues to practice your skills in research, analysis, written expression and interpreting data.

There are considerable national and international employment opportunities in the public sector and in industry. Graduates may pursue a specialist Master's degree in Philosophy, Politics or Economics or progress to various interdisciplinary Master's degrees in related subjects.

What our Students Say

I chose to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) because the three subjects that it covers are driving forces behind how the world works. There is a huge overlap between the subjects and the three elements draw heavily from one another. The chance to study abroad during third year is a fantastic opportunity and was a motivating factor behind me choosing UCD. The content learned throughout this degree, particularly the analytical and critical thinking skills, is extremely applicable to real world careers. I would recommend PPE to ambitious students who are ethically motivated and interested in studying a practical, well-rounded degree.
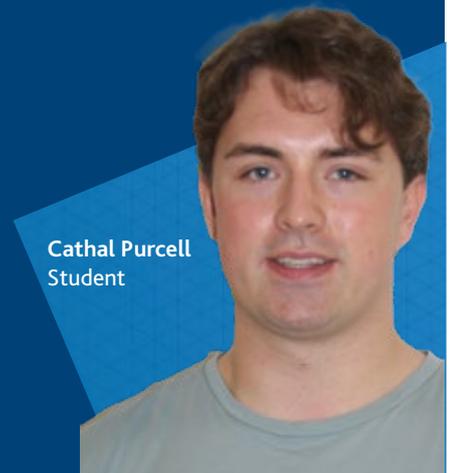
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Philosophy, Politics and Economics
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introducing PPE*	Foundations of Contemporary Politics*	Introduction to Economics*	Introduction to Ethics*
Foundations of Political Theory*	Principles of Microeconomics*	Critical Thinking*	Principles of Macroeconomics*
Introduction to Quantitative Economics*	Foundations in Political Research*	Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy*	Additional Option*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Philosophy of Social Science*	Knowledge and Scepticism*	Individuals and the State*	Intermediate Microeconomics*
Intermediate Macroeconomics*	Foundations of International Relations*	Statistics for Economists*	One Philosophy Option
Research Methods in Political Science	Additional option from *either* Philosophy, Politics *or* Economics		

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

3 Philosophy Options	3 Options from Politics *and/or* International Relations.	3 Options from Economics	Additional options from *either* Philosophy, Politics *or* Economics
Optional Trimester Abroad			

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Continue with all three subjects: Philosophy, Politics, Economics	OR	Choose to specialise in **any two** of the subjects

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BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Philosophy, Politics or Economics	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MA in Philosophy	MSc Equality Studies	Media & Broadcasting
MA in Contemporary European Philosophy	MSc Humanitarian Action	Public-Sector Management
MA in Philosophy & Public Affairs	MSc in Management	Marketing & Advertising
MA/MSc in International Relations	MSc Information Systems	Politics | Education
MA/MSc International Development	MSc in Marketing Practice	Humanitarian NGOs
MSc in European Politics & Policy	MSc Environmental Policy	Management Consultancy
MEconSc in European Public Affairs & Law	Master of Public Policy	Business/Finance | Civil Service
MSc in Applied Economics	Masters in Common Law	Recruitment & Human Resources
MSc in Behavioural Economics	Higher Diploma in Social Policy	Research
MA in Political Theory	Higher Diploma in Psychology	Foreign Affairs | International NGOs

Archaeology

Dr Neil Carlin
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UCD SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

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Why is this subject for me?

If you study Archaeology, we can promise you that you will see the world, time and the human condition in an entirely new way.

Archaeology is the investigation of societies from their material remains. It is an exciting discipline that investigates the full span of human existence across the world from the distant past to the modern day. This uniquely enables us to reveal the astonishing diversity of human culture and societies.

Archaeology is a uniquely multidisciplinary subject, using all sources of evidence from the past, from ancient manuscripts to the scientific analysis of plants, animals and materials. The blend of arts and sciences means that, whatever your interests, there will be something for you to discover by studying archaeology.

A variety of assessment methods are used, for example continuous assessment in the form of essays, projects, group work, oral presentations and reports. Each mode of assessment is designed to support your learning through the programme and to build life skills that will be of benefit beyond the programme.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or year in partner universities worldwide. Previous students have studied abroad in:
Australia | Austria | China | Cyprus | Denmark | France | Germany | Italy | the Netherlands | Norway | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | UK | US

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:
Heritage | Conservation | Museums | Archives | Tourism | Media | Arts | Education

Careers & Graduate Skills

Studying Archaeology provides a flexibility of thought and a range of practical skills that make graduates highly employable in a number of areas, including the varied and expanding heritage sector. Graduates have also found employment within the archaeological profession, in consultancy, professional contract work, museums and education. Others have used their transferable skills to become business and industry entrepreneurs, policymakers in arts and education, journalists and cultural critics and tourism leaders.

Graduate study opportunities in UCD include:
MSc in Archaeology | MSc in Experimental Archaeology | MSc in Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology | MSc in World Heritage Management

What our Students Say

Archaeology has always been a subject that's interested me since I was very young; even before I knew what it was. Understanding the thought process of people from thousands of years ago fascinated me, and I was happy to discover that UCD had a course that would feed my curiosity. There is something in this course for every learning type, from hands-on experiments to field trips to lectures and an option to study abroad in your third year. The professors and staff are super approachable no matter the circumstance and always offer guidance on any academic issues; it creates such a positive learning experience.

Hannah Costello
Student

Other Archaeology degrees

You can also study Archaeology as a joint honours with History or English through DN520. You can also study Archaeology through DN530 Humanities- Classics, Art History and Archaeology.

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Archaeology
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Exploring Archaeology*	Introduction to the Archaeology of Ireland*	The Human Past*	Introduction to Anthropology*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Archaeology of Things*	Archaeology of Landscapes*	People in Prehistory	Historical Archaeology
Archaeological Science	Archaeological Field Skills	How Archaeologists Think	Heritage & Sustainability

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Archaeology of Food	Ancient Technologies	Age of Stonehenge	How Archaeologists Think
Environmental Archaeology	Early Medieval Europe	Optional Internship	Optional Study Abroad

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Communicating Archaeology*	Southeast Asian Archaeology	Farming and Agriculture	The Archaeology of Collapse
Age of Stonehenge	Minoan Archaeology	The Roman Empire	Research Project

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Archaeology	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MSc in Archaeology	MA Geography	Heritage Sector
MSc in Experimental Archaeology	MSc Environmental Policy	Archaeologist
MSc in Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology	MSc Information Systems	Museum Sector
MSc in World Heritage Management	MSc (Agr) Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development	Cartographer/Surveyor
↓	MSc Management	Archivist/Libraries
MLitt Archaeology	MSc Marketing	Researcher
PhD Archaeology	MSc Marketing Practice	Journalist
↓	MSc Computer Science (Conversion)	Tourism
Research & Academia	Masters in Common Law	Policy & Environmental Consultancy
		Media & Communications
		Teaching
		Arts & Education
		Public Sector Management

Economics
(Joint Major)

Orla Doyle
PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

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Why is this subject for me?

Economics explores how people (consumers, business owners, public servants and politicians) make decisions, and how they choose between alternative ways of spending their money and using their skills, energy and time.

Studying economics will provide you with new ways of thinking analytically about important questions such as: What are the causes of the cost of living crisis? Is the housing market in Ireland developing a new property bubble? What factors lie behind global financial crises?

More generally economists are curious about how and why people make decisions and how they respond to incentives. That is why economics can help to shed light on decision-making in many diverse areas of life, from love and marriage to sports and crime.

In the joint major degree, the first two years are designed to introduce students to the key concepts and tools of economics and help them develop an analytical way of thinking.

In the subsequent years, students learn how to apply these tools and way of thinking to a variety of contexts and can explore further the economic fields that best suit their interests.

Joint Major Economics students can opt to apply to study for a single major in Economics from third year (within the DN700 4-year degree), subject to meeting certain requirements.

Students attend lectures and participate in small group tutorials to work on problem sets. A combination of end-of-trimester written examinations and continuous assessment is used. Continuous assessment may include midterm examinations, projects, essays and oral presentations.

In order to study this degree we strongly recommend that you have at least O3/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe including: The Netherlands | Belgium | Italy | US | Australia | Asia | Germany | France | Spain

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example: Banking | Finance | Insurance | Media | Government | Communications

Careers & Graduate Skills

Economics graduates are in high demand – our graduates work in Bank of Ireland, Price Waterhouse Cooper, KPMG, Paddy Power and Deloitte as well as different Government departments and NGO's. Economics graduates can expect to have direct access to Economics, Business and Finance Masters. The School of Economics offers MSc graduate programmes aimed at further developing analytical and professional skills.

What our Students Say

I decided to study Economics as part of a Joint Major because I wanted to understand in more detail how the world works - what makes governments, companies and individuals do what they do and make the decisions that they make. I chose UCD because of its reputation and the course allowed me to study Politics and International Relations alongside Economics.

As part of the degree, you can also pick elective modules; I have studied a Climate Change module which was really interesting as we looked at the same problems as in economics, but from a more technical and practical viewpoint so l could understand more broadly the challenges involved in solving the climate crisis.
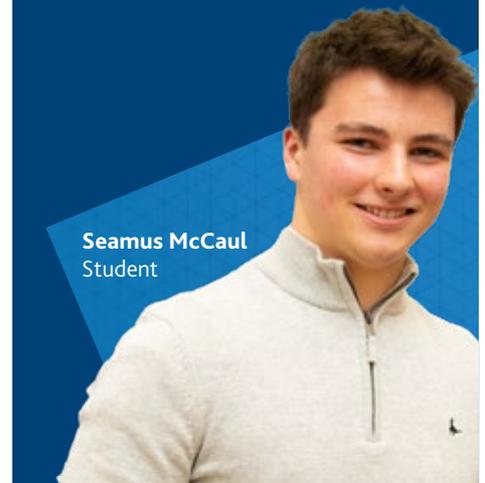
Seamus McCaul
Student

Other Economics Degrees

You can also study Economics as a Single Major through BSc Economics (DN710).

UCD School of Economics

Economics (Joint Major)

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Economics*	Principles of Macroeconomics*	Principles of Microeconomics*	Introduction to Quantitative Economics*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Intermediate Microeconomics I*	Intermediate Macroeconomics*	Statistics for Economists*	Game Theory
Intermediate Microeconomics II*	Economics of the Environment	Introduction to Financial Economics	Economic Policy Analysis

At the end of Year 2, you may opt to apply to study for a Single Major in Economics subject to meeting certain requirements.
Many specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Econometrics	International Trade Economics	Economics of International Finance	Economics of Gender & Diversity
Behavioural Economics	Specialised Economics Options	Optional Study Abroad	Optional Internship

Year 4 Further Specialisation

This year offers a wide range of economics modules including advanced microeconomics, advanced macroeconomics and advanced econometrics.

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Economics	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
Taught Masters (MSc)	MSc in Business Analytics	Economics
MSc Applied Economics	MA Statistics	Banking/ Finance
MSc Behavioural Economics	MSc Data Analytics	Management Consultancy
MSc Quantitative Economics	MA Mathematics	Broadcasting / Journalism / Media
MSc in Economics & Data Analytics	MSc Computer Science (Conversion)	Business
↓	Master of Public Policy	Research
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	MSc in Project Management	Education
↓	Professional Masters in Education	Accountancy
Research & Academia	MSc Quantitative Finance	Policy Analysis
	MA in Geopolitics & Global Economy	Investment Analysis
	MSc Management	Financial Risk Analysis
	MSc Marketing Practice	Public Sector
	Masters in Common Law	Civil Service

Geography

Niamh Moore Cherry
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UCD SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY

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Why is this subject for me?

Geography is unique as a discipline. It combines the study of both the natural and social worlds, and their interaction, and is key to solving global problems such as climate change, poverty, migration, urbanisation and environmental management. Do you want to make sense of this highly complex world and become an informed global citizen? Do you want to learn IT, field and laboratory techniques that are highly valued by employers, such as Geographical Information Systems (GIS)?

By studying Geography in UCD, you will understand the context in which environmental, socio-cultural and politico-economic decision-making takes place and develop skills that prepare you for the workplaces and societies of tomorrow.

During your undergraduate programme you will develop discipline specific and transferable skills in: data collection, analysis and interpretation; oral and written communication; time management; collaborative working and spatial analysis.

Geography is taught through lectures, tutorials, labs and fieldwork in Ireland and overseas, and includes independent reading and study. Assessment is generally a combination of continuous assessment, tutorial or laboratory participation and end-of-trimester exams.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities worldwide. Previous students have studied abroad in:
France | Germany | Italy | Spain | Sweden | US | Australia

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:
Government | Environmental | Impact | Business | Planning | NGO's and Charities

Careers & Graduate Skills

Employers value the ability of Geography graduates to investigate, analyse, critique and interpret complex phenomena. UCD Geography graduates have found employment as:

- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) specialists working with local government agencies and private industry (e.g. Esri, ICON).
- Researchers and policy analysts with Teagasc, ESRI, NGOs and governmental departments.
- Planners in both local government and private sector consultancies.
- Educators at primary and secondary level, as well as in high-profile national and international universities.
- Alumni currently work in other varied organisations such as Google, Habitat for Humanity, Deloitte and property consultancies.

Many Geography graduates continue with further study of their discipline or proceed directly to master's degrees in social sciences, spatial analysis, planning, law or business.

What our Students Say

Studying Geography at UCD has been an amazing experience, full of critical learning and hands-on experiences. The course is built to ensure that students gain a broad interdisciplinary knowledge of Geography and its core concepts of people, space and place through both an Irish and international lens. With a wide selection of modules available across all areas of Geography, I was able to focus my studies on areas of interest within the discipline such as historical, urban, environmental, and social geography which I found engaging and beneficial in understanding today's world in a greater context. I also developed useful skills of critical thinking, fieldwork, spatial and data analysis and research skills throughout the course that are not only applicable to university studies but are greatly transferable into the workplace environment upon completion of my undergraduate degree.

Eva Cahalane
Student

Other Geography Degrees

You can also study Geography as a joint honours with Art History, English, Music, History or Irish through DN520.

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Geography
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Geography Matters*	Mapping a Sustainable World*	People, Places, Regions*	Dynamic Earth*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Introduction to GIS for the Social Sciences*	Field Studies in Ireland*	Weather, Climate and Climate Change	Geography, Politics and Media
Global Historical Geographies	Cities in a Global World	Quaternary Environmental Change	Rivers, Estuaries and Coasts

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

River Catchment Management	Social Geography	Far Right, Hate & Political Polarisation	Overseas Fieldwork
Development Geographies	Quaternary Environmental Change in Ireland	Global Risks and Resilience	Environment and Sustainability
Population Geography	Optional Internship	Optional Study Abroad	

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Political Geography	Planetary Geomorphology	The Urban Environment	Historical Geography of Ireland
Fortress Europe & the Global War on Migrants	Civil Society & NGOs: Theory & Practice to change the World	Development of Dublin	Projects in GIS
Research in Action			

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Geography

MA in Geography
MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy
MSc Geospatial Data Analysis
MSc Critical Geography: Power and Inequality
MSc Risks, Resilience and Sustainability
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MLitt
PhD
↓
Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc Environmental Sciences
MA Public Policy
MRUP Masters in Regional & Urban Planning
PME Professional Masters in Education
MSc Environmental Policy
MA/MSc International Development
MSc (Agr) Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development
MSc Equality Studies

Shape your Career

Governmental Agencies
Cultural Heritage
Planning Consultancies
Policy & Environmental Consultancy
Environmental NGOs
Policy Making
Research & Teaching
Media and Communications
Geographic Information Systems

Information and Communication Studies

DN700

Dr Claire McGuinness
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Why is this subject for me?

Information & Communication Studies (ICS) equips students with the knowledge, skills, and tools to help them to make sense of a world where every aspect of human experience is affected by digital technology, communications media, data, and information in all formats. ICS analyses the effects of existing and emerging digital technologies on societies, culture, politics, privacy, health, education and the many spheres of public, private and personal life, and also helps students to develop the skills to be involved in the design of new technologies. ICS provides students with the skill-set and subject knowledge to develop career pathways into varying parts of the tech, communications and media industry specifically, and a range of careers more broadly. Ultimately, ICS is about people, and understanding how people and technology interact and influence each other in the 21st Century.

Students attend classes and undertake independent study and project work. Assessment is through a combination of continuous assessment, projects, and end-of-trimester written examinations.

You will have the opportunity to learn technical skills in some modules such as working with data, designing and building websites, podcasting, creating short-form video and interactive storytelling.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:
US | Australia | China | Canada | Denmark | France | Germany | Sweden

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:
Web Design and Development | Social Media | Social Computing | Digital Media | User Experience | Design Publishing | Digital Marketing

Careers & Graduate Skills

Information and Communication Studies is relevant for careers in web design and development; social media; social computing; user experience design; investigative research; publishing; digital marketing, and business.

Graduates can progress to various Masters courses:

- **MSc Communication & Media**, which prepares students for public and private sectors careers in digital media industries, communication regulation and policy, media design, management and research.
- **MSc Human-Computer interaction** and **MSc Information Systems** which prepare students in careers in human-computer interaction, usability, user experience, user research and information systems-related professions.
- **Master of Library & Information Studies (MLIS)**, which prepares students for careers including librarianship, information consulting and digital media management.

Graduates can also pursue research careers in the form of a PhD.

What our Students Say

Information and Communication Studies (ICS) is a versatile and interesting course. It explores a broad range of topics such as data, communications, digitisation and social media and in turn how they all impact society. This is obviously an increasingly important topic in the modern world as it's growing daily. Some of my favourite modules have been information design, web UX evaluation and computer-mediated-communication. During my course, I have also taken elective modules that have complimented my studies including critical thinking, beginners Spanish, statistics and web design module. ICS also provides a good understanding of information, technology, social structures and digitisation in modern society and the skill skills I have developed will be highly sought after by employers.

Gráinne Brennan
Graduate

Other Information & Communication Studies Degrees

You can also study Information and Communication Studies as a joint honours with English or Linguistics through DN520.

UCD School of Information & Communication Studies

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Information and Communication Studies
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Digital Technology*	Information, Society and Culture*	Information and Social Media*	Digital Judgement: Truth, Lies & the Internet*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Core Competencies for Digital Citizenship	Social Media & Participation in an Online World	Exploring Text with Python	Computer-Mediated Communication
Contextual Design Inquiry	Social Studies of ICTs	Critical Research Skills	Data Dilemmas
Theories of Media & Communication			

Many specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

The Digital Self	Digital Media Ethics	Digital Storytelling	Web Publishing
Information Architecture: Designing the Web	Web UX Evaluation	Digital Research Skills for Social Sciences	Optional Study Abroad
Gender, Race and Media	Artificial Intelligence	Digital Media & Climate Crisis	Personal Information Management
Technology and Human Rights	Optional Internship		

Year 4 Further Specialisation

This year offers a range of specialist modules including Research & Discovery aimed at preparing you for a career or further study in your chosen subject area.

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

### Specialise with UCD Information and Communication Studies

MSc Communication & Media

MSc Information Systems

Master of Library & Information Studies

MSc Human Computer Interaction

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MLitt

PhD

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc Computer Science (Conversion)

MSc in Supply Chain Management

MSc in Strategic Management & Planning

MSc Food Business Strategy

MA Geography

MSc Environmental Policy

MSc in Management

Shape your Career

Systems Analysis, Information Architecture

Librarianship

Information Management

Knowledge Management Analysis

Digital Publishing

e-Business Management

Web Content Management

User Experience Design

Software Development

Web Development

Communication regulation and policy
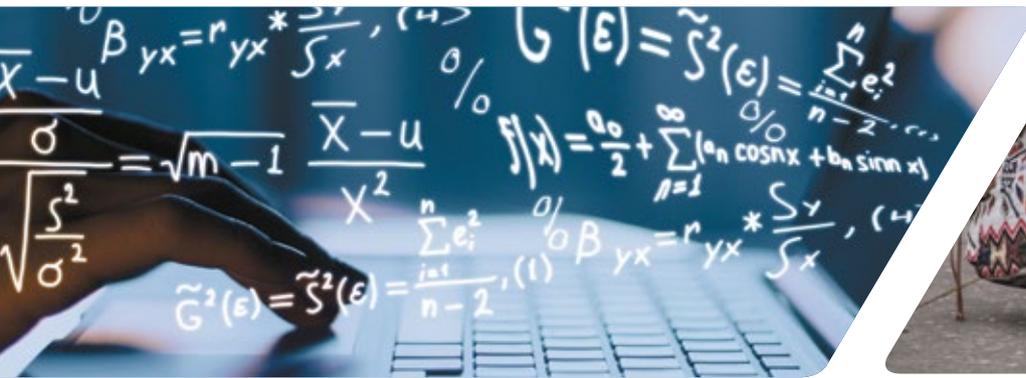
Mathematics

Why is this subject for me?

Mathematics has long played a central role in our quest to fully describe and understand the natural world. Nowadays, it is also a vital tool in many of the social sciences. For example, time modelling of complex economic processes and social networks rely heavily on Mathematical concepts, especially in the age of "Big Data". Those who concentrate on this subject will gain an understanding of mathematical concepts and learn how to prove key facts and solve problems using deductive reasoning. The skills and problem-solving abilities you acquire are highly prized in a range of professions.

You will find that some first year modules build on the foundations laid at Leaving Certificate or equivalent, while others introduce exciting new aspects of the subject.

It is not assumed that you will have met everything before and each topic is carefully introduced and built upon. Assessment will be through a combination of end-of-trimester written examinations, projects and continuous assessment.

> In order to study this degree, we strongly recommend that you have a least a Grade H4 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics, or equivalent.

Study Abroad

In Year 3, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe.

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example: Banking | Financial Services | Insurance | Information Technology | Meteorology | Accounting | Journalism.

Careers & Graduate Skills

Many employers seek mathematics graduates for their critical thinking, analytical and problem solving skills. Mathematics graduates have found highly rewarding employment in: Actuarial Science, Political Science, Journalism, Business, Sociology, Banking and Financial Services, IT, Education, Meteorology and Accounting.

Graduates may also pursue further study including the HDip in Mathematical Science, and the HDip and MA in Statistics.

What our Students Say

I really enjoyed Maths at school so when it came to choosing a college course, I selected Maths as a joint major with Information and Communication Studies. It allowed me to study two topics that offered diversity, kept me engaged, and provided me with broader career options after graduation. The maths course is very wide-ranging and offers an array of topics from linear algebra in first year to group theory in final year. It is a challenging course but is very well supported by the lecturers, tutors, and Math Support Centre to help you keep on top of the subject.

Jonluke Kelly
Graduate

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Mathematics

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Calculus 1*	Calculus 2*	Linear Algebra 1*	Combinatorics & Number Theory*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Multivariable Calculus*	Analysis*	Algebraic Structures*	Linear Algebra 2*

Many specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Complex Analysis	Group Theory & Applications	Geometry	Graphs and Networks
Financial Mathematics	Optional Study Abroad	Optional Internship	

Year 4 Further Specialisation

History of Mathematics	Differential Equations	Statistics & Probability	Cryptography
The Mathematics of Google	Theory of Games	Research Project	

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Mathematics and Statistics

HDip in Mathematical Science

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MLitt

PhD

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

HDip/ MSc Actuarial Science

Professional Masters in Education

MSc Computer Science (Conversion)

MSc Business Analytics

MSc Data Analytics

MSc in Applied Economics

MSc Quantitative Finance

Shape your Career

Economist

Financial Consultant

Trainee Accountant

Trainee Actuary

Journalist

Teacher

Statistician

Civil Servant

Philosophy

Dr Daniel Esmond Deasy
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY

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Why is this subject for me?

Are you interested in thinking for yourself? Do you like problem-solving and developing your own arguments? Do you want to tackle some of the most challenging questions that have fascinated thinkers for centuries, such as:

- Do we have free will?
- What is the nature of personal identity?
- What is consciousness?
- How should we live?
- What is it to think critically?
- Does God exist?
- How do we learn from art and literature?

Many subjects - including Science, Mathematics, English, History, and Religious Education - provide a good preparation for studying Philosophy. The main requirement is a capacity for clear thinking, honesty and discussion. Philosophy is essentially about dialogue and discussion, about giving reasons and examples, about counter-arguments and counter-examples. We read the work of great philosophers, but we also challenge their arguments and conclusions. Although all of our modules are based on lectures, many of them are highly interactive. In addition, Philosophy is rare in the university for offering small-group tutorials for every single module. There is a variety of assessment: traditional exams, take-home essays, on-line assessments, as well as presentations and group work.

Students can switch into a Single Major in Philosophy at the end of their second year. In doing so they will graduate with a BA Philosophy at the end of their degree.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities worldwide. Previous students have studied abroad in:
France | Germany | Italy | Belgium | Czech Republic | Spain | Switzerland | US

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:
Marketing | Advertising | Media and Broadcasting | Public Relations | Human Resources | Government

Careers & Graduate Skills

Corporate head-hunters often target Philosophy graduates for their rigorous analysis of real-world problems and their clear, coherent communication of complex ideas and concepts, and a capacity for detailed research. Philosophy graduates are employed in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, in business and management, marketing and advertising, media and broadcasting, public relations, education and human resources.

Many Philosophy graduates continue with further study of their discipline or proceed directly to master's degrees in social sciences, law, or business. Our graduates have studied at MA and PhD level in internationally renowned universities from Oxford to Paris-Sorbonne to Harvard. UCD philosophy graduates have established prominent careers in Ireland and internationally as barristers, public policy analysts, human rights activists, journalists and academics.

What our Students Say

I have always been a deep thinker with an interest in understanding some of the bigger and more fundamental questions in life. So it only felt natural to come to UCD to study philosophy and learn how one would go about answering some of these questions. Studying philosophy at UCD has been a wonderful experience as the lectures and tutorials are filled with discussions and debates about varying topics.

Additionally, the staff at the School of Philosophy are just phenomenal, as they really want you to succeed and are ready to help you in any way possible. Studying philosophy has given me the tools to form strong arguments and think critically, and I know that these skills will prove beneficial later on as well.

Ada Ruohonen
Student

Other Philosophy degrees

You can also study Philosophy as joint honours with Art History, History, Music or English through DN520.

Philosophy
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Ethics*	Critical Thinking*	Introduction to Modern Philosophy*	Existentialism & Humanism*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Plato's Republic	Feminism and gender justice	Applied Ethics	Philosophy of Mind
Phenomenology	Knowledge and Scepticism	Logic	Philosophy and literature

At the end of Year 2, you may apply for a Single Major degree in Philosophy.
Many specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Hegel	Philosophy of Language	Mind & World in Modern Philosophy	Philosophy of Interpretation
Applied Epistemology	Kant	Optional Study Abroad	Optional Internship

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Critical Theory	History of Ethics	German Idealism	Philosophy of Law
Philosophy of Religion	Honours Seminar	Aristotle: Ethics and Politics	Research Project

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Philosophy

MA in Philosophy
MA in Philosophy and Public Affairs
MA in Contemporary European Philosophy
MSc in Cognitive Science
MA in Philosophy and Literature

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PhD

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

Master of Public Policy
MSc Equality Studies
MA in Geopolitics & Global Economy
MSc Information Systems
Masters in Common Law
MSc Management
MSc Marketing
MSc Computer Science (Conversion)

Shape your Career

Policy Making
Research & Teaching
Media and Communications
Law
Marketing and Advertising
Education
Humanitarian NGOs
Management Consultancy
Business/Finance
Recruitment and Human Resources
Political Parties
Public Sector Management

Politics and International Relations

Dr Joseph Lacey
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF POLITICS &
INTERNATIONBAL RELATIONS

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Why is this subject for me?

Do you want to understand how governments, parliaments, parties and international organisations work? Do you wish to develop a knowledge base in the causes, consequences and solutions to war, political violence and poverty? Do you want to develop skills in social science research methods and how to formulate a coherent and persuasive argument? With a degree in Politics and International Relations, you will develop the knowledge and skills required to analyse the complex interplay between national and international political institutions, systems and forces.

In first and second year, you will be introduced to the core areas of study - including political theory, international relations, research methods and comparative politics - giving you a solid foundation for future study. In subsequent years, you will pursue the areas of politics and international relations that interest you most, with the option to study abroad and/or take up internships.

Students attend lectures and tutorials as well as undertaking independent study. Assessment involves a combination of continuous assessment - including essays, presentations and group work - and end-of-trimester written exams.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you have the option of applying to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe including: France | Norway | Belgium | Sweden | Germany | United States | Japan | Australia

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example: Government | NGOs | Journalism | Communications | Global Development Bodies | Civil Rights Organisations | Charities

Careers & Graduate Skills

There is a wide range of national and international employment opportunities in the public and private sector, including: the Irish civil service; the European Commission; international agencies such as the UN, IMF and World Bank; NGOs; print and broadcast media; the diplomatic service; business; administration and research.

MA and MSc degrees in UCD open to graduates include: Politics; Political Theory; International Relations; International Development; Peace & Conflict; Human Rights; European Public Affairs & Law; Sustainable Development; International Political Economy; Public Policy: European Politics & Policy.

What our Students Say

I chose to study Politics and International Relations in UCD as it provided a structured degree that aligns with my interests. I enjoy the variety of the programme which allows me to study a wide range of aspects such as domestic policy, international politics, climate change and even quantitative data analysis. As part of my degree, I had the opportunity in third year to secure an internship at a political research institute which has been very rewarding. This course has opened up my career prospects as it has given me an understanding of what goes on behind the scenes in the civil service, European Union, Think Tanks, NGO's and private corporations who are all looking to recruit individuals with the skills I have developed throughout my degree.

Joey Donald
Student

History & Politics

You can also study Politics as a joint major with History through Humanities (DN530)

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Politics and International Relations
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Foundations of Political Theory*	Foundations of Contemporary Politics*	Foundations in Political Research*	Foundations of International Relations*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Individuals and the State*	Comparative Politics*	Research Methods in Political Science*	Theories and Concepts in International Relations*
Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals	Introduction to EU Politics	Law, Politics and Human Rights	Irish Politics

You may apply to study a single-subject Politics & International Relations Degree at the end of Year 2.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

A sample of modules is provided below from a large range of possible options.

Foreign Policy Mistakes	International Justice	Capitalism and Democracy	International Political Economy
Political Risk & Foreign Investment	Gender in War & Peace	Optional Internship	Optional Study Abroad

Year 4 Further Specialisation

A sample of modules is provided below from a large range of possible options.

Introduction to Asian Politics	Political Activism in the Middle East	Data Analytics for Social Science	Research Project

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Politics and International Relations

MA/MSc International Relations
MA/MSc International Development
MSc International Political Economy
MA/MSc European Politics & Policy
MA/MSc Peace & Conflict
MEconSc European Public Affairs & Law
MA/MSc Politics
MA in Political Theory
MSc Human Rights
MA Middle East Politics
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PhD
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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

Master in Public Policy
MA in Geopolitics & the Global Economy
MSc Equality Studies
MSc in Supply Chain Management
Diploma in Organisational Change & Transformation
MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice
Masters Common Law
MSc Human Resources
MSc Computer Science (Conversion)
MSc Management/International Management

Shape your Career

Policymaking
Civil Service
The European Commission
Media and Communications
Business
Administration & Research
Management Consultancy
Lobby Groups
Political Parties
Public Sector Management
Research & Teaching

Social Justice

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UCD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY,
SOCIAL WORK & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Why is this subject for me?

The subject of Social Justice draws on a range of academic disciplines in order to advance understanding of issues such as inequality, discrimination and human rights abuses. It will appeal to those who would like to acquire the knowledge and skills to understand and challenge injustice and help bring about social change. On completion of your degree you will have acquired an in-depth understanding of the underlying causes of and remedies for social and economic injustice, which will equip you for further study or employment in fields such as public policy; international development; human rights; journalism and communications; social research; advocacy and campaigning.

Over the course of your four-year programme you will advance your knowledge about the key social issues of the 21st century, while developing your skills in relation to critical thinking, analysis, research and theory, problem-solving and communication. An emphasis on participatory learning means that your studies will take place within a supportive and stimulating environment where you will have the opportunity to engage with like-minded people who share your interest in Social Justice. A variety of continuous assessment methods are used throughout the Social Justice programme, including essays, reports, oral presentations, reflective writing, problem-based learning exercises, examinations, projects, and critical commentaries on designated readings.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:

US | Australia | China | Canada | Sweden

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:

Government | NGO's | Communication | Civil Rights Organisations | Charities

Careers & Graduate Skills

At the end of their four-year programme graduates of Social Justice have acquired knowledge and skills relevant to a range of fields of study and employment, including in-depth knowledge about the most pressing societal and global challenges of our time and advanced critical, analytical and communications skills.

The degree will provide a strong foundation for careers in areas such as social justice advocacy; equality, diversity and inclusion; human rights advocacy; international development; politics, journalism; education; and public policy and graduates will be well equipped for roles in research, policy, advocacy, communication, education and training.

Relevant graduate study progammes include:
- Equality Studies
- Gender Studies
- Public Policy
- Human Rights
- International Development

What our Students Say

I chose to study Social Justice as I've always had a keen interest in human rights and activism. I wanted to learn in an environment that allowed me to deeper understand the complexities of social injustice. Through a myriad of modules that explore important topics like race, gender, sexuality and class I have gained a deeper understanding into key social justice issues on a national and global scale.

The lecturers, tutors and fellow students within the programme have greatly facilitated my learning by allowing me to explore my own privileges and oppressions.

What has been most rewarding is that this degree has taught me to be more aware and mindful of how I can amplify marginalised voices in my day to day life and advocate for equity, equality and justice.

Shauna Harris
Student

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Social Justice Perspectives*	Exploring Gender*	Global Justice*	Inequality and Social Justice in Irish Society*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Human Rights and Social Justice*	Political Economy and Social Justice*	Race and Racism: Critical Perspectives*	Gender, Power and Politics: Historical Perspectives*

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Social Justice and the City	Social Justice Movements	Social Policy, Justice and the Environment	Gender, War and Violence
Global Masculinities	Discrimination: Law and Society	Optional Internship	Optional Study Abroad

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Investigating Social Injustice	Inequality in the Labour Market	Global Masculinities	Gender, War and Violence
Migration, Racism and Irish Society	Discrimination: Law and Society	Childhood and Global Justice	Social Policy, Justice and the Environment

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Social Justice

MSc Equality Studies

MA Gender Studies

MSocSc Social Work, Welfare and Justice

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PhD Social Justice

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

Master of Public Policy

Higher Diploma in Social Policy

MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice

MSc European Governance

MSocSc Race, Migration & Decolonial Studies

MSc Information Systems

MSc Management

MSc International Management

MA/MSc International Development

MSc Human Rights

Shape your Career

Non-Governmental Organisations

Politics

Policy Formation

Civil Service

Non-Governmental Organisations

Human Resources

Journalism

Policy Consultancy

Social Research & Policy Analysis

Business

Health Service Management

Sociology

Sara O'Sullivan
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF SOCIOLOGY

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Why is this subject for me?

If you are interested in people, you will be interested in sociology. It is relevant for understanding almost every aspect of our lives. We are all part of society, we are connected with each other and we are affected by the people around us. In the same way, we shape the social context for others as well. Sociology provides you with the mindset and the research tools to observe the social world, make connections, understand differences, norms, cultures or inequalities. Sociology seeks to explain how people relate with each other, how hidden structures play an important role in everyday life and how society shapes the way individuals behave.

It is about why individuals organize themselves into groups such as families, communities, social classes, social networks, religions, genders, neighbourhoods or nations. But it is also about how these groups come about, what they mean and how they change over time. An essential part of your studies will be the acquisition of a sociological toolkit that includes both theoretical approaches and research methods to study society. Students attend lectures and participate in seminar discussions. They also undertake independent studies, including reading and writing about sociological issues. Assessment is a combination of continuous assessment and end-of-trimester written exams.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply to study abroad for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:

Australia | Belgium | China | England | France | Italy | Denmark | Norway | South Korea | Spain | US

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:

Journalism | Media | Community Development | Youth Work | Health | Government

Careers & Graduate Skills

Sociology gives an excellent foundation for a diverse set of careers in areas such as social research and policy analysis, journalism, media, community development, youth work, civil service, social data analytics and business.

It also leads to a wide range of graduate study opportunities in the social sciences, law and business.

The School of Sociology offers a general MSc or MA in Sociology as well as a number of specialised programmes.

MSc Social Data Science combines social science with mathematics, statistics and computing to analyse society using Big Data.

The MSc in Comparative Social Change is run jointly with the Department of Sociology in Trinity College Dublin and uses comparative models to gain insight into societies.

What our Students Say

Studying Sociology is highly practical. Its emphasis on exploring diverse social groups, research methodology and policy analysis allowed me to navigate the increasingly complex global landscape in which we live.

My favourite aspect of my studies was the emphasis on developing critical thinking skills. The rigorous examination of social structures, norms and institutions through the various modules has improved my capacity to make informed decisions and deepen my opinions on various social challenges.

I would encourage any student with an interest in positive social reform to consider studying Sociology at UCD.

George Kelly
Student

Other Sociology Degrees

You can also study Sociology as a joint honours with English or History through DN520 or as a joint major with Social Policy through DN750.

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Sociology*	Foundations of Sociological Thought*	Sociological Analysis and Research Design*	Ireland in Comparative Perspective*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Sociological Theory Level 2*	Quantitative Research*	Qualitative Research Methods*	Sociology of Human Rights
Sociology of Health & Inequality	Sociology of the Family	Sociology of Peace	Sociology of the Environment

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Democracy and Civil Society	Work and Social Stratification	American Society	Sociology of the Body
Sociology of Migration, Race and Ethnicity	Historical Sociology	Global Inequalities	Optional Internship
Optional Study Abroad			

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Sociology of Nations	Sociology of War & Violence	Contemporary Theory	Research Project

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Sociology

MSc or MA Sociology

MSc Social Data Science

MSc in Comparative Social Change

MA Social and Political Thought

MSc Global Solutions

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PhD Sociology

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

Master of Public Policy

MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy

MSc Human Rights

MA/MSc Nationalism & Ethnic Conflict

MA/MSc International Development

MA/MSc Politics & International Relations

Shape your Career

Business/Finance

Civil Service/Politics

Data Analysis

Health Service Management

Social Research & Policy Analysis

Journalism

Statistics

Why is this subject for me?

Statistics is the science of transforming data into knowledge and understanding, providing a principled approach to making data-informed decisions. Statistical methods enable us to gain insights from data, and with the advent of powerful computing technology, these methods have become widely used in many sectors. With society and the economy routinely producing vast amounts of data, the demand for data analytics skills is higher than ever.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in statistical methods, with an emphasis on programming and hands-on experience tackling data-related, real-world problems.

In the first year, you will gain a broad overview of the basic principles of statistical modelling and reasoning, while subsequent years enhance this knowledge with a mixture of theoretical and applied modules to give you a well-rounded learning experience in statistics. Notably, you will learn how to use current statistical software packages, giving insight into how statistical methods are used in practice.

> In order to study this degree we strongly recommend that you have at least a Grade H4 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent.

Study Abroad

In Year three, you can apply for a trimester or a year in partner universities across the globe.

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:

Finance | Government | Marketing | Health | Environment

Careers & Graduate Skills

With a degree in statistics, you will acquire the necessary skills to unlock insights from complex data, and steer crucial decisions across a diverse range of sectors. Employers in these industries are actively seeking professionals with advanced statistical data analytics skills and reasoning. As a statistician, you will be highly valued across a broad spectrum of fields, and perform societal research that contributes to understanding economic and social change, informing public policymaking. You will have the opportunity to build a career in industries such as government, economic analysis, finance, marketing, or education. A degree in statistics also opens doors to graduate studies in both taught and research programmes.

Graduates may also pursue further study including the MA or the MSc in Statistics, HDip in Mathematical Science and GradDip in Actuarial Science. Graduates who wish to undertake further study part-time might also consider the Professional Diploma and MSc in Data Analytics.

What our Students Say

I originally chose to study statistics as I did well in mathematics at school and I wanted to explore our larger society's dynamics.

I study modules in Statistics and Economics and this balance alongside option modules in other social sciences subjects has provided me with a holistic understanding of Statistics and its far-reaching influence. Between lectures and coding labs, I apply theory into practice, working with large data sets while navigating different applications of statistics.

I have been able to determine my career path in trend forecasting, and I don't think I would have come to this conclusion without UCD's educational approach and its career support.

Vy Nguyen
Student

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Calculus 1*	Linear Algebra*	Statistical Modelling*	Calculus 2*

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Probability*	Predictive Analytics*	Bayesian Statistics*	Inferential Statistics*

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Time Series Analysis	Statistical Machine Learning	Data Programming	Advanced Predictive Analytics
Multivariate Analysis	Optional Internship	Optional Study Abroad	

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Nonparametric Statistics	Design of Experiments	Stochastic Models	Categorical Data Analysis
Survey Sampling	Survival Models	Research Project*	

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BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Statistics

MA/MSc Statistics
HDip in Mathematical Science
MSc Data and Computational Science
MSc Data Analytics
Graduate Diploma/MSc in Actuarial Science
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PhD Mathematics & Statistics
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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc in Finance
MSc Computer Science (Conversion)
Master in Public Policy
MSc in Project Management
Professional Masters in Education
MSc in International Business & Law
MA in Geopolitics & Global Economy
MSc Management
MSc Marketing Practice
MSc Aviation Finance
Masters in Common Law

Shape your Career

Economics
Banking/ Finance
Management Consultancy
Broadcasting / Journalism / Media
Business
Research
Education
Accountancy
Policy Analysis
Investment Analysis
Financial Risk Analysis
Public Sector
Civil Service

BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology

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UCD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY,
SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Why is this course for me?

The (BSocSc) Social Policy and Sociology at University College Dublin is the premier honours degree of its kind in Ireland. It is the standard qualification for those working in policy making and social services and recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. If you are interested in exploring how societies, communities and families work and wish to make a difference to the world, affect cultural change, contribute to public service or corporate responsibility then this course is for you.

The course explores key social issues affecting societies in Ireland, the European Union, the USA and Asia: poverty, inequality, homelessness, addiction, mental health, social stratification, criminal justice, globalisation, gender equality, childhood and children's services, and tax and welfare systems. You will learn about how policy makers, in Ireland and across the world, have responded to these societal challenges. A strong emphasis is placed on studying qualitative and quantitative research methods. You will attend lectures and seminars and engage in project-based learning, instruction, and independent study with experienced academic staff and with input from policy makers and industry.

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a year in partner universities across the globe by extending your degree from 3 to 4 years and leading to the award of a BSocSc International degree:
Hong Kong | Italy | Japan | Malta | The Netherlands | Spain | Sweden

Capstone Assignment

In year 3 you do a "capstone assignment" to top off your undergraduate learning in social policy and form a bridge to the world of work or further learning that you will enter when your degree is complete. The requirement of the module is that you take a social policy topic of your own choosing and write an extended assignment on it. The topic you select will be grounded in the rest of the course and ideally should have continuing significance in your future career.

Careers & Graduate Skills

The BSocSc in Social Policy & Sociology provides a strong foundation for both postgraduate study and a wide range of careers in government, social services, NGOs, education, media, including new and online media (who are increasingly expressing an active interest in recruiting social sciences graduates) and business. Alumni include Orlaith Blaney (Marketing and Advertising, former CEO McCannBlue Dublin), Frances Fitzgerald (MEP), Ali Hewson (Humanitarian), Tricia Keilthy (Head of Research and Policy, Society of St. Vincent De Paul) and Sr Stanislaus Kennedy (Humanitarian & Founder Focus Ireland).

Graduates of this three-year degree can apply for the two-year Professional Masters of Social Work to become professionally qualified Social Workers.

What our Students Say

Social Policy & Sociology are both fascinating subjects that take an in-depth look into various social, economic and political issues and how and why they influence society.

I specialised in the "Work, Organisations and People" Pathway in this course because I wanted to get an understanding of the key issues involved in management and industrial relations in the context of the sociological and policy issues that can impact on the workplace.

What I have enjoyed most throughout the course was having the opportunity to engage with other students in tasks that involved critical thinking, analysis and research projects. The course has helped me to develop a mindset that explores new ideas and perspectives.

Harry Dempsey Student

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Social Policy and Sociology

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Social Policy Theories and Concepts*	Sociological Analysis*	Ireland in Perspective*	Introduction to Sociology*
Understanding Social Problems and Policies*	Contemporary Irish Welfare State*	History of Irish Social Policy*	Foundations of Sociology*
Sociology of Crime and Deviance*	Inequality in Irish Society*	Introduction to Psychology*	Introduction to Social Work

Years 2 & 3 Follow Your Pathway

Social Work and Social Professions*

Modules may include:

Social Work in Practice

Child Abuse, Sexual and Domestic Violence

Sociology of the Family

Sociology and Ethics of Care

Society and Public Service

Modules may include:

Sociology of Human Rights

Gender, Health and Society

Careers in Public Policy

Housing Policies, Neighbourhoods and Homes

Work, Organisations and People

Modules may include:

Introduction to Work and Organisational Psychology

European Industrial Relations

People at Work

Work and the Welfare State

Year 2 Compulsory Modules

Sociological Theory	Quantitative Research Methods	Investigating Social Services

Year 3 Compulsory Modules

Qualitative Research Methods	Social Policy Capstone Module

Modules may vary from year to year.

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BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Sociology/School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

Professional Masters of Social Work

Master of Public Policy

MSc Equality Studies

MA Gender Studies

MSc Comparative Social Change

MSc or MA Sociology

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PhD Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

PhD Sociology

PhD Public Policy

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

Society and Public Service Pathway

Master of Public Policy

MSc Equality Studies

MA Gender Studies

Work, Organisation and People Pathway

MSc Human Resource Management

MSc Management

Masters in Public Policy

Shape your Career

Careers closely related to this degree

Social Work | Social Care

Probation Service

Non-Governmental Organisations

Public Sector Careers

Politics | Policy Formation

Civil Service

Non-Governmental Organisations

Private Sector Careers

Human Resources

Journalism | New and Online Media

Policy Consultancy

Students on the Social Work and Social Professions pathway who meet entry requirements are eligible to apply in Year 2 for a place on UCD's two-year Professional Masters of Social Work, a qualification required to practice as a social worker

At the end of Year 1, students will select one of the three career orientated pathways to specialise in their area of interest.

Social Work and Social Professions

This pathway prepares students for graduate professional training in social work and provides them with an opportunity to test out their interest in becoming a professionally qualified social worker. Social Work is practiced in a variety of settings including child welfare and child protection, probation, hospital-based social work and social work in addiction, mental health, disability and vulnerable older people. This pathway offers the opportunity to study Social Policy and Sociology, and to take a specialist series of modules that introduce social work theory and practice in areas such as child welfare and child protection, physical disability, intellectual disability, mental health, physical illness, probation, vulnerable people and those who are dying or are bereaved.

Careers Opportunities

A wide range of organisations including public service, local authority and non-governmental organisations employ social workers in Ireland. The professional training is generic, not confined to a particular client group, allowing social workers to move from one area of practice to another over their career. The professional qualification is at Masters level meaning that it is accepted for practice in a wide range of countries including Ireland, the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Work, Organisations and People

This pathway offers the opportunity to study Social Policy and Sociology and to take a specialist series of modules in organisational psychology, industrial relations and human resource management. The focus of this pathway is to provide students with the academic understanding of the key issues involved in management and industrial relations in the context of the sociological and policy issues that can impact on the workplace. Students on this pathway will have the opportunity to examine the economic, social and personal impact on individuals of where they work. This will include consideration of the stresses that can arise from the workplace and the nature of a person's job.

Careers Opportunities

Students taking this pathway can progress to careers in the business sector in the areas of industrial relations, human resource management, business organisation, corporate responsibility and governance.

Society and Public Service

This pathway offers the opportunity to study Social Policy and Sociology and to take a series of specialist modules aimed at preparing you for further study in social research and policy analysis. The pathway develops an understanding of the complex interactions between individuals, society, public service provision, policy formation and achieving societal change.

The pathway prepares students for careers where they are involved with shaping the nature and structures of the societies in which we live in. The courses you will take focus on understanding a wide range of social services, public sociology, economic aspects of social policy, policy formation and evaluation.

Careers Opportunities

Students taking this path can progress to careers with national, EU and international governments as well as roles with a range of NGO's including migrant support organisations, community development groups, social housing and homelessness organisations, family support projects, child welfare advocacy services, addiction services, community activism, social activism, eco-sustainability and representative organisations.

Social Policy

Why is this subject for me?

If you are interested in understanding and researching social problems such as poverty, inequality, homelessness and discrimination, you will enjoy studying Social Policy. It is the study of the social impact of policies such as social services, social security benefits and the welfare state. Social Policy analysts are interested in the design and funding of these policies and their impact on different family types, income and age groups, genders, regions and countries.

In first year you will be introduced to the basic concepts and skills required to study social policy so no prior knowledge of the subject is required.

Assessment for modules involves a mixture of examinations and continuous assessment via assignment and projects intended to give all students equal opportunities to demonstrate their skillsets and knowledge base.

Social Policy at UCD

• Long established high- profile academic department
• Expertise in teaching, research and policy development
• Areas of expertise include housing, pensions, migration, taxation, family policy and healthcare.

Engaged with:

• International research community
• Irish government and international policy makers
• Shaping, influencing and researching policy choices

Careers & Graduate Skills

Social Policy provides an excellent grounding for a wide range of careers such as:

• Social research and policy analysis
• Journalism
• Online and new media
• Social work
• Community work
• Social services management
• Human Resources Management
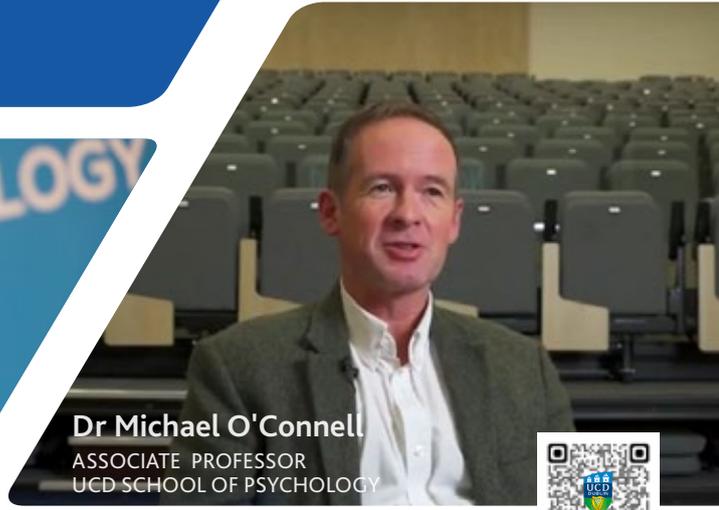• The Civil and Public Service

Amongst many other further study opportunities, the School provides a two year Professional Masters of Social Work and undergraduate modules in social work are provided to prepare Social Policy graduates for this option. The School also provides a one-year MSc in Equality Studies and an MA in Gender Studies and contributes to UCD's one-year Master of Public Policy (MPP). Progression routes are integrated into the BSocSc's pathway structure to facilitate career development via either Masters study or career guidance.

What our Students Say

I've always been interested in people, society, and social issues, and choosing to study Social Policy and Sociology in UCD is one of the best decisions I've made. I find that these two subjects complement each other very well, and I have had the opportunity to explore a wide range of fascinating modules, from Sociology of Crime and Deviance to Careers in Public Policy. After first year, I chose the Society and Public Service pathway. This pathway has opened up a broad range of exciting career opportunities, including working in NGOs, the Civil Service, or the EU, and I can't wait to see where this degree takes me.

Louise McKeown
Student

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BSc Psychology

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Why is this subject for me?

If you have a questioning attitude and good reasoning skills you will really enjoy the world opened up by Psychology. Psychology has links to the natural sciences, the social sciences and the arts and humanities, so it is likely to appeal to a wide variety of people. The course has core modules that will introduce you to major theories and research methods, and you will also have a chance to choose option modules in specialist areas of psychology, for example counselling, clinical psychology and work and organisational psychology. The syllabus continually evolves to take account of developments in society, media and technology.

Students spend up to 20 hours per week attending lectures and tutorials. Psychology is a degree subject which contains both practical and theoretical elements. In second year you will conduct a series of laboratory practicals, while in third year you will carry out an independent research project under the direction of one of the academic staff. A combination of end-of-trimester written examinations and continuous assessment is used to evaluate performance.

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a year and graduate with a four-year BSc International degree in partner universities across the globe including:

France | Spain | Germany | The Netherlands | US

Professional Accreditation

The degree is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), the learned and professional body for Psychology in the Republic of Ireland. UCD Psychology graduates are eligible for graduate membership of the PSI.

Careers & Graduate Skills

Psychology graduates may progress through recognised postgraduate training to become professional psychologists. UCD's Psychology degree is recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland and, as such, provides the foundation for further graduate training in any field of psychology as well as for a wide variety of careers including: clinical psychology, educational psychology, organisational psychology, work and organisational psychology, counselling psychology, and health psychology. Psychology graduates acquire skills and competencies that are highly valued by a wide range of employers in the public and private sectors. Many psychology graduates choose careers in government, human resources, marketing, health, education and the media. The data analysis skills acquired by psychology graduates are in increasing demand in business and government. Advanced analytical skills also provide career opportunities in research alongside other social scientists such as economists and sociologists.

What our Students Say

I chose psychology at UCD as I have always been interested in the mechanisms and motivations behind people's behaviours, emotions and mental processes. I am also passionate about helping others.

Studying psychology at UCD has given me a great foundation to a future career in counselling psychology and has opened my eyes to the wide range of possibilities with a degree in BSc Psychology.

I also enjoyed studying other subjects such as geology and Spanish through electives throughout the degree.

I would recommend this course to anyone who enjoys learning about the human mind, is inquisitive and would like to develop their analytical and reasoning skills.

Iwona
Kowalczuk
Student

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Psychology
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Brain and Behaviour*	Perception and Cognition*	Introduction to Applied Psychology*	Psychology: Key Skills and Concepts*
Introduction to Social Psychology*	Psychological Research*	Introduction to Psychology*	Plus optional modules

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Visual Cognition*	Psychology of Language*	Laboratory Practicals*
Analysis & Design*	History of Psychology*	Child and Adolescent Development*

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Behavioural Neuroscience*	Lifespan Development*	Research Dissertation*
Advanced Social Psychology*	Intelligence and Personality*	

Plus optional modules for Years 2 & 3

Clinical Psychology
Counselling Psychology
Psychology & Crime
Psychological Trauma
Practicing Organisational Psychology
Advanced Language Development
Health Psychology
Biological Psychology
Disability Studies
Actuarial Statistics

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BSc Psychology

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Pyschology

Taught Master's
MPsychSc Psychological Science
MSc Behavioural Neuroscience
MSc Disability

Research based Programmes
PhD Clinical Psychology
MLitt
PhD

Shape your Career

Psychologist
Clinical
Counselling
Education
Work and organisational
Neuropsychologist
Work & Organisation
Health
Sports
Research

Business Related Careers
Human Resources Officer/Manager
Recruitment Consultant
Change Management/Management Consultant
Training & Development Officer/Manager
Retail Manager
Public Relations
Advertising Executive
Market Researcher

Therapist
Art Therapist
Psychotherapist
Drama Therapist
Music Therapist

Public Sector Careers
Health
Civil Service
Local Councils
Education

BSc Economics

Orla Doyle
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UCD SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

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Why is this subject for me?

If you are interested in people's behaviour and in current affairs, and if you enjoy problem-solving and are naturally analytical with good numeracy skills, numeracy skills, then economics is an ideal degree choice for you.

The BSc in Economics is designed for students who wish to study the subject intensively from the time they enter UCD.

It is a 3-year concentrated programme that provides students with thorough foundations in microeconomics and macroeconomics and their applications across a wide range of areas such as international trade, financial markets, healthcare, public finance, labour markets and the economics of the environment.

Students will develop skills in data analysis, and be supported in the development of their analytical and problem-solving skills. By taking modules developing key skills at an early stage in the programme, students on the BSc in Economics are able to take a wide range of the advanced and specialty field electives in their second and third years. This degree also features a number of small group classes devoted to developing competencies in research, analysis, numerical, writing and communications skills.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS:
It is necessary to achieve a minimum of H5 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics to be admitted to this course.

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a year in partner universities across the globe by extending your degree from 3 to 4 years and leading to the award of BSc International degree:

The Netherlands | Belgium | Italy | France | Germany | Spain | US | Asia | Australia

Careers & Graduate Skills

Economics graduates are in demand in many professions and industries including banking, finance, management consultancy, insurance, media, the civil service, research, communications and international organisations, as well as Government.

A recent study suggests that graduates majoring in economics receive '46% higher annual early-career wages than they would have with their second-choice majors.

Many graduates opt for further study in Economics or in Business, Finance or Law programmes in Ireland or abroad.

Economics graduates can expect to have direct access to graduate Business and Finance degree programmes.

Postgraduate qualifications are necessary to work as a professional economist. The School of Economics offers MSc graduate programmes aimed at further developing analytical and professional skills.

What our Students Say

I chose to study economics in UCD as it is an excellent choice for anyone interested in understanding how the world works. Economics examines how individuals, businesses, and governments make decisions about how to allocate resources. This knowledge is not only valuable in understanding how the economy functions but can also be applied in many other areas, such as public policy, business, and finance. I enjoy the wide variety of options offered, from financial economics to game theory. The highlight of this course has to be the faculty, the passion they bring really helps us engage with the material and fosters a positive learning environment. With an economics degree, you can pursue a range of careers, from finance and banking to government and nonprofit organisations.

Kevin Guo
Student

You can also study Economics as a Joint Major through BSc Social Sciences (DN700).

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Economics (Single Major)

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Economics*	Mathematics for Economists*	Principles of Macroeconomics*	**Plus three modules from the following subjects:**
Exploring Economics*	Data Analysis for Economists*	Statistics for Economists*	Geography
			Mathematics
Economic History*	Principles of Microeconomics*	One Elective Module*	Politics
			Sociology
			Statistics

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Optimisation for Economics*	Intermediate Macroeconomics*	Intermediate Microeconomics I*	**Plus five modules from a range of options such as:**
			Irish Economy
Econometrics*	Elective Modules x 2	Intermediate Microeconomics II*	Economic Policy Analysis
			Introduction to Financial Economics
			The Economics of the European Union
			Game Theory
			Economics, Organisation and Management

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Advanced Macroeconomics*	Advanced Microeconomics*
Economics Research Project*	Advanced Econometrics*
Elective Modules x 2	

Plus Four Options from a range of choices including:

Industrial Economics	Public Economics
Behavioural Economics	Environmental Economics
Labour Economics	International Money and Banking
The Economics of the Transport Sector	Economics of International Finance
International Trade Economics	Advanced Econometrics: Time Series
Transport Economics	

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BSc Economics

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Economics

MSc in Applied Economics
MSc Quantitative Economics
MSc Behavioural Economics
MSc in Economics & Data Analytics
↓
MLitt | PhD
↓
Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

GradDip Actuarial Science
PME Professional Masters in Education
MSc Computer Science (Conversion)
MSc Business Analytics | MSc Data Analytics
MSc Quantitative Finance
MSc in Finance
MSc in Management Consultancy
MSc in International Business
MSc in Energy and Environmental Finance

Shape your Career

Economist
Financial Consultant
Trainee Accountant
Trainee Actuary
Journalist
Teacher
Statistician

Civil Servant

Modules may vary from year to year.

BEd - Education with Gaeilge &/or Modern Languages

DN760

Jake Weldon
STUDENT

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Why is this subject for me?

Are you interested in studying to be a teacher of modern languages and/or an Ghaeilge at post-primary level? Are you passionate about teaching young people and making a positive impact on their lives? This innovative teacher education programme prepares high quality language teachers to teach, inspire and lead across the Irish education system.

This four-year programme blends language learning and initial teacher education to prepare you to work as a language teacher in post-primary schools in the Irish education system. You can choose to study either two languages from the following list (French, Spanish, German, Italian or Portuguese) or one from this list along with an Ghaeilge. Alternatively, you can choose to major in an Ghaeilge alone. The following combinations are possible in this programme:

- BEd Education, Gaeilge and Modern Language (French, Spanish, German or Italian)
- BEd Education and Modern Languages (French, Spanish, German or Italian)
- BEd Education and Gaeilge

With each of the combination of subjects indicated above, students will engage in a series of modules which will develop their language proficiency skills, build linguistic competencies while also learning about the respective culture and literature of the language(s) being studied. You will also develop your pedagogical skills as a teacher as you progress through the programme, undertaking modules in foundation disciplines (history/sociology/psychology/philosophy of education, curriculum studies) and professional studies (communication skills, digital learning, research) while also engaging in school placement (in both primary and post-primary schools). A key aspect of the programme is to prepare you for working with a diverse range of students and personnel across the education system, with particular emphasis on the school as a learning community.

UCD School of Education

Study Abroad

An integral aspect to this programme is the opportunity to immerse yourself in language learning through study abroad and/or in the Gaeltacht. This is a key requirement for Teaching Council registration. If studying two modern languages, placement will be undertaken in trimester two and three (summer trimester) of the third year. If studying an Ghaeilge and a modern language, language placement will be undertaken in trimester one (the Gaeltacht) and trimester two (Erasmus study abroad opportunity). If studying an Ghaeilge alone, language placement will be undertaken in trimester one of the third year of the programme.

Professional Accreditation

This four-year concurrent initial teacher education (ITE) degree has been recognised and accredited by The Teaching Council of Ireland. Students fulfilling all elements and requirements of the programme will be eligible to apply for registration as a post-primary school teacher.

What our Academics Say

This new teacher education programme affords students the opportunity to study modern languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Gaeilge) while also engaging in foundational education modules to prepare for teaching in post-primary schools.

Students will study language proficiency skills to a high standard, while also engaging in modules exploring the foundations of education, professional studies) and undertake school placements (in both primary and post-primary schools).

The programme places particular emphasis on preparing teachers who can respond to the educational needs of students in an increasingly diverse and dynamic education system in a creative and innovative manner.

Deirdre McGillicuddy
Asst. Professor
UCD School of Education

Programme is delivered by UCD School of Education in collaboration with UCD School of Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore and UCD School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics.

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BEd Education with Gaeilge
What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Irish Childhoods	Socio-historic Perspectives on Education	An Ghaeilge Acadúil	Professional Placement Primary School (One Trimester)
Introduction to Language Learning, Pedagogy & Communication	Education for a Sustainable Future	Teanga na Gaeilge	
Creative Pedagogies & Wellbeing		Cúlra agus Litríocht na Gaeilge	

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Education for Democracy	Nua-Ghaeilge: An Ghaeilge ar an Scáileán	Bláthú na Nuafhilíochta	Professional Placement Post-Primary School (One Trimester)
Inclusive Education for Students with Additional Learning Needs	An Fhilíocht roimh na nGorta	Teanga na Gaeilge	
Contemporary Language Pedagogy, Curriculum and Assessment			

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Capstone Project Research Methods (online)	Digital Technologies & Language Pedagogy (online)	Bunscileanna Aistriúcháin	An NuaPhrós
		Litríocht Uladh	Erasmus Gaeltachta (Trimester 1)

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Capstone Project	Scéalta Rómánsacha	Athbheochan na Gaeilge	Professional Placement Post-Primary School (Trimester 1 & 2)
	Teanga na Gaeilge		

Students will develop their professional portfolio/Taisce as they progress through the programme.

BEd Education and Gaeilge

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MA Education	Master of Public Policy	Teacher
MEd Leadership & Inclusion	Master of Common Law	Journalist
MEd Inclusive Education	MSc in Computer Science (conversion)	Consultant
↓	MSc Management	Policy Making/ Analysis
MLitt | PhD	MSc Information Systems	Civil Servant
↓		Translator / Interpreter
Research & Academia		

Modules may vary from year to year.

BEd Education, Gaeilge & Modern Language

(Select one modern language: French, German, Spanish, Portuguese or Italian)

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Irish Childhoods	Education for a Sustainable Future	Litríocht na Gaeilge	Modern Language (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts
Introduction to Language Learning, Pedagogy & Communication	Creative Pedagogies & Wellbeing	Teanga na Gaeilge 1	Modern Language (1 Module) Option Module
Socio-historic Perspectives on Education			Professional Placement Primary School (One Trimester)

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Education for Democracy	Contemporary Language Pedagogy, Curriculum and Assessment	Teanga na Gaeilge	Modern Language (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts
Inclusive Education for Students with Additional Learning Needs		Iriseoireacht na Gaeilge OR Litríocht na Gaeilge	Modern Language (1 Module) Option Module
			Professional Placement Post-Primary School (One Trimester)

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Capstone Project Research Methods (online)	Digital Technologies & Language Pedagogy (online)	Erasmus Gaeltachta (Trimester 1)	Modern Language Erasmus Placement (Trimester 2)

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Capstone Project		Gaeilge Option Module (1 Module)	Modern Language (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts
		Teanga na Gaeilge	Professional Placement Post-Primary School (Trimester 1 and 2)

Students will develop their professional portfolio/Taisce as they progress through the programme.

BEd Education Gaeilge and modern language

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↓		Translator / Interpreter
Research & Academia		

Modules may vary from year to year.

BEd Education and Modern Languages

(Select 2 modern languages: French, German, Spanish, Portuguese or Italian)

What will I study?

Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Irish Childhoods	Education for a Sustainable Future	Modern Language 1 (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts	Modern Language (1 Module) Option Module
Introduction to Language Learning, Pedagogy & Communication	Creative Pedagogies & Wellbeing	Modern Language 2 (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts	Professional Placement Primary School (One Trimester)
Socio-historic Perspectives on Education			

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Education for Democracy	Inclusive Education for Students with Additional Learning Needs	Modern Language 1 (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts	Modern Language 2 (1 Module) Option Module
Contemporary Language Pedagogy, Curriculum and Assessment		Modern Language 2 (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts	Professional Placement Post-Primary School (One Trimester)

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Capstone Project Research Methods (online)	Digital Technologies & Language Pedagogy (online)	Study Abroad - Modern Language 1 Trimester 2	Modern Language 1 (3 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts
		Study Abroad - Modern Language 2 Trimester 3 (summer trimester)	Modern Language 2 (3 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Capstone Project	Modern Language 1 (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts	Modern Language 2 (2 Modules) Language Skills and Study of Texts	Professional Placement Post-Primary School (Trimester 1 and 2)

Students will develop their professional portfolio/Taisce as they progress through the programme.

BEd Education and Modern languages

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
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Research & Academia		

Modules may vary from year to year.

Sustainability

Degree Subjects Available

- Sustainability with **Social Sciences, Policy & Law**
- Sustainability with **Business & Economics**
- Sustainability with **Environmental Sciences**

Why is this course for me?

Sustainability with Social Sciences, Policy & Law is one of the degree subjects available through the common entry Sustainability DN240 course. Sustainability is the great challenge of our time. It is enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals and achieving it will require an integrated approach to the protection of the Earth and its inhabitants. This unique 4-year multidisciplinary course combines the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability, enabling specialisation in one of those dimensions complemented by knowledge and skills from the others. Core modules provide a global perspective on sustainability and include interdisciplinary research, a professional placement, field work in Ireland and Europe and guest lecturers from leading researchers, advocates and practitioners.

The course reflects the integrated interdisciplinary approach required in sustainability research, policy and practice. Students study a common first year for the three Sustainability degree subjects and at the end of first year, students choose their degree major.

Assuming students meet all the academic requirements, students are guaranteed their degree major, which they study in second, third and fourth year:

- BSc Sustainability with **Social Sciences, Policy & Law**
- BSc Sustainability with **Business & Economics**
- BSc Sustainability with **Environmental Sciences**

Study Abroad

There will be opportunities to apply for exchange programmes and an international field trip is a core component of the third year experience.

Internships

Students will have the opportunity to study abroad as part of international internships as well as apply for internships in Ireland with relevant industries and employers. Placements are secured through a competitive process.

Careers & Graduate Skills

Graduates will enjoy careers as consultants, managers and advisers in large organisations and private businesses. An interdisciplinary education in sustainability theory, policy and practice will equip you to work in areas such as renewables, clean technology management and energy efficiency, or advise industries on social and environmental strategies. Many opportunities also exist in organisations such as the UN, the European Environment Agency and the European Commission, government departments and state agencies.

What our Students Say

As someone with a strong interest in tackling social issues and working to mitigate further environmental destruction, choosing to study Sustainability with Social Sciences, Policy & Law at UCD has been the single best decision for me.

With such a wide variety of modules on offer, students are able to explore the path of study most of interest to them. Over the course of my studies, I was exposed to a multitude of exciting topics ranging from global climatic inequalities, agriculture and sustainable land-use to education for sustainable development. This has helped me to gain thoughtful insights into a whole range of climate justice issues, which will undoubtedly prove essential for any career relating to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The interdisciplinary approach of this course has truly opened my eyes to the injustices of the world, while also helping to equip me with the necessary skills, knowledge and ambition to make a difference.

Laoise Markey
Student

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Social Sciences
Graduate Study

There is no limit to where a social sciences degree can take you in your future career. You may undertake a Masters related to a discipline you studied in your undergraduate degree, such as international relations, experimental archaeology or behavioural economics. A social sciences degree also allows you to progress to a range of interdisciplinary Master's degrees in fields such as public policy, cognitive science, criminology, human rights, geopolitics, development studies, equality studies, Information systems, urban environment, world heritage management and more.

You may also choose to convert your undergraduate degree with a Higher Diploma or Master's in a brand new discipline. Graduates in social sciences subjects can apply directly to selected Master's degrees in Law, Business and Computer Science as well as many other disciplines.

See below for a sample of Master's degrees open to Social Sciences students in UCD. Visit subjects pages to find out how to specialise in your chosen social sciences subject area and to find out more about your subject-specific graduate study and career options.

Civil and Public Service

Master of Public Policy

MSc European Governance

MA/MSc Politics & International Relations

MSc Digital Policy

MSc World Heritage Management & Conservation

Non-Governmental Organisations/Not-for-Profit Sector

MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy

MA/MSc International Development

MSc Equality Studies

MSc Environmental Policy

MSc Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development

MSc Sustainable Development

Technology

MSc Computer Science (Conversion)

MSc Data Analytics

MSc Human Computer Interaction

MSc Information Systems

MSc Digital Innovation

MSc Social Data Science

MSc Communication and Media

Business and Finance

MSc Management

MSc Project Management

MSc Strategic Management

MSc Supply Chain Management

MSc Human Resource Management

MSc Marketing Practice

MSc Marketing

MSc Behavioural Economics

Law and Society

Masters in Common Law

MSc International Law & Business

MSc Human Rights

MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice

How to Apply

IRISH LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLICANT

In order to be eligible to compete for any course, you must obtain a minimum of Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. For all Social Sciences courses, Irish, English and Mathematics are required leaving certificate subjects (with the exception of DN670 when a third language instead of Mathematics is a requirement).

Application Process: CAO

A-LEVEL APPLICANT

Applicants presenting A-level and GCSE must have six recognised subjects, selected according to course requirements, and must obtain Grade C, or better, in two subjects at A-level (A2) and Grade C, or better, in the remaining four subjects at GCSE. For all courses in UCD, this must include English. Applicants from the UK and Northern Ireland are generally exempt from the requirement of presenting Irish.

Application Process: CAO

EU APPLICANT

EU applicants must meet the same minimum entry requirements as Irish school-leavers. Applicants from EU countries are generally exempt from the requirement of presenting Irish.

Application Process: CAO

NON-EU APPLICANT

If you are a non-EU applicant you apply directly to UCD.

Application Process: UCD www.ucd.ie/global

HEAR

All UCD Social Sciences degrees have a reserved number of places for eligible Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) applicants. This is a third-level admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Application Process: CAO

DARE

All UCD Social Sciences degrees have a reserved number of places for eligible Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) applicants. This is an admissions scheme to promote equity of access to higher education for school leavers with a disability.

Application Process: CAO

ENTRY WITH QQI-FET QUALIFICATION

All UCD Social Sciences degrees (except new DN760 degree) have reserved places for QQI-FET applicants eligible with Level 5/6 awards. Applicants with a minimum of distinctions in five modules may be admitted on a competitive basis. Please refer to UCD admissions for the full list of eligible awards.

Application Process: CAO

MATURE STUDENTS

If you are at least 23 year of age on 1 January of the year you want to enter, you may apply on grounds of mature years. The majority of applicants will need to sit an MSAP test in March. Please refer to UCD admissions for more detailed information.

Application Process: CAO

UCD DIPLOMA IN ACCESS TO ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW

Access courses are specially designed to help adult learners prepare for university. This course guarantees entry to DN700 and DN750 once course assessment criteria are met.

Application Process: UCD Access and Lifelong Learning

OPEN LEARNING

UCD Open Learning gives you the opportunity to study a range of undergraduate modules in UCD. There are no entry requirements and the Open Learning modules are open to everyone including over 100 social sciences modules. An Open Learning module may be presented instead of MSAP test for mature student admissions from 2019.

Application Process: UCD Access and Lifelong Learning
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Scholarships & Grants

AD ASTRA ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may be eligible to apply for Academic, Performing Arts or Sports scholarships with UCD Ad Astra Academy. Through membership of the Academy, students displaying elite potential to international standards in academic pursuits, sports or performing arts are encouraged and supported to develop their talent further. For detailed information
www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A range of scholarships opportunities are available to international students to undertake study at UCD.
www.ucd.ie/global

ACCESS AND LIFELONG LEARNING

UCD offers a range of scholarships and supports for students from social disadvantaged backgrounds and mature students.
www.ucd.ie/all/supports

GRANTS

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) is Ireland's single national awarding authority for all higher and further education grants. Find out more at
www.susi.ie

Come and Meet Us

Upcoming Events

UCD Undergraduate Open Day	11th November 2023
UCD Social Sciences Open Evening	21st November 2023
UCD QQI-FET (FETAC) Entry to Social Sciences	9th January 2024
UCD Social Sciences Summer School	4th -6th June 2024
UCD Campus Tours	All Year

The format of all events will take place in- person at UCD campus but are subject to change if required.

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