



UCD SOCIAL SCIENCES

UNDERGRADUATE
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ENTRY 2026



DN700

Social Sciences

DN710

Economics

DN720

Psychology

DN750

Social Policy &
Sociology

DN760

Education with Gaeilge
&/or Modern Languages

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Welcome

Social Science knowledge, methods and approaches are critical to addressing all of the biggest challenges facing humanity, society and the environment. Increasingly policymakers, businesses, NGO's and leading scientists are recognising that, without the input of social scientists, these challenges will be intractable. As the largest centre for education, research and outreach in social sciences and related disciplines in Ireland, UCD College of Social Sciences and Law leads the way in offering the broadest range of innovative social sciences educational and research programmes to equip you for the future.

UCD is Ireland's Global University and is currently ranked within the top 1% of higher education institutions world-wide. The QS World University Rankings 2025 placed Social Policy and Administration, Philosophy, Archaeology and Library and Information Management in the top 100 globally and all our disciplines are now in the top 200.

We offer six undergraduate programmes that will provide you with an opportunity to study subjects central to addressing many of the major global challenges. Our degrees include Social Sciences, Economics, Psychology, Social Policy & Sociology, Sustainability (Social sciences, policy and law) and Education (Gaeilge/ Modern Languages). Whatever you study, your degree will support the development of your critical thinking and analytical skills, better preparing you for the next stage of your life and career. High levels of subject-specific and cutting-edge knowledge, critical awareness and transferable skills are the hallmarks of a UCD Social Sciences education.

Our faculty develop significant opportunities for students to learn in a diversity of ways that engage, support and enable you to reach your full potential. Our colleagues working within our Social Sciences office and beyond pride themselves on the promotion of an excellent student experience, pastoral support and advice.

Our teachers are award-winners at institutional, national and international level and leading researchers in their fields, so you are learning with and from the best.

Values are at the heart of what we do. We have a strong culture of excellence, collegiality and collaboration and one of our core goals is to support all to thrive and reach their full potential. We pride ourselves not only in the quality of the educational experience our students receive but also in our culture which champions the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion. A modular curriculum and International Study Abroad opportunities contribute to the development of highly sought-after graduates.

This is an exciting time to be a social sciences student. We invite you to study with us and together we can work through our education and research to generate real impact beyond the university.

We look forward to welcoming you to UCD.

Niamh Moore-Cherry

Professor Niamh Moore Cherry
Dean of Social Sciences
Principal, UCD College of Social Sciences and Law

Social Sciences in UCD

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.

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.

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

Archaeology

Education

Economics

Geography

Information & Communication Studies

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

Social Justice

Philosophy

Social Policy

Sociology



World Leading Subject Rankings

UCD is currently ranked within the top 1% of institutions worldwide. UCD is also highly ranked for social sciences in the QS international rankings by subject and the University is ranked number 1 in Ireland and 49th in the world for sustainability.



Social Sciences Student Experience



Societies

The university experience is all about getting involved and getting active, trying something new, having fun and making some great friends and memories along the way. You can join an of the 80+ student societies throughout the year.

Sport and Fitness Centre

Our modern Sport and Fitness Centre has an extensive range of amenities where students have access to two large gyms and over 100 fitness classes per week free of charge. Facilities also include a 50-metre swimming pool, gym, dance and spinning studios, sauna and jacuzzi, sports halls, squash courts, natural grass pitches, 8 -lane athletics track and the National Hockey Stadium.



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

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.

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.

Who can Study Abroad?

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

My semester abroad at Korea University was unforgettable. Academically, I learned so much from the professors in a diverse range of modules. I also was able to start learning Korean, which has since opened up personal and employment opportunities for me! I met students from all over the world, many of whom I am forever friends with, and there was so much to do and see in Korea, especially culturally. This opportunity was an invaluable part of my degree.

Faith

BSc Politics & International Relations
Korea University, Seoul, South Korea



What our Students Say

My time studying and living in Stockholm, Sweden was a major highlight of my undergraduate experience. Stockholm University is an excellent, modern institution that has exceptional facilities and incredible educators. The chance to meet people from all over the world and make lifelong friends while soaking up Swedish culture is one that I would highly recommend to all who wish to expand their horizons as a student and beyond.

Eoghan

BSc Politics & International Relations and Social Justice
Stockholm 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

Our alumni

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



Holly Cullen
Global Mobility Senior
Grant Thornton Ireland

Bachelor of Social Science International
(2021)



Cathal Keane
Associate Supervisor - Financial
Regulation
Central Bank of Ireland, Dublin
BSc Economics (2022)

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
Senior Public Affairs and
Communications Officer
Irish Cancer Society, Dublin

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



Sharon Farrell
Communications & Advocacy Officer
United Nations Regional Company
Office, Somalia (Based in Nairobi, Kenya)

BSc Economics and Politics &
International Relations (2022)

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



Erika Valiukaite

Policy Analyst, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology (2022), Master of Public Policy (2023)



David Dinca

Regulatory and Policy Analyst
EirGrid, Dublin
BSc Economics and Politics & International Relations (2024)

Technology, Media & Communications

Depending on the degree and subjects, careers include:

- Management Consultancy
- Marketing and Advertising
- Sales
- Business Analytics
- Market Research Analyst
- Information Management
- Account Management
- Web design & Development



Olivia Flanagan

Named Account Executive, GRB
Salesforce, London

BA Psychology (2018), MPsychSc
Psychological Science (2019)



Jamie O'Sullivan

Enterprise Business Development
Representative, Klaviyo

BA Economics & Politics (2021)
MSc Management (2022)

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)



Colm Mulcahy

Doctoral Student, Behavioural Science
(Human-AI Collaboration)

The London School of Economics and
Political Science (LSE)

BA Economics (2018)
MSc Behavioural Economics (2019)

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



Richie Stafford

Assistant Principal
Department of Health -Drugs Policy,
Refugee & Inclusion Health Unit

(BSocSc) Bachelor of Social Science
(2006) Master of Public Policy (2019)



Keelin O'Sullivan

Development Specialist Officer
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

BA Politics & History (2016)

Social Sciences Internships



BSc Social Sciences Internship Programme

The Social Sciences Internship Programme provides students undertaking the BSc Social Sciences degree 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



"My internship helped me with my professional development in many ways, not just as an insight into this specific industry. I could see work in the office, how I can use my own skills or knowledge and how work differs from college. By reflecting on my experiences via the internship module, I gained even deeper understanding. Thanks to all this, I feel much more confident about my future career choices."

Jan | Economics and Politics & International Relations

Internship Placement: Fighting Blindness



"The main reason why I chose to do the Internship in Accenture is that I wanted to gain practical experience and leverage all that I had learned in my degree. During my internship I worked as an Innovation Strategy intern in a multidisciplinary fast paced team that involved helping clients adopt new technologies to solve their future business challenges and needs. Overall, my internship was a very rewarding experience that will be benefit me in any future career."

Mimi | Information & Communication Studies and Sociology

Internship Placement: Accenture



"My internship with KPMG Corporate Finance was an extremely positive experience. I was given real responsibilities and the opportunity to work with friendly and capable professionals. It boosted my confidence, improved my technical and interpersonal skills, and reinforced my desire to pursue a career in finance. I gained valuable experience and insights for the future."

Patrick | Economics, Mathematics & Statistics

Internship Placement: KPMG

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

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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 GAELIGE &/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, Gaelige &/or Modern Languages.

Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements	Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements	Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements	Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements	Leaving Certificate Minimum Entry Requirements
Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. O6/H7 in English, Irish and Mathematics.	Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. O6/H7 in English, Irish and Mathematics.	Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. O6/H7 in English, Irish and Mathematics.	Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects. O6/H7 in English and Irish, H5 in Mathematics.	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.

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 Sociology 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	Earth Sciences
Greek & Roman Civilisation	Irish

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

Irish	
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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

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. 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 NGOs 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 effectively 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.

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. You will learn how to analyse human behaviour using computational techniques. These skills are highly valued in today's competitive job market. 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.

Study Abroad

In Year 3, trimester-long study abroad opportunities will be offered in a number of destinations in Europe, Asia, 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:

- 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, and Facebook, as well as traditional industries such as Finance, Insurance, Manufacturing, Retail and Energy. Public sector and NGOs are among the other markets where social data scientists are in high demand.

UCD School of Politics & International Relations

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What our Students Say

This course seamlessly blends my interests in mathematics, computer science, and social sciences, offering a comprehensive approach to addressing societal challenges. The holistic curriculum at UCD stands out for its comprehensive approach, offering a blend of disciplines that I couldn't find elsewhere. Specifically, modules exploring economics and social network analysis have been very interesting. UCD's supportive academic environment, with approachable lecturers and tutors, has further enhanced my learning experience.

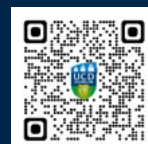
Looking forward, I am excited about leveraging my diverse skill set in a career with an Intergovernmental Organisation, where I can contribute to global advancements.

Iva Sharma
Student



Course Recommendations

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



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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 modules

BSc Computational Social Science

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MSc Politics and Data Science MSc Social Data Science MSc Economics and Data Analytics MSc Urban Data Analytics ↓ PhD Quantitative and Computational Social Science ↓ Research & Academia	MSc in Computer Science MSc Quantitative Finance MSc Management MSc Digital Marketing Masters in Common Law MSc in Business Analytics	Data Scientist Researcher Journalist Programmer Consultant Civil Servant

Economics, Mathematics and Statistics



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.

What our Students Say

I really enjoy the problem-solving aspect of the course, as you get to see a wide range of problems with a lot of applications to the real world. I like the flexibility of the course and the wide variety of module options to choose from. As a result of this, I got to focus in more on the maths modules which I really enjoyed.

The staff and lecturers in UCD are supportive and if you want, there are plenty of opportunities throughout your time in UCD to grow professionally and prepare for the working world.

Study Abroad

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

France | Germany | Italy | Netherlands | UK | Canada | USA | Australia | New Zealand | China | Hong Kong | Japan | Singapore | South Korea

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

Andrew
Student



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.

Course Recommendations

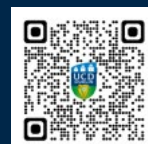
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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

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	Actuarial Statistics	Statistical Machine Learning	Optimisation in Finance
Specialist Economics Options	Cryptography	Game Theory	Research Module
Advanced Predictive Analytics*			

* core modules

BSc Economics, Mathematics and Statistics

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MSc in Applied Economics MA Statistics MSc Data and Computational Science MSc Data Analytics MSc in Economics & Data Analytics ↓ MLitt PhD ↓ Research & Academia	GradDip Actuarial Science PME Professional Masters in Education MSc Computer Science (Conversion) MSc Business Analytics MSc Quantitative Finance MSc Actuarial Science	Economist Financial Consultant Trainee Accountant Trainee Actuary Journalist Teacher Statistician Civil Servant

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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.

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.

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What our Students Say

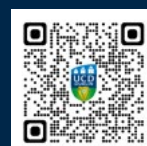
This course seamlessly blends my interests in mathematics, computer science, and social sciences, offering a comprehensive approach to addressing societal challenges. The holistic curriculum at UCD stands out for its comprehensive approach, offering a blend of disciplines that I couldn't find elsewhere. Specifically, modules exploring economics and social network analysis have been very interesting. UCD's supportive academic environment, with approachable lecturers and tutors, has further enhanced my learning experience.

Looking forward, I am excited about leveraging my diverse skill set in a career with an Intergovernmental Organisation, where I can contribute to global advancements.

Peter
Student

Course Recommendations

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



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

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Continue with all three subjects: Philosophy, Politics, Economics

OR

Choose to specialise in **any two** of the subjects

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

Archaeology

Why is this course 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 enables us to reveal the deep history and 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 humanities 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 including 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 archaeology 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

UCD School of Archaeology

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What our Students Say

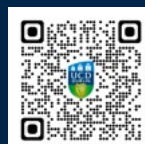
Studying archaeology at UCD has been one of the best choices I've made. Every student is there because they love the discipline; the course really shines in that it has something to offer everyone, from Newgrange to Pompeii and the Philippines to the Sahara. The staff are friendly and supportive and always come through when needed.

The field school at Glendalough is a major advantage over other universities—on graduation you have at least one excavation under your belt!

Spencer
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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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Exploring Archaeology*	Introduction to the Archaeology of Ireland*	The Human Past	Introduction to Anthropology
Archaeological Field Skills	Making the Past		

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Archaeology of Things	Archaeology of Landscapes	People in Prehistory	Historical Archaeology
Archaeological Science	Mediterranean Archaeology	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	Experimental Archaeology	The Art of Greek Emotions	Wood and woodlands
Southeast & Asian Archaeology	Medieval Ireland and Beyond	Optional Internship	Optional Study Abroad

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Communicating Archaeology*	Human Osteoarchaeology	Medieval Buildings	The Archaeology of Collapse
Between Newgrange & Stonehenge	People & Extreme Environments	Roman Art and Architecture	Research Project

* core modules

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

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

Economics

(Joint Major)

Why is this course 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.

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 Novo Nordisk 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 always had an interest in economic theory from an early age. Studying economics has provided me with a broad understanding of global supply chains, labour markets and supply and demand, but also how economics connects with areas such as psychology through behavioural economics, helping us understand how individuals make decisions and are influenced. It also plays a crucial role in addressing major challenges like the climate crisis, by informing how we adapt and develop sustainable policies in a world of finite resources.

Economics is for everyone, and there is a need for economists in every sector of society.

Ciara
Student



Other Economics Degrees

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

Course Recommendations

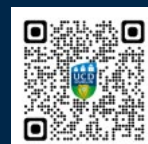
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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

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

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
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.

* core modules

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Economics

Taught Masters (MSc)

MSc Applied Economics

MSc Behavioural Economics

MSc in Economics & Data Analytics

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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc in Business Analytics

MA Statistics

MSc Data Analytics

MA Mathematics

MSc Computer Science (Conversion)

Master of Public Policy

MSc in Project Management

Professional Masters in Education

MSc Quantitative Finance

MA in Geopolitics & Global Economy

MSc Management

MSc Marketing Practice

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

Geography

Why is this course 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.

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.

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

Geography as the subject allowed me to explore the intricacies of the diverse cultures and environments I was exposed to. At UCD, I have been able to further study the interconnectedness of our globalizing world through both human and physical perspectives.

As a highly interdisciplinary subject, I enjoy the flexibility of module selection, where I can shape my degree to my interests in urban geography, sustainability and the dynamic interactions between societies and natural environments.

Amy
Student

Other Geography degrees

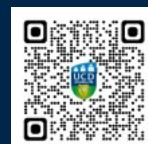
You can also study Geography as a joint honours with Art History, English, Music, History or Irish through DN520.

UCD Geography

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Geography Matters*	Mapping a Sustainable World*	People, Places, Regions*	Dynamic Earth*
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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	Research in Action	Projects in GIS

* core modules

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with
UCD School of Geography

MA in Geography
MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy
MSc GIS and Remote Sensing
MA Critical Geographies: Crises, Climate & Inequality
MSc Urban Analytics
MSc Risks, Resilience and Sustainability

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MLitt
PhD

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Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion
Master's Degrees

MSc Environmental Sciences
Master of 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

Why is this course for me?

Information & Communication Studies is aimed at students who may wish to develop a career or pursue further studies in social media, communications, information studies, critical and creative media, and other related areas. The programme is designed to promote and deepen understanding and appreciation of the roles that information, communication, and digitisation play in all areas of life and society, including economy and culture. It is structured to foster the development of academic and critical thinking competencies and practical skill sets, including digital literacy, research, information management, storytelling across media, the basics of web design, and the creation and publishing of digital and other media.

It serves as an initial springboard for professional training, potentially leading to careers in such areas as Social Media Management, Web Design, Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), User Experience (UX) Design, Media & Communication Management, Digital Publishing, Digital Marketing, Information Architecture, and Librarianship.

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.

What our Students Say

Studying Information and Communication Studies (ICS) has allowed me to be immersed in our ever-evolving digital world, where technology, media and culture shape each other. Modules like Digital Diversity and Digital Media Ethics unpack AI ethics, algorithmic fairness and the real-world impact of digital platforms.

Through research projects, hands-on assignments and policy proposals, theory is turned into action to connect ideas across topics. With expert, passionate lecturers to guide and support my interests, this programme has given me critical, technical and ethical skills and the confidence to drive responsible innovation in any sector.

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: (public and private sectors careers in digital media industries, communication regulation and policy, media design), MSc Human-Computer interaction and MSc Information Systems: (careers in human-computer interaction, usability, user experience, user research), Master of Library & Information Studies, (careers including librarianship, information consulting and digital media management. Graduates can also pursue research careers in the form of a PhD.

Naomi
Student



Other related degrees

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

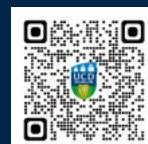
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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Digital Technology	Information, Society and Culture	Introduction to Communication & Media Studies*	Digital Judgement: Truth, Lies & the Internet*
Human-Computer Interaction			

Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Fandoms and Subcultures	Media Industries	Exploring Text with Python	Computer-Mediated Communication
Contextual Design Inquiry	Social Studies of ICTs	Critical Research Skills*	Critical Data Studies
Theories of Media & Communication	Media, Politics and Society		

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

Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge

Technology and Human Rights	Population Geography	Digital Storytelling	Web Publishing
Information Architecture: Designing the Web	Web UX Evaluation	Digital Research Skills for Social Sciences	Optional Study Abroad
Digital Diversity	Artificial Intelligence	Digital Media & Climate Crisis	Personal Information Management
Optional Internship	Deep Tech	Research Methods	Science & Technology Communication

Year 4 Further Specialisation

This year offers a range of specialist modules aimed at preparing you for a career or further study in your chosen subject area.
* core modules

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Information and Communication Studies	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MSc Communication & Media MSc Information Systems Master of Library & Information Studies MSc Human Computer Interaction MSc Digital Policy ↓ MLitt ↓ PhD ↓ Research & Academia	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	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 course 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.

What our Students Say

I chose to study mathematics at UCD because I always enjoyed maths growing up and had an incredibly positive experience with the subject throughout secondary school.

I won't lie it was a challenge at times, but 100% worth it. The wide range of modules really gave a taste of different types of maths, from abstract algebra to tutoring modules. The lecturers have been beyond helpful, providing extensive office hours and unlimited worked examples, they really wanted to see you succeed.

I do think having an undergraduate degree in Mathematics has made my job search so much easier too!

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.

Course Recommendations

In order to study this degree, we strongly recommend that you have **at least a Grade H3 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics**, or equivalent.

Hannah
Sommerville
Student

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Calculus 1*	Calculus 2*	Linear Algebra 1*	Combinatorics & Number Theory*
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Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Multivariable Calculus*	Analysis*	Data Programming*	Linear Algebra 2*
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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	* core modules

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Mathematics and Statistics	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
HDip in Mathematical Science ↓ MLitt ↓ PhD ↓ Research & Academia	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	Economist Financial Consultant Trainee Accountant Trainee Actuary Journalist Teacher Statistician Civil Servant

Philosophy

Why is this course 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.

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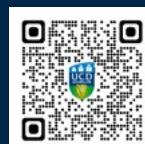
I have always been a deep thinker with an interest in understanding some of the bigger and more fundamental questions in life. So it only felt natural to come to UCD to study philosophy and learn how one would go about answering some of these questions. Studying philosophy at UCD has been a wonderful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

Other Philosophy degrees

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



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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Ethics*	Critical Thinking*	Introduction to Modern Philosophy*	Existentialism & Humanism*
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Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Plato's Republic	Feminism and gender justice	Applied Ethics	Philosophy of Mind & AI
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

Hume & Kant	Modern Philosophy	Philosophy of Language	Phenomenology and History
Wittgenstein	Critical Theory	Optional Study Abroad	Optional Internship

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Irish Enlightenment	Perception & the Senses	Nietzsche	Philosophy of Law
Medieval Metaphysics	Aristotle	Research Project	

* core modules

BSc Social Sciences

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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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

Why is this course 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 3, 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.

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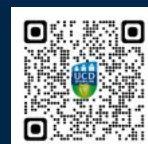
Choosing Politics & International Relations at UCD was an easy decision due to its broad appeal and diverse specialist pathways. The course offers a wide range of modules - covering topics like political philosophy, the climate crisis, gender, economic development, and global governance - and becomes even more flexible in later years.

Opportunities for internships and the Erasmus programme in third year highlight how dynamic the course is. I feel well-prepared to work across the public, private, and NGO sectors thanks to the skills and experience I've gained. Overall, I am very happy with my choice to pursue this degree.

Eoghan
Student

Other related degrees

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



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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Foundations of Political Theory*	Foundations of Contemporary Politics*	Foundations in Political Research*	Foundations of International Relations*
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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	Democracy, Elections and Campaigns	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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* core modules

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Politics and International Relations	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
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 ↓ PhD ↓ Research & Academia	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	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

Why is this course for me?

The subject of Social Justice draws on a range of academic disciplines in order to advance understanding of all forms of inequality and injustice and how they can be addressed. 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, literature reviews, posters and blogs.

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 | Europe

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 programmes include: Equality Studies, Gender Studies, Public Policy, Human Rights, and International Development.

What our Students Say

I have always had an interest in how society can be a more just, social and empathetic and I was looking for a course that allowed me to navigate the various systems and behaviours that create injustice. Studying Social justice has provided me with skills, knowledge and consideration for how these inequalities can be combatted through policy, debate, activism and action. I have gained great perspectives though taking modules on key topics such as gender, race, class and sexuality, climate change, migration and globalisation. I have had the opportunity to gain these perspectives with skills to apply within real world scenarios.

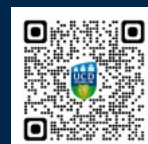
Leah
Student

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

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

* core modules

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Social Justice	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
<div>MSc Equality Studies</div> <div>MA Gender Studies</div> <div>MSocSc Welfare and Justice</div> <div>↓</div> <div>PhD Social Justice</div> <div>↓</div> <div>Research & Academia</div>	<div>Master of Public Policy</div> <div>Higher Diploma in Social Policy</div> <div>MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice</div> <div>MSc European Governance</div> <div>MSc Information Systems</div> <div>MSc Management</div> <div>MSc International Management</div> <div>MA/MSc International Development</div> <div>MSc Human Rights</div>	<div>Non-Governmental Organisations</div> <div>Politics</div> <div>Policy Formation</div> <div>Civil Service</div> <div>Non-Governmental Organisations</div> <div>Human Resources</div> <div>Journalism</div> <div>Policy Consultancy</div> <div>Social Research & Policy Analysis</div> <div>Business</div> <div>Health Service Management</div>

Sociology

Why is this course 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

If you've ever wondered why people behave the way they do, or why inequality persists in society, then sociology might be for you just as it is for me. For me, Sociology is about gaining insight into systems of power, inequality, and social change. Not only has it sharpened my critical thinking skills but also helped me establish deeper connections.

If you're the kind of person who asks, "Why is society like this and what can be done to make it better?" I wholeheartedly encourage you to consider studying Sociology at UCD.

Justin
Student

Other Sociology degrees

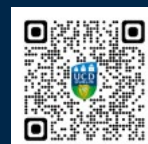
You can also study Sociology as a joint honours with English or History through DN520 or as a joint major with Social Policy through DN750.

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Introduction to Sociology*	Theorizing Society: Foundations of Sociological Thought	Sociological Analysis and Research Design*	Ireland in Comparative Perspective*
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Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Sociological Theory Level 2*	Quantitative Research*	Qualitative Research Methods*	Sociology of Law
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	Art and Social Change	American Society	Sociology of the Body
Health and Inequality	Historical Sociology	Global Inequalities	Optional Internship
Optional Study Abroad	Social Movements	Sociology of Migration, Race & Ethnicity	Sociology of Empire

Year 4 Further Specialisation

Sociology of Nations	Sociology of War & Violence	Sociology of Climate Change	Research Project
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* core modules

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Sociology	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MSc or MA Sociology MSc Social Data Science MSc in Comparative Social Change MSc Global Solutions ↓ PhD Sociology ↓ Research & Academia	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	Business/Finance Civil Service/Politics Data Analysis Health Service Management Social Research & Policy Analysis Journalism

Statistics

Why is this course 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.

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

Course Recommendations

In order to study this degree we strongly recommend that you have **at least a Grade H3 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics** or equivalent.

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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

Calculus 1*	Linear Algebra*	Statistical Modelling*	Calculus 2*
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Year 2 Deepen Your Understanding

Probability*	Predictive Analytics*	Bayesian Statistics*	Inferential Statistics*
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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	Applied Statistical Modelling
Survey Sampling	Survival Models	Research Project*	

* core modules

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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

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 90th 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 policy or corporate responsibility then this course is for you.

The course explores how communities, organisations and policymakers in Ireland and internationally are responding to key societal challenges including poverty,

inequality, climate change, access to housing, gender discrimination, health inequities and many other social problems. There is a particular emphasis the design, funding and evaluation of policies such as social services, social security benefits eco-social policies and the welfare state, and their impact on different family types, income and age groups, genders, regions and countries. Students gain a strong grounding in studying qualitative and quantitative research methods. Students 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

Students can apply to study abroad for a year in partner universities across the globe by extending their 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, students complete a "capstone assignment" to consolidate their undergraduate learning in social policy. Through this assignment students have the opportunity to focus on a topic of their choosing allowing them to further develop a core area of expertise that can be applied in further education or the workforce.

Careers & Graduate Skills

This degree 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 and the civil and public service. The degree opens up many pathways for career development and further study both within the School of Sociology and the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice. Graduates of this three-year degree are well placed to continue their studies into the two-year Professional Masters of Social Work programme and become professionally qualified Social Workers. Other graduate options within the two schools include the Master of Public Policy, MSc Equality Studies, MA Gender Studies, MA/MSc Sociology or MSc Social Data Science. 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

Social Policy & Sociology focuses on how government policies and societal expectations and norms can affect people in vastly different ways. I chose the "Social Work and Social Professions" pathway because I always knew I wanted to help others, and this pathway helped me decide the area of social work I want to pursue my future career in.

The course has given me the confidence and motivation to volunteer to help others in the UCD community and beyond. I have most enjoyed the opportunities to practice the skills I have learnt in seminars which will undoubtedly be useful when engaging with future clients.

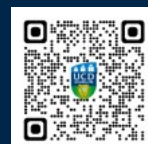
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Year 1 Engage with the Principles

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* <i>Modules may include:</i> Social Work in Practice Child Abuse, Sexual and Domestic Violence Sociology of the Family Sociology of Law	Society & Public Policy <i>Modules may include:</i> Social Movements Gender, Health and Society Careers in Public Policy Housing Policies, Neighbourhoods and Homes	Work, Organisations and People <i>Modules may include:</i> Introduction to Work and Organisational Psychology European Industrial Relations People at Work Work and the Welfare State
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Year 2 Compulsory Modules

Sociological Theory	Quantitative Research Methods	Investigating Social Services
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Year 3 Compulsory Modules

Social Policy Capstone Module	Qualitative Research Methods
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Modules may vary from year to year.

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 ↓ PhD Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice PhD Sociology PhD Public Policy ↓ Research & Academia	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees Society and Public Policy 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
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*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

Social Policy and Sociology Pathways

Year 2 & 3



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 Policy

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.



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

Studying Social Policy & Sociology at UCD has been incredibly rewarding, especially through the Social Work and Social Professions pathway. The course deepened my understanding of societal challenges and how policies impact vulnerable groups. I've gained vital research and critical thinking skills, which will directly support my future career in social work.

Collaborative projects and engaging lectures fuelled my passion for helping others. UCD's supportive environment has prepared me to advocate for change and make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Esther
Student



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BSc Psychology

Why is this course 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.

In third year students complete a capstone assignment. Through this assignment students have the opportunity to focus on a topic of their choosing allowing them to further develop a core area of expertise that can be applied in further education or the workforce.

What our Students Say

I have always had a passion for human behaviour and helping others which was my motivation for studying Psychology. I have gained a deep understanding of many domains in psychology, such as social psychology, neuropsychology and research skills. I could tailor my degree to suit my interests, allowing me to study Spanish as a structured elective while taking modules that interested me, such as Clinical Psychology and Youth Mental Health. I was also involved in various roles on campus such as Class Representative, Student Ambassador and Peer Mentor which allowed me to meet new people and broaden my skill set for my future career.

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

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.

Ellen
Student

Professional Accreditation

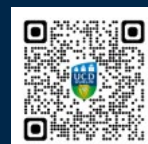
The degree is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), the learned and professional body for Psychology in the Republic of Ireland. UCD Psychology graduates are eligible for graduate membership of the PSI.

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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			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
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*		

* core modules

BSc Psychology

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities		
Specialise with UCD Psychology	Shape your Career	
Taught Master's MPsychSc Psychological Science MSc Behavioural Neuroscience MSc Disability	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
Research based Programmes PhD Clinical Psychology MLitt PhD	Therapist Art Therapist Psychotherapist Drama Therapist Music Therapist	Public Sector Careers Health Civil Service Local Councils Education

BSc Economics

Why is this course 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, 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. Many of our graduates work in Bank of Ireland, Price Waterhouse Cooper, KPMG, EY, and Novo Nordisk.

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.

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.

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What our Students Say

Economics is the study of how individuals, firms and governments make decisions, and I believed that mastering this field would equip me to solve increasingly complex modern problems.

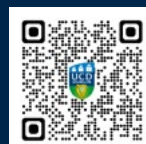
Choosing UCD was an easy choice – the variety of clubs, societies and supports are enormous! I've enjoyed exploring different topics through economics, from financial markets to climate change.

The degree is also quite technical, and I've learned important data analysis and statistical skills. The lecturers are very engaging and have supported me whenever I was challenged by the course material, giving me more time to focus on my extracurricular pursuits as well.

Richard
Graduate

Joint Major option

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



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Year 1 Engage with the Principles			
Introduction to Economics*	Mathematics for Economists*	Principles of Macroeconomics*	Plus three modules from the following subjects: Geography Mathematics Politics Sociology Statistics
Exploring Economics*	Data Analysis for Economists*	Statistics for Economists*	
Economic History*	Principles of Microeconomics*	One Elective Module*	
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 Economic Policy Analysis Introduction to Financial Economics The Economics of the European Union Game Theory Economics, Organisation and Management
Econometrics*	Elective Modules x 1	Intermediate Microeconomics II*	
R for Economists			
Year 3 Refine Your Knowledge			
Advanced Macroeconomics*	Advanced Microeconomics*	Plus Four Options from a range of choices including: Industrial Economics Behavioural Economics Labour Economics Economics of Gender International Trade Economics Transport Economics Public Economics Environmental Economics International Money and Banking Economics of Climate Change Advanced Econometrics: Time Series	
Economics Research Project*	Advanced Econometrics*		
Elective Modules x 2			

* core modules

* core modules

BSc Economics

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Economics	Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees	Shape your Career
MSc in Applied Economics MSc Behavioural Economics MSc in Economics & Data Analytics ↓ MLitt PhD ↓ Research & Academia	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	Economist Financial Consultant Trainee Accountant Trainee Actuary Journalist Teacher Statistician Civil Servant

Modules may vary from year to year.

BEd Education with Gaelige &/or Modern Languages

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.



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, Gaelige and Modern Language** (French, Spanish, German, Portuguese or Italian), **BEd Education and Modern Languages**

(French, Spanish, German, Portuguese or Italian, or **BEd Education and Gaelige**.

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.

What our Students Say

I chose this degree as I have always had a great love for languages, especially An Ghaeilge. I was really impressed by the employment opportunities, not just in education but across media, translation and the civil service.

The course modules are varied and provide invaluable insights into education, pedagogy, language and culture. There is incredible academic support in UCD, both from programme leadership and within the individual modules.

The placement opportunities provide unrivalled experience in preparation for our teaching careers, as well as the built-in Erasmus and Gaeltacht Experiences in Stage 3, which will allow us to develop our fluency & cultural awareness.

Cormac Student

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, Erasmus and language placement will be undertaken in trimester two and three (summer trimester) of the third year. If studying an Ghaeilge and a modern language, Erasmus Gaeltachta will be undertaken in trimester one and Erasmus study abroad (in your modern language) will happen in trimester two. If studying an Ghaeilge alone, Erasmus Gaeltachta 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.

Leaving Certificate Recommendations

BEd Education, Gaelige and Modern Languages: at least a Grade H4 in Gaelige and a Grade H4 in the Modern Language studied to Leaving Certificate (or equivalent).

BEd Education and Modern Languages: at least a Grade H4 in one or more Modern Language(s) studied to Leaving Certificate (or equivalent). Two languages will be studied as part of this degree option. Both can be taken at non-beginners level, or one

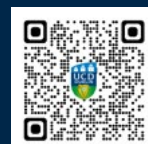
of German, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese can be taken at non-beginners level.

BEd Education and Gaelige: at least a Grade H4 in Gaelige in Leaving Certificate (or equivalent).

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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

Key Ideas in Education	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)	Bunscoileanna 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

MA Education
MEd Leadership & Inclusion
MEd Inclusive Education
↓
MLitt PhD
↓
Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

Master of Public Policy
Master of Common Law
MSc in Computer Science (conversion)
MSc Management
MSc Information Systems

Shape your Career

Teacher
Journalist
Consultant
Policy Making/ Analysis
Civil Servant
Translator / Interpreter

Modules may vary from year to year.

(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			
Key Ideas in Education	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

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

Modules may vary from year to year.

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			
Key Ideas in Education	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
MA Education MEd Leadership & Inclusion MEd Inclusive Education ↓ MLitt PhD ↓ Research & Academia	Master of Public Policy Master of Common Law MSc in Computer Science (conversion) MSc Management MSc Information Systems	Teacher Journalist Consultant Policy Making/ Analysis Civil Servant Translator / Interpreter

Modules may vary from year to year.

Sustainability

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

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 subject.

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 have the opportunity to complete a Professional Placement module. This module provides students with an opportunity to undertake a placement in industry in the summer following Third Year. Placements are secured on a competitive basis and are subject to change each year.

Careers & Graduate Skills

Graduates from this degree subject will have highly developed analytical skills, methodological and research competency and the ability to deal with complex problems requiring interdisciplinary solutions. These attributes are in significant demand in the public and private sectors. For example, corporate businesses, private consultancy firms, banking and education, as well as civil society organisations, state agencies and transnational organisations such as the United Nations Development Programme, European Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, and Teagasc. Graduates will be well equipped to undertake further study at Masters and Doctoral levels in a range of disciplinary areas.

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What our Students Say

I was really attracted to this course because it has the 3 pillars of sustainability (society, economy, environment) at its core, which was the only undergraduate course that offered this.

In first year I learned interdisciplinary skills from all 3 pillars, which has really given me an edge going into second-year, as I am able to see beyond my degree subject and integrate the knowledge I have acquired from other fields, such as business and science.

We are entering a new era, where every sector will need to be 'climate-literate,' especially the leaders of our countries. After I graduate, I would like to go into policy and law making for the EU, as I feel this is where I could make the most impact around climate change.

Kendra
Graduate



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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, human computer interaction,, world heritage management and more.

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

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 and Business 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.

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



For more information, visit www.ucd.ie/registry and select Admissions, then select **What type of applicant are you?**

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 DN760 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 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 years of age on 1 January of the year you want to enter, you may apply on grounds of mature years. 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.

Application Process: UCD Access and Lifelong Learning
www.ucd.ie/all

Scholarships & Grants

Find out more www.ucd.ie/scholarships

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	8th November 2025
UCD Social Sciences Open Evening	18th November 2025
UCD QQI-FET Entry to Social Sciences	15th January 2026
UCD Social Sciences Summer School	2nd-4th June 2026
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.

Visit www.myucd.ie to create an account to stay informed about all UCD events and to book events.








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