MSc Wildlife Conservation & Management
(One Year Full Time)

The Wildlife Conservation and Management programme is a unique programme dealing with principles of population management, zoonotic diseases associated with wildlife and conflict-resolution. The modules are delivered by UCD lecturers and external experts. Students have the opportunity to benefit from national and international collaboration developed by the individuals who deliver the programme. The focus is to develop specific knowledge related to the area while also obtaining transferable skills such as analytical techniques, statistical modelling, GIS and effective communication skills. The programme is delivered on a full-time basis through lectures, tutorials, computer aided labs and fieldwork.

Visit current conservation and management projects
Students have the opportunity to visit current conservation and management projects in Ireland, to acquire applied field skills. Students also receive contributions from national and international experts in wildlife conservation and management.

Course Content and Structure

A sample of modules for students enrolling on the Wildlife and Conservation Management programme include:

- Wildlife Conservation
- Strategic Communication
- Epidemiology and Zoonoses
- Data Analysis for Biologists
- Core Field Skills
- Group Written Assignment
- Habitat Evaluation (including GIS methods)
- Conservation Genetics
- Biological Invasions
- Research Project

Why study at UCD?

Tradition
Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence

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

Global community
Over 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD

Global careers
Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa

Safety
Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre
Graduate Profile

Sean O’Sullivan, Wildlife Veterinarian, Al Ain Wildlife Park, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

I have always been passionate about wildlife conservation and management and so when I completed my Veterinary Medicine degree programme, the MSc in Wildlife Conservation and Management programme at UCD was the logical next step for me. The programme content is interesting and stimulating; focusing on many diverse disciplines in wildlife conservation. The programme was definitely a factor enabling me to gain employment in conservation. Small class sizes, an approachable and enthusiastic programme co-ordinator and students from a diverse range of backgrounds created a very enjoyable interactive environment in which to study. Following completion of the programme in May 2013, I accepted a role working as a Wildlife Veterinarian in Al Ain Wildlife Park, Abu Dhabi. I have no doubt that pursuing this masters at UCD has helped to diversify my skillset, enabling me to gain employment in conservation. I would highly recommend considering the MSc in Wildlife Conservation and Management programme at UCD.

Entry Requirements

• Applicants must hold a second class honours degree, or international equivalent, in a biological, environmental or related science.
• Applicants from other disciplines may be considered if they include strong evaluation, analytical and communication skills and have experience of working in the area.
• Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

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