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Why UCD?

Ireland’s Global University
The international standing of UCD has grown in recent years; it is currently ranked within the top 1% of institutions worldwide. UCD is also Ireland’s most globally engaged university with over 33,000 students drawn from over 139 countries, and includes 4,847 students based at locations outside of Ireland. The University’s main Dublin campus occupies an extensive parkland estate of more than 133 hectares and offers world-leading facilities including the UCD Sutherland School of Law, UCD O’Brien Centre for Science, UCD Lochlan Quinn School of Business and UCD Student Centre.

As Ireland’s largest university, with its great strength and diversity of disciplines, UCD embraces its role to contribute to the flourishing of Ireland; through the study and discussion of people, society, business, economy, culture, languages and the creative arts, as well as through research and innovation.

Tackling global challenges: Research & Innovation at UCD
Research and innovation are essential drivers of a dynamic economy, an informed society and a vibrant culture. The spectrum of research and innovation at UCD encompasses individual scholars, small, medium and large research groups, start-up companies and large-scale collaborations with industry and other partners. Research is conducted within each of the University’s extensive range of disciplines, and in multidisciplinary research programmes addressing challenges of global scale.

In 2017/18 UCD researchers secured €122.4 million in research grants from national and international funding agencies, companies and foundations. Since 2008 UCD researchers have secured over €1 billion in such grants. Their research underpins national research and technology institutes and centres, including the SFI funded Insight Centre for Data Analytics, Irish Centre for Research in Applied Geosciences (iCRAG), Bioeconomy Research Centre (BEACON) and I-Form Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre.

UCD has had nationally-leading success in many of the most prestigious European awards, including European Research Council and Marie Sklodowska-Curie schemes.

Over the last decade UCD researchers have increased their annual number of papers in the international literature by 50% and have co-authored more than 15,000 papers with researchers from more than 130 countries. These papers are cited by other researchers at a rate that is 73% above the world average.

Defining educational excellence: Teaching and Learning at UCD
UCD is globally recognised for its excellence in teaching and learning- the university has 6 subjects ranked in the top 50 in the world and has 14 subjects in the top 100 (QS World Ranking by subject 2019). This quality of teaching is complemented by a high standard of support. Every incoming first year is assigned a peer mentor and there are student advisers for every programme.

UCD is Ireland’s leader in graduate education with over 9,000 graduate students, almost a quarter of whom are graduate research students; 1,571 PhD students benefit from a structured PhD programme, as well as the research-led education culture at UCD.
When you study social sciences, you learn to ask questions about society and social relationships. Why do people vote the way they do? What precipitates economic growth? What behaviours mitigate climate change? Social sciences explore the nature of our society and examine many issues impacting humanity such as crime and violence, social and economic inequality, gender justice and sustainable cities.

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

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

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

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

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.
What are The social sciences at UCD have an established international reputation – attracting students from all over the world to social sciences undergraduate and graduate programmes.

• Internationally renowned academics
• Real-world professional experience with an optional internship
• Research skills modules
• Opportunities to study abroad in leading universities in the UK, US, Europe and Asia
• Student support with academic advisers, student advisers and peer mentors
• Alumni network of Irish and global leaders
• Global reputation with high university rankings across diverse subjects

UCD Social Sciences

Why Social Sciences in UCD?

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

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UCD is highly ranked for social sciences in all the main international rankings of universities.

UCD is among the top 50 universities in the world for the following subject:

• Library and Information Management

UCD is among the top 100 universities in the world for the following subjects:

• Archaeology
• Politics and International Relations
• Philosophy
• Social Policy & Administration
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.

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
• Effect of Brexit on Ireland-UK trade
• Media & quality of US democracy in Trump era
• One parent households and child educational performance
• Has quality of life in Ireland declined since 2008?
• Human Computer Interaction
• Information and digital literacy

What our Students Say

The sociology component of my degree has allowed me to develop practical research skills and a critical, analytical and informed world-view. I have studied gender, crime, migration, housing inequalities, work, culture, masculinities, social stratification and classical and contemporary theory.

Jake Ryan
Sociology Student
I met friends for life on my year abroad in Singapore who I speak to daily. I learned how to be more independent and I feel like there’s nothing I can’t do now. I could not recommend doing a year abroad enough!

Niamh Simmons
Psychology Major - studied for a year abroad at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

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Rebecca Westman
Economics & Social Policy Major
Year spent at KU Leuven, Belgium

Study Abroad

UCD encourages all undergraduate students to experience studying abroad. In an increasingly complex global age, UCD provides an international context for your studies, giving you the opportunity to benefit from a transformational experience in the wider world.

All UCD social sciences degrees support students to apply for study abroad opportunities. Students of BSc Psychology, BSc Economics and BSoSc 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 BSoSc International degree.

Students of BSc Social Sciences may apply for a semester or a year study abroad opportunity depending on their subject or pathway choices as one of the third year options offered in their 4 year degree. 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.

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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, digital information management, urban environment, world heritage management and more.

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

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

Civil and Public Service
- Master of Public Policy
- MSc European Governance
- MA/MSc Politics & International Relations
- MSoSc Crime, Violence & Conflict
- MSoSc Race, Migration & Decolonial Studies
- MSoSc Health, Wellbeing & Society
- 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 Geographies of the Global South
- MSc Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development

Technology
- MSc Computer Science
- MSc Data Analytics
- MSc Digital Information Management
- MSc Information Systems
- MSc Digital Innovation
- MSc Social Data Analytics

Business and Finance
- MSc Management
- MSc Project Management
- MSc Strategic Management & Planning
- MSc Supply Chain Management
- MSc Human Resource Management
- MSc Marketing Practice
- MSc Marketing
- MSc Behavioural Economics

Law and Society
- Masters in Common Law
- LLM European Law & Public affairs
- MSc International Business & Law
- MSc Human Rights
- MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice
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

Politics and Policy
- Politician
- Lobbyist
- Policy Analysis
- Diplomatic Service
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Government Social Researcher
- Media Strategist
- Campaign Manager

Media and Communications
- Journalism
- Communications
- Broadcasting
- Print and Online Media
- Public Relations
- Public Affairs
- Publishing
- Knowledge Management Analysis
- Information Management

Education and Research
- Secondary School Teacher
- University Lecturer
- Academia
- Social Researcher
- Research Analyst
- Data Analyst

Non-Governmental Organisations/Not-for-Profit Sector
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Human Rights Lawyer
- International Agencies
- Humanitarian NGOs
- Environmental Policymaking
- International NGOs
- Policy and Environmental Consultancy
- Charity Sector

Public and Civil Service
- Foreign Affairs
- Public Sector Management
- Health Service Management
- Semi-State Bodies
- Government Agencies
- Heritage Management

Business and Finance/Human Resources
- Management Consultancy
- Marketing and Advertising
- Recruitment
- Business Analytics
- Banking and Finance
- Insurance
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Market Research Analyst
Making the Right Choice

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

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The four-year BSc in Social Sciences is a new 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 overleaf shows what subject combinations you can choose.

This three-year BScocSc Social Policy & Sociology degree is a Joint Major in Social Policy and Sociology. This degree was previously named the BScocSc 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 BScocSc 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.

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.
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Go to page 50 to view all entry routes into these degrees.
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.

### TWO SUBJECT COMBINATION

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

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

#### Studying Archaeology
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Economics
  - Sociology
- OR with one Minor subject
  - Art History
  - Celtic Civilisation
  - Greek & Roman Civilisation
  - Geology

#### Studying Economics
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Sociology
- OR with one Minor subject
  - History
  - Chinese
  - Greek & Roman Civilisation

#### Studying Geography
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Sociology
- OR with one Minor subject
  - English
  - Geology

#### Studying Information & Communication Studies
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Sociology
- OR with one Minor subject
  - Music

#### Studying Philosophy
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Sociology
- OR with one Minor subject
  - Chinese
  - Greek

#### Studying Politics and International Relations
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Philosophy
- OR with one Minor subject
  - Linguistics

#### Studying Sociology
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Politics & International Relations
- OR with one Minor subject
  - Art History

#### Studying Social Justice
- as a Joint Major with one of the below:
  - Archaeology
  - Philosophy
- OR with one Minor subject
  - Linguistics

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](http://www.myucd.ie) to find out more.
Internship Programme

Social Sciences Internship Programme

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

What is an Internship?

In an internship, you take up a 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 semester 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

I benefited from the opportunity to meet and learn from professionals working in my chosen field of study. I gained invaluable knowledge of what to expect on a day-to-day basis at the very intersection where theory meets practical application. This opportunity answered many of my questions and helped cement my decision about the career I would pursue after college.

Anthony Byrne
Social Sciences Student
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.

As a social sciences student, you will be introduced to research methods from your first year. 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.

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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, Nationalism & Ethnic Conflict, Philosophy & Public Affairs, Social Data Analytics and Race, Migration & Decolonial Studies.
This pathway brings together the archival strengths of History, the spatial expertise of Geography, and the material analytical approaches of Archaeology to develop understandings of how the landscape shaped humans at the same time as humans shape the landscape. It is a unique interdisciplinary combination of natural and cultural perspectives on the formation, cultural significance and management of the landscape. The programme has clear links to the expanding Heritage sector and students will develop a range of transferable skills.

Students will study modules in Archaeology, Geography and History as well as interdisciplinary modules designed specifically for this programme. This will include key methods and principles of the three disciplines, drawing on Irish and international case studies and standards. Teaching will include classroom based learning, laboratory, archive and field components, with an emphasis on high levels of student engagement, culminating in a student-led interdisciplinary research project in the final year of the programme. A range of assessment types including essays, reviews, portfolios, lab reports, projects, exams and substantial independent research will be undertaken.

Careers with Archaeology, Geography & History

As well as developing a deeper understanding of the relationships between humans and their environments through space and time, there is a strong emphasis within this programme on developing the documentary, archival, cartographic and fieldwork skills of students. This range of skills relevant to Archaeology, Geography and History are relevant to a range of careers, and are complemented by the core transferable skills of writing, research, analysis, critical thinking and oral communication that are key elements of this programme.

Graduates of this programme will be well placed for employment in a range of careers or for further study. The emphasis on understanding dynamic human-environment interactions is relevant to careers in planning, heritage management, sustainability or to postgraduate work in any of the three disciplines. Other potential careers include: secondary school teaching, the archaeology profession, the museum sector, Geographic Information systems, research careers, surveying, cartography, archive and library work, as well as consultancy roles in both the public and private sector.

What our Students Say

Studying this combination of subjects was not only academically beneficial but very exciting. Although each discipline has its own unique characteristics, they perfectly complemented each other, which meant that studying one subject strongly promoted my development in the others. As a result of the great variety of modules offered, I could always find the ones that matched my interests and I could gain and develop strong critical and analytical skills through courses that I truly enjoyed. During my time as a student, I received incredible support from the teaching and technical staff, who went far beyond my expectations. I would recommend this combination of courses to anyone who is interested in both environmental and social sciences.

Csaba Horvath
Archaeology and Geography Graduate

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities worldwide. Previous Students have studied abroad in:

- Austria
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK
- US
- China
- 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:

- GIS
- Planning
- Heritage
- Conservation
- Tourism
- NGO’s
- Museums
- Charities

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Do you want to explore what big data can uncover about individuals, social networks and social groups? Big data insights about how people behave are critical, not only for organisations such as Facebook, Google and Twitter, but increasingly all organisations in both the private and public sector. The new BSc degree in Computational Social Science provides excellent employment opportunities for social media companies, but also for traditional sectors where the analysis of social and consumer data is ever more important. Strong analytical skills are combined with solid training in social sciences subjects, such as Sociology, Politics, Economics or Geography. Our social world is dramatically changing. We are all connected and leave digital footprints behind. Computational Social Science is about leveraging the power of big data, computer simulations and social networks to understand social phenomena and individual behaviour. The new BSc degree in Computational Social Science is at the forefront of this development in Europe. It provides a unique combination of training in social sciences subjects. You learn how to understand human social behaviour through data analysis, social simulation, and mathematical modelling, providing crucial skills for a competitive job market. Students usually attend lectures and participate in seminar discussions and lab tutorials. Assessment is based on assignments throughout the semester, small group work, individual reports, traditional exams and other forms of assessment. If you do not achieve a H4 or higher in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (or equivalent), then you must complete an introductory Mathematics module in Semester 1 of your first year.

Careers with Computational Social Science

This degree is designed to prepare students for employment related to the analysis of social data. Big data related expertise is in high demand in Information Technology companies including social media giants such as Google, Twitter and Facebook as well as traditional sectors such as Finance, Insurance, Manufacturing, Retail and Energy. There is also increasing demand for graduates who can combine social sciences training with analytical and programming skills in Healthcare, Government, Education, Entertainment and Media. The degree leads to a range of graduate study opportunities in social sciences, social data analytics, statistics or computer science.

What our Students Say

Computational Social Science allows me to study areas I’m interested in, ranging from political and sociological studies to the mathematical aspects of research. I feel computational social science is an important, emerging field which combines social sciences and computer science by creating a link between the two and thereby providing an understanding of how to interpret social data. This degree will provide me with the skills and competencies to understand the ever-increasing world of big data, and how to accurately analyse vast amounts of information that is being driven by a more connected digital space. I know that this will provide me with many interesting and unique opportunities and pave the way for a rewarding career.

Saoirse McKenna
Computational Social Science student

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### Computational Social Science

**Year 1**

- **Engage with the Principles**
  - Introduction to Computational Social Science
  - Statistical Modelling
  - Linear Algebra 1
  - Digital Modelling
  - Introduction to Programming 1

**Year 2**

- **Deepen Your Understanding**
  - Calculus 1
  - Probability Theory
  - Introduction to Programming 2

**Year 3**

- **Refine Your Knowledge**
  - Statistical Data Mining
  - Social Dynamics and Networks
  - Web Multimedia
  - Relational Databases and Information Systems
  - Optional Study Abroad
  - Optional Internship

**Year 4**

- **Further Specialisation**
  - Workshop and Research Project
  - Law Ethics and Data
  - Data Programming with R
  - Data Mining
  - Introduction to Creative Thinking
  - Spatial Information Systems
  - Advanced Predictive Analytics

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**BSc Computational Social Science**

**UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities**

- **Specialise with UCD School of Sociology**
  - MSc in Social Data Analytics
  - MSc in Sociology
  - MLitt Sociology | PhD Sociology
  - PhD Complex Systems and Computational Social Science
  - PhD Quantitative Social Science

- **Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees**
  - MSc in Computer Science
  - MSc in Quantitative Finance
  - MSc in Digital Information Management
  - MSc in Management
  - MSc in Digital Marketing
  - Masters in Common Law
  - MSc in Data Analytics
  - MSc in Business Analytics

- **Shape your Career**
  - Data Analyst
  - Researcher
  - Journalist
  - Programmer
  - Consultant
  - Civil Servant

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*Engage with the Principles*

+ Core modules in any two of the following subjects:
  - Sociology
  - Geography
  - Economics
  - Politics

*Deepen Your Understanding*

+ Continue with core and option modules in your two subjects:
  - Sociology
  - Geography
  - Economics
  - Politics

*Refine Your Knowledge*

+ Continue with your two subjects:
  - Sociology
  - Geography
  - Economics
  - Politics

*Further Specialisation*

+ Continue with your subjects:
  - Sociology
  - Geography
  - Economics
  - Politics
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.

Careers with Economics, Mathematics & Statistics

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

What our Students Say

I have always enjoyed studying Economics and Mathematics and so I had an interest in pursuing this subject combination in my degree. I chose Economics, Mathematics and Statistics as my degree to gain a solid foundation in all three subjects as I am interested in pursuing a career in quantitative research in the Financial Sector. I enjoy the practical and theoretical elements to the degree and the teaching staff are very supportive.

Thomas Johnston
Student

University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, is one of many possible study abroad destinations.

Study Abroad

Students may apply to study abroad at international partner universities in third year.

US
Italy
Germany
Netherlands
Belgium
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:

Broadcasting
Communications
Banking
Finance
Business
Journalism

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Economics, Mathematics and Statistics

**Year 1**

**Engage with the Principles**

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

**Year 2**

**Deepen Your Understanding**

- Intermediate Microeconomics 1 & 2
- Probability Theory
- Multivariable Calculus
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Algebraic Structures
- Linear Algebra 2
- Analysis
- Predictive Analytics

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

**Year 3**

**Refine Your Knowledge**

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

**Year 4**

**Further Specialisation**

- Multivariate Statistics
- Monte Carlo Inference
- Statistical Machine Learning
- Optimisation in Finance
- Specialist Economics Options
- Cryptography
- Game Theory
- Research Project

**BSc Economics, Mathematics and Statistics**

**UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities**

**Specialise with UCD**

- MSc in Applied Economics
- MA Statistics
- MSc Data and Computational Science
- MSc Data Analytics
- MLitt
- PhD
- Research & Academia

**Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees**

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

**Shape your Career**

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

→ optional
Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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.

Careers with Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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

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

What our Students Say

I chose to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) because I really enjoyed studying Economics in school and always knew that it was an area that I wanted to pursue. I also had an interest in current affairs. The skills I am learning will be beneficial to future employers who will be interested in employing critical thinkers and graduates who can apply their knowledge to many fields. I am learning how to form a sound argument and developing research skills from Philosophy, while gaining analytical and problem-solving skills from Economics and the study of Politics is expanding my communication and teamwork abilities.

Rebecca Troy
Student

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester in partner universities offering PPE programmes across the globe including:

- Belgium
- Netherlands
- Switzerland
- Germany
- Canada
- US

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Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)  

**Engage with the Principles**

- Introducing PPE
- Foundations of Contemporary Politics
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Ethics
- Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations
- Introduction to Microeconomics
- Critical Thinking
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Quantitative Economics
- Foundations of Political research
- Problems of Philosophy
- Additional Option

**Deepen Your Understanding**

- Philosophy of Social Science
- Knowledge and Scepticism
- Individuals and the State
- Intermediate Microeconomics 1
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Research Methods in Political Science
- Statistics for Economists
- Either Comparative Politics or International Relations
- Additional option from either Philosophy, Politics or Economics

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

**Refine Your Knowledge**

- Critical Theory
- Either Comparative Politics or International Relations
- Intermediate Microeconomics 2
- International Political Economy
- Additional option from either Philosophy, Politics or Economics
- Optional Study Abroad
- Additional Politics Option
- Economics Option

**Further Specialisation**

- Philosophy or Politics or Economics Option + 3 options from each discipline

**Optional Study Abroad**

**BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economics**

**UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities**

**Specialise with UCD Philosophy, Politics or Economics**

- 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
- MSc in Applied Economics
- MSc in Behavioural Economics
- MA in Political Theory

**Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees**

- 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

**Shape your Career**

- 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

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

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

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

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

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

Careers with Archaeology

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

What our Students Say

I always had an interest in Archaeology, so when I came to UCD, I decided to try it. I really enjoyed the diversity it offered, the great field trips and the lifelong friends I made.

My initial interest grew into something more than that and I decided to make a career of it. The fact that staff were so approachable helped enormously.

I have now completed a PhD in UCD School of Archaeology, researching childhood in early medieval Ireland.

Denise Keating
Archaeology PhD Graduate

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or year in partner universities worldwide. Previous students have studied abroad in:

Austria  Spain
Cyprus  Sweden
Denmark  Switzerland
France  UK
Germany
Italy
Norway
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
UK
US
China
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:

Heritage  Tourism
Conservation  Media
Museums  Arts
Archives  Education

Other Archaeology degrees

You can also study Archaeology as a joint honours with History or English through DNS20. You can also study Archaeology through DNS30 Humanities- Classics, Art History and Archaeology.

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Engage with the Principles
- Exploring Archaeology
- Introduction to the Archaeology of Ireland
- The Human Past
- Introduction to Anthropology

Deepen Your Understanding
- Archaeology of Things
- Archaeology of Landscapes
- People in Prehistory
- Historical Archaeology
- Archaeological Science

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

You may apply to study a single-subject Archaeology Degree from Year 3.

Further Specialisation
- Architecture & the Public
- Southeast Asian Archaeology
- Farming and Agriculture
- Research Project
- The Archaeology of Collapse
- Medieval Buildings: An archaeology
- Minoan Archaeology

BSc Social Sciences
Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Archaeology
- MA Archaeology
- MSc Experimental Archaeology
- MSc World Heritage Management
- MLitt Archaeology
- PhD Archaeology
- Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees
- MA Geography
- MSc Environmental Policy
- MSc Information Systems
- MSc Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development
- MSc Geographies of the Global South
- MSc Management
- MSc International Management
- MSc Marketing
- MSc Marketing Practice
- MSc Digital Information Management
- MSc Computer Science
- Masters in Common Law

Shape your Career
- Heritage Sector
- Archaeologist
- Museum Sector
- Cartographer/Surveyor
- Archivist/Libraries
- Researcher
- Journalist
- Tourism
- Policy & Environmental Consultancy
- Media & Communications
- Teaching
- Arts & Education
- Public Sector Management

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.
Economics (Joint Major)

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 in a wide range of human endeavours.

Studying economics will provide you with new ways of thinking analytically about important questions such as: What are the economic and financial consequences of Brexit for Ireland? Is the housing market in Ireland developing a new property bubble? What factors lie behind the recent world financial crisis?

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 honours 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-semester written examinations and continuous assessment is used. Continuous assessment may include midterm examinations, projects, essays and oral presentations.

If you do not achieve a O3/H7 or higher in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (or equivalent), you must complete an introductory Mathematics module during Semester 1 of your first year.

Careers with Economics

Economics graduates are in high demand – our graduates work in Bank of Ireland, Price Waterhouse Cooper, KPMG, Paddy Power and Deloitte. 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

Studying joint honours in Economics and Politics has given me great opportunities. I have such a wide range of modules to choose from. I chose economics because I was good at maths in school. Outside of my academic programme, I was secretary of the Literary & Historical Society which allowed me to travel, meet incredibly interesting people, and run events for the student population. I hope to study an MSc in Applied Economics in UCD, and then work in an advisory role in government or a financial institution.

Róisín O’Gara
Joint Honours Economics Graduate

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
- Government
- Communications

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:

- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- Italy
- US
- Australia
- Asia
- Europe

Other Economics Degrees

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

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Economics (Joint Major) DN700

Year 1
Engage with the Principles
- Introduction to Economics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Introduction to Quantitative Economics

Year 2
Deepen Your Understanding
- Intermediate Microeconomics 1
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Microeconomics 2
- Statistics for Economists
- Irish Economy
- European Economy
- 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
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Advanced Microeconomics
- International Money and Banking
- Behavioural Economics
- Specialised Economics Options
- Optional Study Abroad
- Optional Internship

Year 4
Further Specialisation
- Research Project

This year also offers a wide range of economics options relating to economic policy, financial economics and quantitative methods.

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Economics
- Taught Masters (MSc)
  - MSc Applied Economics
  - MSc Behavioural Economics
  - MSc Quantitative Economics
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees
- MSc in Business Analytics
- MA Statistics
- MSc Data Analytics
- MA Mathematics
- MSc Computer Science
- 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

optional
Geography

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

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, law or business.

Careers with Geography

What our Students Say

I had initially chosen geography as my option subject in first year but ended up falling in love with the diversity of modules geography had to offer. Each module was very interesting and covered a wide range of topics and issues. UCD school of geography staff have always been so helpful and approachable, helping every step of the way from simple questions in class to assessments. Studying geography at UCD has opened many doors for future study and career opportunities.

Naoise O’Connor
Geography Student

University of Pisa in Italy is one of many possible study abroad destinations.

Maryland

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

Other Geography Degrees

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

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities worldwide. Previous students have studied abroad in:

- France
- Sweden
- Germany
- US
- Italy
- Australia
- Spain

UCD Social Sciences
Geography

Engage with the Principles

- Geography Matters
- Mapping our Sustainable World
- People, Places, Regions
- Dynamic Earth

Deepen Your Understanding

- Introduction to GIS for the Social Sciences
- Field Studies in Ireland
- Weather, Climate and Climate Change
- Political Geography
- 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.

Refine Your Knowledge

- Projects in GIS
- Social/Population Geography
- UCD Geography in the Community
- Overseas fieldtrip
- Environment and Sustainability
- Development Geographies
- The Quaternary of Ireland
- Development of Dublin
- Optional Study Abroad/Internship

Further Specialisation

- Ideas in Geography
- Planetary Geomorphology
- The Urban Environment
- Historical Geography of Ireland in the Nineteenth Century
- River Catchment Management
- US Foreign Policy
- Techniques and Fieldwork in Physical Geography
- Political Geography of EU Integration

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Geography

- MA in Geography
- MSc Geographies of the Global South
- MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy
- MSc Applied Geospatial Analysis
- MSc Urban Environment
- MLitt
- PhD

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees

- MSc Demographics and Population Analytics
- MSc Environmental Sciences
- MSc Environmental Policy
- MSc 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

Research & Academia

optional
Information and Communication Studies

Information plays a key role in all aspects of life – in business, government, society and the life of the individual. Knowing how to create, manage, share, find and use digital information is more relevant than ever before. Information and Communication Studies gives you a chance to explore the ways companies such as Facebook, Twitter, Intel, Google and Apple integrate people, information, and technology to succeed in today’s digital world.

Careers with Information and Communication Studies

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

Graduates can progress to various Masters courses:

- MSc Communication & Media, which prepares students for public and private sectors careers in digital media industries, communication regulation and policy, media design, management and research.
- MSc Information Systems, which prepares students for careers in human-computer interaction, usability, user experience, user research and Information Systems-related professions.
- Master of Library & Information Studies (MLIS), which prepares students for careers including librarianship, information consulting and digital media management.
- MSc Digital Information Management which prepares students for careers in digital curation and data management.
- Graduates can also pursue research careers in the form of an MA and PhD.

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

You will have the opportunity to learn technical skills in some modules such as working with data, designing and building websites and creating mobile apps.

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester 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
- User Experience Design
- Social Media
- Publishing
- Social Computing
- Digital Marketing
- Digital Media

Other Information & Communication Studies Degrees

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

What our Students Say

Information and Communication Studies gave me a better understanding of how information influences all aspects of society, particularly in business. It also gave me practical tools to analyse data and create meaning from it. My current role, as a Media Associate in Ireland’s largest marketing communications company, involves liaising with agencies, on-digital and offline media planning and buying. In my work, an understanding of the media landscape and keen attention to detail is vital. The skills and knowledge I gained from my studies have helped me in my career and they have also made me a more informed digital citizen.

Melanie O’Donovan
Graduate
Information and Communication Studies

Engage with the Principles
- Digital Technology
- Information Design
- Information and Social Media
- Digital Judgement: Truth, Lies & the Internet

Deepen Your Understanding
- Core Competencies for Digital Citizenship
- Social Media & Participation in an Online World
- Organisation and Retrieval of Information
- Computer-Mediated Communication
- Information & Collaboration in Organisations
- Social Studies of ICTs

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

Refine Your Knowledge
- The Digital Self
- Information Ethics
- Digital Storytelling
- Web Publishing
- Information Architecture: Designing the Web
- Web UX Evaluation
- Optional Internship
- Optional Study Abroad

Further Specialisation
This year offers a range of specialist module options aimed at preparing you for a career or further study in your chosen subject area.

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Information and Communication Studies
- MSc Communication & Media
- MSc Information Systems
- Master of Library & Information Studies
- MSc Digital Information Management
- MLitt
- PhD

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees
- MSc in Computer Science
- MSc in Supply Chain Management
- MSc in Strategic Management & Planning
- MSc Food Business Strategy
- MA Geography
- MSc Environmental Policy
- MSc in Management

Shape your Career
- Systems Analysis, Information Architecture
- Librarianship
- Information Management
- Knowledge Management Analysis
- Digital Publishing
- e-Business Management
- Web Content Management
- User Experience Design
- Software Development
- Web Development
- Communication regulation and policy

optional
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-semester written examinations, projects and continuous assessment.

In order to study this degree, we strongly recommend that you have at least a Grade H4 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics, or equivalent. If you do not achieve this grade or higher, then you must complete an introductory Level 0 Mathematics module in Year 1.

**Careers with Mathematics**

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 (qualifier for the MSc in Mathematical Science), and the HDip and MA in Statistics.

**Study Abroad**

In Year 3, you can apply to study abroad for a semester 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

**What our Students Say**

I chose to study Mathematics as a joint honours degree in UCD so I could explore a subject which I am passionate about. Maths can complement any other subject you choose to take, sometimes in surprising ways as it is very logical and technical. The right answer is always the right answer, regardless of who reads it. After my first year my overall impression of the maths course is that it’s excellent. The classes are interesting, the lecturers are enthusiastic, I’m with like-minded people and I am confident that that I’ve made the right choice of course. Studying Mathematics will give me a solid foundation to undertake further study or provide me with in-demand skills for future employment in a variety of sectors.

Alexander Bourke
Mathematics Student

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Mathematics

Year 1
Engage with the Principles
- Calculus 1
- Calculus 2
- Linear Algebra 1
- Combinatorics & Number Theory

Year 2
Deepen Your Understanding
- Multivariable Calculus
- Analysis
- Algebraic Structures
- Linear Algebra 2

Many additional 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 / Coding Theory
- The Mathematics of Google
- Theory of Games
- Research Project

BSc Social Sciences
UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Mathematics and Statistics
- HDip/ MSc Mathematical Science
- MLitt
- PhD
- Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees
- HDip/ MSc Actuarial Science
- Professional Masters in Education
- MSc Computer Science (Conversion)
- MSc Business Analytics
- MSc Data Analytics
- MSc in Applied Economics
- MSc Quantitative Finance

Shape your Career
- Economist
- Financial Consultant
- Trainee Accountant
- Trainee Actuary
- Journalist
- Teacher
- Statistician
- Civil Servant
Are you interested in thinking for yourself? Do you like problem solving? 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 consciousness?
- How should we live?
- Does God exist?
- How do we learn from art and literature?

Science, English or History are all equally 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 the modules are based on lectures, many of these 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

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities worldwide. Previous students have studied abroad in:

- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Spain
- Switzerland
- US

Sorbonne University in Paris, France, is one of many possible study abroad destinations.

### 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
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Human Resources
- Media and Broadcasting
- Government

### Other Philosophy degrees

You can also study Philosophy as joint honours with Art History, History, Music or English through DNS20.

### Careers with Philosophy

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

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

### What our Students Say

Studying Philosophy at UCD was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The lecturers’ ability to share their knowledge and encourage critical thinking has proven to be beneficial in many other aspects of life - this course completely changed how I see ethics, time, science and society at large. I cannot recommend it highly enough.

**Kevin McDermott**  
Philosophy Student
**Year 1**

- Engage with the Principles
- Introduction to Ethics
- Critical Thinking
- Introduction to Modern Philosophy
- Existentialism & Humanism
- Other philosophy modules available

**Year 2**

- Deepen Your Understanding
- Plato's Republic
- Feminism and gender justice
- Applied Ethics
- Philosophy of Science
- Debates in European Philosophy
- Knowledge and Scepticism
- Logic
- Philosophy and literature

At the end of Year 2, you may apply for a Single Major degree in Philosophy.

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

**Year 3**

- Refine Your Knowledge
- Phenomenology and Existentialism
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy of Interpretation
- Philosophy of Mind
- Hume & Kant
- Mind & World in Modern Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Optional Study Abroad
- Optional Internship

**Year 4**

- Further Specialisation
- Critical Theory
- Nietzsche
- German Idealism
- Philosophy of Law
- Philosophy of Religion
- Aristotle: Ethics and Politics
- Mind and World
- History of Ethics
- Matters of Life & Death
- Research Project

**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
- MLitt
- PhD
- 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

**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

Do you want to understand how governments, parliaments, parties and elections work? Are you concerned about conflicts, human rights, environment, global poverty, war and political violence? Do you want to learn how to formulate a coherent and persuasive argument? With a degree in Politics and International Relations, you will develop the ability to analyse the complex interplay between national and international political institutions, systems and forces.

In first year, you will be introduced to the core areas of 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. Students attend lectures and tutorials as well as undertaking independent study. Assessment is in the form of a combination of continuous assessment and end-of-semester written exams.

Careers with Politics and International Relations

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; Development Practice; International Political Economy; Public Policy: European Politics & Policy.

What our Students Say

My drive to learn more about politics has been like building blocks creating a skyscraper towards my passion giving me a glimpse into the future I want. This has been achieved by studying in the School of Politics and International Relations. With the variety of topics in politics to pursue I have been given an insight into National and EU Politics, International Relations, Sustainable Development Goals, International Political Economy and Political Theory. As auditor of the Politics and International Relations society in UCD, it is a pleasure to grow my knowledge of the realities of the world surrounding us through politics in a variety of events that we as a society create to give students a new, non-partisan perspective of Politics and International Relations.

Claudia Lyons
Student
Specialise with UCD School of Politics and International Relations

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

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees

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

Shape your Career

- Policymaking
- Civil Service
- The European Commission
- Media and Communications
- Business
- Administration & Research
- Management Consultancy
- Lobby Groups
- Political Parties
- Public Sector Management
- Research & Teaching
The subject of Social Justice draws on a range of academic disciplines in order to advance understanding of issues such as inequality, discrimination and human rights abuses. It will appeal to those who would like to acquire the knowledge and skills to understand and challenge injustice and help bring about social change. On completion of your degree you will have acquired an in-depth understanding of the underlying causes of and remedies for social and economic injustice, which will equip you for further study or employment in fields such as public policy; international development; human rights; community development; 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, problem-solving and communication. An emphasis on participatory learning means that your studies will take place within a supportive and stimulating environment where you will have the opportunity to engage with like-minded people who share your interest in Social Justice. A variety of continuous assessment methods are used throughout the Social Justice programme, including essays, reports, oral presentations, reflective writing, problem-based learning exercises, examinations, projects, and critical commentaries on designated readings.

Careers with Social Justice

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 fields 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, and education.

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

What our Students Say

I am currently studying Social Justice as a joint major with Politics and International Relations. I’m very satisfied with how well the two disciplines complement one another, especially in the areas of development, human rights, and public policy. The first-year modules in Social Justice are very varied and I have studied Social Justice Perspectives, which introduced us to concepts from oppression, privilege, inequalities, to questioning how we view the world due to the information we consume and reproduce. Social Justice has also provided other enlightening and interesting modules and its faculty members are helpful and supportive in any issues or queries students may have.

Rory Wasylyk
Social Justice Student

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:
- US
- Australia
- China
- Canada
- Sweden

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of organisations in the public and private sectors, for example:
- Government
- NGOs
- Communication
- Civil Rights Organisations
- Charities

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

Deepen Your Understanding
Human Rights and Social Justice
Political Economy and Social Justice
Race and Racism: Critical Perspectives
Gender, Power and Politics – Historical Perspectives

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

Refine Your Knowledge
Social Justice and the City
Social Justice Movements
Social Policy, Justice and the Environment
Gender, War and Violence

Optional Internship
Optional Study Abroad

Further Specialisation
Investigating Inequality
Inequality in the Labour Market
Masculinities
Disability and Equality

Migration, Racism and Irish Society
Discrimination: Law and Society
Childhood and Global Justice

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Social Justice
MSc Equality Studies
MA Gender Studies
MSocSc Social Work, Welfare and Justice
PhD Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice
PhD Public Policy
Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees
Master of Public Policy
Higher Diploma in Social Policy
MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice
MSc Crime, Violence & Conflict
MSc Geographies of the Global South
MSc European Governance
MSc Global Migration & Cultural Differences
MSc Health, Wellbeing & Society
MSc Race, Migration & Decolonial Studies
MSc Information Systems
MSc Management
MSc International Management
MA/MSc International Development
MSc Computer Science
MSc Human Rights

Shape your Career
Non-Governmental Organisations
Politics
Policy Formation
Civil Service
Non-Governmental Organisations
Human Resources
Journalism
Policy Consultancy
Social Research & Policy Analysis
Business
Health Service Management

optional
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.

Careers with Sociology

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 in Sociology as well as specialised programmes in Health, Well-being and Society; Crime, Violence and Conflict; Cultural Sociology; Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies; Comparative Social Change; and Social Data Analytics.

What our Students Say

I would recommend studying Sociology in UCD to those students who are seeking a versatile degree, where the skills taught are applicable to a wide range of sectors. With opportunities to discover sociological theories that provide enlightening ways of thinking about the world around us, while also learning research skills, there are numerous career pathways open to the sociology graduate. What’s more, the lecturers and staff have been invaluable to my learning, being friendly and supportive, and are always happy to chat with students. Overall, I am proud to be a student of Sociology at UCD.

Arnoldas Jurys
Sociology Student

Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:

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

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

Other Sociology Degrees

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

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Year 1
Engage with the Principles
- Introduction to Sociology
- Foundations of Sociological Thought
- Sociological Analysis and Research Design
- Ireland in Comparative Perspective

Year 2
Deepen Your Understanding
- Quantitative Research
- Sociological Theory Level 2
- Qualitative Research
- Sociology of Gender
- Sociology of Health & Inequality
- Childhood & Family
- Analytical Sociology
- Animals and Human Society

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 Dynamics & Networks
- Work and Social Stratification
- American Society
- Broadcasting Sociology
- Sociology of Migration, Race and Ethnicity
- Lying & Deception
- Sociology of the Body
- Historical Sociology
- Optional Internship
- Optional Study Abroad

Year 4
Further Specialisation
- Sociology of Nations
- Sociology of War & Violence
- Contemporary Theory
- Punishment & Social Control
- Quantitative Research Project
- Quantitative Research Project

BSc Social Sciences

UDC Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Sociology
- MSc or MA Sociology
- MSc Social Data Analytics
- MSc in Comparative Social Change
- MSc in Demographic and Population Dynamics
- MA in Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees
- Master of Public Policy
- MA Geopolitics & the Global Economy
- MA Human Rights
- MA/MA Social Nationalism & Ethnic Conflict
- MA/MA International Development
- MA/MA Politics & International Relations

Shape your Career
- Business/Finance
- Civil Service/Politics
- Data Analysis
- Health Service Management
- Social Research & Policy Analysis
- Journalism

PhD Sociology
Research & Academia

optional
According to The New York Times, a statistician is the number one career for the 21st century. In Ireland, employers cannot find enough qualified statistical graduates and now is the time to choose to study for a degree with a great future. Wherever data are collected, statistical and data analysis skills are required. Statisticians develop mathematical models for uncertainty and apply them to real data. Statistical models allow us to learn about the underlying processes which give rise to the data.

The power of modern computing continues to have a major impact on both the development and applicability of statistical methods in almost every area of social science, science and business.

**Careers with Statistics**

More and more employers are seeking to hire statisticians as they play a key role in virtually all areas of society and science, including:

- Industries such as finance, government, economic analysis, marketing, education, health, medicine, environmental science
- Societal research which contributes to understanding economic and social change, informing public policymaking
- Development of new drugs in the pharmaceutical industry

The skills gained from studying Statistics complement many other subjects in the degree programme where quantitative methods form part of the approach to understanding the subject. For example, psychology and social science rely heavily on statistical modelling tools.

In order to study this degree we strongly recommend that you have at least a Grade H4 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent. If you do not achieve this grade or higher, then you must complete an introductory Level 0 UCD mathematics module in Year 1.

Graduates may also pursue further study including the MA or the MSc in Statistics, HDip in Mathematical Science (qualifier for the MSc 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**

Mathematics was always my favourite subject growing up in school. I felt the small parts of statistics that were covered in school gave examples of where problem solving could potentially be used in real world problems. This led me to study Mathematics and Statistics in UCD as my undergraduate degree. During my classes in Statistics, I learnt not only different statistical techniques but also how to compute them through different statistical computer programs such as R. The degree programme helped me develop a greater appreciation for the different parts of statistics which led me to also enrol into the MSc in Statistics in UCD after I completed my undergraduate degree.

Cathal Ryan
Graduate

**Study Abroad**

You can study abroad for a semester 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

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Statistics

Year 1

Engage with the Principles

- Calculus 1
- Linear Algebra
- Statistical Modelling
- Calculus 2

Year 2

Deepen Your Understanding

- Probability Theory
- Predictive Analytics
- Bayesian Statistics
- Inferential Statistics

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

Year 3

Refine Your Knowledge

- Time Series Analysis
- Statistical Machine Learning
- Data Programming
- Actuarial Statistics
- Multivariate Analysis
- Optional Internship
- Optional Study Abroad

Year 4

Further Specialisation

- Survival analysis
- Monte Carlo
- Stochastic Models
- Categorical Data Analysis
- Design of Experiments
- Research Project

BSc Social Sciences

UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD Statistics

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

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

- MSc in Finance
- MSc Computer Science
- 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

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

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

Careers with Social Policy and Sociology

The BSocSc in Social Policy & Sociology provides a strong foundation for both postgraduate study and a wide range of careers in government, social services, NGOs, education, media, including new and online media (who are increasingly expressing an active interest in recruiting social sciences graduates) and business. Alumni include Orlaith Blaney (Marketing and Advertising, former CEO McCannBlue Dublin), Frances Fitzgerald (TD), Ali Hewson (Humanitarian) and Sr Stanislaus Kennedy (Humanitarian & Founder Focus Ireland). Graduates of this three-year degree can apply for the two-year MSocSc in Social Work to become professionally qualified Social Workers.

What our Students Say

As a BSocSc student in UCD, I was given the opportunity of a lifetime – to study abroad at University of Tokyo for a year. Studying at UTokyo meant challenging myself, venturing outside of my comfort zone, and establishing a road to working in a truly international environment in the near future. My year at the University of Tokyo was a life changing experience. I learned about socio-economic issues such as ‘hikikomori’, through Japanese culture and language. This was helpful, as I was able to apply the knowledge of various social problems that I gathered and encountered first hand, to several modules of social policy after returning to UCD.

Atsuko Fujii
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**Social Policy and Sociology**

**Year 1**

- 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
- Global Developments
- Inequality in Irish Society
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Social Work

**Follow Your Pathway**

**Social Work and Social Professions**

- **Modules may include:**
  - Migration, Race & Ethnicity
  - Punishment and Social Control
  - Social Work in Practice
  - Child Abuse, Sexual and Domestic Violence

**Society and Public Service**

- **Modules may include:**
  - Social Dynamics and Networks
  - Sociology of Health and Inequality
  - Comparing Welfare States
  - Housing, Neighbourhoods and Homes

**Work, Organisations and People**

- **Modules may include:**
  - Introduction to Work and Organisational Psychology
  - Introduction to Social Simulation
  - European Industrial Relations
  - Human Resource Management
  - Employment Relations

**Year 2 Compulsory Modules**

- Sociological Theory
- Quantitative Sociology
- Investigating Social Services
- Economics of Social Policy
- Social Protection: Security, Work and Poverty

**Year 3 Compulsory Module**

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Policy Making, Implementation and Evaluation
- Social Policy Capstone Module

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**

- MSocSc Social Work/Master of Public Policy
- MSc Equality Studies/MA Gender Studies
- MSc Social Data Analytics
- MSc Comparative Social Change
- MSc Sociology
- MSc in Demographic and Population Analytics
- MA in Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies

- PhD Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice
- PhD Sociology
- PhD Public Policy

**Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees**

- **3 + 2 Social Work Pathway**
  - MSocSc Social Work*

- **Society and Public Service Pathway**
  - Master of Public Policy
  - MSc Equality Studies
  - MA Gender Studies

- **Work, Organisation and People Pathway**
  - MSc Human Resource Management
  - MSc Management
  - Masters in Public Policy

**Shape your Career**

- **Careers closely related to this degree**
  - Social Work | Social Care
  - Probation Service
  - Non-Governmental Organisations

- **Public Sector Careers**
  - Politics | Policy Formation
  - Civil Service
  - Non-Governmental Organisations

- **Private Sector Careers**
  - Human Resources
  - Journalism | New and Online Media
  - Policy Consultancy

*Students on the pathway who meet entry requirements are eligible to apply for a place on UCD’s two year Masters in Social Work, a requirement to practice as a social worker.*

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**Years 2 & 3**

**BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology**

**UCD Social Sciences**

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

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

There are a wide range of organisations, public service, local authority and non-government agencies employing social workers in Ireland. The fact that the professional training is generic, not confined to a particular client group, allows social workers to move from one area of practice to another over their career. The fact that the professional qualification is at Masters level means that it is accepted for practice in a wide range of countries including 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 in this pathway is to provide students with the academic understanding of the key issues involved in management and industrial relations in the context of the sociological and policy issues that can impact on the workplace. Students on this pathway will have the opportunity to examine the economic, social and personal impact on individuals of where they work. This will include consideration of the stresses that can arise from the workplace and the nature of a person’s job.

Careers Opportunities

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

Society and Public Service

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

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

Careers Opportunities

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

### Careers with Social Policy

Social Policy analysis 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 MSoSc in 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 BSoSc’s pathway structure to facilitate career development via either Masters study or career guidance.

### 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

### What our Students Say

As a 17 year old completing the Leaving Cert, the only thing I was sure of was that I wanted to work with people in a meaningful way, so I applied for Social Sciences in UCD. I studied Sociology and Social Policy (as well as a number of modules in Politics and Economics), which focused my interest towards Social Work as a career path. After obtaining valuable, direct experience with Focus Ireland, I returned to UCD to complete my Master of Social Science (Social Work). I found both the Bachelor’s and the Master’s hugely rewarding, relevant and interesting. I now work as a Community Social Worker, developing the capacities of communities to improve their own health outcomes.

Gavin Mulhall
Community-based Social Worker

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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.

**Careers with Psychology**

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

**What our Students Say**

I chose Psychology at UCD as I have a great interest in human nature and behaviour. Being awarded the Ad Astra Performing Arts Scholarship, provided an opportunity to continue my passion for music alongside my academic coursework. In third year I had the opportunity to study and perform for a year at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) in the Erasmus programme. In final year, I loved being involved in student life and in particular as treasurer for the Psychology Society (PsychSoc) where we organised many memorable year-round academic and social events. This degree has equipped me with a broad background and understanding of human behaviour and all projects during the course, including my final year research project, have greatly developed my critical thinking skills and choices for the future.

Eleanor Gaffney
Psychology (International) Graduate

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-semester written examinations and continuous assessment is used to evaluate performance.

**Study Abroad**

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

- France
- Spain
- Germany
- US
- The Netherlands

**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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### UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

#### Psychology

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#### BSc Psychology

**UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities**

**Specialise with UCD Psychology**

- Taught Master’s
  - Psychological Science
  - Rehabilitation & Disability Studies
  - Mindfulness Based Interventions

- Research based Programmes
  - PhD Clinical Psychology
  - MLitt
  - PhD

**Shape your Career**

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

**Therapist**
- Art Therapist
- Psychotherapist
- Drama Therapist
- Music Therapist

**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

**Public Sector Careers**
- Health
- Civil Service
- Local Councils
- Education

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*optional*
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 may appeal to you as a degree choice.

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, business strategy 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 proceed 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.

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

Careers with Economics

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.

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

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

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

What our Students Say

The Single Honours Economics degree has given me many valuable skills to help choose from a wide range of career paths. The analytical skills gained are extremely valuable. One of the programme’s biggest strengths is the projects undertaken in the core classes, which have been a great talking point for job applications. The degree also has the advantage of allowing you to choose from modules that cater to your interests. I received enough specialisation in policy economics to know that I wanted to continue with the MSc Applied Economics at UCD after graduation. Having received one of the School’s Master’s scholarships, my experience with Economics at UCD has helped me gain both a traineeship at the European Central Bank, Germany, and employment in the Irish Government’s Economic Consultancy Service (IGEES) as a Graduate Economist.

Mojdeh Khandanian  Economics Graduate

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

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Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a year in partner universities across the globe including:

- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- Italy
- US
- Asia
- Australia

You can also study Economics as a Joint Major through BSc Social Sciences (DN700).
Economics (Single Major) DN710

Engage with the Principles

- Introduction to Economics
- Exploring Economics
- Economic History
- Introduction to Quantitative Economics
- Data Analysis for Economists
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Statistics for Economists
- Two Elective Modules

Plus two modules from one of the following subjects:
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Politics
- Sociology
- Statistics

Year 2

Deepen Your Understanding

- Optimisation for Economics
- Economics Research Workshop 1
- Intermediate Microeconomics 1
- Econometrics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Microeconomics 2
- Elective Modules x 2

Plus four modules from a range of options such as:
- Irish Economy
- Economic Policy Analysis
- Introduction to Financial Economics
- European Economy
- Game Theory
- Millennium Development Goals

Year 3

Refine Your Knowledge

- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Economics Research Workshop 2
- Advanced Econometrics
- Elective Modules x 2

- Plus Four Options from a range of choices including:
  - Industrial Economics
  - Behavioural Economics
  - Labour Economics
  - Health Economics
  - International Trade Economics
  - Transport Economics
  - Public Economics
  - Environmental Economics
  - International Money and Banking
  - Financial Economics: Asset Pricing
  - History and Economics of Financial Crises

BSc Economics

Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise with UCD School of Economics

- MSc in Applied Economics
- MSc Behavioural Economics
- MLitt | PhD
- Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master’s Degrees

- Grad Dip Actuarial Science
- PME Professional Masters in Education
- MSc Computer Science
- MSc Business Analytics | MSc Data Analytics
- MSc Quantitative Finance
- MSc in Finance
- MSc in Management Consultancy
- MSc in International Business
- MSc in Energy and Environmental Finance

Shape your Career

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

optional
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.

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

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

Application Process: CAO

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

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

Application Process: UCD Access and Lifelong Learning

OPEN LEARNING

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

Application Process: UCD Access and Lifelong Learning

Scholarships & Grants

AD ASTRA ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIPS

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

For detailed information
www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Find out more www.ucd.ie/scholarships

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
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