

MA in Women's Studies



The MA in Women's Studies has been taught at UCC since 1991-1992. The programme is interdisciplinary, with academics across the College of Arts Celtic Studies and Social Sciences as well as from the College of Business and Law contributing to the Masters. UCC can count many notable lecturers and professors working in the field of women's, gender and feminist studies in a variety of scholarly disciplines. Staff from over ten different academic departments contribute to the MA, allowing each student to develop a unique MA experience.



Students develop a grounding in feminist theory and research while also examining gender and society through a multidisciplinary lens.



The MA course combines lectures, seminars, directed readings and thesis research. There is an emphasis on student participation and critical debate with teachers and peers in class. Opportunities are provided for students to meet with lecturers to discuss the prescribed readings and their dissertation research.

In addition, students can draw on the course coordinator as an advisor throughout the academic year. Alongside their lectures, students engage in directed reading, research skills training, essay and report writing. They also maintain a reflexive journal, make at least one student presentation, and go on fieldtrips whenever possible.

There are frequent additional sessions with visiting speakers throughout the year, and students can also get involved in the UCC Feminist Society and the UCC LGBT Society.

The fact that you can learn from academics from a variety of fields such as history, music, law and film studies is, in my view, the greatest achievement of the programme, which I strongly recommend to everyone interested in feminist, gender and human rights issues.

*- Rosana Rosar
International Student*



Full-time and part-time options

The MA in Women's Studies is available as a one-year full-time course or as a part-time course over two years (only available to Irish/EU students).

Core seminars are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5.00pm to 7.00pm to facilitate students with work and other commitments.

Part-time students follow the same programme as full-time students in year 1 and have the same workload. In year 2 they work only on the dissertation.

Recent dissertation topics

Ireland's Repeal the 8th Movement

Childfree spaces in Brazil

Queer women's experiences of sexual education in Ireland

Representations of bisexuality in Ireland and France

The position of women in the Irish Navy

The #metoo movement in the United States



Requirements

The programme is tailored to suit each student's specific area of academic interest and educational background. Applicants need to have a primary degree at 2H2 level or equivalent.

You can also apply for an equivalence case if you have relevant experience in the areas of community work, industry, or the professions.

Career opportunities

Our graduates are employed in a variety of fields, from civil service to NGOs to industry. Some students decide to pursue their research with a PhD, while others use the course to initiate a career change or to advance in their existing profession. There is ample space to develop your own specific research interests and to valorise your earlier studies and work experience.

The programme is ideally suited to mature students, recent graduates and international students.

Application

For further details and to apply, see: www.ucc.ie/en/cke03

More details on the course

www.ucc.ie/womensstudies

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