



MA Contemporary European Philosophy

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

For students interested in Contemporary European philosophy (also known as "Continental" philosophy), University College Dublin is reckoned to be one of the top universities in the English speaking world.

The ever-popular MA in Contemporary European Philosophy Programme draws on the three main specialisations of the relevant faculty. These are German Idealism and Post-Kantian Philosophy, Phenomenology and Critical Theory. Topics treated in the modules include transcendental and absolute idealism and subjectivity, intentionality and being in the world, embodiment and otherness, critique of ideology, autonomy and recognition, feminism and gender theory.

Programme Highlight

On successful completion of the programme graduates will:

- Have an understanding and command of the central ideas and key texts of contemporary European philosophy since Kant;
- Have developed their own arguments and ideas with respect to these questions and approaches;
- Have the capacity to read and interpret difficult philosophical texts;
- Have the capacity to communicate clear lines of argument precisely and succinctly.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits Taught Masters = 60 credits Taught Modules + 30 credits Dissertation

Core Modules:

Choose 4 from the list below:

- Feminism and Gender Theory
- Topics in Continental Philosophy
- Reading Nietzsche
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology
- Philosophy and Literature
- The Good Society
- Newman: Philosophical Perspectives
- Invention of the Modern Self
- Critique, Destruction, Deconstruction

Option Modules:

Students choose 2 from the list below:

- Feminism and Gender Theory
- Topics in Continental Philosophy
- Reading Nietzsche
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology
- Philosophy and Literature
- The Good Society
- Newman: Philosophical Perspectives
- Topics in Philosophy of Mind & Cognition
- Moral Agency
- Authenticity and Attitudes
- The Cultural Mind
- Ethics in Public Life
- Philosophy of Time

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

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



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports

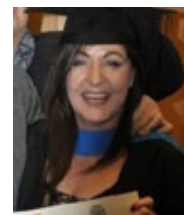


Career Opportunities

Philosophy graduates work in diverse fields including Media, Publishing, Public Policy, Education, Politics, Law, Journalism, Research And Further Study.

Graduates of UCD School of Philosophy have continued to have successful academic careers in Ireland, UK and the US. Others are prominent playwrights, journalists, human-rights activists, broadcasters, film-makers and musicians.

Graduate Profile



Jacqueline Fitzgerald O'Callaghan

MA In Contemporary European Philosophy

Studying for a master's degree in Contemporary European philosophy at UCD was intensely rewarding. Without a doubt I can attest that the school of philosophy is hugely supportive and the efficient administrative staff are always on hand to help.

In essence the MA programme offered an exciting opportunity to explore multitudinous philosophies whilst developing one's own ideas and opinions within an environment of respectful inclusion. We students were expected and encouraged to develop and present well-backed up, well-informed arguments and to engage in lively debate. I particularly liked how the MA programme fostered a culture of critical reflection which did not necessarily involve rejection of opposing viewpoints but rather encouraged us to honestly assess their strengths and weaknesses.

My experiences as a post-graduate student have encouraged me to continue to explore the field. Recently I had the honour of taking part in a discussion panel regarding the merits of bringing philosophy to primary school children, and have instigated philosophy workshops for secondary students.

Contemporary European Philosophy pervades our lives and the MA programme at UCD is to be lauded.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for students with a primary degree in Philosophy, or in another degree that has significant philosophical components; an upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Candidates with an upper second class honours in a postgraduate conversion course such as a Higher Diploma in Philosophy may be considered. MA students may be required to attend an interview either via Zoom or in person.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- MA Philosophy
- MA Philosophy & Public Affairs
- Grad Dip Philosophy
- Grad Dip Philosophy & Public Affairs
- MSc Cognitive Science
- MA Philosophy of Mind & Embodied Cognition
- MA Contemporary European Philosophy
- MA Ethics: Theory & Practice
- MA Philosophy & Literature

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