

# MA (ANTHROPOLOGY)

## Overview

### NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MA Anthropology programme may be taken full-time over 12 months or part-time over 24 months from the date of first registration for the programme. Part-time students take at least the core modules in year one and the remainder required for credit over years one and two

Students are strongly encouraged to attend one of the summer/winter schools and can take up to **10** credits from those on offer in a given year.

The Fieldwork Placement will take place in one of our partner universities and will be jointly supervised by a team of two supervisors, one based at UCC and one in the partner university. The supervisor in the partner university will oversee and facilitate the practical aspects of the fieldwork project. The fieldwork placement will be designed by the two supervisors in consultation with the student before they depart for fieldwork. Students will go on fieldwork placement for 1 to 2 months in Ireland, Europe, or to non-European partner universities between the months of April and August. The placement will be monitored by a UCC academic mentor plus a local mentor if the fieldwork is undertaken at a non-European partner university. Students will be expected to report their experiences at agreed intervals. For a student to go on Fieldwork Placement pertinent conditions must be satisfied for the Programme Director including but not limited to linguistic requirements, political stability, health concerns, travel and health insurance undertaken and logistical practicalities. Where unsure the Programme Director will consult with the Board of Studies or where conditions are unmet a student may make their case to the Board of Studies. The decision of the Programme Board of Studies is final.

## Postgraduate Certificate in Anthropology exit award

Students who successfully complete and pass taught modules to the value of at least 30 credits in Part I may exit the programme and be conferred with a Postgraduate Certificate in Anthropology (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcant/>). A student who subsequently applies to complete the Master's programme must do so within 5 years of successful completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Anthropology subject to the programme being on offer.

## Postgraduate Diploma in Anthropology exit award

Students who successfully complete and pass taught modules to the value of 60 credits in Part I and opt not to complete Part II may exit the programme and be conferred with a Postgraduate Diploma in Anthropology (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdant/>). A student who subsequently applies to undertake the Master's programme must do so within 5 years of successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Anthropology subject to the programme being on offer.

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

### Full-time

Code	Title	Credits
Students take <b>90</b> credits as follows - modules to the value of <b>60</b> credits in Part I and modules to the value of <b>30</b> credits in Part II:		

#### Part I

Students take **30** credits as follows:

#### Core Modules

AY6013	Anthropology: Paradigms & Theories	10
AY6015	Ethnography, Practice and Writing	10
AY6016	Rereading the Anthropological Classics	10

#### Elective Modules

Students take elective modules to the value of **30** credits.

#### Summer School/Winter School Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of up to **10** credits from the following: 0-10

AY6017	Atlantic Anthropological Workshop (10)	
SC6001	Economy and Society Summer School (5)	
SC6002	Economy and Society Summer School - 2 (10)	

#### Standard Electives

Students take remaining credits from the following: 20-30

AY3002	Dark Heritage: Anthropology of Death, War and Difficult Pasts (5)	
AY3003	Semiotics and Anthropology (5)	
AY6004	Anthropology and Social Control (10)	
AY6014	CyberSocial Futures (10)	
AY6025	Anthropology and Aesthetics of Performance: Ritual and Theatre (10)	
GV6115	European Security (10)	
LW6544	Criminology: Core Theories, Context and Critique (10)	
MU6042	Ethnography of Music (10)	
MU6043	History and Theory of Ethnomusicology (10)	
RG2312	Material Religion (10)	
SC6631	Sociology of Sustainable Development (10)	
SC6636	Social Pathologies of Contemporary Civilization (10)	
SC6638	Rethinking Borders: Sovereignty, Rights and Justice (10)	
SC6639	Feminist Epistemologies: Feminisms, Sexuality and Society (10)	
SC6642	Social Theory and Climate Justice (10)	
SC6644	Im/mobilities: forced migration and belonging (10)	
SC6645	Alcohol and Society: Use, Regulation and Harms (10)	

#### Part II

Students take **30** credits as follows:

#### Core Modules

AY6003	Dissertation	30
or AY6010	Fieldwork Placement	

## Part-time

**Code Title Credits**  
Students take **90** credits as follows - modules to the value of **60** credits in Part I and modules to the value of **30** credits in Part II:

### Part I - Year 1

Students take **30** credits as follows:

#### Core Modules

AY6013	Anthropology: Paradigms & Theories	10
AY6015	Ethnography, Practice and Writing	10
AY6016	Rereading the Anthropological Classics	10

#### Elective Modules

Students take elective modules to the value of up to **20** credits. 20

#### Summer School/Winter School Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of up to **10** credits from the following: 0-10

AY6017	Atlantic Anthropological Workshop (10)	
SC6001	Economy and Society Summer School (5)	
SC6002	Economy and Society Summer School - 2 (10)	

#### Standard Electives

Students take remaining credits from the following: 10-20

AY3002	Dark Heritage: Anthropology of Death, War and Difficult Pasts (5)	
AY3003	Semiotics and Anthropology (5)	
AY6004	Anthropology and Social Control (10)	
AY6014	CyberSocial Futures (10)	
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SC6642	Social Theory and Climate Justice (10)	
SC6644	Im/mobilities: forced migration and belonging (10)	
SC6645	Alcohol and Society: Use, Regulation and Harms (10)	

### Part I - Year 2

Students complete the remainder of the required credits, for a total of **60** credits in Part I.

#### Summer School/Winter School Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of up to **10** credits from the following: 0-10

AY6017	Atlantic Anthropological Workshop (10)	
SC6001	Economy and Society Summer School (5)	
SC6002	Economy and Society Summer School - 2 (10)	

#### Standard Electives

Students take remaining credits from the following: 0-10

AY3002	Dark Heritage: Anthropology of Death, War and Difficult Pasts (5)	
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### Part II

Students take **30** credits as follows:

AY6003	Dissertation	30
or AY6010	Fieldwork Placement	

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

### Programme Learning Outcomes for MA in Anthropology (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of a range of classical and contemporary anthropological theories
- Show understanding of classical and current anthropological debates
- Engage in the critical reflection on contemporary theoretical discourses
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of research skills in foundational anthropological theories and contemporary anthropological paradigms
- Demonstrate knowledge on the empirical and ethical challenges of fieldwork
- Design an individual or collaborative anthropological fieldwork research project
- Identify ethical issues in the research project and show how they are to be resolved.

- Communicate advanced knowledge and understanding of a contemporary anthropological topic relating to ethnographic writing and practice
- Engage with the practical empirical challenges of fieldwork ethnographic practice and writing such as taking field notes, conducting interviews, digital ethnographies
- Demonstrate effectiveness in researching, formulating and communicating this knowledge, understanding and critical awareness in the form of a Dissertation or Fieldwork based research project and report.