

MA (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MA (International Relations) is a full-time, taught programme running for 12 months or part-time over 24 months from the date of first registration for the programme.

Students take modules to the value of **90** credits comprising taught modules to the value of **45** credits (Part I) and a dissertation to the value of **45** credits (Part II).

Note: All electives are chosen in consultation with the Programme Director and are subject to availability and timetable requirements.

Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations

Candidates who pass at least 30 credits of taught modules may opt to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in International Relations. (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcintr/>)

Programme Requirements

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

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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Students take **90** credits.

Part I

Students take **45** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**35** credits) and **10** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

HI6026	US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History	10
HI6035	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Case Studies in Crises and Decision-making	10
HI6056	Issues in World Politics	5
HI6092	International Relations Theories and Approaches	10

Elective Modules

Students take **10** credits from the following: **10**

HI6045	War and Peace: the European State System from 1648 to 1990 ()	
HI6060	The Politics of Terrorism ()	
HI6063	Work Placement and Portfolio ()	
GV6115	European Security () ¹⁰	
LW6633	Public International Law ()	
plus LW6566	plus Contemporary Issues in International Law () ¹	

Part II

Students take **45** credits as follows:

Core Modules

HI6100	History Dissertation ²	45
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Total Credits **90**

² A dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words must be submitted by a specified date in September.

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 International Relations (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the particular field of study;
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the major issues and problems within the study of history/international relations/cultural contact;
- Evaluate and incorporate new insights informed by the forefront of the field of learning;
- Demonstrate competence in a range of level 9 research training methodologies and a range of discipline specific research skills;
- Take responsibility for their research agenda and project, and initiate and evaluate appropriate methodologies.

¹ The two 5 credit LW modules must be studied as a 10 credit package.