

# 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 (10)	
HI6060	The Politics of Terrorism (10)	
HI6063	Work Placement and Portfolio (10)	
GV6115	European Security () <sup>10</sup>	
LW6633	Public International Law (10)	
<b>plus</b> LW6566	<b>plus</b> Contemporary Issues in International Law () <sup>1</sup>	

### Part II

Students take **45** credits as follows:

#### Core Modules

HI6100	History Dissertation <sup>2</sup>	45
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**Total Credits** **90**

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> The two 5 credit LW modules must be studied as a 10 credit package.