

MSC (GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MSc (Government and Politics) is a full-time programme running for 12 months or a part-time programme running for 24 months from the date of first registration for the programme. The taught element of the programme runs from early September to the end of March.

In Part I students take modules to the value of **60** credits and in Part II either write a research dissertation of 15-20,000 words or complete a work-based dissertation in government and politics to the value of **30** credits.

From early April to the end of August, students will either complete a work-based dissertation in government and politics (GV6123) or write a research dissertation (GV6106) to the value of 30 credits. Students who do not undertake the research project must complete the dissertation. The work-based dissertation or research dissertation must be submitted at the beginning of September.

Note: Students studying for the degree full-time take all modules in one year.

Postgraduate Diploma in Government and Politics Exit Award (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

Students passing only the taught modules in Part I (60 credits) or choosing not to complete the research dissertation and/or work placement may opt to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Government and Politics. (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pgdvp/>)

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 90 credits.		
Part I		
Students take 60 credits as follows – all listed core modules (40 credits) and 20 credits of elective modules: ¹		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
ES6014	European Democracy, Citizenship, Memory and Identity	5
GV6011	EU Political System and Policies	5
GV6118	Political Science Research Methods	10
GV6121	Comparative Political Institutions	5
GV6127	Women, Gender and Political Representation	5
GV6128	Re-imagining Democratic Politics in a Changing World	5
PH6055	Core Themes in Political Philosophy	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of 20 credits from the following: ¹ 20		

Philosophy		
PH6012	Human Rights (10)	
PH6047	Philosophy and Health (10)	
PH6053	Professional Ethics: Advanced (10)	
PH6054	Measuring Society: Growth, Poverty, Inequality, and Human Capital (10)	
History		
HI6026	US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History (10)	
HI6045	War and Peace: the European State System from 1648 to 1990 (10)	
HI6060	The Politics of Terrorism (10)	
Government and Politics		
GV6010	Contemporary Global Politics (5)	
GV6012	Global Economic Policies and Institutions (5)	
GV6115	European Security (10)	
GV6124	Political Participation and Mobilisation (5)	
Part II		
Students take 30 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
GV6123	Work Based Dissertation in Government and Politics	30
or GV6106	Dissertation in Government and Politics	
Total Credits		90

¹ Students cannot apply for exemptions from modules they have already taken and must instead register for other modules.

Part-Time

Code	Title	Credits
Students take 90 credits as follows:		
Part I - Year 1		
Students take 40 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
GV6011	EU Political System and Policies	5
GV6128	Re-imagining Democratic Politics in a Changing World	5
GV6127	Women, Gender and Political Representation	5
ES6014	European Democracy, Citizenship, Memory and Identity	5
GV6118	Political Science Research Methods	10
GV6121	Comparative Political Institutions	5
PH6055	Core Themes in Political Philosophy	5
Part I - Year 2		
Students take modules to the value of 20 credits from the following:		
<i>Elective Modules</i> ¹ 20		
Philosophy		
PH6012	Human Rights (10)	
PH6047	Philosophy and Health (10)	
PH6053	Professional Ethics: Advanced (10)	
PH6054	Measuring Society: Growth, Poverty, Inequality, and Human Capital (10)	
History		
HI6026	US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History (10)	

HI6045	War and Peace: the European State System from 1648 to 1990 (10)	
HI6060	The Politics of Terrorism (10)	
Government and Politics		
GV6010	Contemporary Global Politics (5)	
GV6012	Global Economic Policies and Institutions (5)	
GV6115	European Security (10)	
GV6124	Political Participation and Mobilisation (5)	
Part II - Year 2		
Students take 30 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
GV6106	Dissertation in Government and Politics	30
or GV6123	Work Based Dissertation in Government and Politics	
Total Credits		90

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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 the MSc in Government and Politics (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme,

- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the multi-dimensional nature of government and politics.
- Apply concepts, theories and research methods from the academic discipline of politics in order to critically analyse real-world political dynamics, issues and problems.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the academic discipline of politics and its various sub-disciplines.
- Identify, use, evaluate and interpret the range of sources and data available for political analysis.
- Independently design and undertake research projects relevant to politics and political analysis.
- Communicate effectively on subject-specific topics in the written and oral form, including with the wider academic community and with society at large.
- Either demonstrate experience of having worked in a political environment; or demonstrate the ability to undertake sustained independent political research.