

MSC (INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AND DIPLOMACY)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MSc (International Public Policy and Diplomacy) may be taken full-time over 12 months or part-time over 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.

From early April to the end of August, students will *either* undertake a Work-based Dissertation in International Public Policy and Diplomacy (GV6013) *or* a Research Dissertation in International Public Policy and Diplomacy (GV6014) to the value of 30 credits. The dissertation is submitted in September. Those undertaking a Work-based Dissertation in International Public Policy and Diplomacy (GV6013) must also submit a Placement Practice Report.

Postgraduate Diploma in International Public Policy and Diplomacy (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

Students who successfully achieve the pass standard in Part I may opt not to proceed to Part II and may opt instead to be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in International Public Policy and Diplomacy (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdipp/>). Students who pass all taught modules in Part I (60 credits) and who fail the dissertation or fail to submit the dissertation will exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in International Public Policy and Diplomacy.

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 - Full-time		
Students take 60 credits as follows - all listed core modules (40 credits) and 20 credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
FE6305	Contemporary Socio-Economic and Environmental Issues	
GV6010	Contemporary Global Politics	5
GV6011	EU Political System and Policies	5
GV6012	Global Economic Policies and Institutions	
HI6035	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Case Studies in Crises and Decision-making	10
LW6566	Contemporary Issues in International Law	5
LW6567	Introduction to European Union Law	
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of 20 credits from the following: ¹ 20		
Food Business and Development		
FE6902	Global Food Policy Issues ()	
Government and Politics		
GV6115	European Security ()	

GV6118	Political Science Research Methods ()
GV6121	Comparative Political Institutions ()
GV6124	Political Participation and Mobilisation ()
GV6127	Women, Gender and Political Representation ()
GV6129	Revolution, Decolonization and Postcolonial Rule: Algeria in a Changing World ()

History

HI6026	US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History ()
HI6045	War and Peace: the European State System from 1648 to 1990 ()
HI6092	International Relations Theories and Approaches ()

Law

LW6606	International Human Rights Law () ²
LW6618	Climate Change Law and Policy ()
LW6627	International Environmental Law ()
LW6662	Law & the Future of Europe: Critical Perspectives Internal Market & Citizenship ()
LW6663	Law and the Future of Europe - Critical Perspectives EMU and Governance ()

Management and Marketing

MG6305	People and Organisations ()
MG6309	Strategy ()
MG6705	Marketing for Entrepreneurs ()

Philosophy

PH6012	Human Rights ()
PH6054	Measuring Society: Growth, Poverty, Inequality, and Human Capital ()

Sociology

SC6631	Sociology of Sustainable Development ()
SC6638	Rethinking Borders: Sovereignty, Rights and Justice ()
SC6642	Social Theory and Climate Justice ()

Women's Studies

WS6003	Gender and Society I: Contexts ()
WS6005	Gender and Society II: Interdisciplinary Perspectives ()

Language Electives ³

Chinese Studies

CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I ()
CH2107	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2 ()
CH3021	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 ()

French

FR0105	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners () ⁴
FR1005	French for Near Beginners () ⁵
FR1101	Foundation Course in Written and Oral French ()
FR1105	Threshold French ()
FR1107	French for Reading Purposes I ()
FR2101	Advanced French Language I () (Semesters 1 and 2)
FR2105	Towards Vantage French ()
FR2107	French for Reading Purposes II ()
FR4101	Advanced Use of French () (Semesters 1 and 2)

German

GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) ()	
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) ()	
Hispanic Studies		
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) ()	
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) ()	
HS1101	First Year Spanish Language for Beginners ()	
HS1102	First Year Spanish Language for Non-Beginners ()	
HS2101	Second Year Spanish Language Course (Ex-Beginners) ()	
HS2102	Second Year Spanish Language (Ex-Non-Beginners) ()	
HS3001	Final Year Spanish Language ()	
HS5007	Advanced Spanish Translation Skills ()	
HS5008	Advanced Spanish Language for Professional Purposes ()	
Italian		
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian ()	
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian ()	
IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language ()	
IT3101	Advanced Italian Language ()	
Japanese		
AS1501	Japanese Language Level 1 ()	
AS1502	Japanese Language Level 2 ()	
AS1503	Japanese Language Level 3 ()	
AS1504	Japanese Language Level 4 ()	
AS3008	Advanced Readings in Contemporary Japanese Culture and Current Affairs ()	
Korean		
AS1601	Korean Language Level 1 ()	
AS1602	Korean Language Level 2 ()	
AS1603	Korean Language Level 3 ()	
AS1604	Korean Language Level 4 ()	
AS3006	Translations in Contemporary Korean Culture and Current Affairs ()	
Modern Irish		
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt ()	
GA2001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge I ()	
GA3001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge ()	
Part II - Full-time		
Students take 30 credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
GV6013	Work-based Dissertation in International Public Policy and Diplomacy	30
or GV6014	Research Dissertation in International Public Policy and Diplomacy	
Total Credits		75

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

² The class size for LW6606 is capped at 30, with students of the LLM IHR given precedence as the module is compulsory on the LLM IHR programme. If space permits students of the MSc IPPD programme to register for the module, this will be facilitated on a 'first come; first serve' basis until the maximum class size of 30 is reached.

⁴ Students holding primary degrees in one of the subject areas cannot take the undergraduate level elective modules in the same subject area in the MSc (International Public Policy and Diplomacy).

⁴ FR0105 may only be taken by complete beginners.

⁵ FR1005 may not be taken by students who have studied French to LC level.

Part-time

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

Part I - Year 1

Students take **35** credits as follows - all listed core modules (**25** credits) and **10** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

GV6010	Contemporary Global Politics	5
GV6011	EU Political System and Policies	5
HI6035	Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Case Studies in Crises and Decision-making	10
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GA3001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge ()
Part I - Year 2	
Students take 25 credits as follows - all listed core modules (15 credits) and 10 credits of elective modules:	
<i>Core Modules</i>	
FE6305	Contemporary Socio-Economic and Environmental Issues
GV6012	Global Economic Policies and Institutions
LW6567	Introduction to European Union Law
<i>Elective Modules</i>	
Students take modules to the value of 10 credits from the electives 10 list above.	
Part II - Year 2	
Students take 30 credits as follows:	
<i>Core Modules</i>	
GV6013	Work-based Dissertation in International Public Policy and Diplomacy 30
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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 MSc in International Public Policy and Diplomacy (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Describe and critically analyse contemporary global policy challenges and the contemporary global policy-making environment, including international organisations and international law;

- Identify and assess the impact of global policy challenges and global policymaking processes on national governments;
- Produce policy-oriented analysis and recommendations;
- Show awareness of social science research methods and their applicability to policy analysis;
- Demonstrate the skills necessary to work in a policy-oriented international environment (e.g., synthesis, analysis and evaluation; report writing; oral presentation skills; leadership; negotiation skills);
- Either demonstrate experience of having worked in a policy-oriented international environment; or demonstrate the ability to undertake sustained independent policy-oriented research on an international issue.