

# MSC (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AGRI-FOOD AND CO-OPERATIVES)

## Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MSc in Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives is a one-year, full-time programme.

The programme consists of taught modules to the value of **60** credits and a Practice-Based Research Project (FE6308) of **30** credits.

## Exit Award

### Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives

Students passing taught modules to the value of at least 60 credits and achieving an aggregate pass across taught modules to the value of 60 credits may exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdsac/>) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award).

## Programme Requirements

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

## Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Students take <b>90</b> credits as follows – <b>60</b> credits of taught modules and <b>30</b> credits of research modules:		
<b>Taught Modules</b>		
Students take <b>60</b> credits as follows – all listed core modules ( <b>55</b> credits) and <b>5</b> credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
FE6303	Sustainable Rural Development	10
FE6304	Co-operative and Collaborative Responses	10
FE6305	Contemporary Socio-Economic and Environmental Issues	5
FE6306	Marketing and Communications for Sustainable Food Production and Consumption	5
FE6507	Economics of Agri-Food Markets and Value Chain Analysis	5
FE6512	Sustainable Food Systems	5
FE6515	The Sharing Economy	5
FE6902	Global Food Policy Issues	5
MG6315	Project Management	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take a module to the value of <b>5</b> credits from the following:		
AG3002	Soil Science and Soil/Land Management (5)	5
FE6506	International Food Branding and Digital Media Marketing (5)	5
NE5003	Sustainable Energy Futures (5)	5
<b>Research Modules</b>		
Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		

### Taught Modules

### Core Modules

FE6303	Sustainable Rural Development	10
FE6304	Co-operative and Collaborative Responses	10
FE6305	Contemporary Socio-Economic and Environmental Issues	5
FE6306	Marketing and Communications for Sustainable Food Production and Consumption	5
FE6507	Economics of Agri-Food Markets and Value Chain Analysis	5
FE6512	Sustainable Food Systems	5
FE6515	The Sharing Economy	5
FE6902	Global Food Policy Issues	5
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### Elective Modules

AG3002	Soil Science and Soil/Land Management (5)	5
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### Research Modules

### Core Modules

FE6308	Practice-Based Research Project	30
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>90</b>

## 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 (Sustainable Development, Agri-Food and Co-operatives) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Communicate and work effectively to a high professional standard;
- Demonstrate advanced analytical and problem-solving skills associated with effective practice;
- Engage in advanced application of frameworks and techniques in organisational settings;
- Demonstrate advanced analytical skills associated with the key challenges and decisions facing society, organisations and communities in responding to sustainable development issues;
- Engage in designing collaborative and multi-stakeholder approaches to addressing sustainable development challenges;
- Demonstrate research and professional proficiency, and an understanding of research ethics, through the completion of an independent industry-centred research project.