



University College Dublin
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Master of Public Administration in Development Practice (Two years Full Time or Four Years Part Time)

The programme is a two-year programme that offers professional training in Sustainable Development Practice at graduate level. It is part of an internationally recognised affiliation of programmes working in line with Columbia university and the MDP (Master of Development Practice) Global Association (mdpglobal.org).

It prepares students to better identify and address the challenges of extreme poverty and sustainable development through excellent course offerings. As such, you will have the opportunity to undertake disparate modules from a range of areas, all of which are of practical concern to those working in the field of development; including finance, management,

health, natural science, economic, legal, political and statistical modules.

This is an ideal programme for recent graduates who plan to make a meaningful contribution to global poverty reduction and sustainable development practice. It also appeals to those already working in the sector of development who want to enhance their skill set and bolster their career. Our central aim is to produce professionally trained graduates with both the theoretical insight and practical skills that will enable them to successfully pursue a career in international development practice to work in government, civil society or the private sector.

Why study at UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global community

Over 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; Two-year stay-back visa for Non-EU students



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

MDP provides interdisciplinary professional training

The UCD MDP has strong finance, management, health, natural science, economic, legal, political and statistical modules. The programme focuses on the professional training of sustainable development practitioners to work in the finance and planning departments of governments (social, economic and environmental) all over the world, but students can work in the private and social sectors once they are members of the UN Major groups.

Course Content and Structure

120 credits
taught masters

75 credits
Core modules

45 credits
optional modules

Core modules:

- Economic & Policy Analysis I
- Science, Technology & Development
- Governance, Politics & Development
- Global Classroom
- NGOs: Law, Governance & Social
- Global Health
- Fieldwork I
- Thesis

Students must specialize in Year 2 by selecting 45 credits of optional modules within a specialisation. For each of the specialisations a sample of indicative modules include:

Economic and Policy Analysis:

- Economic & Policy Analysis II
- The Economics of Sustainable Development
- Public Administration and Policy
- Experiments in Economics

Gender and Conflict:

- Post-Conflict & Development
- Gender in Peace and Conflict
- Political Violence
- Gender, War and Violence

Environment and Agriculture:

- Environmental Assessment
- Tools for Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Global Change Ecology

Global Public Health

- Public Health Practice
- International Health I
- Public Health Nutrition
- Sociology & Social Epidemiology



Career Opportunities

Graduates work in non-governmental organisations, NGOs agencies of the European Union and the United Nations, in journalism, education and local community development in roles such as: international aid worker, development worker, community education officer, health promotion specialist and community education officer.

Graduates now work in organisations such as: United Nations, UNICEF, World Bank, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.



Patrick Paul Walsh



Samuel Brazys

Staff Profile

Associate Professor Samuel Brazys

Director of the Master of Public Administration in Development Practice (MPA-DP)

Professor Patrick Paul Walsh

Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development Studies in UCD
Chair of the Global Association of MDPs in Columbia University

This programme combines excellent academic education with social relevance to equip students with the skills, perspectives, decision-making tools, and foundation of scientific knowledge in pursuing a career in international development.

Scholarships

UCD offers postgraduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on masters' programmes.

Please see www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships-and-funding for further information

Related Masters

Master of Public Policy
MA International Development
MSc Humanitarian Action

Fees Fee information at www.ucd.ie/fees

Entry Requirements

Entry to the programme will be based on competitive selection. Applications for admission are accepted from:

- Holders of first or upper second class honours degrees awarded by recognised universities and institutions, and recognised degree awarding bodies (for example, NCEA, CNAA)
- Holders of other degrees from recognised universities or degree granting institutions who have experienced at least three years of appropriate employment.
- Holders of recognised professional qualifications obtained through examinations who have spent at least four years in study and who, in addition, have been employed for at least two years in the work of their profession.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

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