

Department of
Applied Social Studies
NUI Maynooth



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Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad



Master of Social Science
(Rights and Social Policy)

*"I have more of an idea what career path I want to choose.....I feel better equipped to face a tough job market."**

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This degree is tailored to graduates wishing to work in areas of social policy, including rights, equality and social justice across the public sector, NGOs or in an international context, in a variety of roles such as Policy Advisor, Policy Researcher or Policy Advocate. Graduates could also pursue Doctoral level studies.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme comprises taught modules, case study visits and a social policy dissertation

TAUGHT MODULES

Taught modules are provided in 2-day blocks, (normally Friday & Saturday) with spaced intervals for written assignments.

- Critical Social Policy Theory & Perspectives
- Advanced Social Policy Analysis
- Advanced Criminal Justice Studies
- Equality, inclusion, Rights & Recognition
- Participative Governance
- Social Gerontology, Policy & Practice
- Writing & Influencing Social Policy
- Social Policy Research Methods
- Continuous assessment applies across the programme.

REALISING RIGHTS; INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDIES

Case studies include an international visit to one of the following: The United Nations (Geneva); The Council of Europe



*"Knowledge is power and it is with that power that I can implement change in an unequal society."**

(Strasbourg); The EU Fundamental Rights Agency (Vienna); The OSCE (Vienna); Human Rights & Equality Bodies (Belfast).

*"The lectures are in blocks of two days and this gives me room for other things such as a job (and) family."**

SOCIAL POLICY DISSERTATION

The degree is based on 90 ECTS credits, of which one-third are awarded for the dissertation

Programme Structure

- Full-time option: 1 calendar year
- Part-time option: 2 calendar years (Dissertation completed in Year 2)

*"The trip to Geneva gave a new and better understanding of the UN and the work being done in human rights."**





The Master of Social Science (Rights and Social Policy) degree equips graduates with advanced knowledge, research and analytical skills in the fields of social policy, rights, equality and social justice. It has particular relevance for careers in policy analysis, research and advocacy in the public sector and in NGOs. It reflects the Department of Applied Social Studies' distinctive mission to contribute to human rights, social justice and equality.

AIMS

The MSocSc (Rights & Social Policy) programme provides

- advanced understanding of social policy analysis from a rights, equality and justice perspective
- indepth understanding of specific social policy themes through courses on equality & inclusion, governance, ageing and criminal justice
- expertise in the critique and writing of policy documents,
- a high level of competence in social policy research methods and completion of an independent study

*"Policies are at the heart of everything connected to society and this course has made me realise that we need to engage with those in power to ensure that we get them right."**



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Honours graduates in Social Science, Applied Social Studies or a related discipline (with an overall mark of 55% or over)

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be made through PAC: www.pac.ie/nuim

Closing date for Applications:
31st May.

*"This course is more participative, which gives students more of an opportunity to voice their own thoughts and question existing knowledge."**

** all quotes are current students opinions*

FEES

For information on fees, see <http://fees.nuim.ie/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on any available scholarships, see <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie/feesfundingfinance/funding>

COURSE ENQUIRIES

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