



Sociology Department

MA Sociology: Societies in Transition

This is a full-time one year course that aims to provide graduates with the necessary critical and analytical skills to make sense of societies undergoing rapid transitions. The programme is set against the backdrop of economic crisis and recovery and the political and social changes that have ensued. Societies such as Ireland are adjusting very rapidly to change in their external and internal environments. This requires us to re-think prevailing assumptions about the nature and direction of socio-economic development in Ireland and elsewhere.

Q. Why study this MA at the Dept. of Sociology at Maynooth University?

A. The key idea underlying the MA is to interrogate the political, economic and social dimensions of change in transitional societies, using Ireland as a key point of reference. We hope to stimulate students to think about the role that sociological analysis can play in helping to advance solutions to current social, political and economic challenges.

This MA builds on the expertise and interests of our Department in the analysis of power, political economy and the dynamics of social change nationally and internationally. Staff members are active in national and international research projects, international professional Sociology associations and actively publish in the discipline.

Q. What are the career prospects for graduates of this course?

A. The MA Societies in Transition provides professional training in analytical reasoning and research methods in the social sciences. Class sizes are typically small and are run on a seminar basis. Students who enjoyed Sociology (or a cognate discipline) at undergraduate level generally find the MA year hugely enriching in terms of both intellectual and skills development. The skills acquired are transferable to a wide range of careers. Please check out student testimonials on our website www.maynoothuniversity.ie/graduates

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PAC CODE MHY54 One Year Full-Time
(Part-time and PG Diploma options may also be available. Please contact the Department for further information).

Course Structure

Modules include social science analysis, research methodologies and Political Economy studies.

Entry Requirements

A Bachelor of Arts in sociology or cognate discipline with 2.2 or higher, or international equivalent is required.

For international students for whom English is not their first language, an English language exam certificate showing IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent) is required.

Careers

It will be attractive for those seeking to go into policy-making, advocacy, journalism, social and market research, politics and development work and will also provide an excellent platform for those interested in progressing to PhD studies.

Further Information

www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/ma-sociology

MA in Sociology: Societies in Transition

Social Science Analysis

Quantitative Research Methods

Qualitative Research Methods

Thesis

Political Economy

Nature and Society

Theories, Concepts and Debates in their Historical and Contemporary Context
