



# MA Geography

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Course Code: MHN60 full-time;  
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Closing Date: 31 July  
Limited places so apply early!

Costs/Fees 2022-23:  
EU Students full-time: €6350, pt: €4320 p.a.  
Non-EU Students full-time €14,000

Entry Requirements  
Minimum Second-Class Honours One (2.1).  
We welcome applications from  
a range of subject areas.

Unique in Europe! We emphasise public engagement, fieldwork, research-led modules and independent research. Our students work with real-world partners and internationally respected scholars, gaining hands-on experience with NGOs, artists, and urban professionals, and in public policy or advocacy roles. We provide training in urban, political, social-cultural, and environmental geography, with courses on cutting-edge topics in: urban, housing & environmental policy; electoral politics; critical ecologies; place, politics, & identity; and spatial justice.

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# What sets Maynooth Geography apart?



"My MA has allowed me to expand my knowledge of working with vulnerable groups, census data and overall aspects of Human Geography."

**Student Centred.** Our flexible degree recognises the economic realities and needs of traditional and non-traditional students. Classes are delivered on Thursdays and Fridays. Part-time students can earn a degree over two years. Graduates develop research and employability skills for new employment or enhancing existing careers. The MA is an excellent foundation for those interested in progressing to PhD studies.

**Our Staff** are international experts, committed to project-based learning, and have awards for teaching and research. With the most cited research publications in Ireland, the QS Global Rankings put Maynooth in the world's top 200 Geography Departments.

**A Vibrant Postgraduate Community** offers additional social events, seminars and research training, with our PhD, Postdocs and Staff in Geography. After graduation, our alumni group helps with networking.

**Our course** comprises 90 ECTS (60 taught, 30 thesis) and runs 12 months. Modules may include: Dublin Urban Laboratory; Thinking Geographically; Field School; Public Engagement; Spatial Justice; and Electoral Politics, with electives in Anthropology, Sociology, Law, and Media Studies.

**Field-based teaching** is led by the Department's international experts, as well as our partner artists, activists, & planners, with excursions to CloughJordan Ecovillage, Bord na Móna peatlands, the Irish Museum of Modern Art & Dublin City Council's Smart Cities unit. Creative teaching includes public engagement, community mappings and role-playing. We study topics such as the housing crisis, landscape iconography, children's geographies, food justice, and elections.



"I gained socially and personally, forming close bonds with a small group of people"

**Real World Partners** include: the national Travellers' organisation Pavee Point; Ireland's biggest trade union, SIPTU; the community arts organisation, Common Ground; and the solidarity groups Dublin Bay North Repeal the 8th; Irish Housing Network and Right2Water. With the IHN, students produced open-source GIS handbooks. With Pavee Point, students produced online story maps and community mapping toolkits. Independent thesis research with stakeholders include partnerships with Community Action Tenants Union Ireland, and Single Parents Acting for the Rights of Kids (SPARK) with a student addressing the Joint Committee on Social Protection at the Irish Parliament. One student commented: 'I liked working with people who had real lives and jobs.'



"I learned to be very open-minded and more confident in myself."

**Our Graduates** work in administration, education, NGOs, creative industries or go on to pursue a PhD. One student said she 'would never have gotten to this stage without the Masters' because the high academic standards 'helped me to define what I'm interested in.' One said that the professional research training in the MA 'helped me demonstrate a varied skill set when interviewing for employment' (as a data engineer). Another graduate stated that the research thesis and transferrable skills from the MA were the reason she landed a senior 'dream job' in local government. Three students who went on to receive fully-funded competitive PhD fellowships acknowledged that the MA provided the skills and accomplishments leading to doctoral research: 'This is especially true about my funding which I couldn't continue without.'



"I loved that something I did was finally a tangible sort of product that some other person could use."

**Our first cohort speak about the MA:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5Q4-fwaGoU&t=13s>