



UCD School of Psychology

# MSc IN DISABILITY

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The MSc in Disability is a one-year full-time programme delivered by the UCD Centre for Disability Studies within the UCD School of Psychology.

This programme is developed for all who have an interest in disability, including people with disabilities, family members and those working in the disability field. The programme exposes students to concepts of disability, evidence-based disability practice, national and international disability policy and current developments in disability legislation. A selection of core modules comprising the programme may be available under Continuous Professional Development.

## COURSE DETAILS

**TITLE:** MSc in Disability

**LEVEL:** 9

**DURATION:** 12 months (September – August)/90 ECTS credits



## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The MSc in Disability is developed for all who have an interest in disability including individuals with disabilities, family members and professionals. The philosophy of the programme is to promote an inclusive society respecting the will and preference of persons with disability.

The programme includes six mandatory (core) 10 credit modules which provide students with a critical understanding of disability identity, intersectionality, policy and legislation as well as practice-based skills in research methodologies, behavioural support and programme development.

To promote a personalised learning experience, students take an additional 30 credits from a selection of additional (option) modules specialising in education, health, law, psychology, public health and social policy.

This programme is delivered by academics, practitioners and experts by experience using a variety of approaches including expert tuition, small group interaction, peer support and autonomous student learning. Assessment is by continuous assessment including essays, presentations, group-based work and personal reflections. Students are encouraged to actively participate in class, undertake self-directed study, develop critical appraisal skills and promote the application of evidence-based practice and policy.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### Core modules include:

- Disability Policy and Legislation (10 credits)
- Advanced Disability Studies (10 credits)
- Identity, Sexuality and Mortality (10 credits)
- Multielement Behaviour Support (10 credits)
- Person-Centred Programme Design and Development (10 credits)
- Research Methods (10 credits)

### Option modules vary from year to year and may include:

- Discourses in Psychology (10 credits)
- Managing Change (10 credits)
- Fundamentals of Neuropsychology (10 credits)
- Clinical Cases in Neuropsychology (10 credits)
- Theory of Human Rights (10 credits)
- Systems Thinking in Health Care (10 credits)
- Innovations in Healthcare, Local and Global (10 credits)

- Strategic Leadership for Healthcare Improvement and Innovation (10 credits)
- Public Health Practice and Policy (5 credits)
- Health Promotion (5 credits)
- Inclusion and Equality in Education (10 credits)
- Inclusive Education for Pupils with Additional Educational Needs (10 credits)
- NGOs: Law, Governance and Social Change (10 credits)
- International Human Rights (10 credits)
- Nonprofit Sector in Comparative Perspective: Politics, Regulation and Business (10 credits)
- Comparing Healthcare Systems (10 credits)

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Individuals who have a primary degree and who wish to gain a critical understanding of disability practice, policy and legislation.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A primary degree with minimum 2.2. classification (second class honours, grade two) or International equivalent and IELTS 7.0 requirement where English is not a first language.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants should apply online at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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