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MA in Sociology: Societies in Transition

The one year MA (Societies in Transition) (MAST) studies how societies are changing dramatically and facing multiple challenges - not only in terms of public health but also in relation to inequalities of multiple kinds and huge environmental challenges. How are our lives and relationships changing in the face of these challenges?

What happens to our intimate relationships and emotional lives?

How are our lives changing in the many forms of the family that we live in today?

And how are relations between the generations shifting?

How do our lives get shaped by these overall patterns of inequality -and how do those inequalities shape our lives and futures?

How are these relationships intertwined with our relations with nature and environmental change?

All of these issues are coming to the fore more than ever since pandemic, but they also reflect longstanding concerns. Learn from some of Ireland's leading experts in each of these areas, drawing on the best research internationally and from within the department.

Why Sociology at Maynooth University?

Sociology at Maynooth University is home to many of Ireland's leading sociologists.

Our MA Sociology is enriched by the international expertise and proven research track record of our staff in studies across a wide range of areas of social life.

We are also committed to public sociology and to working to bring sociological perspectives to bear on contemporary social issues.

In this MA you will:

- Combine the study of key aspects of modern society with training from experts in research methods, including our innovative research data studio
- Enhance your ability to work in education, social and public policy, communications and public affairs, research, social and political research, and a variety of other areas
- Join in Seminars led by departmental staff involved in research networks and projects across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas
- Carry out your own research in writing your research thesis
- Learn in a dynamic, friendly and supportive department and be part of a lively postgrad community

For questions about course content please contact the MAST programme director, Dr Paul Ryan (paul.ryan@mu.ie)

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1 Year MHY54

Course Structure

MA students take a total of 90 credits - 6 taught modules x 10 credits each (60credits)

and a thesis (30 credits). There are core modules that all students take and optional modules offered by the Sociology, Geography, Applied Social Studies and International Development departments.

A graduate diploma option is available where students do not write a thesis.

Classes are seminar based and assessment is 100% based on continuous assessments.

Entry Requirements

A BA in Sociology, or a similar discipline, with a high 2:2 or above in Sociology, or international equivalent, is required.

For international students for whom English is not their first language, an English language exam certificate of at least ELTS 6.5 (or similar) is required.

Careers

Graduates gain employment through multiple pathways:

Research – public & private sector
Public Policy – NGOs, state, private sector
Academia – as a stepping stone into further postgraduate studies

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Innovations in Qualitative Social Research

Quantitative Research Methods and Data Visualisation

Data Studio

Thesis Workshops

Optional Modules

Digital Research Methods

Nature and Society

Intimate Lives

Families, Generations & Society

Political Economy of the Environment

Spatial Justice

Global Food Systems