



# UCC

Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh, Éire  
University College Cork, Ireland

# SCHOOL OF HISTORY

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

## GRADUATE STUDIES

Cork is an active centre of graduate research in History and European Studies, with an international reputation. More than 300 MA/MPhil/PhD theses have been successfully completed in the past decade. Many books and articles have resulted from postgraduate research in the School.

The School offers programmes and courses of study leading to MA, MPhil and PhD courses.

Further information, application procedures and regulations are set out in the School of History Website <http://www.ucc.ie/academic/history/>

This section provides only a brief overview of the programmes available. Further information available from course co-ordinators (listed after each course).

# MA IN HISTORY

The School of History offers the following MA Degrees

- (i) Masters in History**
- (ii) MA in Local History**

## **(I) MASTERS IN HISTORY**

All MAs are full-time taught programmes running for twelve months from the date of first registration for the programme.

- They are made up of 90 credits:
  - 45 credits are allocated for the successful completion of the taught component - modules listed below (Part I)
  - 45 credits for a dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words (Part II)
- Students choose their modules in the second week of the first term. Module choices must be registered with either Déirdre or Geraldine in Tyrconnell, School of History.

For information on programmes and the School of History please go to our website:  
<http://www.ucc.ie/en/history/>

Further information also available from The Graduate Studies Office MA in History prospectus entry at [www.ucc.ie/en/cke44](http://www.ucc.ie/en/cke44)

### **Entry Requirements**

To be considered for registration an applicant will normally have:

- (a) a primary degree of at least second-class honours Grade 1 level in a suitable subject or the equivalent
- (b) Applications from students with a 2H2 level in a suitable subject may be considered and may be requested to submit a proposal and/or an interview following application.

All applications must satisfy a selection committee who may request applicants to provide letters of reference.

### **English Language Requirements**

IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL equivalent

## **Masters in History courses to choose from are as follows:**

### **A. International Relations (CKE45)**

### **B. Medieval History (CKE46)**

### **C. US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History (CKE42)**

### **D. Irish Historical Research (CKE44)**

For the MA in Irish Historical Research students choose one of the following specialist options (must be noted on PAC application form):

- i) HI6041 State, Culture and Identity Formation in Ireland, 1500-1900
- ii) HI6042 Sources and Debates in Modern Irish History
- iii) HI6043 History of Irish Media

### **A. International Relations (CKE45)**

The MA in International Relations centres on the challenges of war, peace and transformation reflecting the School's expertise. The programme combines study of the past with modern analysis of the contemporary world. The strong component provides a comprehensive all-round induction into the disciplines of IR and conflict/peace studies.

Students take modules on *Understanding International Conflict, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, Issues and Theories in World Politics, and War and Peace*.

Students develop and perfect high-level research and communication skills through writing a 20,000-word dissertation. Each student chooses their own thesis topic from within the broad areas of IR, conflict/peace studies and International History.

Students take 90 credits as follows:

#### **Part I**

**HI6033** Issues and Theories in World Politics (10 Credits)

**HI6035** Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Case Studies in Crises and Decision-Making (10 Credits)

**HI6045** War and Peace: the European State System from 1648 to 1990 (10 Credits)

**HI6046** Understanding International Conflict (15 Credits)

#### **Part II**

**HI6100** Dissertation (45 Credits)

A dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words must be submitted by a specified date in September

Module descriptions are contained in the Book of Modules <http://www.ucc.ie/modules/>

**Course Co-ordinator: Dr. Mervyn O'Driscoll** [mervod@ucc.ie](mailto:mervod@ucc.ie) 021-4903477

## **B. Medieval History (CKE46)**

The MA in Medieval History provides a comprehensive introduction to research into central themes in the culture of the medieval West. Through analysis of texts and images, students gain detailed familiarity with the broad characteristics of medieval culture and the major trends and transformations within it. Students will also receive instruction in Latin and, through the exploration of the primary sources, will be introduced to the historical skills necessary to undertake original research.

Upon completion of the courses in the MA in Medieval History, and through their mastery of the methodologies and skills that equip them to undertake research, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their own ability to engage with the historical sources in writing their research dissertation; they should also be able to adapt their research skills and analytical tools either to a variety of non-academic contexts or to undertaking further postgraduate research.

Students take 90 credits as follows:

### **Part I**

Students must take the following compulsory modules:

**HI6036** Contexts for Medieval History (5 credits)

**HI6037** Intellectual History (10 credits)

**HI6038** Interpreting the Sources (10 credits)

**HI6039** Skills for Medieval Historians (5 credits)

and, either

**LT6001** (Latin (15 credits)-

or, for students with prior qualifications in Latin, 15 credits of Latin in consultation with staff, School of History

### **Part II**

**HI6100** Dissertation (45 credits)

A dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words must be submitted by a specified date in September.

Module descriptions are contained in the Book of Modules <http://www.ucc.ie/modules/>

MA Medieval History website at: <http://www.ucc.ie/chronicon/medhistma/index.html>

**Course Co-ordinator: Dr. Damian Bracken** [d.bracken@ucc.ie](mailto:d.bracken@ucc.ie) 021-4902950

## **C. US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History (CKE42)**

The MA in US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History combines the analysis of US foreign policy situated within the major trends and developments in contemporary world history. It will analyse key issues in the history of US foreign policy during the Cold War and after. It will engage with the primary concerns in the superpower relationship, regional alliances, challenges to the United States in the form of nationalism, revolutionary movements, and more recent problems and issues, particularly in the Middle East, Europe and the Transatlantic relationship, Central America and Asia. The module will proceed to investigate a range of contemporary concerns and issues.

In addition students take a number of modules on contemporary history and international relations including: **Understanding International Conflict, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Case Studies in Crises and Decision-making and War and Peace, 1648-1945**. Students will acquire a range of discipline specific skills and generic transferable skills. In addition they will write a 20 000 word dissertation on a topic of their choice in the area of the History of US foreign policy or relations.

Students take 90 credits as follows:

### **Part I**

**HI6026** US Foreign Policy and Contemporary History (10 credits)

**HI6035** Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: Case Studies in Crises and Decision-making (10 credits)

**HI6045** War and Peace: the European State System from 1648 to 1990 (10 credits)

**HI6046** Understanding International Conflict (15 credits)

### **Part II**

**HI6100** Dissertation (45 credits)

A dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words must be submitted by a specified date in September.

Module descriptions are contained in the Book of Modules <http://www.ucc.ie/modules/>

**Course Co-ordinators:** Dr. Mervyn O'Driscoll [mervod@ucc.ie](mailto:mervod@ucc.ie) 021-4903477

Dr. David Ryan [david.ryan@ucc.ie](mailto:david.ryan@ucc.ie) 021-4902183

## **D. Irish Historical Research (CKE44)**

Students take 90 credits as follows:

### **Part I**

**HI6011** Ideas and Approaches in History (15 credits)

*and*

**HI6040** Research Skills in History (15 credits)

*or*

**HI6044** Digital History (15 credits)

*and one of the following Specialist options:*

- (i) **HI6041** State, Culture and Identity Formation in Ireland, 1500-1900 (15 credits) *or*
- (ii) **HI6042** Sources and Debates in Modern Irish History (15 credits) *or*
- (iii) **HI6043** History of Irish Media (15 credits)

**These Specialist options must be chosen when applying to the PAC system for the MA in Irish Historical Research. Details as follows:**

**(i) HI6041 State, Culture and Identity Formation in Ireland, 1500-1900**

This examines key themes in Ireland's political, social and cultural development. It uses the interlinking perspectives of state, culture and identity formation to inform a critical perspective derived from current and cutting edge research. Themes from among the following will provide the framework for the module: Colonialism and its legacies, War and Rebellion, Anglicisation, Religion, Land, Parliament, Nationalism and Unionism.

**Course Co-ordinator: Dr. Clare O'Halloran** [c.ohalloran@ucc.ie](mailto:c.ohalloran@ucc.ie) 021-4902605

**(ii) HI6042 Sources and Debates in Modern Irish History**

The objective here is to acquaint students with the extent and use of primary source material, and with significant historiographical debates, relating to twentieth century Irish history. The module consists of a series of visits to, and briefings on the operation, holdings and use of major archives and other repositories, and of a series of discussion sessions focussing, in turn, on major historiographical debates on significant aspects of twentieth century Irish history.

**Course Co-ordinator: Mr. Gabriel Doherty** [g.doherty@ucc.ie](mailto:g.doherty@ucc.ie) 021-4902783

**(iii) HI6043 History of Irish Media**

Students will examine in depth the historical development and impact of the print and broadcast media and journalism in modern Ireland. The print media in Ireland from the mid nineteenth century to the late twentieth century are studied both as sources and historical forces, as are the media of radio and television in the twentieth century. A wide variety of newspapers, journals and magazines are historically analysed and interpreted. The course will engage with the role of Radio Éireann and RTÉ, as well as examining themes such as current affairs, sport and drama, and specific shows and broadcasters such as Gay Byrne.

**Course Co-ordinators: Dr. Donal O'Driscoll** [d.odriscoll@ucc.ie](mailto:d.odriscoll@ucc.ie) 021-4903048

**Dr. Finola Doyle-O'Neill** [f.doyle-oneill@ucc.ie](mailto:f.doyle-oneill@ucc.ie) 021-34903476

**Part II**

**HI6100** Dissertation (45 credits)

A dissertation of a maximum of 20,000 words must be submitted by a specified date in September. The dissertation will be related to one of the Specialist options, above.

**(II) MA IN LOCAL HISTORY** (The next cycle will begin in October 2012)

The part-time MA Degree in Local History is offered by coursework and assessment and runs for two years (part-time). Coursework consists of a taught component of weekly evening lectures and seminars in Year I. Evaluation is by a 5,000 word essay and continuous assessment in Part I, to be completed by 1 June in year one and a 25,000-30,000 word dissertation on an approved topic in Part II must be submitted by the end of year 2.

The taught component (Part I) will provide a practical guide to the writing of Irish Local History, discussing the most effective use of the main sources (both public and private records, from the thirteenth century to the twentieth) from a historical perspective. Particular attention will be devoted to the historiographical dimension of research and to the changing relationship between local and national history.

**Enquiries: Dr. L. Geary, 021-4903047, [l.geary@ucc.ie](mailto:l.geary@ucc.ie)**

# **M.PHIL IN HISTORY / EUROPEAN STUDIES (Research Masters)**

The normal number of terms for a full-time student is six terms. Extensions shall be given only in exceptional circumstances. Students taking the degree of MPhil must complete a thesis of c. 40,000 words on an approved topic. MPhil students are required to attend the General Postgraduate Seminars, which include workshops on research techniques and bibliographic methods, and focus on historiographical methodological issues. All Students will be required to make a presentation on the progress of their research to the General Postgraduate Seminar.

An MPhil candidate may be transferred to a PhD not less than two terms after registration and on the recommendation of their Supervisor, The School Graduate Studies Committee, and Head of School (see notes on PhD).

Guidelines regarding the MPhil are also available at

<http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/research/masters/>

# **PH.D IN HISTORY / EUROPEAN STUDIES**

To be eligible for entry to a course of study and research for the PhD, a candidate must have reached a standard of at least a Second Class Honours, Grade I, at the Examination for the Primary Degree, or presented such other evidence as will satisfy the Head of School and the Faculty of his/her fitness. Appropriate Masters' graduates with at least Second Class Honours can also apply for direct entry to a PhD.

All prospective PhD students will be registered for an MPhil or a Phd Track in the first instance. Students will be subject to a review within 13 to 18 months from the date of registration and will be required to demonstrate progress in the form of 10,000 words minimum written work, as well as defending their work at interview. The Supervisor and a nominee of the School Graduate Studies Committee will carry out this review and issue a report on the students progress to the DGSC. Students may then, on the recommendation of the Head of School and the Supervisor and with the approval of the College/Faculty, transfer to the PhD.

To change their registration to a PhD students must complete an application form for a change of programme for Research students – MPhil to Phd or Phd Track to Phd - forms available at (<http://www.ucc.ie/en/graduatestudies/current/FormsandRegulations/>). Supervisors must sign this form and submit to the SGSC. The SGSC would then forward the student proposal and supervisor's report together with the application form to the Faculty Postgraduate Studies Committee for approval.

The candidate shall pursue research for a period of three years full-time (six years part-time) from the date of first registration for the programme. The length of PhD theses should not exceed 80,000 words. The candidate's research must be carried out, and the Thesis for the Degree must be prepared, under the direction of a Supervisor. Permission to submit a theses must be approved by the Supervisor and Head of School. A leaflet giving full information on the format, layout and presentation of PhD Theses is available from the student Records and Examinations Office.

It is the responsibility of the PhD student to notify the Exams Office of his/her intention to submit at least three months prior to the proposed date of thesis submission. Rules governing submission are available from the Examinations Office together with the necessary forms. The supervisor will arrange a Viva for the PhD Student following submission and informs Extern and Student of dates, times etc. Guidelines regarding the PhD are also available in more detail at <http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/research/phd/>

## **MASTERS QUALIFYING EXAMINATION (History)**

Graduates who have not reached the required standard at the BA degree examination (and who have presented for the examination in this University) may be permitted to proceed to the Masters degree provided they sit (with the permission of the Faculty of Arts) for a qualifying examination in History and attain the requisit standard therein. Candidates taking the Masters Qualifying Examination in their degree subject may not register for the qualifying examination until at least one year after they have obtained their primary degree. Graduates of UCC other than Arts graduates and other persons deemed equivalently qualified by the Faculty may be admitted to the Masters Qualifying Examination. Attendance requirements and coursework for this examination is to be determined by the School of History. Please contact Ms. Charlotte Holland for further information. Tel. No.: 021-4902551. E-mail: [c.holland@ucc.ie](mailto:c.holland@ucc.ie).

The approval of a candidate's application for permission to present for the Masters Qualifying Examination in History shall remain valid only for a period of two years dating from the commencement of the session in which the application is considered and approved. The Masters Qualifying Examination does not automatically provide access to a Master's programme, which in the first instance depends on the approval of the School concerned. (MA in Local History applicants are usually exempt from the Masters Qualifying Examination).

**Closing Date for Applications:** 1 September 2011

Further information available from the College Calendar

<http://www.ucc.ie/academic/postgraduate/calendar/masters/arts/page53.html>

## **HIGHER DIPLOMA IN ARTS (History)**

The Higher Diploma in Arts is a one year full-time programme of study. It is intended for those who already have a degree, preferably in the area of Arts or the Sciences, and who wish to study one of the following listed subjects intensively over one academic year: Archaeology, Early and Medieval Irish, Economics, English, Folklore, French, Geography, German, Greek, Greek and Roman Civilisation, History, History of Art, Italian, Latin, An Léann Dúchais, Modern Irish, Music, Philosophy, Sociology, Spanish.

The Higher Diploma in Arts shall consist of modules to the value of 60 credits taken from a range of existing Second and Final Arts modules in the relevant subject. Suitable modules as well as attendance requirements and coursework are determined by the relevant departments and approved by the Faculty of Arts. For any given subject, the programme of study to be followed may differ for each individual student, depending on the individual's background, preferred area of specialisation etc. Once candidates have been accepted into the Higher Diploma in Arts in the School of History they can contact the course co-ordinator, Dr. Andrew McCarthy 021-4903584 [a.mccarthy@ucc.ie](mailto:a.mccarthy@ucc.ie) who will advise on the modules, coursework etc to be taken.

Graduates may be permitted to proceed to a Masters Degree programme, provided they sit for a Higher Diploma in Arts in the relevant subject and attain at least Second Class Honours standard therein and are approved by the School.

**Closing Date for Applications:** 1 August 2011

**Further Information:** <http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/what/acsss/hdip/history/>

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# APPLICATION PROCEDURES -

## MA, MPhil (Masters by Research) AND PHD DEGREES IN THE SCHOOL OF HISTORY.

Application for all EU programmes is on-line at [www.pac.ie/ucc](http://www.pac.ie/ucc) through the Postgraduate Applications Centre in Galway.

International/Non-EU Applicants must contact the International Education Office <http://www.ucc.ie/international> at email [internationalpostgrad@ucc.ie](mailto:internationalpostgrad@ucc.ie)

All applicants in the School of History must consult with the relevant course co-ordinator/prospective supervisor to discuss/confirm their proposed research area and supervisor. Contact details and research areas of all staff are available on the School of History web-site <http://www.ucc.ie/academic/history/>

For full details of the MA application procedure go to <http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/how/apply-taught/>

For full details of the Masters Research procedure go to <http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/research/masters/>

For full details of the PhD procedure go to <http://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/research/phd/>

When applying online to History through the PAC System:

- MA applicants will also be asked to complete an online Supplementary Questions Form which requests the name of a proposed supervisor and a proposed title of your research. In order to do this intending candidates must consult with the relevant MA course co-ordinator to discuss/confirm their proposed research area and supervisor. Following this consultation, the proposed supervisor and proposed title of research must be named on the Supplementary Questions Form. Your application will not be accepted by the PAC system unless this Supplementary Questions Form is fully complete.

Copies of the Supplementary questions forms for our MA programmes are available to view here: CKE42 CKE42AdditionalQuestions, CKE44 - CKE44AdditionalQuestions CKE45 - CKE45supplementaryform, CKE46 - CKE46supplementaryform

- MPhil/PhD applicants must also nominate a supervisor and submit a typed proposal (1,500-2,000 words) of the proposed research area, which should include, as far as possible, aims objectives, research questions and an outline of the literature and pertinent sources. In order to do this intending candidates must consult with the relevant staff member/supervisor prior to submitting their PAC application form and proposal.

All applications must satisfy a selections committee who may ask applicants to provide letters of reference if necessary, when considering applications.

To ensure that an application may be considered and a decision made in good time, students should apply as early as possible, and no later than **1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011**. Later applications may be accepted, but this may result in delays.