Join us to explore the past, understand the present, and shape your future.

Welcome to the School of History

We combine the excitement and intrigue of investigating the past with an understanding of where we are now in Ireland and internationally with the range of historical and transferable skills to equip you for your life and interests. Our internationally respected teaching staff focus on student-centred learning and research-led teaching which means that you will experience inspiring and challenging classroom experiences.

Your future is important to us and you will develop a range of skills and have the opportunity to take part in our exciting work-placement module which will prepare you for the challenges of the workplace. We look forward to welcoming you to the School of History in UCC in the future.

Professor David Ryan
Head of School of History

Why Study History?

Studying History, discover the past, prepare for life

The past is intriguing and through the process of exploration, research and discovery, you will not only learn so much from it, you will also explore different worlds, periods, places, peoples and times. History allows you to travel through a world of books, documents, artefacts, digital media, and images.

Studying History is excellent at developing ‘attributes for life’ and a range of skills for employment, and it provides you with a curiosity and creativity to understand the world.

YOU WILL:
• Receive training in gathering and interpreting information and evidence to formulate arguments, to think independently and present your case
• Interpret texts, documents, artefacts, archival material, manuscripts, digital and visual sources
• Learn how to analyse available data and interrogate and understand different points of view
• Develop and refine your analytical, writing and communication skills
• Develop and refine skills in project management, research, and problem solving
• Work with others and collaborate on projects
• Arrive at an informed and critical understanding of the world of today as it has evolved over the centuries.
Why Choose The School of History at UCC?

Our Learning Environment

YOU WILL:
- Work with staff with a recognised reputation for teaching excellence and a strong publication record
- Become an undergraduate researcher and write a portion of history
- Join a vibrant School, with an impressive variety of courses to suit all interests
- Have lectures, small-size options, tutorials and seminars which let you experience a more personal teaching environment; some modules contain field trips, others incorporate on-line discussion and eLearning
- Train your oral presentation skills, voice your opinion and participate in discussions
- Enter a learning environment that is caring and takes a personal interest in you
- Meet students from a variety of European and North American universities. The cultural exchange deeply enriches the School
- Gain a qualification which equips you with those all-important 'transferable' skills that are the key for future employment.

What Will I Study?

YOU CAN:
- Specialise in the area or period that suits your interests most: the Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment, the nineteenth and twentieth century to the present; Irish, European, American, Chinese, or World History and International Relations
- Immerse yourself in Social, Economic, Political, Women's, Religious, Cultural and Diplomatic History
- Select courses that deal with Vikings, witches, the Tudors in Ireland, the study of Rome, the Armadas, Irish republicans, Nazis, Soviets, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and contemporary crises throughout the world.

Choose a Work Placement as an option within the School. You are trained before departing for the work placement, mentored while you are there and you reflect on your skills and build your CV on return.
**Postgraduate options**

**Pursue a variety of taught Masters programmes**

- International Relations; Medieval History; The Irish Revolution, 1912-1923;
- Irish Historical Research; Local History; and an MA in Politics
- Research degrees including MPhil, PhD

**Career paths and areas of employment**

- Education, Research and Teaching
- Heritage Management and Tourism
- Publishing and Editorial
- Public Service
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Media
- Libraries, Archives and Museums
- Academic Lecturer
- Management and Consultancy
- European Union
- International Agencies

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**What our graduates say**

**Sheana O’Sullivan**

I acquired good communication skills, strong writing skills, and a high level of literacy. These skills have been utterly transferable to my career in sales and marketing with a management consultancy firm.

**Finbarr O’Shea**

As a freelance editor I work for a number of leading Irish publishers, mainly on academic texts. I would say that the key attributes of a good editor – a questioning mind, attention to detail and accuracy, and strong compositional skills – are precisely the attributes that are fostered by the study of history.

**Helen Callanan**

Former Sunday Tribune editor

Studying history is like watching a movie on a wide screen – you get a bigger picture. You see what others miss and you can put present-day events and personalities in context. Your perspective is altered by the knowledge that only history can supply. In UCC, studying history was even more special – world-class historians on your doorstep who want not just to teach, but also to hear your opinions. And if people ask you ‘What job does history qualify you for?’ the answer is obvious: what job doesn’t it prepare you for? History isn’t just for historians; even journalism has been described as ‘history on the run’.
Application Information

History is a discipline within the Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Code CK101

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
HC3 in two subjects, and passes in four other subjects at H or O level in the Leaving Certificate from Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

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NON-EU

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