

# FAQs

Climate Crisis and Local  
Government | Cert in CPD



## **How do I apply for the course?**

To apply for the course, visit: <https://ucc.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply>.

- Full instructions in pdf format will be available here.
- Make sure to select option 4 (Start a new Adult & Continuing Education Application) when you start the application.
- Prepare a copy of your passport/birth certificate/driving license to upload as proof of identity.
- If English is not your first language, you will need to upload an official English certificate. You can consult the admitted exams and punctuation in the following link: [UG English Language Entry Requirements | UCC | University College Cork | Ireland](#).
- If you don't have a certificate but you have been in an English-speaking country for long, please, contact the course coordinator.
- Candidates will be asked for a brief 200-word summary outlining their reasons for applying for this course when submitting their application in the online system.

## **What does it cost?**

Total course fees are €850.

For local Councillors, the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) will partially fund €350 of this fee per participant. The remainder of course fees (€500 per participant) is paid by the student when applying for the programme via the UCC Apply platform.

If there are enough spaces, these will be offered to other council staff interested in the course. However, in this case full fees apply (€850). Please note, 50% of the fees are required to complete your application. If you can secure sponsorship from your organisation, you will need to complete a Sponsorship form, which is available at [Ace Finance | University College Cork](#).

## **What modules are covered in the course?**

The climate crisis is here. Recently we have seen it accelerate with record breaking temperatures, heatwaves, and wildfires. This course will examine these issues focusing on local government and sustainability. Such a dynamic and transitioning world requires governance at all levels, including local, to be responsive, proactive, and future-looking in finding solutions to address the complex intersecting issues we will all face as the global heating unfolds. The course will introduce council staff and councillors in how Ireland aims to become a climate-resilient, sustainable, and low carbon economy and society in the coming decades. The course will examine how government aims to mitigate and adapt to the challenges brought on by our changing climate in the process. In doing so it will look at, amongst other concerns the issues of urban and rural resilience, sustainability practices, the pathway to zero carbon, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and climate justice. The course will also

examine the wider economic and political context at the macro level, the Paris climate agreement of 2015 for instance, and community leadership and the need for a dynamic political response across a subject which has not only local and national but global implications.

### **When will I have to attend lectures?**

This course will be delivered part-time to facilitate adult learners who already have a multitude of professional and personal responsibilities. Owing to the nature of the Councillor role, we have designed this programme in such a way to allow for flexibility for Councillors to complete this programme in line with their other duties and commitments.

Lectures will be delivered on Wednesdays or Thursdays (19:00) using a blended approach with pre-recorded material released on a weekly basis prior to a live lecture and/or interactive discussion class with the subject lecture. Lectures can be viewed at any time, from anywhere, and as often as desired. Detailed lecture notes will accompany each lecture as well as recommended reading.

In addition, there will be a full day (Saturday) fieldtrip/workshop.

Students are expected to participate in the weekly live class and to engage with the discussion forum to interact with course lecturers, tutors, and other students, where they can discuss content and engage in module material.

### **What is the course timetable?**

The course has two modules. Each module will comprise 18 hours of lectures, including both recorded lectures and live online and in-person classes delivered over 6 weeks each.

AD1095: Understanding the Impact of the Climate Crisis (5 credits)

AD1096: Environmental Protection and Sustainability (5 credits)

### **Will I have to complete exams?**

The programme is fully assessed via continuous assessment. The course is evaluated through a portfolio and a presentation. To pass each module you need a minimum of 40% of the total marks of the module.

### **Who teaches the course?**

Lecturers on this course are drawn from a broad spectrum of disciplines and include academics, regulators, environmental scientists, economists, social scientists, energy sector professional, planners and policy makers.