

Postgraduate Handbook- Sociology.

Introduction

Hello! And welcome to the Dept. of Sociology and Criminology in UCC. The Dept. offers two MA degrees in Sociology and a Hdip in Sociology, as well as options to pursue Ph.D. research. Information on the MA degrees and module choice (both core and optional) can be found here:

MA Sociology

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/cke55/>

If you are doing the MA Sociology you do two core modules (Social Theory and Methodology), three optional modules and a 20,000 dissertation.

MA Sociology of Sustainability and Global Challenges:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/cke56/>

If you are doing the MA Sociology of Sustainability and Global Challenges you do three core modules (Social Theory and Climate Justice; Sociology of Sustainable Development; and Methodology), two optional modules and a 20,000 dissertation.

If you are uncertain about your modules or module choice, contact your Co-ordinator (details below).

Hdip Sociology:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka22/>

Module information

The following module will be offered this year. Full module descriptions can be found on the UCC Book of Modules. Modules beginning with the code SC6 are postgraduate modules. Please note that some modules can only be taken for credit by students taking MA Sociological of Sustainability and Global Challenges, and some can only be taken for credit by students taking the MA Sociology. However even if you cannot take a module for credit, you are very welcome to audit (attend without receiving credit) any module that catches your interest.

Here is the link to the book of modules:

<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/>

To find Sociology modules, Search for Sociology under 'advanced search'. Then in the 'search module' box (where you see the word 'keyword') just hit return without entering anything. That will bring up the Sociology modules and then just do down to the SC6 modules to find the postgrad. modules.

Here are the postgrad. modules that are being offered this year with some room and time information. Pay attention to your online timetable as well and if there is any discrepancy contact the lecturer. Sometimes classes might move room or time.

SC6608 Social and Sociological Theory. Semester 1. Weds 5-7pm. Room: Safari G01.

SC6614 Sociological Methodology. Semester 2. Tues 4-6pm. Room: Askive G_01.

SC6626 Sociology of the Public Sphere. Semester 2. Weds 3-6pm. Room: Western Gate Building G_16.

SC6631 Sociology of Sustainable Development. Semester 1. Thurs 5-7pm. Room: Askive G_01.

SC6638 Rethinking Borders. Semester 1. Contact Lecturer (Tracey Skillington to confirm time). Room: Bloomfield Terrace G_01.

SC6639 Feminist Epistemologies. Semester 2. Thursday 12-2pm. Room: Safari G_01.

SC6640 Governmentality: Disciplines, Institutions and Critiques. Semester 1. Tuesday 12-2pm. Safari G_01.

SC6642 Social Theory and Climate Justice. Semester 1. Thursday 1-3pm. Room: West Wing_8.

SC6643 Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine. Semester 2. Mondays 5-9pm. Brookfield Health Sciences Complex_243.

SC6644: Im/mobilities: Forced Migration and Belonging. Semester 2. Workshop format. Elderwood G_01. Module starts in February.

Assessment

Each postgraduate module (with the exception of the dissertation) is worth ten credits. The dissertation is worth 40 credits. So you do ninety credits of coursework in total when you are doing one of the MAs in Sociology. The Hdip in Sociology is different. Contact Masi Fathi (email below) if you are doing the Hdip in Sociology.

The precise assessment for each postgraduate module varies from module to module but often involves producing a written paper of between 4000 and 6000 words.

There are penalties for late submission of assessment. Your module lecturer will advise you on this and information about penalties can also be found in the Book of Modules. If you feel that you are going to be late with an assignment we would advise you to contact your Lecturer in advance.

The Dissertation

Students will be assigned a Dissertation supervisor early in the New Year. The supervisor will work with you to bring your project to successful completion. The Dissertation is normally submitted at the end of your degree, in September.

Module information

Information about your modules and timetables will be communicated to you by your Lecturers and Professors through Canvas. Please make sure you check Canvas and your email regularly.

Important contact information

Each postgraduate course has a Co-ordinator/Director you can contact if you are having trouble with anything. The current course coordinators are as follows:

Myles Balfe- MA Sociology m.balfe@ucc.ie

Theresa O' Keefe (Co-Director)- MA Sociology of Sustainability and Global Challenges
theresa.okeefe@ucc.ie

Ger Mullally (Co-Director)- MA Sociology of Sustainability and Global Challenges
g.mullally@ucc.ie

Masi Fathi- Overall Director of Postgraduate Sociology courses and for the Hdip in Sociology
mastoureh.fathi@ucc.ie

Additionally the Dept. has amazing and hardworking administrators who can be contacted about any issues/troubles GemmaMcCarthy@ucc.ie

Useful Postgraduate information

Some general orientation registration and information for incoming Irish, EU and UK students can be found here:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad/new/registration/>

And some general registration and orientation information for incoming non-EU students can be found here:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studentinfohub/afteryouarrive/orientationandregistration/#steps-to-register-as-a-non-eu-postgraduate-degree-student>

Having difficulty logging in/IT/MFA issues? [Student IT Helpdesk](#)

Students should be reminded to quote their UCC Student Number in all communications with UCC

Lecturer information

Lecturers in the Dept. are both friendly and knowledgeable about their fields of Sociology. Here you can find out about their academic information and interests:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/sociology/staff/>

If you want to see the most up to date things that Sociology staff are researching, just put their name into Google Scholar.

<https://scholar.google.com/>

Resource centre

The Dept. has a great Sociology resource centre that contains many of the readings that you might find useful for your modules.

The resource centre is run by Paula Meaney p.meaney@ucc.ie

Good academic practice

The Dept. puts a strong emphasis on good academic practice.

The University has produced a plagiarism policy:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/media/support/academicsecretariat/policies/examinations/PlagiarismPolicy2021v4.pdf>

that clearly outlines what constitutes plagiarism and the procedure to be followed when a case of plagiarism is suspected. This document informs all Department policy in such instances.

In the case of suspected plagiarism in ‘non-invigilated’ assessment (e.g. essays/dissertations), the assignment in question will be, in the first instance, referred to the Head of School/Dept. or nominee.

If the HOS, HOD or nominee deems that there is a case to answer, the case can be either passed to the Exams and Records office, or a penalty can be applied locally.

The penalties include:

- A reduction in mark
- Award of zero If there is evidence of plagiarism (or other academic misconduct) the student will be given the opportunity to respond to the allegation via email or in person. If a meeting is held, students are entitled to have a witness (non-contributing) present. If a penalty is applied locally, the student can choose to accept this penalty, or refer their case to the Exams and Records office (see the University Plagiarism Policy). **As a means of ensuring good academic practice, the Dept. of Sociology reserves the right to use Turnitin software on any and all student submissions.**

