



UCD SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

NEW:

2007-08 Government of Ireland Scholarships for Officials of New & Candidate EU States

The Government of Ireland has established a substantial scholarship fund for national government officials of new Member States and Applicant States of the European Union.¹ The scholarship will pay the complete tuition fee for the Master of Economic Science in European Economic and Public Affairs (MEconSc) programme in the UCD School of Politics and International Relations: the Dublin European Institute. The scholarship will also pay for 12 month on-campus accommodation in purpose-built postgraduate residences (single room with shared facilities). It is not, however, able to fund *per diem* expenses, or provide a stipend to the scholarship students.

The *MEconSc European Economic and Public Affairs* Graduate Programme is designed to equip graduates with a comprehensive expertise in contemporary European affairs and public policy within the context of the European Union. The design of the programme is thoroughly interdisciplinary, involving Economics, Politics, Business, and Law. Frequent talks by visiting speakers ensure regular contributions from current and former high-level officials from a variety of institutions in the academic, public and private sectors.

The 12-month programme, which starts in September each year, also includes two 14-day study visits. The first is to the Louvain Institute for Ireland in Europe, just outside Brussels. It features high-level speakers from the institutions of the EU and NATO, and is geared towards an in-depth introduction to the institutions and policy-making structures of the European Union and the public policy issues with which it is faced. The second is to the European University Institute, Florence, where students meet and interact with leading academics across a range of disciplines at this prestigious research centre.

For full terms and application procedures, see pp.7-8 of this leaflet

¹ These states are: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, FYROM, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey.

Programme Structure

The programme structure for 2007-08 will be as follows:

Part A – Coursework (60 ECTS credits)

- In Semester 1, students must take a core module in Economics, one module in Politics, and a further module from the disciplines of either Law or Business. (Each module is worth 10 ECTS credits).
- In Semester 2, students must take one of the options available in Economics, one from Politics, and a further module from the disciplines of either Law or Business. (Each module is worth 10 ECTS credits).

Part B – Dissertation and Research Training (30 ECTS credits)

By 15 August, students submit a dissertation of approximately 10,000 words (25 ECTS credits). Students will also participate in a module on research design (5 ECTS credits).

Indicative course listings

This module list appended is from 2006-07. For 2007-08, there will be some individual variation in the modules available compared with this list, and some new modules will be available. These were being finalised as this leaflet went to press.

Research Training

- **2-week residential research visits to the Louvain Institute for Ireland in Europe, near Brussels (March); and the European University Institute in Florence (May-June).**

- **POL40300/POL40660 Themes on Visiting Seminar Series**

A weekly visiting speaker series ensures regular contributions not only from current and former high-level officials of the institutions of the European Union but also senior people from academic, public and private sectors with direct European involvement.

- **POL40300/POL 40420 Research Design in European Studies**

The aim of these modules is to equip students to write a thesis proposal and to research their thesis and allows students to present preliminary research findings from their ongoing thesis research to small groups of their peers and academic experts.

Economics

- **POL40470 International Trade Theory and Policy**

This module seeks to introduce students to the dynamics of different international trade theories. Amongst the topics examined are the effects of globalization; direct foreign investment; the politics and economics of development aid; the role of government in international trade; and the origins of the Irish ‘Celtic Tiger’ economic model.

- **POL 40590 Monetary Integration in the European Union**

This course deals with the history, theory and practice of monetary integration in the European Union. It focuses on the background context of European Monetary Union and its predecessors, the role of the European Central Bank, the regulatory framework of the Stability Pact, and the impact of the Euro in world trade.

- **POL 40690 The Economics of EU Competition Policy**

This course introduces the underlying economics necessary for effective regulation and competition policy enforcement. It discusses many of the key microeconomic concepts used by competition agencies, including price discrimination, predatory pricing, collusion, vertical restraints and mergers, and the welfare implications of these practices.

- **ECON 20090 Labour Economics +**

- **ECON 20150 Transport Economics (taken in conjunction with each other)**

Labour Economics applies standard basic economic theory to labour market issues. Main topics include labour demand and supply; the influence of taxes and transfers on labour force participation; and other issues relating to labour market equilibrium (notably unemployment), human capital and labour market discrimination.

Transport Economics introduces principles of transport economics in Europe and the wider world. The nature and characteristics of transport systems are described along with discussions about the supply of and demand for transport, the rationale for and approaches to regulation of transport markets, and the evolution of European transport policy in the countries of the European Union.

Politics

- **POL40310 The Politics of European Integration**

The underlying theme of this module is to examine the extent to which the EU's institutional framework and policy environment provides evidence of deepening integration, where national borders are increasingly irrelevant. This module examines various theoretical approaches of relevance to understanding the evolution of the EU, and examines the EU's institutions in the light of these approaches.

- **POL 40510 The Political Theory of Violence**

This is a course in normative political theory, studying both classic arguments and recent debates concerning the nature and legitimacy of political violence. It focuses on three areas: (1) the coercion of subjects by states; (2) violence between states; and (3) violence against states by subjects. In Western traditions of political liberty, these paradigms provide the basic frameworks within which all legitimate use of force is usually comprehended. At the borders of legitimate violence stands (among other things) 'terrorism,' usually considered illegitimate by definition. The nature and consequences of terrorism from a theoretical standpoint will be interrogated in relation to the three basic frameworks.

- **POL 40540 Comparative European Politics**

The aim of this module is to provide an advanced understanding of major theoretical, empirical and substantive issues in European politics, based around an in-depth examination of political institutions in a comparative context. The primary focus is on political parties, electoral systems, governments, legislatures, regime change and democratic transition, Europeanisation and political economy.

- **POL 40550 Contemporary Debates in Citizenship**

Is equal citizenship compatible with moral, cultural, religious and other kinds of diversity? Citizenship is a central category in contemporary politics, often proposed as the key to political equality. How should diverse citizens be treated as equals? Can the basis for becoming citizens accommodate diversity, if access to citizenship is determined primarily by birth, whether through ancestry or place? The course will discuss theoretical debates that have arisen in response to practical issues in contemporary politics.

- **POL 40580 European Public Opinion**

The aim of this course is to undertake an analysis of political culture and public opinion in the European Union with particular emphasis on attitudes to integration and on the process by which citizens are represented in the European Union. The course involves the acquisition of the methodological tools required for the analysis of individual-level Eurobarometer and other relevant data. Each student must complete a project based on an analysis of such data.

- **POL 40610 European Foreign, Security and Defence Policy**

This course examines one of the major issues for the future of the European Union: its attempts at, and potential role in, enhancing international security. It focuses on various issues of relevance: the role of the state and the EU in international security; the capacity of the Union to play an active security role; and an in-depth examination of the European Union's foreign, security and defence policies.

- **POL 40730 Europe and Asia Relations**

The module examines a number of issues in the relations between Europe and Asia (broadly conceived). Topics discussed include political, economic and security regionalism, political culture, and democratization. The module is structured thematically and comparatively. Each session extends over two weeks; the first examines the given theme in Europe, and the following does so with regard to Asia. A theoretical introduction is followed by a discussion on one or more specific case studies.

Law

- **POL40270 EU Constitutional Law**

In this module, constitutional law in the European Union is examined through consideration of international and national legislative and legal frameworks; the role of EU law in member states; principles of constitutional development; and the role of European courts in the field of human rights.

- **POL 40560 European Union Social Legislation**

The Social Policy of the European Community/Union has had an increasing influence on the development of labour market practices and national labour law frameworks in the Member States of the EU. This module traces its development, paying particular attention to the question of equal treatment for men and women; the transfers of undertakings; information, consultation and participation rights for workers; working time; and atypical employment.

- **POL 40630 EC Competition Law**

This module describes the framework of EC Competition law, exploring the nature and operation of the rules and how they are enforced. An institutionalist perspective is adopted but one heavily informed by law and legal scholarship. The primary focus is on how competition law prohibits certain forms of private market behaviour, notably restrictive arrangements and abuse of dominance.

Business

- **POL40290 Management of Organisations**

Following the principles of management, planning, organizing, leading and controlling as a guideline, this module examines the organisation through a number of lenses: e.g., leadership, structure, culture, ethics, and motivation. Emphasis is placed on the interdependencies of these concepts, the impact they have on organisational life, and how they are applied in a range of business situations.

- **POL 40530 Issues in European Business Administration**

This is a case study based course, the purpose of which is to gain a deeper understanding of the theories and models learned in Semester 1 in the module *Management of Organisations* (POL40290) by applying them to real live cases – a number of major European and global companies in various economic sectors.

- **POL 40570 Fundamentals of Finance**

This course considers a broad range of financial and investment issues. It analyses the firm's investment and financing decisions. In addition, topical issues in financial markets such as commodities, emerging economies, private equity and hedge funds will be examined. The objective of the course is to provide an understanding of both the theory of finance and how it applies to the real world.

- **SBUS 40070 Work and Employment in the Global Economy**

This module analyses employment relations in the context of the global economy of the 21st century. It focuses on the organisation of work and management strategies in the modern European workplace. There is also a focus on the concepts of globalisation, the European Social Model, competitiveness, and social rights, and their interconnections in the context of changing global employment relations.

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For further information, see www.ucd.ie/spire/europeanstudies.html

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Details and Application Procedures

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The Programme

This intensive interdisciplinary 12-month programme focuses on the political, economic, legal and business aspects of European integration and the European Union. It is designed to provide graduates with strong analytical and research tools for working in a high-level European environment. Students take custom-designed courses from the UCD School of Politics and International Relations, the UCD School of Economics, the UCD School of Law and the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business. Students will submit a specialised 10-12,000 word research dissertation and participate actively in each of two 14-day research visits to Brussels and Florence (flight and accommodation costs included in tuition fee).

European Studies at UCD

The Dublin European Institute, established in 1999, is part of the UCD School of Politics and International Relations and is an interdisciplinary postgraduate teaching and research centre for European Studies. The Institute draws together research and teaching skills from across the University, including a number of Jean Monnet Professors. The Institute's research centres upon the Europeanisation of national public policies, the politics of European integration, and the adaptation of smaller European states to EU membership.

Selection Criteria

Basic criteria and selection procedures for award of the scholarship are the same for admission to the MEconSc programme. Applicants must also, however, be employed as national government officials of one of the 15 specified states. They may be employed on a permanent or contract basis. Scholarships will be awarded on merit. In the event that no applications meeting basic admission criteria are received from officials of one or more states, any remaining scholarships will be redistributed among the highest-ranking candidates – regardless of nationality – from the fifteen selected countries. In the event that a scholarship is awarded but the candidate, for whatever reason, either declines the offer or fails to take up their place, the scholarship will be offered to the next highest ranked candidate, regardless of nationality.

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APPLICATION DETAILS

Entry Criteria

Applicants would normally be expected to have a primary degree in a relevant subject and have attained at least Upper Second Class Honours or equivalent. Applicants with relevant professional experience may also be considered from time to time.

In addition, students whose first language is not English should have met TOEFL, IELTS, or computer-based TOEFL requirements (600, 7, or 250 respectively), or the Cambridge English Test (Certificate in Advanced English at a minimum of grade B, or Certificate of Proficiency in English at Grade C).

Offers may be conditional. All provisional offers are subject to the approval of the SPIRe Graduate Studies Committee and ratification by Academic Council.

Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted on an individual basis. Full application details, together with application forms, can be downloaded from <http://www.ucd.ie/spire/postgraduate/applications.html>.

Applicants should apply for the MEconSc following the normal procedures detailed there, with the following additions:

- 1) A covering letter should be attached, indicating an interest in applying for the Government of Ireland Scholarship Programme and demonstrating eligibility.
- 2) One of the referees detailed in Section 10 of the application form should be your current employer.

Completed application forms should reach UCD by **Friday, 15 June 2007** and be sent to:

Graduate Admissions (GoI Scholarship), UCD School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin, Newman Building, Belfield, Dublin 4, IRELAND

We intend to inform applicants of the outcome of their applications by early July 2007.

Further Information

- Further information on the **School of Politics and International Relations** can be found at www.ucd.ie/spire.
- Further information on the **Dublin European Institute** in SPIRe can be obtained from www.ucd.ie/spire/europeanstudies.html. Queries should be addressed to dei@ucd.ie (Tel: +353 (0)1 716 7634).