



MSc Ageing and Public Policy

Introduction to the MSc (Ageing & Policy)

Driven by a commitment to research-informed interdisciplinary education, the MSc examines demographic ageing from a public policy perspective, critically assessing existing approaches and future directions to secure an effective and fair means of engaging older people in ageing societies.

Students will: analyse critical policy challenges relevant to diverse older populations; assess the role of public policy in the fair and effective allocation of opportunities across the life course; evaluate the readiness of existing policy structures; and assess to what degree the application of policy levers are supporting older people and addressing system sustainability issues.

Three Reasons to choose this course

- (1) This is the only course available at a Masters level that examines ageing and public policy in Ireland, and one of only a small number internationally.
- (2) The course draws together contributions from national and international policy experts working at the forefront of policy development, and advocacy.
- (3) It is located within a research informed learning environment that is linked directly to state-of-the-art research programmes, led by international experts on ageing and policy.

Programme Details

Duration: 1 Year, Full-Time; 2 Year, Part-Time
Course Level: Level 9

Entry Requirements: Normally applicants require a primary degree with Second Class Honours, Grade 1, in a related discipline (e.g. economics; sociology; management; social work; policy degrees) or a cognate field of study (e.g. health sciences; public health). IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable. Applications from people with commensurate related experience will also be considered.

Indicative List of Modules (delivered as blended/block learning programme):

- Introduction to Ageing Studies and Policy
- International Policy and Ageing
- Social Exclusion and Inequalities in Later Life
- Data Management and Survey Techniques
- Dynamics of Ageing and Public Policy
- Health Systems and Policy Analysis
- Work, Pensions and Retirement
- Environmental Gerontology and Ageing in Place Policy
- Cost Benefit Analysis and Evaluation
- Law and Policy on Independent Living
- Legal Capacity Law and Policy
- Applied Research Project (*with placements facilitated*)

Norah Keating - Director, Global Social Issues on Ageing, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics.

“To reap the dividends of population ageing we must reduce social exclusion of older persons. This masters programme in Ageing and Public Policy will build much-needed capacity in policy development and analysis toward leaving no one behind.”

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