



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

- ✓ First programme of its kind in Ireland, and one of the first that is available internationally.
- ✓ Hosted at an internationally recognised research centre - Irish Centre for Social Gerontology
- ✓ Delivered in collaboration with international policy experts (AGE Platform Europe; HelpAge International)

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:

- 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 & Ageing in Place Policy
- Cost Benefit Analysis and Evaluation
- Law and Policy on Independent Living
- Systematic Review Methods
- Applied Project (e.g. research report; policy brief)
- Placements with national public, NGO and private organisations (tied to applied project)

Delivery Mode:

Students can choose between on campus (public health measures permitting) and on-line delivery, where remote access to live lectures and materials can be 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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