

MSc Food Security Policy and Management

CKL04



Food security and malnutrition are major global challenges and there is a need for personnel equipped with relevant skills to tackle these challenges effectively.

This one-year MSc programme will prepare students to work in the critical areas of food security and international development. You will develop practical skills particularly in policy development and implementation, project and programme management, and impact assessment. These skills will be situated in a holistic understanding of the multi-sectoral nature of these challenges.

The course will appeal to both recent graduates and early/mid-career professionals working in development.

We expect that graduates will be able to pursue careers in a range of national and international organisations – including multi-lateral organisations, Government and NGOs – working to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition in long-term development contexts and in humanitarian crises. There will also be opportunities to work in the private sector with companies involved in the food system which are increasingly aware of health and sustainability concerns.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

This MSc programme is designed to meet the growing demand for graduates with the appropriate knowledge, skills and competencies to develop and manage policies and programmes to tackle global food security and nutrition challenges in a fast-changing environment. You will develop analytical and practical skills in areas including:

- Food security policy and practice.
- Food security, nutrition and dietary quality.
- Programme planning and management for food security, nutrition and health.
- Applied research.

UNIQUE ASPECTS

- Only course in Ireland specifically focussed on international food security policy and management in the context of international development.
- Practical orientation.
- Regular inputs from development practitioners ensures focus on real-world challenges and innovative solutions.
- Practice-based research project in association with development organisations.
- Competitive fees.
- Location in Business School with linkages to wide range of organisations in public and private sectors and civil society.

PRACTICALITIES & ASSESSMENT

Practicalities

Students will have approximately 15 hours per week direct contact hours in terms of seminars, labs and lectures. Students will be expected to spend an additional 25-30 hours per week on independent study and working on assignments. There will be regular inputs by practitioners and expert outside speakers, including lectures, seminars/workshops, and Master classes.

Assessment

The programme has a strong emphasis on continuous assessment and practical learning to develop core competencies. Continuous assessment will include individual and group projects, lab-based exercises and simulations. There will be some end-of-semester exams.

Students will undertake a substantial practice-based research project in third semester. Where practical this will be carried out in collaboration with a development organisation in Ireland or elsewhere.

Collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute

UCC will collaborate with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), which has been conducting food policy research in developing countries over the past 40 years, to offer selected sessions as well as to provide research materials and methods for the design and delivery of the courses under this programme.



Programme Code: CKL04
Duration: 1 Year (Full-time)
Teaching Mode: Classroom
Qualification: MSc
NFQ Level: Level 9

COURSE DETAILS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The programme comprises modules in four broad areas:

- Food Security Policy and Livelihoods
- Food Security, Nutrition and Dietary Quality
- Programme Planning and Management for Food Security, Nutrition and Health
- Research Methods and Research Project

You will develop skills and competencies particularly in the following areas:

- Socio-economic and policy analysis applied to food security and nutrition.
- Design, implementation and assessment of multi-sectoral nutrition-sensitive projects and programmes (including in humanitarian contexts).
- Design and conduct of socio-economic, gender-disaggregated research.
- Application of digital data gathering techniques and information systems to address food security and nutrition/health-related problems.





ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2019

Irish/EU Students and International Students

You should normally hold at least a Second Class Honours degree (Level 8) or equivalent in a relevant subject. Consideration may be given to applicants who have not attained this level but who have at least five years general professional experience in a relevant field, or three years managerial/specialist experience, subject to College approval.

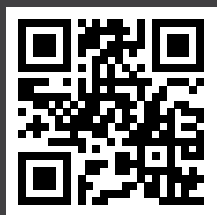
English Language Requirement:

Applicants from non-native English-speaking countries will be required to undertake a recognised English language test and achieve an aggregate IELTS score of 6.5, with no individual section lower than 5.5.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for this programme is online at the Postgraduate Application Centre www.pac.ie/ucc (PAC Code: CKL04)

For more information on the Programme:



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