



MA in International War Studies (Two Years Full Time)

The Dual MA in International War Studies will be offered by University College Dublin and the University of Potsdam, where the only Chair of Military History in Germany is based. The programme will be fully taught in English. It will enable students to acquire a comprehensive and advanced knowledge of the main areas of the history of war in the twentieth century. It will help students to recognise and appreciate the many ways in which the history of war has been written and analysed. It will also help them to identify appropriate primary sources for the study of the history of war. Students are encouraged to learn an additional language to strengthen their

international profile. All modules will be delivered by leading experts in the field, ensuring research-led teaching throughout the course.

The jointly offered MA in International War Studies is unique in Europe and fulfils international best practices. Students will spend one academic year in each institution. The MA will enable students to experience two different academic structures (in Germany and Ireland), taking advantage of the rich cultural offerings and research facilities in Dublin, Potsdam and nearby Berlin.

Why study this MA?



Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide. The courses are taught by world-class scholars.



Global community

Over 7,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD.



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa for non-Eu students.



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security.

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UCD's School of History is one of the top-100 history departments in the world and hosts an internationally acclaimed Centre for War Studies. Potsdam is the only university in Germany with a dedicated chair in military history. The city of Potsdam is very close to Berlin with a huge variety of archives and cultural attractions.

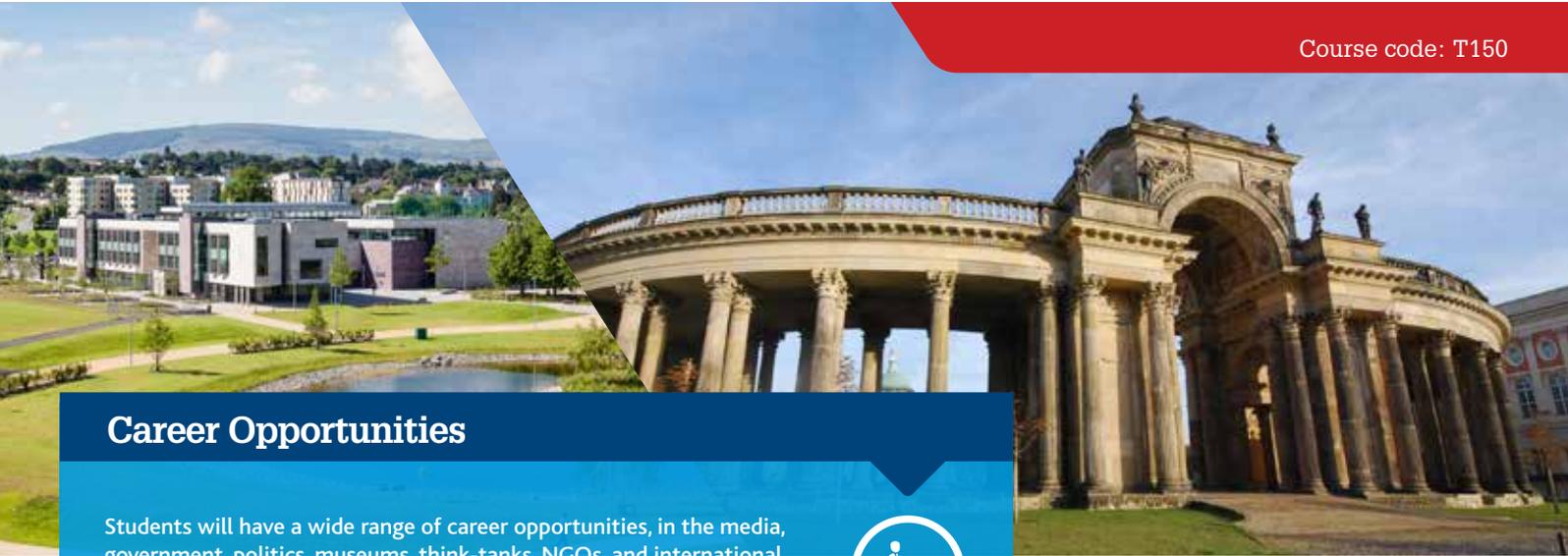
Course Content and Structure

Students will take a number of core modules offered by the University of Potsdam and UCD including **War and Conflict Studies** and **Military and Society in the Age of Total Wars, the First World War and Political Violence in Twentieth Century Europe**.

Students will be offered a variety of assessment experiences to develop their critical thinking and analytical skills. Over the course of the programme they will experience formative assessment through essays, presentations and work-based projects.

Students will also have an opportunity to engage in work placement providing them with practical experience outside the academic world. Students will also have the chance to pursue their own research interests by undertaking an end of year dissertation under the supervision of a staff mentor.





Career Opportunities

Students will have a wide range of career opportunities, in the media, government, politics, museums, think-tanks, NGOs, and international organizations. The MA will also prepare students for doctoral research and a career in academic research.



Facilities and Resources

Students will be able to draw on several libraries in Potsdam, Berlin and Dublin. Additionally, there are extensive collections in archives in Dublin and Berlin. These include the Federal Archives, the archives of the Foreign Ministry, and the Prussian State Archives in Berlin. In Dublin, students have access to the National Archives, the records of the Bureau of Military History, and the rich repository of personal papers at UCD archives. Potsdam and UCD host vibrant Centres for War Studies, which host internationally renowned speakers at seminars and conferences. Students are encouraged to attend these scholarly events, which will enrich their understanding of the history of modern war. In Potsdam, students will also benefit from close cooperation with the Centre for Military History and Social Sciences of the German Armed Forces, which organises a wide variety of conferences and holds essential collections in their library.

Apply Now

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/international/apply

Entry Requirements

- This programme is intended for applicants with a minimum qualification of a 2.1 in a relevant subject, or an equivalent GPA 3.08 NFQ Level 8. A Letter of motivation will also be required from each applicant. Admission will be jointly decided by relevant staff from UCD and Potsdam.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

International Fees and Scholarships

The tuition fee for EU nationals for 2018/2019 is €6,885. This fee covers both years of the MA. UCD offers a small number of postgraduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, who hold an offer of a place on MA programmes. Please see www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships-and-funding/ for further information.



Graduate Profile

Julia Willis, Graduate of the MA in War Studies

"I studied in France and Germany and interned at the UN in Geneva and at the German Embassy in Kiev. While completing my coursework for the MA I gained international work experience. After completing my dissertation on the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, I got a position at Daimler USA."

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