

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences / Department of History

Irish and Global Conflict History — MA

Programme Overview

Wars have often changed the course of human history, opening up pathways into the future and closing down others. Examining conflict and its impact on society is vital if we are to understand the world around us. This programme explores Irish and international conflict during the twentieth century the most violent in recorded history. A key objective is to foster an appreciation of how nations have been affected by war in different ways. Part of the course will also be devoted to the study of conflict resolution, examining the history of diplomacy, and negotiation between states. Students will:

- Acquire knowledge of substantive areas of modern Irish and international conflict history;
- Develop an understanding of the different ways that historians have approached the study of war and peace, and the theoretical issues which arise within the field;
- Learn about the wide range of primary sources available for advanced historical research, and acquire the ability to use archival findings to construct their own arguments and interpretations;
- Acquire the necessary skills to present historical research to a publication standard, and to conduct research at a doctoral level



Indicative Programme Structure*

Autumn Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
The Global Cold War (9 credits)	MA History Research Seminar (9 credits)	Dissertation (30 credits)
Concepts and Methods (9 credits)	The Irish Conflict, 1948-1998 (9 credits)	
Exploring Legacies of Conflict (9 credits)	Directed Reading I (9 credits)	
Historical Research in Practice I (3 credits)	Historical Research in Practice II (3 credits)	

*Please note: modules listed in the table above are subject to change

Entry Requirements

A primary degree in which history is a constituent subject, awarded with first or second-class honours (Level 8 - National Qualifications Authority of Ireland). Applicants who do not meet those criteria but who have equivalent academic qualifications may be considered. Applicants may be invited for interview. Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of either prior successful completion of a degree qualification taught through the medium of English or evidence of English language qualification(s).

Careers

The programme will provide an attractive opportunity for graduates considering a career—whether in higher education, teaching in secondary or primary level, archival or library sectors, foreign affairs or international organizations—that requires or benefits from postgraduate research experience in conflict history.

How to Apply

To make an application, please visit: https://www.ul.ie/gps/courses/irishand-global-conflict-history-masters

Programme Course

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