

Entry Requirements

Applicants for the programme must have a first or second class honours degree (Level 8 NFQ or other internationally recognised equivalent) in a social science or related discipline, or equivalent prior learning that is recognised by the University of Limerick as meeting this requirement. Applicants must also satisfy the English Language requirements.

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Tuition Fees 2019/20

EU	Non-EU
€5,741	€12,510



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In Short

The MA in European Politics and Governance is a one-year full-time programme designed to provide students with an advanced understanding of how modern European societies are governed through the complex interactions between public and private actors at different levels of government.

Careers

The programme equips students with the substantive knowledge and analytical and transferable skills necessary to pursue successful careers in civil society and non-governmental organisations, think tanks, interest groups, media organisations, local, national, and European administrations. The programme also provides the foundations for further doctoral research in the areas of Irish Politics, Comparative Politics and Public Administration, and European Union Politics.

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MA in EUROPEAN POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE



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Core Modules

Graduate Seminar in Institutions and Policies of the European Union

This module develops students' understanding of how the European Union formulates and adopts policies. Special attention is given to the roles and organisational structures of the different institutions involved in the EU policy-making process. The module presents theories of integration and policy-making, the internal organisation, functions, and powers of the main institutions of the EU, and the inter-institutional decision-making process through which these institutions interact to shape the content of policies.

Graduate Seminar in European Governance

This module enables students to understand the role of public administration in the multi-level system of European governance. It provides an overview of the institutional features of public administration in several European countries. The module examines the interaction between the EU and member states' administrations in the preparation and coordination of national positions in the EU policy-making process and the implementation of EU legislation. It further explores the explanations for institutional adaptation and innovation in the domestic politics, polity and policies of EU member states that can be attributed to Europeanisation, globalisation, and public management reform.

Autumn Semester	Spring Semester
Institutions and Policies of the European Union (9 ECTS)	European Governance (9 ECTS)
Graduate Research Methods (12 ECTS)	Research Methods (progressing dissertation) (3 ECTS)
One elective module (9 ECTS)	Two elective modules (9 ECTS each)

Research Methods

This module is designed to familiarise students with alternative approaches to the conduct of research in the social sciences. By providing a series of introductory lectures on alternative research methodologies and approaches, the main aim of this course is to give students a comprehensive understanding of key issues surrounding the logic of explanation and research design, in order to facilitate and support more advanced study in their own area of research specialism and dissertation study. The course is an essential part of students' preparation for their MA dissertation. Students will use their own MA dissertation topic to develop a research proposal, including the identification of appropriate theories, methods of analysis, data and sources, as well as strategies for investigation.

Electives

Autumn Semester

- Comparative Climate Policy and Politics
- International Relations
- Public Administration: Theory and Practice
- Conflict Analysis
- Contemporary Ethical Issues
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Development

Spring Semester

- Representative Democracy in Europe
- Collaborative Governance and Leadership
- Global Justice
- Comparative Politics
- International Co-operation and Conflict
- Peacebuilding
- Russian and Post-Soviet Politics

(Electives offered are subject to timetabling constraints and faculty availability)

Dissertation

Following the two taught semesters in Autumn and Spring, during the Summer students complete an independent research project in the form of a written dissertation (30 ECTS) for submission at the end of August.

Field Trip

A one-week field trip to the European Institutions in Brussels is offered in the Spring Semester (subject to sufficient student uptake).