



STRUCTURED PHD IN POLITICS



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The Structured PhD in Politics is a four year, full-time programme designed to provide students with the training they need to become professional political scientists. It combines advanced training in the methods of political science research with specialised training in at least one disciplinary subfield and the completion of an original thesis.

The taught component of the programme is largely concentrated in the first year of study. Requirements include core modules in Research Methods, Comparative Politics and Contemporary Political Theory, as well as specialised modules tailored to your disciplinary interests and needs as a developing researcher.

Following the taught component, students will complete a substantial and original piece of research, under the supervision of one or more faculty members. The Department of Politics and Public Administration is particularly eager to welcome students who wish to conduct research in areas in which the Department has research strengths, such as:

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| Irish Politics | African Politics |
| European Union Politics | Russian & post-Soviet Politics |
| International Relations | Conflict & Conflict Resolution |
| Public Policy | International Political Economy |
| Public Administration | Terrorism & Violent Political Extremism |
| Political Theory | Participatory Democracy & Social Exclusion |

Please see our website for further details about the research expertise of our faculty members, and for descriptions of our current PhD research projects: www.ul.ie/ppa

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STRUCTURED PHD TAUGHT COMPONENT (YEAR 1)

Autumn	Spring
Core Modules	
Research Methods Graduate Seminar in Political Theory Proposal Development 1	Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics Proposal Development 2
Specialised Modules	
One Module from: Graduate Seminar in Institutions and Policies of the European Union Graduate Seminar in International Relations Graduate Seminar in Development Government & Governance: Politics, Policy & Practice	Two Modules from: Multilevel Governance: concepts and practice Conflict Analysis Graduate Seminar in Peacebuilding Graduate Seminar in European Governance Graduate Seminar in International Co-operation and Conflict International Political Economy External Relations of the European Union Russian and Post Soviet Politics Mainstreaming Social Inclusion Terrorism and Violent Political Extremism Foreign Aid and Development International Security Development Practice and Programme Management Global Justice Feminist Perspectives on Conflict and Development Issues Representative Democracy in Europe

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants should hold a first class or 2.1 primary degree in a social science discipline, or an interdisciplinary degree that incorporates a substantial social science component. These requirements may be waived where an applicant has a taught postgraduate degree in a social science discipline. In all cases, applicants must submit a satisfactory provisional research proposal, and must be proficient in the use of English for academic purposes.

