

Postgraduate Programmes

Department of Politics and Public Administration

Where our graduates end up



Brian Knapp

After graduating with an M.A. in Peace & Development Studies, I took a job in the political world in Washington, D.C. with POLITICO.com. I played a central role in expanding our election coverage during the past year, and I work with our sales team to make sure that major policy players at the Federal and State level have access to our real time coverage. I also track legislative and electoral updates and decipher how it could affect different the Democratic and Republican Parties' policy agendas.



Roisín Lynch

Within a month of graduating with an M.A. in European Politics & Governance, I had secured an internship as a political researcher with a London-based public relations communications agency specialising in local planning policy. Taking that first step was pivotal to landing my first permanent position at the UK's leading political communications bodies, Dods Group PLC, where I still work today. I currently serve as an Account Manager on behalf of a wide range of clients, most of whom are Financial and Trade Union bodies, located across the UK and internationally. My main responsibility is to offer my clients the tools and resources they need in order to help them best carry out their public affairs strategies. I monitor legislation in both Westminster and Brussels, and regularly take exciting trips abroad to meet with highly influential political stakeholders.



Karl Murphy

The M.A. in European Politics & Governance at the University of Limerick was a brilliantly organised degree which provided me with the research skills, tools and platform needed to continue my research in European politics at the PhD level. The level of teaching was outstanding throughout the year and my supervisor, Dr. Frank Häge, provided invaluable guidance and support during my thesis research. Shortly after completing my M.A., I was accepted onto a four year structured PhD scholarship at Dublin City University's School of Law and Government, focusing on informal negotiations (trilogues) in the European Union. I soon earned an Irish Research Council "Government of Ireland" Scholarship, and undertook further research at the European University Institute in Florence.



Zhanina Yotova

The M.A. in International Studies programme equipped me with the knowledge and the experience necessary to be successful in my career in research and international relations. I work in the CEO's office at IDA Ireland, the Irish Government's Foreign Direct Investment Agency. We partner with potential and existing investors to help them establish or expand their operations in Ireland. Based in Dublin, I am responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the CEO's office and liaising with senior management, the IDA's Press Office, client companies, governments, other public sector organisations, news media organizations, and other stakeholders on behalf of the CEO. I previously worked with the Technology Division at IDA, where I was responsible for providing marketing and administrative support to the team, as well as for market research and data analysis. Before joining the IDA, I worked as a researcher in a travel technology start up based in Dublin.