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Structured Research MA in Philosophy



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Course Overview

The Structured MA in Philosophy is a one-year, full-time (two-years, part-time) programme that allows students to further their interest in Philosophical studies with particular emphasis on Public/Applied Philosophy and Post-Kantian European Philosophy. This course provides high-achieving graduates an opportunity to gain to gain a broader and deeper knowledge of their chosen area and to familiarise themselves with contemporary research and debates relevant to the study of Philosophy.

Research activity in Philosophy at University of Galway focuses on four main areas:

- Philosophy of Nature / Philosophy of Technology
- Environmental Ethics / Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Children (P4C) / Applied Ethics
- Metaphysics / Philosophy of value

We work on a range of topics across the systematic areas of Philosophy and historically ranging from the Early Moderns to the present day. We have particular expertise in the work of such figures as Kant, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Gadamer, Marion, and Arendt. Within public and applied philosophy, we cover such areas as research ethics, health care ethics, ethics in information technologies, questions of social engagement and art, justice and disability and ethical issues to do with big data, AI and robotics.

Over the course of the programme, students will take 30 ECTS worth of taught modules, at least one of which (minimum 10 ECTS) must be taken in Philosophy. Students on this programme will complete an independent research project or dissertation weighted at 60 ECTS. Each student will be assigned a primary supervisor and a graduate research committee made up of experienced researchers to plan their programme of study and to provide on-going support for their research.

Student Testimonial:

“It is difficult to overstate the benefits of studying philosophy at a postgraduate level. The curiosity, sensitivity, and humility cultivated during my time in the MA program at the University of Galway has dramatically transformed how I encounter both my own mind and the wider world. Through the excellent teaching and mentorship provided, I have become a more nuanced thinker, better capable of communicating and receiving ideas”.

Ronan Geraghty (MA Graduate 2024)

Why choose this programme?

- This Programme is distinctive in offering particular expertise in two quite different areas of Philosophy: Public and Applied Philosophy and Post-Kantian European Philosophy.
- In the area of Public and Applied Philosophy, you can do research in such areas as Bioethics, Information Ethics, Philosophy of Children (P4C), Ethics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Political Philosophy.
- You can explore such areas as 'big data', AI, social media, all of which require increasingly sophisticated ethical and conceptual reflection in a wide range of industries.
- We have significant expertise in Post-Kantian European Philosophy, so you can pursue fascinating ideas in the areas such as Nietzsche Studies, Philosophy of Nature, Philosophy of Art and Culture, the Study of Modernity, Phenomenology, the Philosophy of Religion and the Philosophy of Emotion.
- You can also take a wide range of MA modules from other programmes within the College of Arts, Social Science and Celtic Studies at NUI Galway.

Employment and Career Opportunities

- A Masters in Philosophy allows you to hone critical skills that are transferrable to many areas of employment. Our graduates in the past have entered a diverse range of professions and careers. They have done so equipped with skills that philosophy is particularly orientated towards:
- Critiquing key concepts and debates in cutting-edge contemporary Philosophy [Interpretative Skills]
- Reasoning through identifying the general principles that connect problems and thereby evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of arguments [Critical Reasoning].
- Employing Philosophical Concepts and Ideas in analysing fundamental issues in the world today [Analytic Skills].
- Communicating difficult ideas in a clear and persuasive manner, while listening to others and understanding different points of view [Communication Skills].
- Articulating the transformational value of philosophical thought with respect to basic conceptual frameworks and specific ethical and political issues [Reflective Reasoning].
- Developing an Understanding of the relevance of philosophical thought in diverse areas of public life [Applied Reasoning Skills].
- Identify a problem and formulate questions relevant to clarifying an issue or a set of issues [Research and Investigation Skills].

Course Facts and Entry Requirements

Course Level: Level 9, 90 ECTS

Duration:

1 year Full-time, 2 years Part-time

Entry Requirements

NQAI Level 8 qualification with a minimum 2.1 (or North American 3.2 GPA or equivalent) honours degree in Philosophy or a Cognate Discipline.

English Language Requirements

Applicants from countries where English is not the official language must submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A minimum score of a 6.5 overall is required on the IELTS (or equivalent English Language Test).

Fees:

www.universityofgalway.ie/studentfees/how-much/

Application Process:

How to apply

Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Closing date:

Offers are made on an ongoing basis.

Admissions Queries:

artsadmissions@universityofgalway.ie

Did You Know?

Ireland has a 2-Year, Stay-back Option. This allows non-EU/EEA students who have studied on a full-time basis in Ireland and have graduated from Irish higher education institutions to remain in Ireland for up to 24 months to seek employment.

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