



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

MA in Philosophy



Programme Overview

The MA in Philosophy is a one-year full time (or two-year part-time) master's programme.

This programme is designed around two main Streams: Public and Applied Philosophy and Post-Kantian European Philosophy.

Drawing on long traditions of philosophical thought, our modules aim to explore questions of values, forms of reasoning and modes of practice as they play out in personal, societal, and political contexts. The programme combines historical perspectives and contemporary critical debates to provide analytic and argumentative skills that are transferable into diverse areas of employment as well as being advantageous for further study in philosophy. A notable feature of the programme is that students are given the opportunity to organise a peer-reviewed international graduate conference. Within the Philosophy of Children component, students may have placement experience in Irish schools.



Aims

The programme aims to enhance students' ability to articulate the transformational value of philosophical thought with respect to basic conceptual frameworks and specific ethical, societal and political issues. In doing so, it seeks to develop an understanding of the relevance of philosophical thought in diverse areas of public life. It does all this through critical analysis of key concepts and debates in cutting-edge contemporary Philosophy from both Analytic and European/Continental traditions.



Objectives

This MA programme is committed to a vision of philosophy as deeply engaged with the world around us today. The programme has the objective of enhancing the skills of its graduates in identifying questions, analysing arguments and working towards developing sound and cogent ways of transformative thinking with respect to contemporary technologies, political systems and structure of rationality.



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Why study this programme?

This programme is distinctive in offering two streams: Public and Applied Philosophy and Post-Kantian European Philosophy. Students are free to either take all their modules in one or other of these streams or to mix and match.

Public and Applied Philosophy includes such strengths as Bioethics, Information Ethics, Philosophy of Children (P4C), Ethics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Political Philosophy. Developments in such areas as 'big data', AI, social media require increasingly sophisticated ethical and conceptual reflection in a wide range of industries.

Post-Kantian European Philosophy refers to Philosophy within, or strongly influenced by, the German and French philosophical traditions from the early Nineteenth Century until today. We offer expertise particularly with respect to Nietzsche Studies, Philosophy of Nature, Philosophy of Art and Culture, the Study of Modernity, Philosophy of Religion and Philosophy of Emotion with particular reference to traditions and movements in German and French philosophy.

In both Streams there are **cross-listing opportunities** to take courses in a wide range of MA programmes within the College of Arts, Social Science and Celtic Studies at University of Galway.

More information

For more information about this programme and regarding the application procedure, please go to:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/philosophy>

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www.universityofgalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/history-philosophy/disciplines-centres/philosophy

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