Application Details
Applications for the Master in Development Practice (M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip) must be submitted online at: http://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/az/course.php?id=DPTNS-DPRA-1F09

Further Information
Further information on The Masters in Development Practice can be found on the course website http://naturalscience.tcd.ie/postgraduate/dev-pract/. Or by contacting the course administrative office at Tel: +353 1 896 2414 / Email: mdpdub@tcd.ie

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Course Description

The Masters in Development Practice (M.Sc./P.Grad. Dip.) (MDP) is a two-year fulltime programme that offers professional training and education in development practice at graduate level. The MDP is an interdisciplinary graduate degree programme that addresses the challenges of sustainable development. The MDP is part of a global network of Master’s in Development Practice, headquartered at Columbia University, New York. The MDP is delivered by Trinity College Dublin (TCD) School of Natural Sciences in collaboration with other Schools in the University and a wide number of national and international organisation with specialist skills in development practice and policy.

Students spend a portion of their time completing cross-disciplinary fieldwork in a developing country location as well as undertaking internships in leading international organisations.

Teaching Programme

This innovative course, utilising a modular structure to develop the analytical and practical skills of the students, is designed to provide a comprehensive theoretical grounding and applied skills in international development practice. It combines a range of teaching and learning approaches and mechanisms both in the seminar room and in the field, and brings expertise from both academics and practitioners. This approach develops capabilities in students so that they can understand the theories, practices and languages of different specialties.

Academic Pillars

The four main pillars of the programme are health, natural, social and management sciences.

Topics include:
- Climate Change and Justice
- Gender
- Health
- Political Economy
- Politics & Governance
- Impact Evaluation
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Smart Cities & Urbanisation
- Globalisation
- Economics and Statistics

Particular emphasis is laid upon the interconnectedness between politics, governance, civil society, health, environmental conflict and climate change, amongst others. This enables students to visualise, design and implement collaborative sustainable development solutions and work flexibly as development practitioners across a variety of contexts. A range of trans-disciplinary modules are also offered. Once training is complete students are able to adopt a holistic, systems oriented approach to policy analysis, formulation and implementation.

Professional work-based placements

Students undertake three professional work-based placements over the two years. These include:
- Conducting research in collaboration with local non-governmental development organisations, and business partners engaged in sustainable development practice;
- Spending up to three months on fieldwork in a developing country location;
- Undertaking placements in major international development and development-related organisations. Host organisations include OECD DAC, Paris; World Bank; UN Office on Drugs & Crime, Vienna; UN OCHA, Geneva;

The Association of Global Masters in Development Practice includes:
- 35 Masters in Development Practice programmes offered at Universities globally
- 6 continents
- More than 50 collaborating international organisations;
- Global classroom.