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International Orientation

This programme has a strong international orientation drawing from the field of Disability Studies and disability research in developing and developed countries. Visiting professors, lecturers and researchers contribute through guest lectures, seminars and research projects to an enhanced international knowledge of disability and continuous evaluation and update of the programme.

> "More than one billion people in the world live with some form of disability... people with disabilities have poorer health outcomes, lower education achievements, less economic participation, and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities"
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> (Dr. Margaret Chan and Mr. Robert B. Zoellick, World Report on Disability, 2011).

The M.Sc. in Disability Studies provides an intellectual space in which students think critically about disability and engage with the wider disability community to think creatively about building an equal society for all.

Target Students

This M.Sc. in Disability Studies is aimed at those with a strong interest in disability issues including graduates from relevant disciplines (e.g., Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Humanities, Education, Deaf studies, Law, and Psychology), experts in disability issues (e.g., disability activists, members of disabled people's organisations and advocacy organisations, disability service providers), professionals in services (e.g., Early Interventionists, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Nurses, Speech and Language Therapists, and Teachers), policy makers and government officials.

Admission Requirements

The M.Sc. in Disability Studies offers admission to full-time (TRT69) and part-time (TRT79) students. EU and Non-EU applicants are required to hold at least an upper second class honours degree in a relevant area or a related or equivalent qualification. Applications are taken on a yearly basis from January to June.

How to Apply

Please see the Graduate Studies website for details:
http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/

Sources of Further Information

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The M.Sc. in Disability Studies at Trinity College Dublin is listed in the: Irish Aid Fellowship Training Programme for study in Ireland www.icosirl.ie/eng/irish_aid_fellowship

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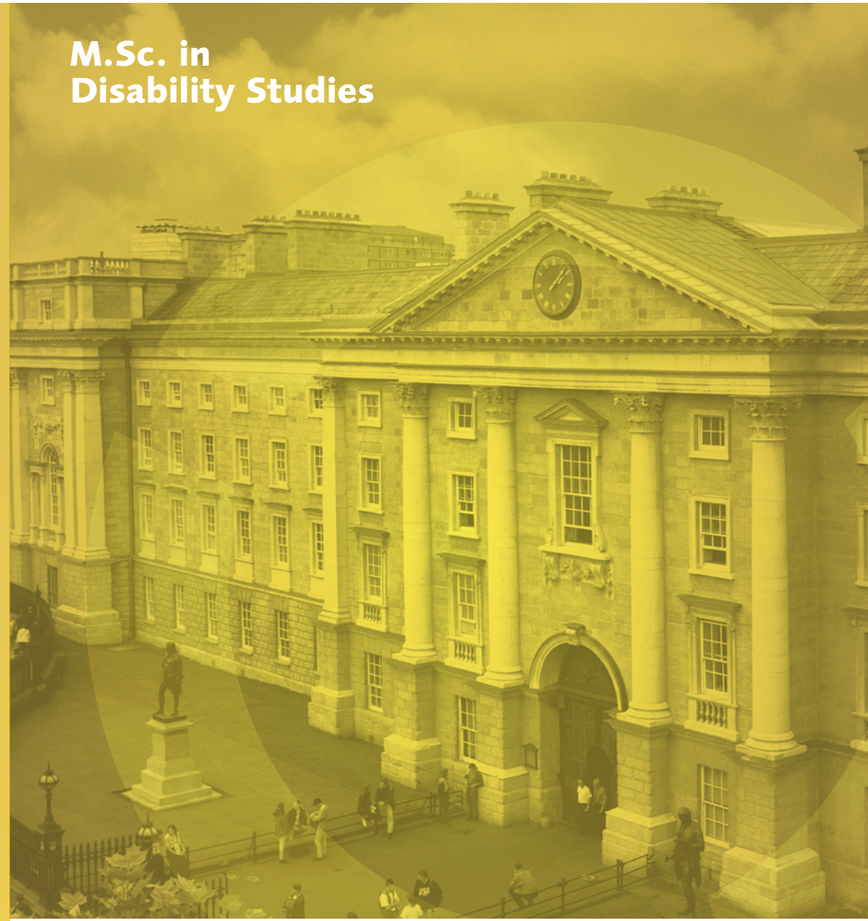

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Students of the M.Sc. are part of the distinctive and vibrant academic community of Trinity College Dublin and benefit from the input of the different academic centres involved in the M.Sc. including: Social Work and Social Policy, Nursing and Midwifery, Law, Religions and Theology, Deaf Studies, Global Health, and English.

The M.Sc. in Disability Studies at Trinity College Dublin offers unique opportunities to students.

This programme is hosted by the National Institute for Intellectual Disability which also offers the Certificate in Contemporary Living (CCL), the first third level education programme for people with intellectual disabilities in Ireland. Students of the M.Sc. in Disability Studies have opportunities to interact with CCL students through elective modules and seminars.

The only Centre for Deaf Studies in Ireland, hosted at Trinity College Dublin, also offers elective modules to M.Sc. in Disability Studies students.

"I am delighted I chose the Disability Studies course - I had been looking for a course that suited me for a number of years. It has opened my mind to new ways of thinking about disability. I have recently been promoted in work and I am putting together staff training that promotes a rights-based approach to work with young service users. I hope many more disabled people benefit from the new knowledge and insight that may be gained from this course."

(Imelda Gaughan, M.Sc. in Disability Studies graduate 2011, Trinity College Dublin)

Course Structure

Two options are available for students: a two-year part-time programme, advisable for students enrolled in the programme while working, and a one-year full-time programme. A Postgraduate Diploma qualification (exit only) is also available for students who complete all the modules except the dissertation.

	Core and Elective Modules*	Disability Placements/ Disability Applied Projects	Dissertation
Full - Time	Year 1 (September – April)	Year 1 (May-July)	Year 1 (January - August)
Part – Time	Year 1 (September – April)	Year 1 (May-July)	Year 2 (September – April)

*With the exception of Disability Placements/Disability Applied Projects

Core Modules (40 ECTS Required)	Introduction to Disability Studies (10 ECTS) Disability Policy, Law and Ethics (10 ECTS) Research Methods (10 ECTS) Disability Placements/Disability Applied Projects (10 ECTS)
Elective Modules (20 ECTS Required)	Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Disability Studies (10 ECTS) Empowerment and Enablement for People with Intellectual Disabilities (10 ECTS) Perspectives on Deafness (5 ECTS) The Politics of De-Institutionalisation (5 ECTS) Disability and Development (5 ECTS)

Dissertation (30 ECTS)

Disability Plcements/Disability Applied Projects

Disability Placements/ Disability Applied Projects is a core module that aims to provide students with a unique opportunity to apply their knowledge and gain first-hand experience in the areas of:

- Advocacy
- Policy
- Programme planning and evaluation
- Research

Two options are available for students:

Option 1 Disability Placements for students with availability to take a 6 week full-time placement between May and July (Year 1).

Option 2 Disability Applied Projects for students with no availability to take a 6 week full-time placement between May and July (Year 1).

A range of public, private and voluntary sector disability organisations leading the change in disability policy and research offer placements to students in this M.Sc. in Disability Studies.

The module also provides students with 1) Theoretical knowledge on systems change and 2) Practical skills on programme planning and evaluation.

Dissertation

The aim of the **dissertation** is to develop students' research and writing abilities via a substantial piece of independent work. Students in the M.Sc. in Disability Studies:

- Have supervision by researchers at the different academic centres at Trinity College Dublin
- Have the opportunity to conduct their research in a wide range of disability areas