



# INTERNATIONAL WAR STUDIES

Master of Arts (Double Degree)



The program's international orientation provides a broad array of scholarly opportunities for creating your own academic profile. Dublin and Potsdam, as places of science, offer a rich cultural and political environment that constitute unique conditions for research and teaching.

The master's degree program in International War Studies offers the exciting opportunity to do a double degree with the University College of Dublin: [www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie).

## Program Content

The International War Studies degree program examines the causes, dynamics and contexts of violent conflicts at a national and international level, as well as their history, course of events, and consequences. The program focuses primarily on military history, the cultural history of political violence, security policy and military sociology, with each field's respective methodologies and theories. The interrelationships between the state, society and the military are analyzed from the beginning of the Early Modern period to the present day. The program concentrates on modern history, i.e. the 19th and 20th centuries.

## Program Objective and Future Career Options

Students will acquire abilities and competences that enable them to analyze historical and current conflicts. They will deepen and expand their subject-specific competences to include essential content from security policy and military sociology, the history of violence, and military history. Students will refine their use of methodologies in the social sciences and humanities, become capable of discussing various subjects in a critical manner, and learn how to present the findings of their work in an appropriate way.



University College Dublin

The program's international orientation, as well as the universities' extensive networks in and around Dublin and Potsdam, offer students global career opportunities. There are also no limits when it comes to lines of work. Opportunities abound in national ministries and international organizations, in NGOs, in academia, journalism and the media, politics and political consulting, think tanks, museums, political foundations, as well as cultural management and communications.

## Program Structure

This four-semester master's degree program requires the completion of 120 credit points. The following overview provides information about the weighting of individual modules and types of courses.



<b>List of Modules</b>	
<b>Mandatory Modules</b>	<b>60 CP</b>
Introduction to International War Studies	9 CP
The Military and Society in the Age of the “Total Wars”, 1792-1945	15 CP
Themes and Methods of War and Conflict Studies	6 CP
Module Abroad Dublin 1: Modern History and Politics	10 CP
Module Abroad Dublin 2: Political Violence in 20th Century Europe	10 CP
Module Abroad Dublin 3: War Studies	10 CP
<b>Electives</b>	<b>30 CP</b>
Two modules of 15 credit points each must be successfully completed.	
Military and Society after 1945	15 CP
International History since the Early 20th Century	15 CP
Armed Forces and Society from Social Sciences Perspectives	15 CP
Related Study Areas of Military History	15 CP
Security Studies	15 CP
<b>Master’s Thesis and Final Colloquium</b>	<b>30 CP</b>

## Entry Requirements

The centerpiece of your application and the way to your acceptance into the master's program is a strong interest in political, social and historical events.

Applying for a master's degree requires that you hold an undergraduate degree, such as a bachelor's degree. Your undergraduate degree must be in a field relevant to International War Studies, such as history, political science, sociology or a related subject. Proof of 40 credit points in one of these subject areas is sufficient. If your transcript comes from a system that does not use credit points, then the joint Examining Board will make a decision about the equivalence of academic performance. Because the master's degree program is conducted almost exclusively in English, we require proof of English language skills that correspond at least to Level C 1 of the Common European Framework for Languages.

You can read more about the subject-specific admission requirements in the respective admission regulations:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legal-foundations/zulassungsordnungen-fuer-master](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legal-foundations/zulassungsordnungen-fuer-master)

## Application and Enrollment

You can find more information about the current application and enrollment procedures at:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment/application-master)

## Further Information

For more details about the teaching programme, the detailed study and examination regulations, the application procedure, etc. please visit: [www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legalfoundations/studyregulations](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/legalfoundations/studyregulations)



## Consultation and Contact

Departmental Student Advisor at the University of Potsdam

The Departmental Student Advisor is there for you.

You can find our current contact information here:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/index-a-z/war-and-conflict-studies](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/advising-and-services/index-a-z/war-and-conflict-studies)



School Manager at University College Dublin

You can find the current contact information here:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/master/masters-courses-from-a-to-z/war-studies](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/what-to-study/master/masters-courses-from-a-to-z/war-studies)



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