

# UCD Economics PhD Program

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Introductory Talk

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# Structure of Program

- ***Stage One***

- 30 ECTS of coursework (required by College of Human Sciences before any thesis can be awarded.)
- Build research skills
- Develop research topic.
- Develop a paper suitable for chapter in thesis.
- Transfer seminar (usually early in second term of your second year).

- **Stage Two**

- Complete and submit thesis.

# MLitt Option

- For those of you who do not want to proceed to Stage Two or are not successful in doing so, it may be possible to submit completed research work for an MLitt.
- To allow for this option, we automatically register students as being on an MLitt/PhD program.
- However, we can also register you on PhD program only (you will still be in Stage One) and change your registration status later if taking an MLitt becomes a consideration.

# Coursework Requirements

- Two required modules:
  - PhD Research Method (5 ECTS)
  - PhD Seminar (5 ECTS)
- Four field modules from a range of options shared with TCD and NUIM:
  - Ideally, this should be completed before transfer seminar.
  - Average of a B on these modules must be obtained.
- Coursework options must be filled out in a Module Enrollment Form. Signed by supervisor and handed to Margaret Brindley of the College of Human Sciences Graduate office.

Title	Institution	Lecturer	Term	Schedule
Economics of Education	NUIM	Olive Sweetman	Autumn Sept 23- Dec9	Thurs 4-6pm, Edgeworth Room
Financial Risk Analysis	NUIM	Greg Connor	Autumn II Nov 1-Dec10	Wed 11am-1noon, Edgeworth Room Fri 12noon -2pm, Edgeworth Room
Industrial Organization	NUIM	Gerda Dewit	Spring II March 21-May 7	Mon 9-11am, Room: AX2 Wed 11am-1pm, Room: 61 Rhetoric Annexe
Policy Evaluation Using Structural Models	UCD	Franco Mariuzzo	Autumn Starts late Sept.	Mon 4-6pm, G214
Time Series Econometrics	UCD	Mike Harrison	Spring	Mon 4-6pm, to be announced
Applied Causal Analysis	UCD	Paul Devereax	Spring	Wed 4-6pm, to be announced
Uncertainty and Risk	UCD	Denis Conniffe	Spring	Mon 2-4pm, to be announced
Advanced International Macroeconomics	TCD	Philip Lane Paul Scanlon	Autumn First class: 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Tues 4-6pm, IIS Conference Room 6 <sup>th</sup> floor Arts Building
Reading Seminar in Applied Economics	TCD	Pedro Vicente Catia Batista	Spring First class: 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues 4-6pm, IIS Conference Room 6 <sup>th</sup> floor Arts Building

# Two Required Modules This Term

- PhD Research Methods
  - This is the first lecture!
  - Talks on planning your thesis, writing research papers and presenting at seminars.
  - Student presentations on your research plans.
  - Sessions on software.
  - Talks on data, some shared with MA program.
- PhD Seminar
  - Every Friday afternoon.
  - Three detailed seminar write-ups delivered end of term.

# Independent Coursework

- We also allow for the possibility of students undertaking courses outside the program.
- Listed under Independent Research A and Independent Research B for either 5 ECTS or 2.5 ECTS.
- This can allow you to undertake masterclasses or short training courses elsewhere for credit with the approval of your supervisor.
- A report submitted to me detailing what you have learned in the module will be required to get the credit.

# Supervisors and Panels

- Every student has a principal supervisor and a doctoral studies panel (DSP).
- In the next few weeks, you should meet with other members of staff and get them to be on your Doctoral Studies Panel. They will be agreeing to meet with you and provide feedback on your progress.
- You should agree with your supervisor on a plan for your coursework and research.
- From at least May 2011 on, you should have a regular schedule of meetings with your supervisor.
- Supervisory arrangements can be changed, though I'm reluctant to do so after May 2011.



# A Timeline for Progress

- Term 1: Coursework, Set up DSP, Research methods and seminar.
- Term 2: Coursework and firming up research plans.
- Summer: Prepare a project by end of August.
- Term 3: Present project and write paper.
- Term 4: Present finished paper at run-through and then at Transfer Seminar.

# Format for Thesis

- Our usual format for a PhD thesis is a number of separate papers.
- This format allows you to move quickly to publishing your work in journal article form.
- The papers are usually organised around a coherent theme but we are also happy to allow room for different types of work to be included together in a thesis.
- Normally we are looking for at least 3 separate papers. However, this can be adjusted upwards in light of co-written papers, particularly those co-written with supervisors.

# Award Process

The awarding of a thesis proceeds in a number of steps, which can take about six months from start to finish:

- 1) Approval of supervisor that the thesis represents a significant enough contribution.
- 2) Check with School's Head of Graduate Studies that thesis is ready for submission.
- 3) Viva: Defend your thesis to committee including an external examiner and internal staff.
- 4) Submit revised thesis in response to viva comments and questions.
- 5) Final version of thesis is approved.

# Plans for Dublin Economics

- We are hoping to develop and deepen the (currently somewhat informal) Dublin Economics co-operation.
- This may involve regular joint events at which students present and perhaps joint seminar series.
- We have secured funding to support the program from the government's PRTL program and have promised to develop a Graduate Dublin School of Economics and Political Science.
- Your input and co-operation will be a vital part of the development of our program, so don't be shy in giving feedback and suggesting improvements.

# Contacts

- School of Economics Graduate Studies Committee: Karl Whelan (Chair), Denis Conniffe, Ron Davies.
- Head of School of Economics: David Madden
- Director of College of Human Sciences (CHS) Graduate School: Jos Elkink
- CHS Graduate School Manager: Margaret Brindley