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College of Arts, Social Sciences
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BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)



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Course Overview

- The BA in Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice is a programme of the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre within the Discipline of Applied Social Science at the School of Political Science and Sociology.
- It is a multi-disciplinary programme that examines the impact of societal developments on children, young people and families over the life course, from both national and international perspectives.

Students learn about the latest policy and practice approaches in the field and gain in-depth understanding of a broad range of topics including; social justice, social inclusion, protection of vulnerable cohorts, welfare, poverty, trauma, conflict, equality and human rights, and human development.

Course Name:	BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)
CAO Code:	GY137
Course Level:	8
Duration:	4 years
Min Entry Points 2026:	339
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Student Perspective

"I feel I was very lucky to have undertaken the BA Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice. It really opened doors to a lot of great opportunities. The placement aspect of it really proved beneficial!" -

Stephanie Moriarty (Student)



Career Opportunities

Graduates are well-prepared for employment in youth work, child welfare and family support, educational settings, community development practice, disability services, social work, social policy, civil or public service or research-focused opportunities.

Professional Work Placement

All students complete a full-year professional work placement in third year, September until May. Examples of placement settings include: Community, Youth, Education, Family Support, Cultural Organisations and Government Agencies. Students also have the opportunity to undertake international placements subject to Programme Board approval.

Further Study

Upon completion of this programme you will be eligible to apply for a range of postgraduate MA courses subject to meeting programme-specific entry requirements, such as the MA in Social Work, MA in Family Support Studies, MA in Child, Youth and Community, MA in Public Policy and MA in Gender, Globalisation and Rights

Course Outline

Year One

- Introduction to Child, Youth and Family Studies
- Youth Development
- Children and Health
- Introduction to Politics
- Practising Politics
- Introduction to Sociology
- Practising Sociology
- Introduction to Economic Policy
- Community Development
- Social Research Skills
- Personal and Professional Development

Year Two

- Understanding Family and Society
- Youth Work Principles and Practice
- Child, Youth and Family Service Provision in Ireland
- Child Protection and Welfare
- Economics of Family Policy
- Social Issues and Policy Responses
- Sociology of Health
- Politics and Society: Themes and Topics
- Economics of Public and Social Policy
- Methods for Social and Political Science
- Professional Development Skills

Year Three

- Professional Work Placement (Sep to June). Examples of placements settings include: community, youth, education and family support or cultural organisations and government agencies.

Year Four

- Research Policy and Practice
- Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults
- Issues in Contemporary Families
- Family Law
- Youth and Society
- Equality, Diversity and Collective Action
- Children and Young People in Families Today
- Key words in Social Work and Social Welfare
- Introduction to Social Work

Equivalent modules may be substituted from time to time for any of the above under exceptional circumstances and when approved by the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies.

Find Out More

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