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1 Year Full-time or 2 Year Part-time

1 or 2 Evenings per Week

Starts September 2011



POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME (NFQ LEVEL 9)

# MA in Poetry Studies



Mater Dei Institute of Education is a College  
of Dublin City University

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# Poetry Studies at MDI

Innovative and exciting work in Poetry Studies takes place at MDI, with its Irish Centre for Poetry Studies and electronic journal *POST: A Poetry Studies Review*. Its pioneering MA in Poetry Studies enables students, teachers and practitioners of poetry to acquire specialised skills in its analysis and appreciation. Through this programme, we are reaching out to various communities, both professional and non-professional, with an interest in expanding their understanding of poetry through lifelong learning.

MDI has strong links with Portugal's University of Coimbra, the only other European institution currently offering a comparable MA in Poetry Studies. Possibilities exist for student exchanges, or for MDI students to visit Coimbra and experience their internationally-celebrated Meeting of Poets, which takes place biennially.

Upon successful completion of this programme the graduate will be able to demonstrate:

- A creative and critical intelligence, identifying the potential for synthesis between sometimes disparate texts and ideas
- An apt sense of the simultaneous variety and complexity of the field of Poetry Studies
- An awareness of the abiding pertinence of poetry to any cultural context
- The instinct and know-how to discover research potential in hitherto unexplored areas of the discipline of Poetry Studies

For a full list of learning outcomes visit [www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)



## STUDENT VOICE

*"I found the course to be extremely stimulating, the choice of material judicious and in good taste, and the lecturers to be absolutely on top of their game".*

NIALL MURPHY, POSTGRADUATE STUDENT 2010/2011



## Who is this MA for?

Whether you are an active poet seeking to engage with poetry's vibrant traditions, a teacher committed to becoming even more knowledgeable about a core subject or someone simply interested in exploring your own ability as a scholar of literature, Poetry Studies at MDI will give you a home.

Our current cadre of students reflects the diversity of appeal that poetry possesses, combining:

- Second-level teachers
- Professionals from IT, Engineering and Law
- People returning to 3rd level education and
- Recent graduates of humanities



*"This unique Masters in Poetry Studies has a well-devised syllabus with a good pupil/teacher ratio, and is flexible enough to accommodate those juggling work and study".*

AMANDA BELL, POSTGRADUATE STUDENT 2010/2011

# The Student Experience

*"I wasn't sure what to expect when starting the MA in Poetry studies at MDI but one concern I had was that an academic setting could prove too conservative and stifling an environment for what I believe is essentially a creative pursuit (both reading and writing). I needn't have worried. The lecturers combine an obvious love of and enthusiasm for their subject with a breadth of knowledge that makes for an environment that is at once scholarly, practical and fun".*

CLIONA O'CONNELL, POSTGRADUATE STUDENT 2010/11

## Flexible Scheduling

The programme is offered:

- Full-time (one year)
- Part-time (two years)

Typically, the programme is taught two evenings per week. Normally, part-time students are able to select their classes so that they have to attend classes one day per week.

## Modules

Participants who wish to obtain a Master's Award take six taught modules from the list below. To view reading lists and other details about the following modules, visit the Irish Centre for Poetry Studies link on [www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)

In addition, participants will complete a Research Module (30 ECTS credits) which will include a series of seminars on research methodologies and a minor thesis on a topic of professional relevance.

| Modules   |   |   |   |
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| <b>Single Author Module</b><br>- Elizabeth Bishop       | <b>Contemporary Poetries</b><br>- Poetry of the last 10 Years | <b>Sacred &amp; Profane Lyric</b><br>- Poetry & Song from Sappho to Hip-Hop | <b>Poethics</b><br>- Poetry, Politics & the Civic Space             |
| <b>Seminar &amp; Workshop</b><br>- Close Reading Skills | <b>Verse Drama</b><br>- From Ancient Greece to the Present    | <b>Imaginarities: Poetic Geography</b><br>- Imagining Italy                 | <b>Holocaust &amp; Modern Culture</b><br>- Interdisciplinary Module |

## Awards Available

The MA in Poetry Studies is awarded by Dublin City University (Level 9 of the National Framework of Qualifications).

Participants who do not wish to complete an entire MA may exit the programme with a **Graduate Diploma** (after successfully completing 60 credits of taught modules) or with a **Graduate Certificate** (after successfully completing 30 credits of taught modules).

## Entry Requirements

The general criteria for entry to this taught postgraduate programme is a good honours primary degree in a cognate area.

Students who do not meet the normal criteria may be considered for a place on the programme on the basis of their work experience and other relevant educational achievements.

Applicants seeking Accreditation of Prior (Certified) Learning (APL) for the purposes of entry, module exemptions or advanced entry, or applicants seeking Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) for the purposes of entry or module exemptions will also be considered.

## Cost

For 2011 entry fees please visit [www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)

## How do I apply?

Application forms are available at [www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)

Alternatively, applications forms are available by contacting:

### Admissions Office

Mater Dei Institute of Education  
Clonliffe Road  
Dublin 3

Telephone: (01) 808 6518

Email: [admissions@materdei.dcu.ie](mailto:admissions@materdei.dcu.ie)

Apply early to secure a place on the programme.  
The closing date for applications is 31st May 2011.

## Want to find out more?

If you want to find out more about the programme please contact our Admissions Office.

Alternatively, contact the Programme Coordinator:

### Dr Michael Hinds

Telephone: (01) 808 6527

Email: [michael.hinds@materdei.dcu.ie](mailto:michael.hinds@materdei.dcu.ie)

### POSTGRADUATE DEGREE

*"A postgraduate degree in MDI provides an opportunity for advanced study in a particular field of research in the context of a vibrant and growing research community. Staff of the Institute work closely with graduate students and offer assistance in matters pertaining to research, funding and careers.*

*For information on the research specializations of academics, please go directly to individual staff profiles. I look forward to welcoming you to the College."*

DR GABRIEL FLYNN, HEAD OF GRADUATE STUDIES

### OTHER TAUGHT MA PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE (NFQ LEVEL 9)

- MA in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work
- MA in Ethics (Joint Programme with DCU)
- MA in Religion and Education Post-Primary
- Masters in Religious Education Primary (Joint Programme with SPD)
- MA in Theology

### MASTERS BY RESEARCH / PHD (NFQ LEVEL 9 & 10)

Research degree programmes in the areas of:  
Education, English, Ethics, History, Irish Studies, Music, Philosophy, Religious Education, Theology

Brochures are available online and from the Admissions Office.