

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CIPD

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years: 5 semesters; 3 semesters in year 1 and 2 semesters in year 2.

Delivery

Blended - Livestream (online) classes with some in-person (on campus) delivery. Exams may take the form of online or in person.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Tuesday and Thursday evenings 18.00 - 21.00 online and some Saturdays on campus.

Fees

Year 1: €7,750
Year 2: €2,100
(€9,850 total fee)
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

September Starts
1 year taught plus a final dissertation: 2 semesters (Sep-Dec and Jan-May).
Dissertation due in August.

January Starts

(where available and subject to numbers) 1 year taught plus a final dissertation: 2 semesters (Jan-May and Sep-Dec) Dissertation due in May the following year.

Delivery

Face-to-face classes

Start Date

Sept 2026 and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00-17.00 Monday – Friday. Class days and times vary. Occasional evening/ weekend classes will also be scheduled.

EU Fee

€8,500 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This intensive course has been developed in consultation with the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

The programme aims to develop an in-depth understanding of the core disciplines in the area of human resources (HR). It recognises that HR must operate in challenging and dynamic business environments that are constantly changing, and seeks to enable students to deliver effective business solutions that optimise the people resources of their organisation.

Combined with a practitioner-recognised qualification in the area of HRM, namely CIPD, this course is geared towards people wishing to continue or progress in their professional development in HR or wider roles in the organisation.

An applied approach to teaching is used within the programme with lectures interspersed with exercises, use of case study analysis, group activities in class, debate on contemporary issues as well as independent learning.

Who is the course for?

This course is aimed primarily at individuals seeking an academic qualification at postgraduate level while also wishing to advance their career to assume positions at senior management level with a specific focus on human resource management.

Award and Progression

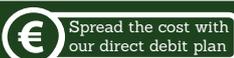
The Master of Arts in Human Resource Management is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Graduates with relevant work experience will be eligible to apply for Chartered Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) after successful completion of the first 3 semesters. A membership fee will be payable directly to CIPD. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a 2.2 honours degree in either a cognate or non-cognate area at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning non-graduates with extensive professional experience and other prior qualifications may also be considered for the course.

Laptop Requirement

All students applying to NCI must have access to a laptop that will allow them to attend classes online and, where relevant, to participate in on-campus learning. Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.



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COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Leading and Managing
- Human Resource Management in a Strategic Business Context
- People Resourcing
- Employment Law
- Employee Relations
- Managing and Developing Talent
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Elective Modules

- Strategic Reward Management (10 credits)
- Organisational Design and Development (10 credits)
- Mediation and Conflict Management (10 credits)
- International HRM (5 credits)
- HR Analytics (5 credits)
- The Science of Decision Making (5 credits)

Learners are required to choose one 10-credit and one 5-credit elective from the suite of electives offered above.

Note: Availability of elective choices is subject to student numbers. The course content as shown above is for indicative purposes. All modules count towards the final award classification.

“This programme has an immediate positive impact on your working life because the material is so relevant. The insights from peers and classroom discussions bring theory to life. Balancing study and work meant I could apply the learning in real time, which strengthened my confidence, perspective, and long-term direction in my HR career.”

Student Profile

Conor Barry,
MA in HRM

Part-time additional information

Year 1

Semesters 1, 2 and 3. Tuesday and Thursday 18.00 - 21.00 plus some Saturday workshops.

Year 2

Semester 1

Up to 6 Thursday evening sessions plus potentially some Saturday sessions.

Semester 2

Workshops based around research topics.

Each student is allocated an individual supervisor during the second year of study. It should be noted that the final semester of the course requires a high level of independent learning in order to complete the dissertation.

Additional Information

The Master of Arts in HRM comprises 5 semesters of study:

Year 1

- . Semester 1 (Sept to the end of Dec)
- . Semester 2 (Jan to early May)
- . Semester 3 (May to July)

Year 2

- . Semester 4 (Sept to Jan)
- . Semester 5 Dissertation due in August