

BA (Honours) in MARKETING PRACTICE

Duration:
Three Years
Full-Time
(Four Years with
work placement)

NFQ Level:
Level 8

CAO Points Guide:*
250 AQA**

CAO Code:
NC020

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*For each course we have given a guideline based on our points over the past 3 years. This is a guide only, points vary each year.

**This course was listed under CAO's Available Places facility in 2022. All applicants who met the entry requirements could apply for the course regardless of points achieved. To find out more about Available Places visit cao.ie.

In accordance with our quality assurance processes, programmatic review is underway. This current review may result in some changes to the content of this course starting in September 2023.

About the Course

Have you ever looked at the latest big brand advertising campaign and thought: I could do better than that? Marketing is central to our everyday lives, as organisations compete for attention with Influencer marketing, online and TV ads, sporting sponsorships, social media campaigns and more. NCI's BA (Honours) in Marketing Practice will allow you to understand these campaigns and the strategies behind them and give you the skills to work in this fast-paced area.

Our honours marketing degree is unique in that you will be offered hands-on experience. You will learn about the latest thinking and techniques, potentially working on real, live industry projects, planning, implementing and adapting current campaigns under the supervision of expert lecturers and marketing professionals.

This degree will cover all the core marketing subjects such as brand management, consumer behaviour, digital marketing and entrepreneurship. In the second year, you will have the option to shape your degree and specialise in the discipline of your choice by selecting from a suite of electives in marketing, digital marketing or entrepreneurship.

You may also be able to take advantage of an opportunity to engage in a year-long, accredited work placement between years two and three. This placement will be credit-bearing and comprises an extra year in the degree. Access to such placements will be limited to those students meeting the grade requirement in Year 2*.

The final year concludes with an exciting capstone project, where you will work in teams developing real live business plans and platforms, where you will be expected to source products, develop marketing, communications and branding strategies in order to bring your ideas potential marketisation. This will allow you to apply the marketing expertise built up over the three years of your course. You will work as consultants, in pairs/teams, to develop these marketing initiatives, which will be examined by supervising lecturers and industry peers.

As a graduate of this course you will:

- Understand how modern marketing operates and how the various disciplines of marketing work together in Ireland and internationally.
- Learn how to analyse marketing problems in tough business environments and generate practical solutions.
- Develop significant potential for employment opportunities in areas such as marketing, entrepreneurship, digital marketing and advertising.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a three-year honours degree (four years with the option of a placement*). The course is run over six semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester.

In each year of the degree, any student with an overall average of 70+ will win a Dean's Award.

On completion you will receive a QQI BA (Honours) Degree in Marketing Practice at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

*Students who complete the Career Management Skills module and meet set grade criteria are eligible (subject to availability) to complete a placement on year 3 of the programme and graduate after 4 years with 240 ECTS credits.

Who is the course for?

The course is ideal if you are interested in marketing, sales, communications or are thinking you might like to set up your own business. The course is for school leavers, mature students and graduates of QQI level 5/6 programmes who wish to embark on a course of full-time study.

Career Prospects

Previous graduates have undertaken careers in brand management, digital marketing, market research, sales, product development and international marketing, within all industry sectors.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) in Marketing Practice, graduates who have acquired the appropriate entry requirements can progress to postgraduate business courses at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as: MSc in Marketing or Management at National College of Ireland or postgraduate programmes in other institutions.

Course Fees

This course qualifies under the Free Fees Initiative and Student Grant Scheme.

Laptop Requirements

NCI strongly advises that all students should have access to a suitable laptop for their course. A student laptop loan scheme may be available for certain eligible students. Details of the laptop loan scheme and laptop specifications, which can be different for each course, are available on our website.



"I like the amount of live projects you get to work on throughout the course, because they are real companies."

Layla Walsh

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A GUIDE TO COURSE CONTENT

You will learn about the latest thinking and techniques, and will also work on real, live industry projects (where feasible), planning, implementing and adapting current campaigns under the supervision of expert lecturers and marketing professionals.

Year 1

- Fundamentals of Marketing
- Economic and Market Practice
- Brand Management
- Management and the Organisation
- Emerging Technologies for Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Analysis and Reporting
- Innovation and Creativity in Business

Year 2

- Consumer Behaviour
- Market Research
- Business Intelligence and Statistics
- Digital Marketing
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- plus two electives

Electives:*

- Advanced Financial Analysis
- Digital Technology for Business
- New Product Development
- Services Marketing Management

Year 3

- Marketing Law
- Marketing Strategy
- Project Management
- Distribution Channel Management
- Sales Management and Networking
- Capstone Project modules

Elective Modules*

Electives may include prerequisites, are subject to change, and availability is subject to class sizes.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Minimum entry requirements are a grade H5 and above in two higher level subjects together with a minimum of O6/H7 in four other subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English. A grade O6/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should consult pages 66 and 67.

Flexible Choices for High Achieving Students

In year 2, high achieving students (averaging 60% plus) can elect to do a year-long work placement.

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