

# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

## FACTFILE

### Part-time Schedule

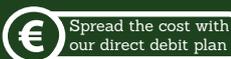
**Start Date**  
Sept 2026

**Duration**  
2 full calendar years:  
5 semesters; 4 taught  
semesters and a  
dissertation to be  
submitted in the final year.

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

**Indicative Timetable**  
Monday and Wednesday  
18.00-22.00 live online  
plus a number of Saturdays  
on campus each term.  
The dates of these will be  
communicated to students  
at start of semester.

**Fees**  
€6,825 per annum  
(€13,650 total fee)  
(Fees revised annually)



**Application:** Apply online at [www.ncirl.ie](http://www.ncirl.ie)

### Course Description

The MBA course will provide you with a strong theoretical foundation in the broader disciplines of management as well as focusing on the practical application of theory in real world settings and cases. You will be exposed to the latest thinking in the core disciplines of enterprise, leadership, organisational management, people management, strategy, decision-making, management of financial resources and economics. You will be able to choose from a wide range of electives specialising in areas such as marketing, law, project management and doing business on the cloud. There will also be the opportunity to participate in an exciting enterprise management simulation game.

The course is underpinned by a strong foundation in enterprise and leadership and emphasises the development of effective business and management skills to solve management problems through structured analysis, problem solving techniques, effective decision-making, and effective communications.

The knowledge and skills acquired through our MBA will allow you to progress your own management career as well as encourage you to consider creating a business of your own. It will allow you to develop a creative, innovative and entrepreneurial perspective.

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?

The MBA is aimed at candidates with at least three years of work experience, seeking to start or develop a career in management.

### Award and Progression

The Master of Business Administration is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to doctoral study 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 and a minimum of three years' postgraduate work experience, ideally but not necessarily, in management.

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.



## COURSE CONTENT

In both year 1 and year 2 of the programme, students are required to undertake two core modules per semester plus one elective in semester 2. In addition, in year 2 of the programme, students are required to complete a ten-credit research methods module, which runs across semester 1 and 2.

### Core Modules

- Entrepreneurial Dynamics
- Macroeconomics in a Global Context
- The Science of Decision Making
- Managing Financial Resources
- Strategic Management of Human Capital
- Effective Leadership in the Organisation
- Sustainable Business Leadership
- Enterprise Simulation Game
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

### Elective Modules

- Corporate Governance, Business Ethics and CSR
- Business Intelligence
- Marketing in the Global Environment
- Commercial Law
- Employment Law
- Contemporary Issues in Global Finance
- Doing Business on the Cloud
- Strategic Project Management
- Management in Postmodern Markets

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.

"I got an internal promotion shortly after my MBA at NCI, so it undeniably helped me professionally, but the personal development that comes from engaging deeply on topics outside of my own work experience gave me the competence and confidence to move on even further in my career."

### Student Profile

Darren O'Neill  
MBA

