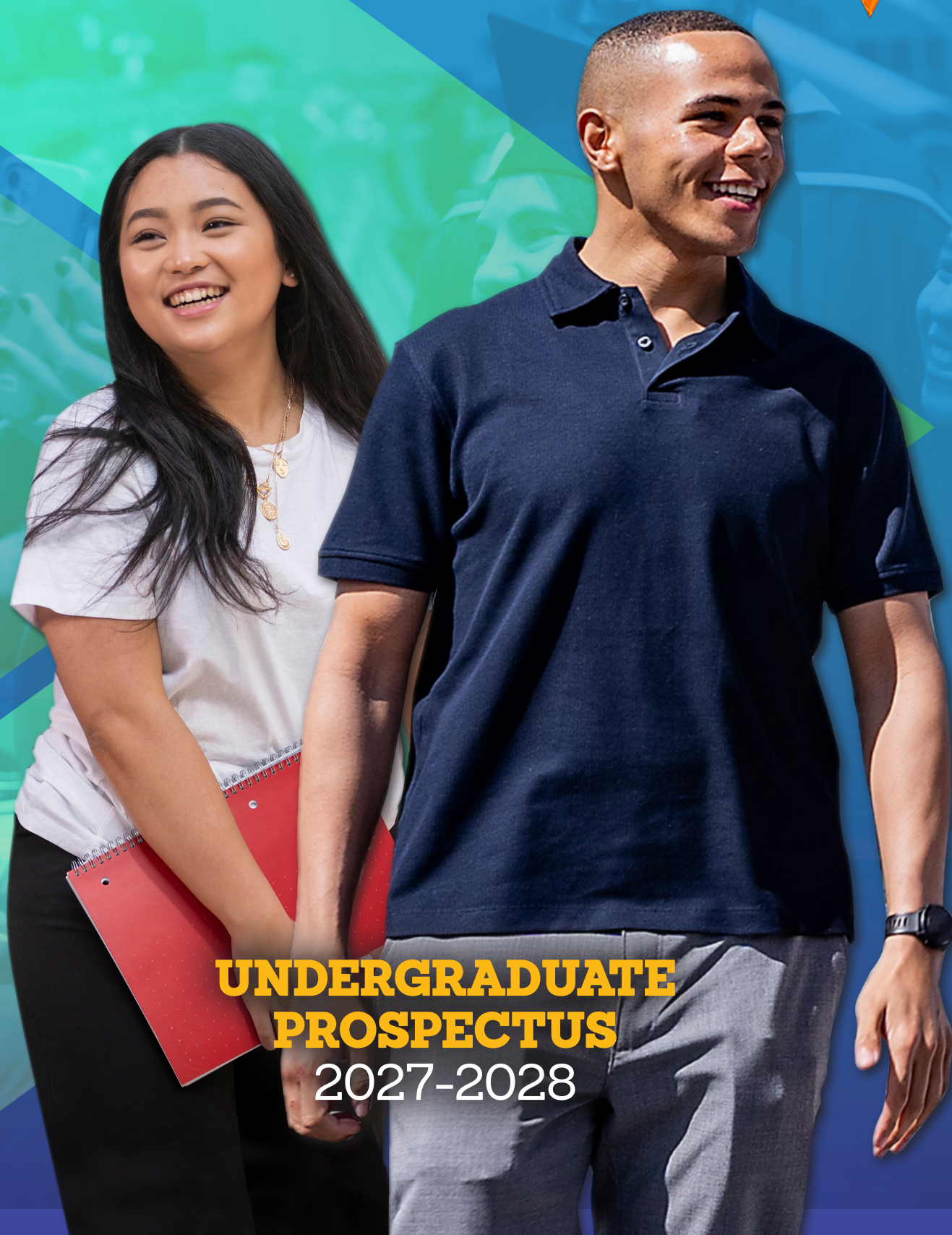
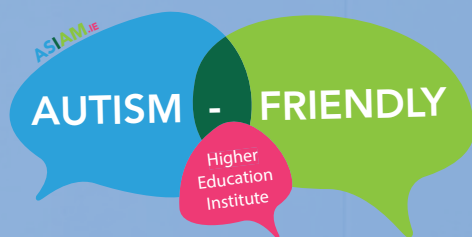




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**UNDERGRADUATE
PROSPECTUS**
2027-2028



QQI AWARD

All of our full-time courses are accredited by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

Full-time courses are offered through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

Every effort has been made to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information contained in this publication. The College reserves the right to make changes to course content and schedules.

All full-time undergraduate programmes, except the BA (Hons) in Psychology and the BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care, are eligible for funding under the Free Fees Initiative.

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WHY CHOOSE NCI?



01

HIGHLY RELEVANT COURSES



Our undergraduate full-time programmes in business, computing, psychology and education are fully accredited through QQI, with most in this prospectus available under the Free Fees Initiative. We carefully design our programmes by working closely with industry and professional bodies to ensure our courses meet the needs of industry.



02

EXCELLENT CAREER PROSPECTS



Our commitment to offer courses and course content that aligns closely to the needs of the industry both in Ireland and internationally means that our graduates are highly sought after by prestigious employers of all sizes.



03

GREAT STUDENT SUPPORT



Our role is to help you succeed and kickstart your career. We utilise a small group teaching model with a friendly atmosphere in which lecturers, staff and students work and communicate together. Our support systems will ensure you adjust well to third-level life.





FRIENDLY AND DYNAMIC ATMOSPHERE

The atmosphere at NCI is welcoming, comfortable and friendly. We welcome a broad mix of Irish and international students of all ages, which makes for a dynamic and exciting environment. In fact, most students say that the general energy and friendliness of NCI is the most valuable part of their NCI experience.

04

EXPERIENCED FACULTY

Our full-time and associate faculty are experts in their fields. Each and every faculty member is committed to ensuring their students have the best learning experience by combining the highest academic standards with industry expertise.

05

MODERN CITY-CENTRE CAMPUS

Our purpose-built campus in the heart of Dublin's financial centre includes a spacious atrium area, tiered lecture theatres, modern computer labs and smaller executive suites and boardrooms. Excellent transport links, including the Luas and mainline train stations on our doorstep, ensures easy access to anywhere you need to be!

06



WELCOME FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF IRELAND

Dear Students,

Welcome to National College of Ireland!

We look forward to you joining us here in our IFSC Campus and to delivering our high-quality, world-class programmes and our dynamic and supportive student services.

Our mission is 'to change lives through education' and we will work with you to ensure your personal success during your time with NCI. Our focus will be to guide you through the knowledge, confidence, critical thinking and initiative required for your future career.

NCI are very proud to have one of the highest graduate-employment rates in Ireland based on our excellent relationships with employers. We are confident that we can guide your education to maximise your career potential.

The learning experience in the College is delivered by lecturers who bring the best academic qualifications and cutting-edge industry experience to the classroom. Your teaching will be delivered in our excellent on-campus facilities here in the heart of Dublin's International Financial Services Centre and Silicon Docks, and close to all modes of public transport. Our smaller class sizes mean closer interaction with your lecturers, a greater ease for asking questions, a chance to build friendships and a network that will sustain you long after graduation.

Whether your interest lies in business, marketing or finance, data science, computing or technology management, human resources, psychology, or early childhood education, NCI has a fully accredited, high-quality undergraduate course for you.

Come and join us and find out for yourself!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Gina Quin'.

Professor Gina Quin
President, National College of Ireland

WELCOME FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF

THE STUDENTS' UNION



A Cháirde,

Welcome to National College of Ireland!

Whether you're stepping onto the campus for the very first time or returning for another year, you're about to become a part of a community. NCI is full of ambition, opportunity and support - not only in the classroom but in the friendships you'll make. College is not only a place where you earn a qualification, it's also where you discover who you are, build lifelong friendships, create memories and experience new things that can last a lifetime.

No two students are the same, each and every one has their own story. Some students know exactly where they want to go, while many others are still figuring it out - which is completely OK. You're not expected to have everything planned out. The staff, lecturers and especially our Careers Team are here to help you discover what's next and support you along the way.

As President of the Students' Union, my commitment is simple; to ensure every student feels represented, empowered, and supported throughout their time in NCI. We will continue to celebrate your achievements and work every day to make student life more rewarding, more enjoyable, more inclusive, and hopefully, that little bit easier.

If I could offer one piece of advice to every student starting in NCI or returning this year, is to say YES. Go to the events, join clubs and societies, become a class rep, meet new people, and step out of your comfort zone. Some of your best memories at NCI will come from the opportunities you never expected to take.

The Students' Union isn't just here for when something goes wrong, we're here throughout your entire journey. Whether you have an idea to share, a challenge to overcome or simply just want to get involved, our door is always open and we're ready to listen.

I hope your time at NCI is filled with success, friendship and experiences that shape your future. On behalf of the Students' Union welcome to our community. We can't wait to meet you.

Rachel Goskar

Ar son NCISU,
Rachel Goskar
President, NCI Students' Union





THE NCI EXPERIENCE

Location | Transport | Facilities | Student Life | Student Support

LOCATION

National College of Ireland (NCI) is located in the heart of Dublin's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) and is surrounded by an array of great amenities, accommodation options and transport links.

On your doorstep you'll find a huge range of great bars, pubs, music venues and restaurants, allowing you to make the most of Dublin's vibrant social scene with your college friends as you embark on your third-level journey. In practical terms, the IFSC acts as a self-sufficient hub, offering essentials such as supermarkets, banks, gyms and health facilities within a minute's stroll.

Undergraduate life is also all about freedom, excitement and endless possibility; our unique location allows you to explore every aspect of your college experience. In just a few minutes, you can reach the best of city life in areas such as Temple Bar, the Grafton Quarter, Camden Street and St Stephen's Green, areas that simply buzz with excitement both day and night. Quite simply, our location is the cherry on top of your college choice!



A young man and woman are walking towards the camera on a paved path. The man is on the left, wearing a dark blue polo shirt and grey trousers, smiling. The woman is on the right, wearing a white zip-up hoodie and white trousers, also smiling and holding a black cup. In the background is the National College of Ireland building, featuring a large, curved glass facade that reflects the sky and clouds. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

NCI's central location is boosted even further by a wide array of transport options; no matter where you are from, our campus is easy and quick to access.

Bus

Over 70 Dublin Bus routes terminate in the vicinity of NCI's campus. The IFSC is also located beside the central mainline bus terminal (Busáras), which services routes around the country. Special student fares are available for qualifying students on all main services. Student Weekly and Monthly Commuter tickets are available on Provincial City Services.

Luas

NCI has its very own Luas stop right outside the front door of our IFSC campus. The Luas Red Line links Saggart and Tallaght to the 3Arena, passing both our IFSC and Spencer Dock buildings, with cross-city connections available just a few stops down the line. These give fast and frequent access to the south city centre and popular attractions such as Dundrum Town Centre.

Parking

NCI offers underground car and bike parking at our IFSC campus. The NCI car park is open from 05:30–23:00 Monday to Sunday.

Cycling

There is approximately 120km of on-road cycle track in the city. Dublin city operates a bike rental scheme through www.dublinbikes.ie.

Rail

All national trains travel into either Heuston Station or Connolly Station, which are both city-centre based and serviced by the Red Line Luas. Connolly Station also provides access to the DART line and is a 10-minute walk from NCI.

Walking

Due to its central location, NCI's campus is within 15 minutes' walk from Dublin's main streets (O'Connell St. and Grafton St.).

DISTANCES TO DUBLIN*

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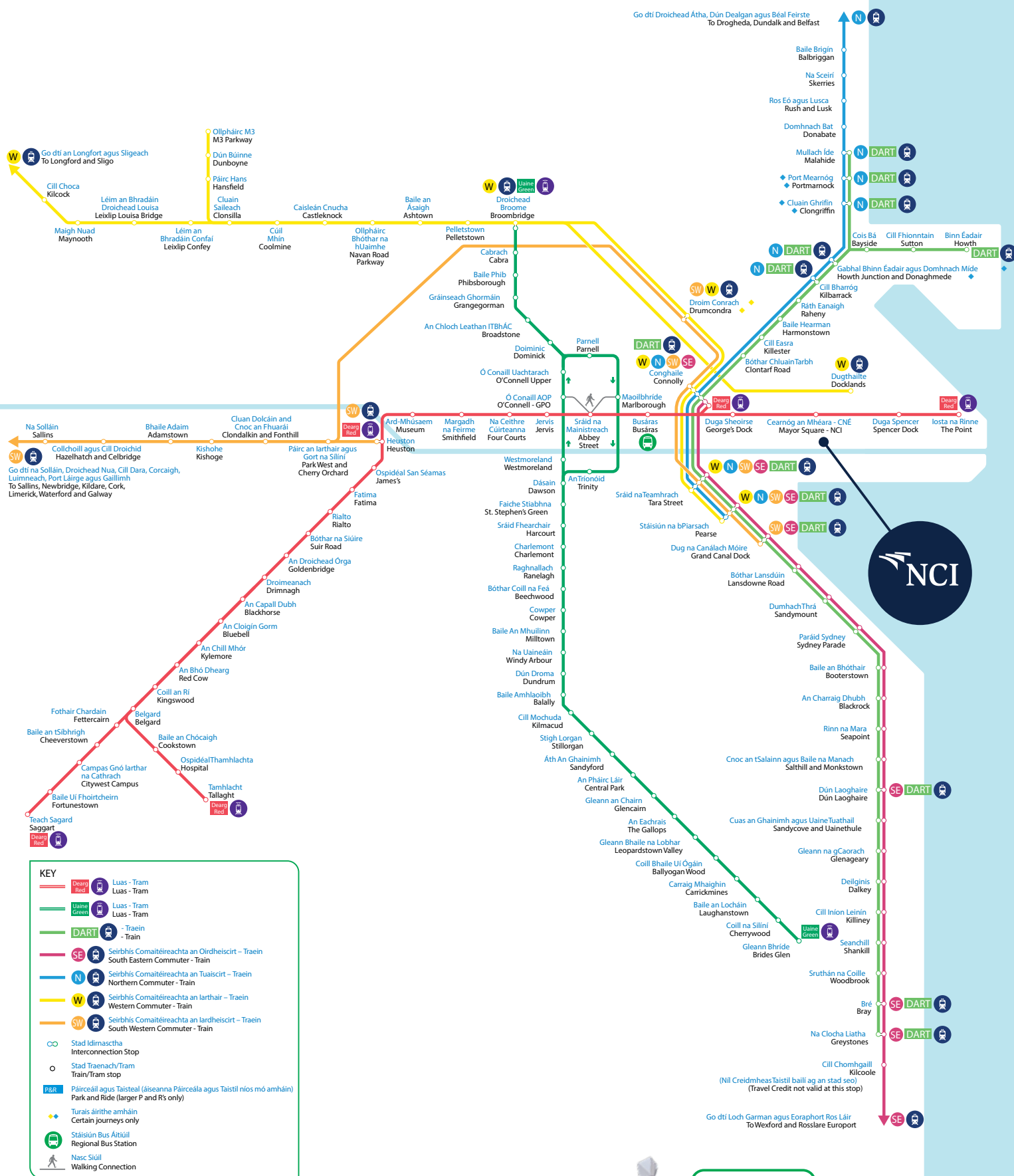


We have a LUAS stop on our doorstep!

Mayor Square /NCI

Seirbhísí Traenach agus Tram Cheantar Bhaile Átha Cliath

Dublin Area Train and Tram Services





FACILITIES

NCI's purpose-built Mayor Square campus is spread over 20,440 square metres and five storeys, accommodating the Students' Union, a restaurant, lecture theatres, labs, and our unique Cloud Competency Centre, under the same roof as support staff and lecturer offices. Less than a five-minute walk away, just 300 metres along the Luas track, NCI's new Spencer Dock building has been refurbished to provide an additional 5,600 square metres, delivering an expanded library and multi-functional learning spaces.

Teaching Facilities

The Kelly Theatre is an impressive 270-seat lecture hall, which is used for both college and public events. The College also has three additional tiered theatres, a range of purpose-built studio classrooms and a number of well-appointed and cutting-edge computer labs.

Students' Union

The heart of student life is the Students' Union, which offers Playstation and Xbox, pool tables, table tennis, TV, music, movies, gigs and more. It is a great place to chill out in between or after classes, meet friends both old and new, and generally make the most of college life. Even better, explore some of the many clubs and societies on campus (see p18 for more).



Norma Smurfit Library

The library is a modern facility with over 300 reading spaces, library seminar rooms and extensive IT facilities. It offers a complete range of information and research services to students. An extensive range of books, journals and reference materials is also available.

Bakehouse

Our on-campus restaurant offers a huge variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Student deals are available daily to help you save your money for other things, fun and practical!



Sports Facilities

Local sports pitches and swimming facilities are available for NCI students, sports clubs and societies. We also have an extremely well-equipped gym on campus. Facilities include:

- A cardiovascular area with treadmills, arc trainers, rowing machines, bikes and steppers
- Machine weights and free weights
- Aerobics and spinning studio
- Sauna and steam rooms
- A massage and sports therapy centre
- Personal training also available



Childcare Facility

The Giraffe childcare facility on campus aims to provide the highest standard of care through a purpose-designed day care centre. The facility offers boundless opportunities to learn through creativity and play.

The Quad

This is a colourful outdoor seating area at our IFSC campus that plays host to numerous college events. It is a great place to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine between classes.

Sensory Room

NCI is pleased to offer a sensory room as part of our autism-friendly status. This facility allows students an opportunity to cater for their sensory needs whilst at college and is part of our commitment to supporting neurodiversity at NCI.



STUDENT LIFE

VICE PRESIDENT FOR WELFARE AND EQUALITY

Emily Williamson

As the Vice President for Welfare and Equality, my role is to provide support and guidance to students on various issues, including accommodation, finance, and overall wellbeing. The Union maintains an open-door policy for all students seeking assistance with such matters. Additionally, I am responsible for disseminating information on welfare, equality, diversity, and inclusion through campaigns, events, and educational initiatives. Collaborating closely with the Entertainments Officer during campaign weeks ensures that students are well-informed about relevant issues and have opportunities for engagement during their time at NCI.

The Students' Union

The NCI Students' Union is the sole representative body for the students, with a mission to uphold educational rights, safeguard student welfare and provide social experiences. Once you are registered, you are automatically a member of the Students' Union family, which gives you many opportunities to immerse yourself in college life, whether it's contributing to college-led changes, becoming a class rep or joining some of the many clubs or societies on offer.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES OFFICER

Zach Harvey

As Clubs and Societies Officer, I support and oversee the operations and events of all clubs and societies at NCI. I provide guidance to students interested in joining or forming clubs, and organise sign-up days each semester in collaboration with the Student Experience and Sport team. Encouraging students to participate in clubs and societies helps them build networks and friendships at NCI. Additionally, I coordinate the annual Clubs and Societies Awards ceremony, a significant event celebrating student achievements.

PRESIDENT

Rachel Gosker

As President, I serve as the Director and principal spokesperson for NCI Students' Union, representing all students at National College of Ireland, advocating for students' interests to enhance their college experience and overall education. My role involves active participation in institutional discussions, networking, and seeking solutions that benefit our student body and the institution. I oversee the Class Representative system, inform students about pertinent issues, and supervise all Union activities. Our Union's mission is to represent NCI students, uphold their educational rights, safeguard their welfare, and provide enriching social experiences.



We encourage you to discover and explore existing opportunities and develop new interests by getting involved in events such as Freshers' Week, Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance Week, The Annual Clubs & Societies Awards Ball and various cultural events.

Our smaller size allows you to really immerse yourself in your interests and, most importantly, make friends that will last a lifetime.

ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER

Veron Robert

As Entertainments Officer, I am responsible for organising entertainment and social-cultural activities for NCI students, both on and off-campus. This includes daytime and evening events aimed at fostering social cohesion and cultural awareness. Working closely with the Vice President, I coordinate social events during campaigns to promote awareness on topics such as Sexual Health Awareness and Guidance Week. It is also my role to ensure that all students, regardless of background, have access to inclusive and engaging activities.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Codie Ryan

In my capacity as Communications Officer, I oversee the maintenance and updates of the Union's website and social media platforms, including X, Instagram, and Facebook. I work closely with other Union Officers to effectively promote and advertise events and campaigns. It is my responsibility to regularly communicate with students regarding Union activities, events, and to promptly address inquiries received through social media channels and other mediums.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION

Benedicta Bentum

As Vice President for Education, my primary responsibility is to safeguard students' academic rights and ensure they derive maximum benefit from their education at NCI. I oversee the recruitment and training of Class Representatives to empower them in their roles and advocate for student concerns effectively.



Clubs and Societies

There are many great clubs and societies that are set up and run by students. Engaging in clubs and societies is a great way to make friends!

Our Clubs & Societies include:

- 5-A-Side Society
- Film Making & Photography Society
- International Society
- Sustainability Society
- Debating Society
- Islamic Society
- LGBTQ Society
- Neurodiversity Society
- Afro Society
- Esports & Gaming
- Tech Society
- Cricket Club
- Basketball Club
- GAA Club
- Football Club

Sports and Recreation Facilities

Clontarf Sports Pitches

The pitches are within walking distance of the IFSC and offer a multi-sport synthetic, floodlit sports complex including one full-size GAA pitch, one full-size soccer/ rugby pitch and a 7-a-side training pitch complete with changing rooms and shower facilities.

Irishtown Stadium

The stadium is within walking distance of the IFSC and has an international standard athletics track. The stadium also offers all-weather soccer pitches, gym and aerobics studio.

Sportsco Leisure Centre

The centre is within walking distance of the IFSC and offers a six-lane 25 metre swimming pool, racquet courts, multi-purpose sports hall and all-weather soccer pitches.

Iconic Health Club

All full-time undergraduate registered students have access to the state-of-the-art health club on campus.

Sports Scholarship Programme

National College of Ireland awards a number of sports scholarships each year to promote and foster sporting talent within the College. The scholarship initiative is an investment in student potential, which endeavours to tailor performance-based components with financial support so students can maintain a dual focus on academic and sporting progression.

What's in the NCI Scholarship?

- Scholarship runs over a three-year academic period
- €2,000 bursary towards all college expenses, sporting equipment and competition fees
- Access to expert coaching and fitness training
- Continuous academic support
- Individual health screening leading to fitness, strength and conditioning programmes
- Free gym membership
- NCI branded sports clothing

When can you apply?

Our scholarship application process will be open from the 1st of February 2027 and will close on the 1st of July 2027. If you have any queries about the scholarship programme or application process please email sport@ncirl.ie.



STUDENT SUPPORT

At NCI we are committed to helping you fulfil your potential and get the most out of your time with us, and so we offer a number of specialist services to help in every aspect of your life. Our Student Support service strives for an environment that is welcoming, open to all, celebrates differences, supports success and encourages involvement. We can be reached at studentsupport@ncirl.ie.

Medical Service

NCI provides a subsidised medical service to all full-time registered students.

Counselling

Our counselling service provides an opportunity for students to discuss any difficulties they may be experiencing with the student counsellor. The counsellor helps by listening without judgement, offering new perspectives and working with students on strategies that are right for them.

Student Leaders

The Student Leader Programme is designed to help students settle into college by providing sign posting and assistance through peer support. Student Leaders are volunteer undergraduate students who have completed a comprehensive training programme.

Financial Advice

Student Support administers the Student Assistance Fund, a financial support package that is co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Union. The Student Assistance Fund (SAF) provides financial assistance for higher education students who are experiencing financial difficulties whilst attending college. Students can apply for assistance to help them with either temporary or on-going financial difficulties.



Student Engagement and Progression

The Student Engagement and Progression service aims to take proactive steps in ensuring that, if a student is finding it difficult to engage with college due to academic or non-academic pressures, their individual needs are supported. We will do all we can to help the student to reengage with their studies in order to ensure progression through their academic programme.

Disability, Learning or Health Difficulties

NCI is committed to providing equal access and opportunities for students with disabilities. The College encourages students to be open about their disability and to discuss their needs with the Disability Officer. The aim of Learning and Disability Support is to facilitate students in reaching their full potential by providing appropriate and specific support that meets individual needs.

It is very important that students disclose a disability early in the academic year to ensure that appropriate support is provided. Some of the supports available include:

- Learning Support
- Assistive Technology
- Occupational Therapy
- Exam Supports
- Sensory Room Access

Learning Support

NCI's Learning Support service creates a supportive and understanding environment that recognises any difficulties each student is experiencing and seeks to provide appropriate supports. The individual needs of students are identified and met through workshops, group tutorials and online support sessions via the Learning Support Moodle page, covering topics such as academic writing skills, reading and writing strategies, study skills, planning and structuring assignments, and exam preparation and techniques.

Autism-Friendly Institution

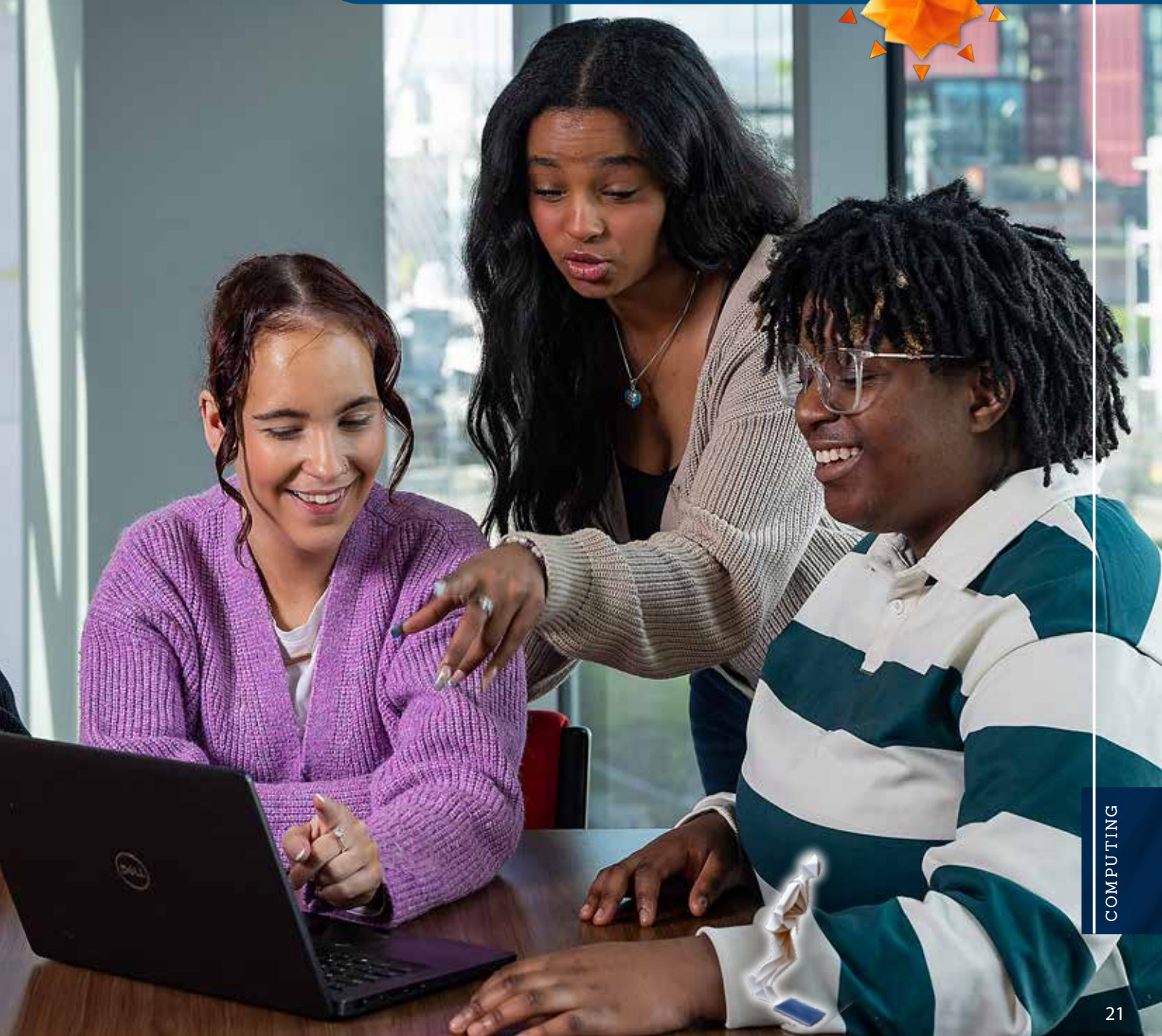
NCI is proud to have been designated an autism-friendly campus by autism charity AslAm. We have committed to nine key principles of autism inclusion across all areas of college life and continue to work on an action plan to improve the support and awareness for all those on the autism spectrum.

COMPUTING

The largest in Ireland and recognised as a leading contributor of local talent to the technology sector, the School of Computing at NCI marries industry expertise with a strong emphasis on research and international collaboration, to deliver cutting-edge programmes across all areas of computing including cloud computing, open data practice, AI, fintech and data analytics.

We offer four renowned undergraduate courses under the Free Fees Initiative:

- BSc (Honours) in Computing
- BSc (Honours) in Data Science
- Higher Certificate in Computing
- Higher Certificate in Data Science



BSC (HONOURS) IN COMPUTING


Duration:

Four Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:

NC003

CAO Points Guide:*

270

NFQ Level:

Level 8

SUSI

*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's innovative BSc (Honours) in Computing will provide you with programming and advanced problem-solving skills, to create software applications that solve real-world problems. This exciting course will expose you to areas like games programming, software development, cybersecurity, networking & cloud infrastructure, AI & machine learning, and digital business transformation.

The course is industry-focused with options for students to gain real world experience through Service Learning, Work Placement or International Exchange (Erasmus) for work or study in the third year. NCI students are highly sought after and complete their work experience in companies such as Microsoft, O2, ESB, Wells Fargo, Dotmobi, Datalex and Intel.

Graduates of this course can create software applications on mobile devices, in the cloud, on the web, and in gaming using the latest technologies; incorporate multimedia into software applications; analyse and interpret data to address real business problems; understand the cloud computing paradigm and its implications for software, infrastructure, and platforms; and secure software applications against malware and hacking.

Who is the course for?

This full-time computing course will appeal to students interested in the possibilities created by information and communications technology. 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

Graduates of this course can perform a number of roles, including software developer, mobile application developer, IT support, project engineer, security analyst and games developer. Previous employers have included Microsoft, Lionbridge, Hewlett Packard, KPMG, Tapadoo, Arvato, Salesforce, Facebook and Vivendi Games. This course is also suitable for those who wish to pursue a career in teaching as it is recognised by the Teaching Council to teach computing.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a four-year honours degree. The course is run over eight semesters with continuous assessments held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. On completion, you will receive a QQI BSc (Honours) Degree in Computing at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The course also prepares students for industry-recognised certification in leading technologies.



"Computing is not always easy, but it encompasses a broad range of topics and allows for an amazing amount of freedom and encourages outside the box thinking."

James McGrath

BSc Hons in
Computing

Further Study Options

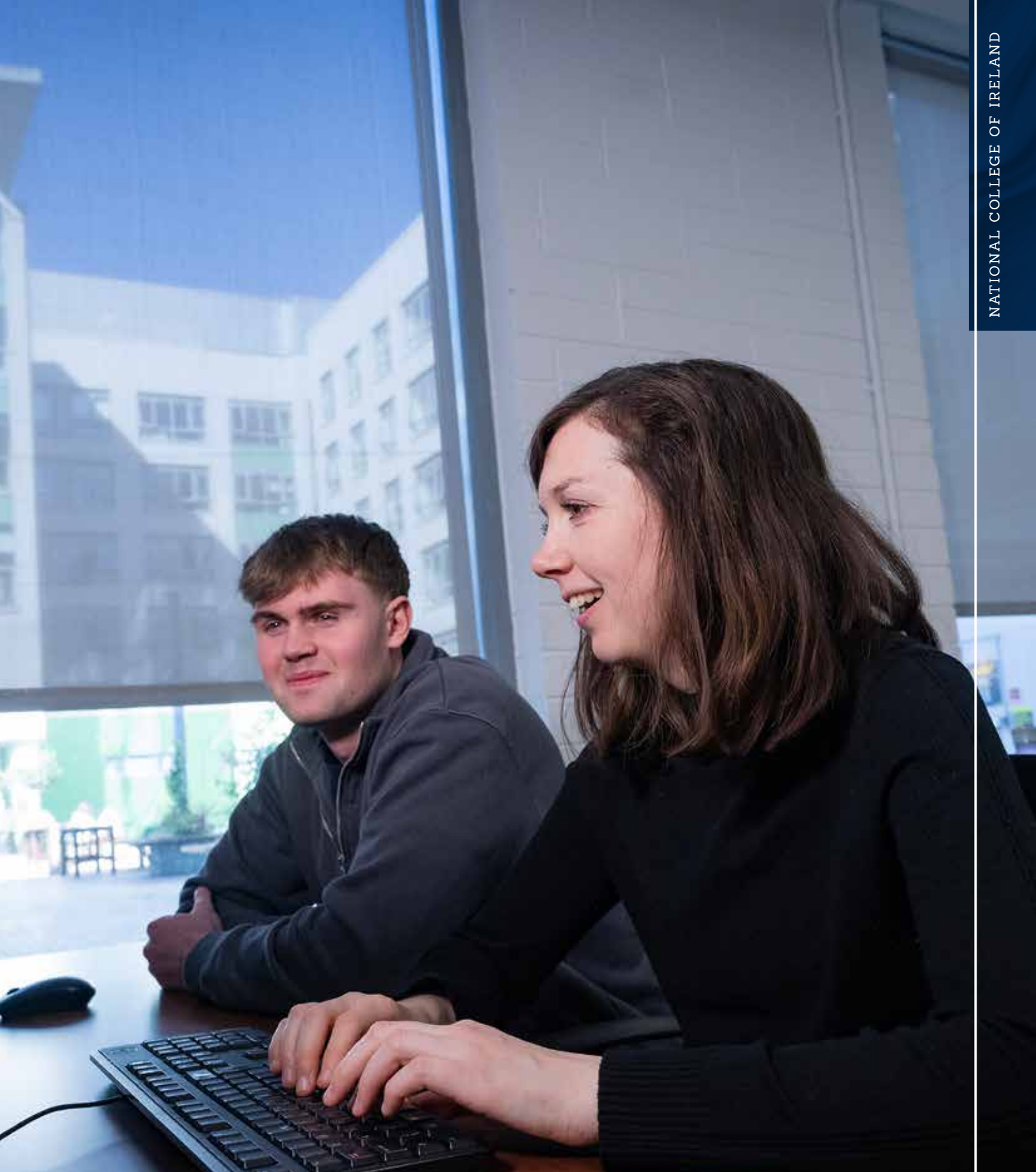
Upon successful completion of the BSc (Honours) in Computing, graduates can progress to postgraduate courses at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MSc in Cloud Computing, MSc in Cybersecurity, MSc in Data Analytics, MSc in Open Data Practice, MSc in Fintech or the MSc in Artificial Intelligence at NCI.

Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade H5 or 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 or Irish. A grade O6/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Applicants who have successfully completed the QQI Level 6 Software Development (6M0691) or QQI Level 6 Networking Technologies (6M0695) courses may be eligible for advanced entry to year 2 of this programme. Further details are available on the NCI website. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements. Please note that this course operates on a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) basis from Year 3 onwards. Students are expected to successfully participate in classes using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a suitable hardware configuration.



Graduates have worked in organisations like **Microsoft, Lionbridge, Hewlett Packard, KPMG, Tapadoo, Realex Payments, Opennet, Leaseplan, Arvato, Salesforce, Facebook and Vivendi Games.**



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Semester 1

- Discrete Mathematics
- Introduction to Data Science & AI
- Computational Thinking
- Programming Concepts
- Web Design & Development

Semester 2

- Computer Architecture
- Operating Systems
- Introduction to Data Modelling & Databases
- The Computing Industry
- Introduction to Programming

Year 2

Semester 1

- Data Communications & Networking
- Advanced Databases
- Data Programming
- Object Oriented Programming
- Web Application Development

Semester 2

- Innovation & Business Entrepreneurship
- Software Engineering
- Software Quality & Testing
- Team Project
- Data Structures & Algorithms

Year 3

Semester 1

- Security Fundamentals & Development
- Advanced Computer Networks

Choose one of the following elective groups:

• Technical Electives*

- Artificial Intelligence
- Advanced Programming

• Business Computing Electives**

- Business & AI
- Project Management

• Networking Electives***

- Artificial Intelligence
- System Administration & Virtualisation

* Students who complete the Technical electives may choose to progress to one of the following specialisations: Software Development, AI & ML, Cybersecurity or Games Programming.

**Students who complete the Business Computing electives will progress into the Digital Business Transformation specialisation.

***Students who complete the Networking Electives will progress to the Networking and Cloud Infrastructure specialisation.

Semester 2

Students will choose one of the following options:

- Work Placement
- Academic Internship
- Service Learning
- International Exchange

Year 4 - Choose a Specialisation

Year 4

Games Programming

Semester 1

- Final Year Project (year-long module)
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Cloud Application Development
- Game Systems

Semester 2

- Mixed Reality
- Games Programming
- Metaverse
- Final Year Project

Year 4

Cybersecurity

Semester 1

- Final Year Project (year-long module)
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Cloud Application Development
- Secure Application Programming

Semester 2

- Penetration Testing
- Digital Forensics
- DevOpsSec
- Final Year Project

Year 4

Software Development

Semester 1

- Final Year Project (year-long module)
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Cloud Application Development
- Secure Application Programming

Semester 2

- IoT Fundamentals & Development
- DevOpsSec
- Blockchain
- Final Year Project

Year 4

AI/Machine Learning

Semester 1

- Final Year Project (year-long module)
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Cloud Application Development
- Statistics & Machine Learning

Semester 2

- Applied Deep Learning
- AI & Sustainability
- Data Application Development
- Final Year Project

Year 4

Digital Business Transformation

Semester 1

- Final Year Project (year-long module)
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Cloud Application Development
- Business Analysis

Semester 2

- Digital Transformation
- Strategic Management
- Business Process Automation
- Final Year Project

Year 4

Networking & Cloud Infrastructure

Semester 1

- Final Year Project (year-long module)
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Cloud Application Development
- Cloud Scale Infrastructure

Semester 2

- Software Defined Networks
- DevOpsSec
- Cloud Security
- Final Year Project

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

BSC (HONOURS) IN DATA SCIENCE

Duration:

Four Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:

NC025

CAO Points Guide:*

260

NFQ Level:

Level 8

SUSI

*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's BSc (Honours) in Data Science is practical in nature, providing you with knowledge of the way data science can solve real problems and facilitate business decisions based on evidence. Due to the shortage of suitably qualified data science professionals in Ireland and internationally, this degree offers exceptional job prospects for graduates.

The course is industry-focused with options for students to gain real world experience through Service Learning, Work Placement or International Exchange (Erasmus) for work or study in the third year. NCI students are highly sought after and complete their work experience in companies such as Microsoft, Eir, AIB, Irish Life, Vodafone, Intel, Citi, SAP and Workday.

Graduates of this course can apply data transformation, modelling, data mining, and machine learning techniques to analyse and derive new knowledge and insights from data; design and implement data science algorithms and applications that solve real-world problems; effectively visualise and communicate the results of data analysis to support business decision-making; and adopt appropriate professional, ethical, legal, security, and privacy principles in relation to data science solutions.

Who is the course for?

This course will appeal to students who are interested in developing computing and numeracy skills and wish to pursue a career in data science. 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

Graduates from the BSc (Honours) in Data Science go on to work with a variety of organisations including multinationals, financial services and professional services companies. Related data science roles include data scientist, business intelligence analyst, customer insight lead, risk analyst, knowledge engineer, and data programmer.

Course Structure and Award

This four-year undergraduate course is run over eight semesters with continuous assessment held throughout and examinations at the end of each semester. On completion you will receive a QQI BSc (Honours) Degree in Data Science at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The course also prepares students for industry recognised certification in leading technologies.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BSc (Honours) in Data Science, graduates can progress to postgraduate courses in computing at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MSc in Data Analytics, MSc in Cybersecurity, MSc in Cloud Computing, MSc in Open Data Practice, MSc in Fintech or the MSc in Artificial Intelligence at National College of Ireland.

Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade H5 or above in two higher level subjects together with a minimum of O6/H7 in four other subjects. A minimum of grade O4/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English or Irish. Applicants who have successfully completed the QQI Level 6 Software Development (6M0691) course may be eligible for advanced entry to year 2 of this programme. Further details are available on the NCI website. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements. Please note that this course operates on a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) basis from Year 3 onwards. Students are expected to successfully participate in classes using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a suitable hardware configuration.

Applicants from a PLC/further education course must meet the CAO points requirement, have a full level 5/6 award, and achieve one distinction. The distinction must be held in one of the following modules: B20029 or C20139 or C20174 or C20175 or N33029 or 4N2138 or 5N0554 or 5N0556 or 5N16654 or 5N1833 or 5N18396 or 5N2066 or 6N3395 (or O4/H7 in LC Mathematics).



"A major advantage to studying Data Science at NCI is the work placement module. I was lucky enough to complete my work placement with Dell Technologies as a Data Analyst Intern."

Niamh Daly
BSc Hons in
Data Science



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Semester 1

- Computational Thinking
- Discrete Mathematics
- Programming Concepts
- Introduction to Data Science & AI
- Web Design & Development

Semester 2

- Computer Architecture
- Introduction to Data Modelling & Databases
- The Computing Industry
- Introduction to Programming
- Operating Systems

Year 2

Semester 1

- Advanced Databases
- Object Oriented Programming
- Data Programming
- Web Application Development
- Statistics I

Semester 2

- Innovation & Business Entrepreneurship
- Data Mining and Machine Learning
- Data Visualisation
- Linear Algebra
- Statistics II

Year 3

Semester 1

- Artificial Intelligence
- Advanced Machine Learning
- Data Architecture
- Data Warehousing & Business Intelligence
- Scalable Data Analytics

Semester 2

- Students will choose one of the following options:
- Work Placement
 - Academic Internship
 - Service Learning
 - International Exchange

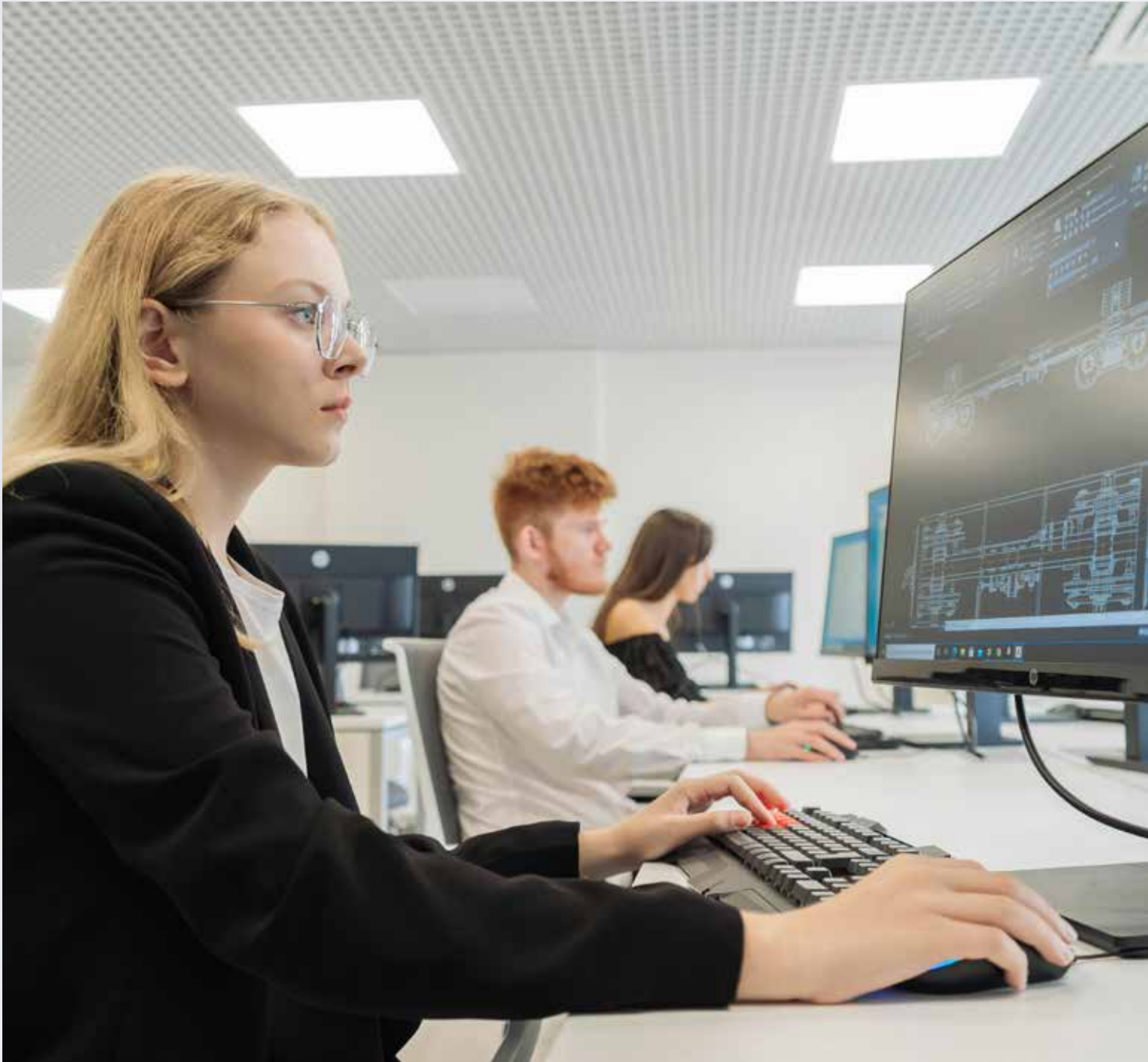
Year 4

Semester 1

- Final Year Project
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Neural Networks & Prescriptive Analytics
- Text Analytics & Natural Language Processing

Semester 2

- Final Year Project
- Applied Deep Learning
- IoT Real Time Analytics
- Time Series & Financial Analytics



HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTING

**Duration:**

Two Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:

NC102

CAO Points Guide:*

225

NFQ Level:

Level 6



*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's Higher Certificate in Computing is an ideal starting point to your studies as it offers a clear path into the computing degrees at NCI and other institutions. This full-time course will provide you with all the skills you need to pursue a career in the Information and Communications Technology industry.

Graduates of this course understand the essentials of information technology and software development, can design and create fully functioning websites as well as multimedia applications, are able to install and configure software and hardware, have a detailed knowledge of the theory and practice of application development and support including the essentials of hardware, software, operating systems and databases.

Who is the course for?

This course will be particularly appealing to students who are unsure about enrolling in a degree programme initially and see the Higher Certificate as a progression route to a degree at a later stage. The course is for school leavers, mature students and graduates of QQI level 5/6 programmes.

Course Structure and Award

This two-year higher certificate course is run over four semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. On completion, you will receive a QQI Higher Certificate in Computing at level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The course also prepares students for industry-recognised certificates in leading technologies.

Career Prospects

There has been significant growth in information technology in Ireland and there is a current shortage of IT graduates. This course will equip you with the technical knowledge to build a successful career in information technology, specifically in a technical support role.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the Higher Certificate in Computing, graduates can gain entry into year three of the BSc (Honours) in Computing at NCI (subject to availability of places).

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade O6/H7 or above in five subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English or Irish. A grade O6/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award and meet the CAO points requirement. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.

Laptop Requirements

While access to a suitable PC or laptop is recommended for all students, it is not required for full-time students on this programme to bring their own device.

Course Fees

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



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Semester 1

- Discrete Mathematics
- Programming Concepts
- Web Design & Development
- Introduction to Data Science & AI
- Computational Thinking

Semester 2

- Computer Architecture
- The Computing Industry
- Introduction to Programming
- Introduction to Data Modelling & Databases
- Operating Systems

Year 2

Semester 1

- Data Communications & Networking
- Object Oriented Programming
- Web Application Development
- Advanced Databases
- Data Programming

Semester 2

- Innovation & Business Entrepreneurship
- Software Engineering
- Software Quality & Testing
- Data Structures & Algorithms
- Team Project



HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN DATA SCIENCE


Duration:

Two Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:

NC105

CAO Points Guide:*

200


NFQ Level:

Level 6

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*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's Higher Certificate in Data Science uses a blend of computer science and data science to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out data modelling, data management and data analysis activities, and to interpret and communicate that data to a variety of audiences.

The programme gives you the mathematics, programming, and problem-solving skills required to exploit data in addressing real-world problems. You will also develop your problem-solving, teamwork, critical thinking, and communication skills. Graduates of this course can identify, clean, integrate, select, transform, and mine different types of datasets, with due consideration for ethical, privacy, and data protection issues, in order to summarise and present new knowledge; design, implement, and document algorithmic solutions using processes, methodologies, tools, and techniques to solve known problems; and utilise statistical analysis, modelling, data mining, and machine learning tools and techniques to analyse datasets.

Who is the course for?

This course will be particularly appealing to students who are unsure about enrolling in a degree programme initially and see the Higher Certificate as a progression route to a degree at a later stage. The course is for school leavers, mature students and graduates of QQI level 5/6 programmes.

Career Prospects

This course will equip you with the technical computer science and data science skills to build a successful career as a technician in the areas of computing, data management and data analysis.

Course Structure and Award

This two-year Higher Certificate course is run over four semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. On completion, you will receive a QQI Higher Certificate in Data Science at level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the Higher Certificate in Data Science, graduates can gain entry directly into year three of the BSc (Hons) in Data Science at NCI.

Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade O6/H7 or above in five subjects. A minimum of grade O4/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English or Irish. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.

Applicants from a PLC/further education course must meet the CAO points requirement, have a full level 5/6 award, and achieve three distinctions. One distinction must be held in one of the following modules: B20029 or C20139 or C20174 or C20175 or N33029 or 4N2138 or 5N0554 or 5N0556 or 5N16654 or 5N1833 or 5N18396 or 5N2066 or 6N3395 (or O4/H7 in LC Mathematics).

Laptop Requirements

While access to a suitable PC or laptop is recommended for all students, it is not required for full-time students on this programme to bring their own device.



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Semester 1

- Computational Thinking
- Discrete Mathematics
- Programming Concepts
- Introduction to Data Science & AI
- Web Design & Development

Semester 2

- Computer Architecture
- Introduction to Data Modelling & Databases
- The Computing Industry
- Introduction to Programming
- Operating Systems

Year 2

Semester 1

- Advanced Databases
- Object Oriented Programming
- Data Programming
- Web Application Development
- Statistics I

Semester 2

- Innovation & Business Entrepreneurship
- Data Mining & Machine Learning
- Data Visualisation
- Linear Algebra
- Statistics II



COMPUTING SUPPORT SERVICE

The Computing Support Service provides academic support to both full-time and part-time students in the School of Computing through a range of services. We provide individualised help to over 500 students in over 150 modules.

One-to-One and Small Group Tutorials

The Computing Support Tutor is available to work with students either singly or in small groups. Students who find they are falling behind in a module or are finding a particular subject hard to understand can contact the tutor for an appointment. Meetings can be held on campus or online.

Weekly Workshops

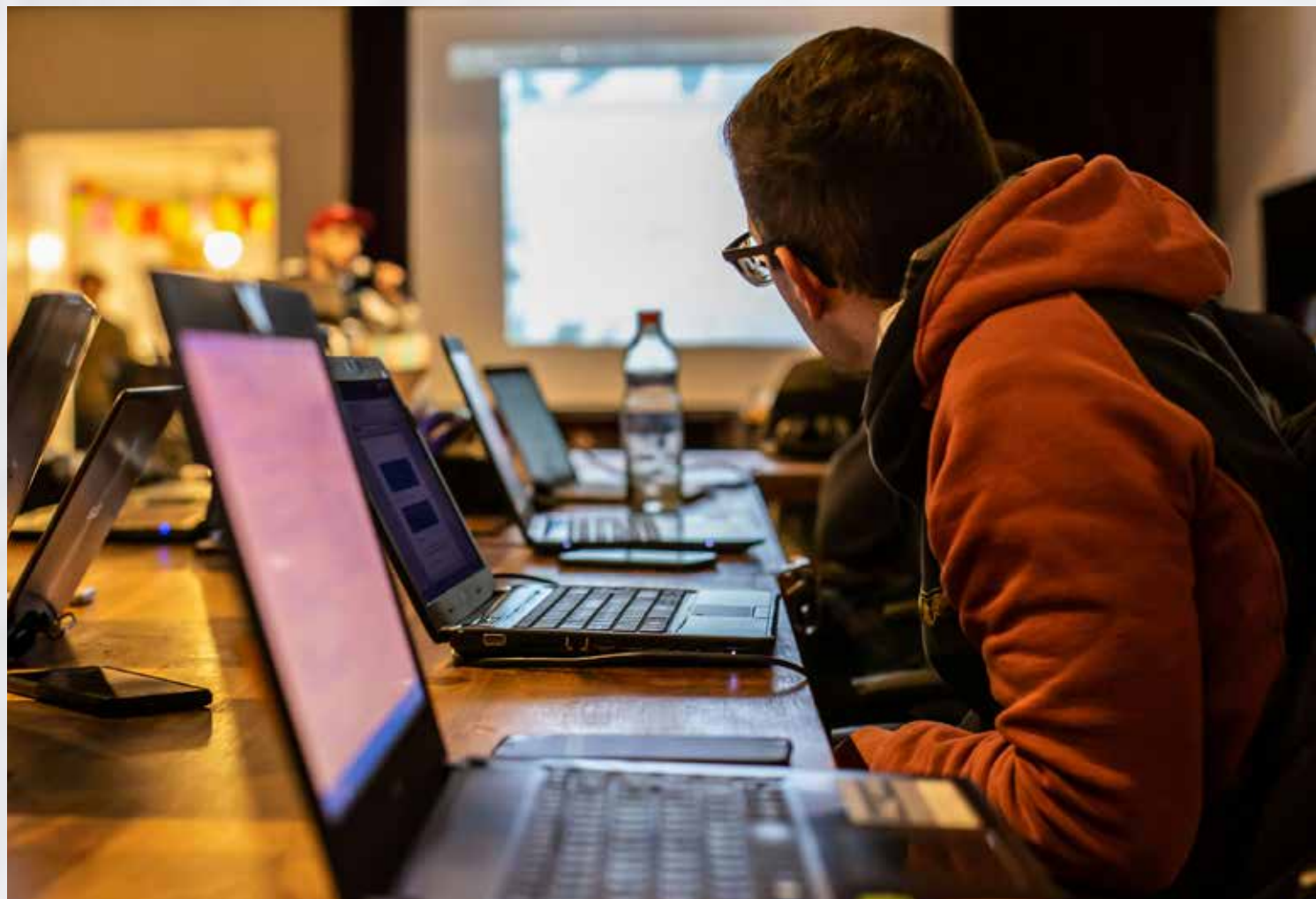
The Computing Support Service also runs weekly workshops throughout each semester to support students in computing programming modules. Attendance is voluntary, and students can simply just drop in with a question, to work on topics relevant to an assessment or to complete additional exercises with support from the tutor. These workshops can be held on campus or livestreamed online.

Exam Revision

A series of exam-focused revision sessions offers help prior to each set of exams. This gives students additional support in the run-up to exams and helps to motivate them to study for their exams. These sessions are generally run online.

Contact Details:

Email: computingsupport@ncirl.ie



BUSINESS



From its foundation, NCI built its reputation on business education. Today's School of Business offers leading-edge programmes up to Master's level in Business, HR, Accounting, Finance, Management and Marketing, balancing academic theory with real-world skills to prepare students for success in employment or entrepreneurship.

Our courses are carefully designed to closely align with the needs of industry; as a result, our graduates are highly sought after by some of the most prestigious employers both in Ireland and abroad. We also offer a placement option on our four funded BA (Hons) degree courses. We are proud to say that 100% of School of Business students who undertook placement are in graduate level work or further study.

We offer five highly respected undergraduate courses under the Free Fees Initiative:

- BA (Honours) in Business
- BA (Honours) in Human Resource Management
- BA (Honours) in Marketing Practice
- BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance
- Higher Certificate in Business

BA (HONOURS) IN BUSINESS



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

CAO Code:
NC009

CAO Points Guide:*
300

NFQ Level:
Level 8

*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

The BA (Honours) in Business is a contemporary, comprehensive and broad-based business degree that equips students with the knowledge, skills and practical experience required for successful careers in a dynamic business environment. With a strong focus on employability, sustainability and business ethics, graduates are well prepared to succeed across a broad range of industries and business functions.

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 is credit-bearing and comprises an extra year in the degree. Access to such placements is limited and highly competitive.

Graduates of this course have a great foundation in all aspects of the modern business world, understand how to analyse and solve business problems and are highly employable in areas such as management, marketing, industrial relations, economics and international trade.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal if you want a broad understanding of business or you don't yet know in which area of business you would like to specialise. 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

Graduates of the BA (Honours) in Business course at NCI are now employed at huge employers including LinkedIn, Accenture, AIB, Arvato, Citi, Bord Gáis, Deutsche Bank, IBM, State Street, Willis Towers Watson and UPS.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate business course is a three-year honours degree (four years with the option of a placement*). The main 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 Business at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

*Students are eligible (subject to availability) to complete a work placement on year three of the programme and graduate after four years with 240 ECTS credits.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) in Business, graduates with the appropriate entry requirements can progress to postgraduate business courses at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications including MSc in Management, MSc in International Business or MA in HRM, all available at NCI.

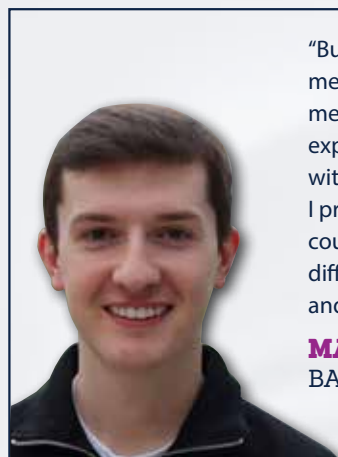


Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

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. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



"Business at NCI offered me flexibility and helped me link my practical work experience in hospitality with academic learning. As I progressed through the course, I was able to explore different areas of business, and build confidence."

MARK BRENNAN
BA Hons in Business



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Academic Management Skills
- Business Law
- Economics for the 21st Century
- Financial Accounting
- Human Resource Management
- Individual Behaviour in The Organisation
- Marketing in the Digital Age
- Quantitative Methods

Year 2

- Financial Management
- Management
- Project Management
- Social and Organisational Behaviour
- Technologies for Business
- Career Management Skills
- Entrepreneurship
- Global Business Environment
- Macroeconomic Policy and Sustainability
- Professional Development Skills

Year 3

- Business Statistics
- Economic and Social Policy
- Marketing Management
- Strategic Management
- Sustainability and Business Ethics

Elective Modules

- Capstone Project Preparation
- Change and Organisational Development
- Financial Management Tools for the Enterprise
- Public Relations and Social Media
- Applied Behavioural Economics
- Capstone Project
- Corporate Environmentalism
- Data Analytics
- Essentials of Employment Law
- Global Operations, Planning and Design
- Sales Management
- Financial Services Regulation (QFA aligned)*
- Saving and Investments (QFA aligned)*

**Pending QQI approval*

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

Your final year capstone project allows you to apply the qualitative and quantitative methodologies and analytic techniques you've acquired throughout your degree programme to deliver a dissertation on an aspect of business practice.

Work Placement Year

Business students may choose to undertake an 8–12-month work placement between Year 2 and Year 3, giving them the opportunity to connect their academic learning with the world of work before returning to complete their final year.

Placement allows you to gain meaningful professional experience, apply your knowledge in a real workplace, develop practical and transferable skills, and build confidence in a business environment. It also helps you explore different career paths, grow your professional network and strengthen your profile for graduate recruitment.

In recent years, NCI's Business students have secured placements with Arthur Cox, the Commission for Communications Regulation, Ding, Dublin Port, Enterprise Mobility, ESB, ESW, HLB Ireland, Musgrave, the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, Ryanair, SAP, Trane Technologies and Unipharm.



BA (HONOURS) IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



CIPD
Approved
centre



Duration:

Three Years

Full-Time

(Four Years with
work placement)

CAO Code:

NC005

CAO Points Guide:*

300

NFQ Level:

Level 8

*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Human Resources Management draws on our 75 years as the leading educational institution for human resource management. This is an excellent business degree with a focus on the human resources function, which includes recruitment, training, employee development and industrial relations.

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 is credit-bearing and comprises an extra year in the degree. Access to such placements is limited and highly competitive.

Graduates of this course have a thorough understanding of human resource management, understand the world of business and how HRM integrates with other areas, and boast personal skills in teamwork, communication and research.

Who is the course for?

If you want an interesting and varied business career, with an understanding of business strategy and human resource management, this degree will appeal to you. 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

For over 75 years NCI has built an enviable reputation for excellence in HR education. Recent graduates are employed in human resources, recruitment, industrial relations and training roles in organisations including Google, Comfort Keepers, IBEC, Hertz, PwC, IBM, Arvato, Ergo, Ryanair, NTMA and CPL.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a three-year honours degree (four years with the option of a placement*). The main 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 HRM at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

*Students are eligible (subject to availability) to complete a work placement on year three of the programme and graduate after four years with 240 ECTS credits.



"The BA in HRM in NCI was very specific to HR, unlike the other courses I was considering. The cherry on top was the opportunity to do work placement in between my second and final year."

CAOIMHE KINSELLA
BA Hons in Human
Resource Management

Professional Recognition

This course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). On successful completion of the degree, graduates become CIPD qualified and may achieve Professional Membership at the Associate Member level, denoting professional skills and knowledge proficiency in HRM. This level is the first step toward becoming a Chartered Member and fulfills a qualification often required by HR employers.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) Degree in Human Resource Management, graduates who have acquired the appropriate entry requirements can progress to postgraduate courses at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the Postgraduate Diploma or MA in HRM, or the MSc in Management, all available at NCI.

Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

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. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

This stage of study introduces learners to the core knowledge and skills necessary for human resource management practitioners.

- HR in a Corporate Framework
- Organisational Behaviour
- Academic Management Skills
- Business Law
- Management Theory and Practice
- Resourcing and Talent Planning
- Performance and Reward Management
- Employee Relations

Year 2

This stage of study introduces learners to broader Human Resource Management modules and some more technical modules, with a focus on practical application and interpretation of theories and concepts.

- Finance and Accounting for the HR Professional
- Employment Law 1
- Professional Development Skills
- HR Analytics and Quantitative Methods
- Learning and Development
- Employment Law 2
- Career Management Skills
- Ethics and Corporate Governance

Year 3

This stage of study incorporates a more strategic focus in terms of modules and their contribution to the organisation. At this stage, learners may also choose electives based on personal preferences, subject to availability and class size.

- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Contemporary Issues in Human Resource Management
- Sustainability
- Change and Organisation Development
- Contemporary Issues in Industrial Relations
- Plus, two electives

Elective Modules

- Capstone Project Preparation
- Capstone Project
- Health and Safety
- International HRM
- Economic and Social Policy
- HR and Professional Practice
- Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

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

Work Placement Year

HR students may choose to add an 8–12-month work placement to their degree between Year 2 and Year 3, giving them the opportunity to connect their academic learning with the realities of the modern workplace.

Through placement, you can gain first-hand experience of how organisations recruit, support, develop and manage their people, while building practical skills in areas such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, employee engagement and professional administration. Placement also gives you the chance to develop confidence, build industry contacts, explore different HR career paths and strengthen your profile for future graduate roles.

In recent years, NCI's HR students have secured placements with AIB, Allianz, Arthur Cox, Bord Bia, DBFL Engineers, ESB, Irish Rail, Peter McVerry Trust, Sensori, St Vincent's Private Hospital and Takeda, in areas such as HR, talent acquisition, learning and development, and communications.



BA (HONOURS) IN MARKETING PRACTICE



Duration:

Three Years

Full-Time

(Four Years with work placement)

CAO Code:

NC020

CAO Points Guide:*

250

NFQ Level:

Level 8



*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Marketing Practice is a practical, hands-on degree that covers all the core marketing subjects such as brand management, consumer behaviour, digital marketing and entrepreneurship. The final year concludes with an exciting capstone project, where you will work in teams developing real life 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.

High-achieving students (averaging 60% plus) 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.

Graduates of this course understand how modern marketing operates and how the various disciplines of marketing work together in Ireland and internationally. They can analyse marketing problems in challenging business environments and generate practical solutions, and they are well prepared for employment opportunities in areas such as marketing, entrepreneurship, digital marketing, and advertising.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal if you are interested in marketing, sales and communications or you are thinking of setting 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.

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 are eligible (subject to availability) to complete a work placement on year three of the programme and graduate after four years with 240 ECTS credits.

Ruairí Power and Matthew Daly set up a jewellery business 'Silent Signs' as their Capstone project.



"We'd never done anything like this before, we learned a lot about the logistical aspects of a business."

Ruairí Power and Matthew Daly
BA Hons in Marketing Practice

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 the MSc in Marketing or Management at NCI or postgraduate programmes in other institutions.

Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

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. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.





COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Fundamentals of Marketing
- Economic & Market Practice
- Brand Management
- Management and the Organisation
- Emerging Technologies for Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing & Society
- Innovation & Creativity

Year 2

- Consumer Behaviour
- Market Research
- Business Intelligence and Statistics
- Digital Marketing
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- Career Management Skills
- Plus one elective

Year 3

- Marketing Law
- Marketing Strategy
- Project Management
- Channel Management
- Social Media & PR
- Capstone Project

Electives Modules:

- Financial Analysis & Reporting
- Digital Technologies for Business
- New Product Development
- Services Marketing Management
- Sales Management

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

Work Placement Year

Marketing students can elect to undertake an 8–12-month work placement between Year 2 and Year 3. Work placement is a valuable opportunity for students to connect their academic learning with the fast-moving world of business, brands and customers.

Through placement, you can gain first-hand experience of how organisations plan campaigns, understand markets, engage audiences, build brands and support commercial growth. You could have the opportunity to work in areas such as digital marketing, brand management, market research, sales, product development, events, communications and international marketing across a wide range of industry sectors.

Placement also helps you develop practical skills, build confidence, grow your professional network and strengthen your profile for future graduate roles.

In recent years, Marketing students have secured placements with employers including DAA, DBFL Engineers, Ding, Ryanair, The Tenth Man, Total Expo, Enterprise Mobility and Musgrave.



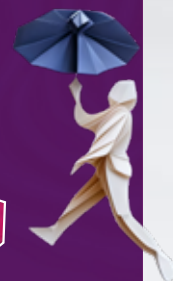
BA (HONOURS) IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

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

CAO Code:
NC022

CAO Points Guide:*
330

NFQ Level:
Level 8



*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance features a blend of specialised accounting and finance subjects together with general business subjects, giving you an excellent foundation in leadership and management as well as a critical and methodical approach to problem-solving and decision-making in a financial context.

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 is credit-bearing and comprises an extra year in the degree. Access to such placements is limited and highly competitive.

Graduates of this course understand the theory and practice of accounting and finance, have skills and knowledge in all areas of business, and can pursue a career in general management, accountancy or related fields. Graduates are also eligible for professional accountancy body exemptions.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal for students who have an interest in the business world and who are looking to move into the international world of accounting and finance. 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

Recent graduates are employed as trainee accountants and tax advisors within the Big 4 and Top 10 accountancy firms together with industry and financial services. Many are undertaking the professional accountancy exams. Specific employers include EY, Deloitte, BDO, Grant Thornton, JPA Brenson Lawlor, JP Morgan, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Citi, BNY Mellon, Moore Stephens, Cornmarket, PwC and Daiwa.

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 Accounting and Finance 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 work placement on year three of the programme and graduate after four years with 240 ECTS credits.



Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance, graduates can progress to postgraduate courses at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MSc in Finance and MSc in Accounting at NCI or pursue a professional accountancy qualification such as ACA, ACCA or CIMA.

Professional Recognition

Graduates who meet the criteria decided by the professional accounting bodies may apply for generous exemptions from the examinations of professional accountancy bodies on completion of the course. These include Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI), Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and Chartered Institute of Management Accounts (CIMA).

Course Fees

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

Admission Requirements and Policies

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 O5/H6 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Financial Accounting 1
- Economics in the World
- Academic Management Skills
- Mathematics for Business and Finance
- Business Law for Accounting and Finance
- Fundamentals of Management
- Information and Communications Technology in Accounting and Finance
- Quantitative Methods
- Introduction to Financial Markets
- Marketing for Accounting and Finance

Year 2

- Financial Accounting 2
- Management Accounting 1
- Corporate Finance
- Taxation 1
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Company Law for Accounting and Finance
- Business Economics
- Collective Investments
- Corporate Governance and Ethics

Year 3

- Intro to Strategy
- Management Accounting 2
- Financial Reporting
- Law and Regulation
- Portfolio Analysis
- Derivatives and Risk Management
- Contemporary Issues in Finance and Accounting
- Financial Statement Analysis

Electives Modules:

Students select a 5-credit elective module in Semester 1 and 10-credit elective module in Semester 2.

- Taxation 2
- Taxation 3
- International Financial Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Practical Research Project
- Audit and Assurance

Work Placement Year

Accounting and Finance students can elect to undertake an 8–12 month work placement between Year 2 and Year 3. Work placement is a valuable opportunity for Accounting and Finance students to connect their academic learning with professional practice in accounting, finance, audit and business.

Through placement, you can gain first-hand experience of how organisations manage financial information, support decision-making, meet regulatory requirements and deliver professional services to clients and stakeholders. You could work in areas such as accounting, audit, tax, finance, fund services, business operations and financial administration across practice, industry and public sector organisations.

Placement also helps you develop practical workplace skills, build professional confidence, grow your industry network and strengthen your profile for future graduate roles.

In recent years, Accounting and Finance students have secured placements with Cronin & Co., EY, ESB, ESW, Forvis Mazars, the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, Ormsby & Rhodes, Whelan Dowling & Associates, Xeinadin, BDO, Trane Technologies and HLB Ireland.



HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS



Duration:
Two Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:
NC103

CAO Points Guide:*
230

NFQ Level:
Level 6

*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's Higher Certificate in Business is an ideal introduction to contemporary theories and approaches to modern business practices in key areas such as marketing, human resource management and entrepreneurship.

Students who enrol on this course usually progress on to second year of the BA (Hons) in Business degree.

Graduates of this course have specialised knowledge of the key theories and principles relevant to business; are equipped with good personal skills in communication, problem-solving and teamwork; understand the latest thinking in areas of HRM, marketing, finance and management; and have the ability to apply knowledge and skills to solve problems within the business world.

Who is the course for?

The course may be particularly appealing to students who are unsure about committing themselves to a degree programme, but who want the option to transfer on to the second year of a business degree in the future.

Career Prospects

This course provides an excellent basis for starting work in a variety of roles within business, commercial or public sector bodies. It equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to build a successful career in the business world.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a two-year higher certificate. It is run over four semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. On completion you will receive a QQI Higher Certificate in Business at level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the Higher Certificate in Business, graduates can potentially gain entry into year two of NCI's BA (Honours) in Business degree. Recent Masters' graduates include students who have progressed from the Higher Cert in Business to the BA Honours in Business, and onto the successful completion of NCI's MA in Human Resource Management.

Course Fees

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



Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade O6/H7 or above in five subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English. A grade O6/H7/F2 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award and meet the CAO points requirements. Applicants who hold 3 distinctions at level 5 and meet the CAO points requirement, will be considered for entry to Year 2 of the course. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Personal & Professional Academic Skills
- Fundamentals of Management
- Applied Creativity
- Business IT Skills
- Project Management
- Irish Business & Society
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Business Statistics

Year 2

- Financial Accounting
- Economics for the 21st Century
- Human Resource Management
- Academic Management Skills
- Business Law
- Marketing in the Digital Age
- Individual Organisational Behaviour in the Organisation
- Quantitative Methods



EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

These two courses are self-funded:

BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care
BA (Honours) in Psychology

Note: Students who enrolled on these programmes in the past and were eligible for a grant received funding from SUSI to cover either 100% or 50% of their tuition fees. Students who are applying for funding should contact support@susi.ie for more information.





BA (HONOURS) IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE



Duration:
Four Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:
NC030

CAO Points Guide:*
230

NFQ Level:
Level 8



*This is a guide only, points vary each year.



About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care combines academic learning with professional practice experience, preparing students for a wide range of career and postgraduate opportunities. Throughout the programme, you will study a variety of modules, building the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support the learning and development of babies and young children from birth to six years of age. A dedicated Education Play Lab at NCI provides opportunities for hands-on, practice-based learning.

A key feature of the programme is the strong emphasis on professional practice placement. Students complete placement in every year of the programme, gaining experience across the birth-to-six age range in a variety of early childhood settings while building their knowledge, skills, confidence, and professional identity. Placements support students to connect theory with practice through observation, reflection, ethical practice, and planning, implementing, and evaluating learning experiences for young children. In the final year, students bring together their academic learning and professional practice experience through a practice-based capstone project, demonstrating the knowledge and professional confidence they have developed to support their future career and postgraduate aspirations.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal for those who are passionate about supporting the learning, development, and wellbeing of babies and young children while also making a positive difference in the lives of children and families. It is suited to those who wish to pursue a career in early childhood education and care, as well as those interested in progressing to postgraduate study or careers in related professions.

Career Prospects

Graduates are well prepared for a wide range of career opportunities within the early childhood education and care sector, including graduate lead educator, room leader, manager, early years mentor, inspector, and other specialist and leadership roles. Graduates may also progress into advisory roles within early intervention initiatives and other services that support children and families.

As the sector continues to evolve, there is increasing recognition of the value of highly qualified early childhood professionals. National workforce initiatives continue to strengthen career pathways, support professional development, and promote a graduate-led workforce, creating exciting opportunities for graduates of this programme.

Course Structure and Award

The BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care is a four-year honours degree, awarded by QQI at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications, with exit awards available. Each academic year consists of two twelve-week semesters.

Professional practice is a core element of the programme. Students complete supervised placement in every year, beginning with a block placement in Year 1 and progressing to increasingly independent professional practice throughout the programme. Placements provide opportunities to gain experience across the birth-to-six age range in a variety of early childhood settings, supporting the development of practical skills, confidence, and professional identity.

Professional Recognition

This programme is approved by the Qualifications Advisory Board (instituted to review Level 7 and Level 8 degree programmes for the Early Learning and Care sector) as meeting the requirements of the Professional Award Criteria and Guidelines standards.



"I gained invaluable skills from studying ECEC such as communication and working as part of a team. I was on placement for the duration of my Undergrad and it supported me massively as I was witnessing what I was learning in the classroom, in practice."

EMILY WILLIAMSON
BA Hons in Early
Childhood Education
and Care

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the programme, graduates may progress to the NCI Postgraduate Diploma or Master of Arts in Educational Practice or other postgraduate programmes. The programme provides a strong foundation for further academic and professional development across a wide range of education, child, family, and social science disciplines.

Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements for the programme are H5 in two subjects, and O6/H7 in four subjects in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent, which must include English and Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award, three distinctions and meet the CAO points requirement. Students with a major award in Early Learning and Care/Early Childhood Education and Care at NFQ level 6 will be eligible for advanced entry into year two of the programme, subject to certain criteria.

Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.

Garda Vetting

All applicants will be required to be Garda Vetted as part of the admission process.

Course Fees (EU)

€4,800 per annum payable by the student. (Fees revised annually). Students who qualify for SUSI can use their grant to pay some or all of their course tuition fees.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Foundations of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Holistic Child Learning and Development
- Music, Movement, Art and Drama
- Academic Foundations and Scholarship
- Essential Legislation and Regulation in ECEC*
- Child Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing*

Year 2

- Core Pedagogies and Curriculum in ECEC
- Dispositions and Dynamics of Behaviour in Children
- Managing Your Learning and Academic Practice
- Placement: Observation and Reflection in ECEC Practice
- Equity and Sustainability in ECEC
- Language, Literacy and the Plurilingual Child
- Play and Creativity for Learning in ECEC*

Year 3

- Quality Assurance in ECEC Environments
- Early Learning in a Digital World
- Inquiry Learning – Design and Evaluation of Curriculum in ECEC*
- Placement – Applications of Strategies in Learning Environments in ECEC Practice
- Leadership and Governance in ECEC Environments
- The Child, Family and Society – Stakeholders in ECEC

Year 4

- Social, Political and Cultural Contexts of ECEC
- Working in Multiprofessional Practice*
- Personal and Professional Identity and Wellbeing
- Capstone ECEC Practice-based Project*
- ECEC Inquiry and Research Methods

*Placement will be integrated within these modules





BA (HONOURS) IN PSYCHOLOGY

**Duration:**

Three Years
Full-Time

CAO Code:

NC010

CAO Points Guide:*

400

NFQ Level:

Level 8

*This is a guide only, points vary each year.

About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Psychology is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), the professional body for psychology in the Republic of Ireland. Honours graduates are eligible to apply for Graduate Membership of the PSI. A PSI accredited degree is also a prerequisite for most postgraduate professional training programmes in psychology.

This degree offers a solid grounding in all the core areas of psychology including cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, lifespan development, social psychology, behavioural psychology, research methods and biological psychology, as well as specialised topics such as workplace psychology and cyber-psychology.

Graduates of this course understand the principles of psychology and have a broad understanding of human behaviour, know how to critically analyse problems and how to conduct scientific research.

Who is the course for?

This course will appeal to students who have a curiosity about the human mind and who wish to work in a variety of related fields. 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

A degree in psychology provides graduates with specific knowledge related to psychology, and broader transferable skills such as critical evaluation and research skills. For graduates who wish to go on to pursue a professional career in psychology, having a PSI accredited degree is necessary for most professional postgraduate courses, such as clinical psychology, educational psychology, behavioural psychology, counselling psychology and organisational psychology. Graduates are also very well placed to follow career paths outside of psychology, in fields such as human resources, recruitment, management, consultancy and marketing.

Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a three-year honours degree run over six semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. Students complete research projects in their final year of study. These research projects are considered for submission to the Psychological Society of Ireland Annual Student Congress. NCI psychology students have achieved notable success in national research competitions. One student won the Best Research Project award in 2020, another received an Honourable Mention for Undergraduate Research, and most recently, an NCI student won the Outstanding Undergraduate Presentation Award at the 2025 Student Congress. 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 Psychology at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) in Psychology, graduates who have acquired the appropriate entry requirements can progress to postgraduate programmes at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MA in HRM at NCI, as well as clinical, educational, occupational and counselling psychology at other venues.

Course Fees (EU)

€6,250 per annum payable by the student. (Fees revised annually). Students who qualify for SUSI can put their grant toward the course tuition fees.

Admission Requirements and Policies

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. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award and three distinctions. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p56, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

- Introduction to Psychology
- Core Research Skills for Psychologists
- Social Psychology
- Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Cognitive Psychology
- Learning and Behaviour
- Coaching Psychology

Year 2

- Applied Statistics
- Personality and Intelligence
- Biological Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Advanced Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience
- Applied Research Methods Psychology Labs
- Plus, two electives

Year 2 Elective Modules Include

- Behavioural Science: Problem Based Learning
- Psychology of Gender
- Critical Thinking
- Multicultural Psychology

Year 3

- Health Psychology
- Advanced Biological Psychology
- Behavioural Psychology
- Applied Developmental Psychology
- Final Project
- Plus, four electives

Year 3 Elective Modules Include

- Educational Psychology
- Positive Psychology
- Criminal Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Psychology of Ageing
- Cyberpsychology
- Psychotraumatology
- Workplace Psychology



"Psychology is one of the most interesting fields to study as it's about what is important to us."

Kate Cowman
BA Hons
in Psychology





Erasmus+

One of the most exciting aspects of being an undergraduate student is the freedom to experience new things. What could be more exciting than the opportunity to travel as part of your undergraduate studies?

The Erasmus+ programme gives NCI students the option to study or complete a work placement abroad as part of their programme. Students may spend a semester or up to a full academic year at one of the 28 EU programme countries for this experience, including Belgium, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Sweden, Croatia, Italy, Austria, Cyprus and Germany. Students can also receive an Erasmus grant to help with their funding for the time spent abroad.

NCI students who partake in the Erasmus+ programme gain invaluable academic and/or work training experience, but they also experience life in another country, develop language and intercultural skills, travel, make new friends and broaden their horizons, both personally, and professionally. Quite simply, Erasmus+ is an empowering experience that proves just how boundless your potential and possibilities are!

Places on Erasmus+ can be limited and subject to availability and other conditions. The number and location of partner institutions is also subject to availability.



POSTGRADUATE

As a leading third-level institution in Ireland, National College of Ireland also offers a range of highly respected research and taught postgraduate programmes, allowing you to continue your studies to the highest levels of qualification. The quality of these programmes support and enhance our postgraduate offerings so every student benefits from highly qualified and experienced lecturers, from Certificate right up to Master's levels.

In addition, a number of scholarships are awarded on an annual basis by NCI to outstanding undergraduate students who wish to undertake further study on a research degree programme.

We currently offer the following research and taught postgraduate programmes:

- MBA
- MSc in Finance
- MSc in Accounting
- MSc in Management
- MSc in Marketing
- MA in HRM
- MSc in International Business
- MSc in Cloud Computing
- MSc in Artificial Intelligence
- MSc in Artificial Intelligence for Business
- MSc in Cybersecurity
- MSc in Fintech
- MSc in Data Analytics
- MA in Educational Practice

Subject to student numbers, programmes are offered on a part-time and full-time basis.

An insight into just some of the Master's programmes available at NCI

MBA

NCI's MBA programme 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, management organisation, people management, strategy, management of financial resources and economics for managers.

MSc in Finance

Designed in consultation with industry, this course will provide candidates with the advanced analytical, statistical and financial skills for decision making within the modern and dynamic financial services sector. In particular, the programme will provide graduates with the techniques and applied knowledge necessary to select, analyse and utilise advanced financial concepts within the setting of investment management and capital markets.

MSc in Management

The MSc in Management has been developed to satisfy the demand for programmes that combine a strong theoretical foundation with a firm focus on practical application. You will be exposed to the most current schools of thought in disciplines such as international business, finance, marketing, entrepreneurship and strategy.

MSc in Marketing

The MSc in Marketing will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of the key foundations of the marketing discipline, as well as providing you with a detailed understanding of the marketplace. In addition, you will learn how to apply the latest marketing theory and practice in an increasingly complex trading environment.

MSc in International Business

The MSc in International Business has been specifically designed for those wishing to gain deeper knowledge of the international business environment. The requirement for managers to think globally but act locally is vital to success. An understanding of the international environment in which organisations are now situated cannot be over-emphasised.

MSc in Cloud Computing

This course will provide you with the latest knowledge and competencies required by the fastest-growing global industry. This programme is practical in nature and offers specialisations in arguably the most important areas of cloud computing: software as a service and management of underlying infrastructure components (inclusive in the role of the system administrator).

MSc in Artificial Intelligence

This course aims to produce high-quality, technically competent, innovative graduates that will become leading practitioners in the field of artificial intelligence. The course contains modules covering fundamental and specialised AI topics as well as topics related to operationalisation and application of AI to solve real-world problems.

MSc in Cybersecurity

The aim of the MSc in Cybersecurity is to provide learners with essential research skills, expert technical knowledge, and competence in the most important security concepts applied in emerging areas such as cloud security and forensics. The course is technical and practical in nature, uniquely embedded in industry, and develops in-depth expertise in core technical areas of cybersecurity.

MSc in Fintech

Finance is now riding an entrepreneurial wave due to an influx of highly available and powerful computing resources. This course will provide you with the latest knowledge and competencies in the area of fintech, the rapidly evolving intersection of finance and technology.

MA in Educational Practice

A key aim of the programme is to provide learners with a comprehensive knowledge of relevant educational scholarship in the area of teaching and learning. In addition to academic modules, learners also complete a work-based placement/practicum designed to build relevant sectoral and professional knowledge and enhance professional practice as educators.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT



NCI graduates perform very well in the market. Our close links with leading employers and professional bodies ensure that our courses are relevant and practical, helping to keep our curricula up to date and aligned with current best practice.

To help you achieve your career goals, NCI's Careers Service is available at any stage of your studies for advice and information on your options after you graduate.

WHAT DO NCI GRADUATES DO?

HR

What? Human Resources, Learning & Development, Recruitment, Industrial Relations, Management Graduate Programmes.

Where? Accenture, Central Bank of Ireland, Coca-Cola, Colgate, CPL, Enterprise Ireland, FBD, Goodbody, Irish Distillers, Irish Life, KPMG, Ryanair, Sisk Healthcare, Three Ireland, UCD.



Business

What? Trainee Accountant, Fund Accountant, Pensions, Marketing, Recruitment, Management, HR, KYC Analyst, Management Graduate Programmes.

Where? AIB, AXA, Bank of Ireland, BNP Paribas, Citi, Dell, Deloitte, Deutsche Bank, DHL, EY, Ergo, Facebook, Grant Thornton, GSW Tax Advisors, HSBC, New Ireland Assurance, Oracle, Paypal, Primark Limited, State Street, Zurich.

Finance

What? Transactional Services Team, Treasury Analyst, Credit and Collections Analyst, Lead Analyst, Investment Management Assistant, Accountant, Finance Associate, Customer Support Analyst.

Where? Bank of America, Bentley Systems, BNY Mellon, Brewin Dolphin, Collen Investment Group, EY, F&M Accountants, PwC, Tellus.

Management

What? Project Manager, Customer Success Specialist, Digital Marketing, HR Executive, Business Analyst, Key Account Manager, Sales Executive, PMO Analyst, Internal Auditor, Compliance Agent.

Where? Acitvision Blizzard, AIB, Babylon, Covalen, Dalata Group, Energia, Ergo, Fedex, Genpact, HSE, Jabil Healthcare, Kaseya, Permanent TSB, Scriberlee, Shopify.

Marketing

What? Media Integrity Analyst, Agency Manager Planner, Digital Marketing Specialist, Social Media and Brand Executive, Account Manager, Sourcing Analyst, Platform Experience Associate.

Where? Accenture, AIB, Bank of Ireland, Coca Cola, Genpact, Kaseya, PTSB, Novartis, Ryanair, HSE, Tiktok, Zurich.

Cloud Computing

What? Operations Analyst, Software Developer, Customer Operations Engineer, Solutions Senior Process Executive, Network Operations Engineer, Full Stack Developer, DevOps Test Engineer, Cloud Applications Engineer, Watson Ops Engineer, SAP Business Analyst, JavaScript Developer, DevOps Support, Level 2 Tech Support Engineer, Java Engineer.

Where? Bank of America, BT Ireland, Currency Fair, Deloitte, EY, Fiserv, IBM, Informatica, JP Morgan, Kerry Group, Linux World Informatics, Mastercard, MCR Group, Optum, Verizon Media, Vodafone, Workday, Xanadu Consultancy.

Cybersecurity

What? Graduate Security Analyst, IT Security Associate, Physical Security Specialist, SOC Analyst, Cyber Security Analyst, Network Engineer, Systems Test Engineer, Cyber Security Analyst, Solutions Associate, System Administrator

Where? AIB, Amazon, Capita, Codec Ireland, CommScope, Convergent Technologies, Deloitte, Deutsche Bank, Enet, ESB, EY, IBM, Hewlett Packard, Integrity360, Kellogg, Mastercard, Payoda Technologies, PTSB, Ryanair, Salesforce, SAP, State Street, Tata Consultancy, Truata.

Data Analytics

What? QA Engineer, Operations Analyst, Machine Learning Data Associate, Data Analyst, Senior Analyst Automation Engineer, Solutions Developer, Business Analyst, Software Engineer, Senior Technology Consultant, Full Stack Developer, Project Consultant, Cloud Engineer.

Where? Accenture, Adobe, Amazon, AON, Apple, ASL Aviation Holdings, Deloitte, DHL, Ergo, Fidelity Investments, General Motors, Glanbia, Groupon, HSE, IBM, Intel, Irish Water, KPMG, Paddy Power Betfair, Paypal, Permanent TSB, RCSI, SAP, VHI, Workday.

Fintech

What? FX Trade Management Specialist, Operations Business Analyst, Graduate IT Analyst, Trainee Trader, Treasury Dealer, Senior Software Engineer.

Where? Amundi, Bank of America, Bank of Ireland, BMC Software, CIE<, ESB, Mastercard, Remitly, US Bank.

MSC International Business

What? Trust and Safety Associate, Technical Sales, Corporate FX Administrator, DevOps Engineer, Retention Analyst, KYC/AML Analyst, Risk Consultant, Trading Analyst.

Where? Accenture, Bank of Ireland, Bord Gais, DAA, Eir, Eircom, Icon Accounting, Robert Walters, Verve.





NCI's Careers Team

NCI CAREER SERVICE

NCI's Career Service supports postgraduates every step of the way, from exploring all the possibilities available to them, to meeting potential employers, to navigating through job applications, CVs and interviews. Get involved in one of our many regular career events, talks or fairs.

Career Development and Employability

For 70 years, National College of Ireland has been a leading provider of graduates with the skills and knowledge to meet the existing and emerging needs of the Irish economy. Evolving with the changing employment landscape, the College has built an enviable reputation for excellence in education and for designing programmes that are relevant to the workplace.

National College of Ireland has one of the most consistent and best graduate employment records. Significantly higher than the national average, graduates from National College of Ireland have an excellent employment record. The Sunday Times league table commented, "National College of Ireland has one of the most consistent and best graduate employment records."

The team have won the following awards for their work with students:

- 2025 -(Highly Commended) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2021 - Education Awards - Winner - Career Impact Strategy
- 2021 NCI Presidents Award for Impact
- 2021 National Teaching Hero Award
- 2020 (Highly Commended) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2019 Education Awards- Winner- Career Impact Strategy
- 2018 (Gold) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2016 (Gold) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2016 President's Award recipient for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning
- 2014 (Gold) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2013 (Gold) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2012 (Bronze) AHECS Award for Excellence in Employability
- 2012 President's Award recipient for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning

We would be delighted to provide you with assistance in relation to:

- Choosing a career that is right for you
- Developing skills employers look for
- The job search process
- Part-time and vacation work
- Specific jobs and sectors

Careers Events

NCI Career Development and Employability Service runs a series of high-impact, targeted and, most importantly, personalised and outcome-focused events. Events are interactive and involve personalised feedback and networking opportunities.

Our events mirror the graduate recruitment processes and cover CVs, applications, psychometric testing, video interviewing, assessment centres, mock interviews, career treks and Myers-Briggs Type Indicators testing..

We run a busy calendar of events, including the 'Spotlight on a Career in...' series covering HR, Accounting, Data Analytics, Marketing, and more, as well as weekly careers classes, employer networking events, sector insight events, mock interview sessions with employers, and a weekly CV Clinic.

Helping You Succeed

Students are assisted in developing employability skills through work experience, extra-curricular activities, volunteering and other interests.

Many employers also visit NCI to deliver presentations and skill sessions as part of their graduate recruitment programmes.

We also deliver workshops to sharpen the skills you need to really stand out. These include CV writing, interview techniques, developing an online brand, networking and more.

Our weekly newsletter will keep you up-to-date with all the latest graduate and internship opportunities.



ADMISSIONS

Leaving Certificate Students

Applications for all full-time undergraduate courses should be made to the Central Applications Office (CAO), Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway before 1st February each year.

The CAO Handbook gives details of application dates and procedures. For further information visit www.cao.ie.

Foundation Level Mathematics

A pass in foundation level Mathematics at F2 or higher will be considered as meeting the minimum entry requirements for the Higher Certificate in Business only.

Bonus Points for Higher Level Leaving Certificate Mathematics

NCI operates the bonus scheme for Higher Level Leaving Certificate Mathematics. 25 points will be added to an applicant's points score for Higher Level Mathematics for grades H6 and above.

Higher Level

Grade	Points
H1	100
H2	88
H3	77
H4	66
H5	56
H6	46
H7	37
H8	0

Ordinary Level

Grade	Points
O1	56
O2	46
O3	37
O4	28
O5	20
O6	12
O7	0
O8	0

Grade

Points

F1	20
F2	12

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

NCI recognises the LCVP for admission purposes, and results in the Link Modules element of the programme will be considered as follows:

Grade	Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28

This is automatically computed by CAO. The Link Modules may be used as one of the six subjects for overall points calculation but will not be considered as a subject for the purposes of minimum entry requirements. LCVP will not count towards minimum entry requirements as a subject with a grade O6/H7

Great Britain and Northern Ireland Applicants

UK applicants should apply through the CAO system at www.cao.ie. Equivalent CAO points are awarded for each grade. Points may be accumulated from not more than one sitting of each of the GCSE and GCE A level examinations.* In the calculation of points, not more than three GCE A-level results may be included in the five subjects.

Grade	Best 3 A-Levels	4th A level	AS Level/ EPQ1
A*	192	24	24
A	165	24	24
B	142	20	20
C	120	18	18
D	100	16	16
E	67	14	14

* Excluding Scotland.
See the Scottish Qualifications website www.sqa.org.uk

Further Education/PLC Students

NCI welcomes students who are presenting full QQI level 5/6 awards. Students with Further Education/PLC Awards must apply through the CAO system for entry to 1st year of their desired course. Information on the entry requirements for such applicants is available at www.ncirl.ie/Study/Howto-Apply/qqi-Applicants. Applicants presenting a full award will have their points calculated on the basis of their QQI qualification. For details on how these points are calculated and the required level of distinction, visit www.cao.ie.



NCI also welcomes applicants for advanced entry into the second or third year of our full-time programmes. To be eligible for advanced entry, applicants must have undertaken specific courses and obtained certain results. Applicants should approach their CFE or individual institution for further information on progression options and possible advanced standing links with NCI. To find out more information regarding our advanced entry links, please contact Admissions at admissions@ncirl.ie. You can also contact Karen Campbell, School Liaison Officer at karen.campbell@ncirl.ie.

Mature Applicants

National College of Ireland is committed to providing equal access to education and equal opportunities for mature students. Students who are 23 years of age or older on 1st January can apply directly to NCI for entry to full-time education the following autumn. Applications will be accepted until 31st July. However, this closing date is subject to demand and therefore may change. For this reason and to avoid disappointment, it is advised that applications are submitted as early as possible. Further details can be obtained from the Admissions Office at admissions@ncirl.ie.

Exemptions

Students may get exemptions from parts of NCI courses by virtue of programmes already undertaken. Please ask for details on application.

If you wish to apply for exemptions, please attach a formal written request to your application including:

A copy of the syllabus of the subject(s) you have already completed and official transcripts of the result awarded in that/those subjects.

Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)

National College of Ireland, in association with QQI, is participating in a scheme that enables the College to grant formal recognition to students for knowledge or experience that they have previously gained. This knowledge, be it from life or work, is evaluated by the College through the RPEL system. When evaluated, this learning might entitle students to credits towards or exemptions from a course of study.

This scheme is particularly attractive to people who wish to pursue courses that are relevant to areas where they work, or have worked in the past, but who do not have any formal qualification. Contact the Admissions Office (admissions@ncirl.ie) for details on how to apply under RPEL.

Available Places

Each year, the CAO opens an Available Places facility for courses that are not yet filled after round one offers. Students who meet the academic requirements for courses listed under Available Places, may apply after they have received their results. For more information visit www.cao.ie.



DARE AND HEAR

Widening participation in and access to education is central to the ethos of National College of Ireland. We offer a number of special entry initiatives, commonly known as DARE and HEAR.

Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a third-level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second-level education. Mature and Further Education students have different admission routes and you can get further information on these routes from www.ncirl.ie.

Before submitting a DARE application you should read the DARE Application Guide & Workbook and discuss this with your parents, guardians or guidance counsellor.

Applicants applying for DARE must:

1. Be under the age of 23 as of 1st January 2027.
2. Apply to CAO by 17:00 on 1st February 2027.
3. No later than 17:00 on 1st March 2027, disclose your disability and/or specific learning difficulty in your CAO application. If you wish to be considered for the DARE scheme you must indicate this on the fully completed SIF/ DARE form by ticking "Yes" to Question 1 by 17:00 on 1st March.
4. Submit DARE supporting documents to arrive in CAO by 17:00 on 10th March 2027. All documents must be completed, signed and stamped.

Notes:

DARE has specific requirements for Section C (Evidence of Disability) in relation to the Medical Consultant/Specialist who must verify your disability, the age limit on reports and the documentation required. DARE hold an Application Advice Clinic online in January. Information on specific dates can be found on www.accesscollege.ie/dare.

The above outline of the DARE application process and dates listed are indicative only. DARE applicants are advised to consult www.accesscollege.ie/dare for further details and updates to dates and processes that may be relevant.



Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)

The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a third-level admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. HEAR has been established by a number of higher education institutions based on clear evidence that socio-economic disadvantage has a negative impact on educational achievement at school and progression to higher education. School leavers who provide satisfactory evidence relating to their socio-economic circumstances and meet the Irish Leaving Certificate matriculation / minimum entry and subject requirements are eligible to compete for a quota of places allocated to applicants on a reduced points basis in National College of Ireland.

As the minimum entry and subject requirements may be different for each course, applicants should check this prospectus for the requirements of each preference listed on your CAO form.

Who should apply to HEAR?

HEAR is for school leavers (under 23 years old as of 1st January 2027). Mature and FETAC students have different admission routes and you can get further information on these routes from www.ncirl.ie.

How to apply to HEAR

1. Apply online to CAO by 17:00 on 1st February 2027.
2. No later than 17:00 on 1st March 2027, you must complete the online HEAR application form.
3. Submit relevant evidence in support of your application to arrive at CAO no later than 17:00 on 10th March 2027.

Condition of a HEAR Offer

Students who receive a HEAR offer must attend an orientation programme before the first semester. Students who accept a place in National College of Ireland through HEAR are offered a variety of additional supports while studying at third-level. Details of post-admission supports for HEAR entrants can also be found on www.accesscollege.ie and www.ncirl.ie/Study/How-to-Apply

The above outline of the HEAR application process and dates listed are indicative only. HEAR applicants are advised to consult www.cao.ie for further details and updates to dates and processes that may be relevant.



ADMISSION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Deferred Entry

A student who has been offered a place may defer acceptance for one year under certain circumstances deemed appropriate by the College. Applications for deferrals will not be considered after the end of the first semester except in extenuating circumstances. In relation to deferred entry into full-time day programmes, the College operates a policy in common with other third-level institutions. For details see the CAO handbook or www.cao.ie.

Transfer

Students with a full award from another institution or awarding body are welcome to apply for entry to courses at stages later than year 1. Students who have not completed or have only partially completed an award are not eligible for transfer. Further details are available from the Admissions Office.

Awards

Awards for full-time courses at National College of Ireland are awarded by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and are placed on the NFQ. QQI grants higher certificate and undergraduate degree awards to students who complete accredited QQI courses. Full-time courses at NCI are divided into three main categories:

Category	Duration in Years
Higher Certificate	2
Degree (Ord)	3
Degree (Hons)	3-4

Award	ECTS Credits
Higher Certificate	120
Degree (Ord)	180
Degree (Hons)	180-240

Financial Information

For information on fees, see individual course descriptions. The Fees Office is responsible for the billing and collection of fees and can be contacted by emailing fees@ncirl.ie.

Free Fees Initiative*

In accordance with a decision of the Government of Ireland, qualifying full-time undergraduate Irish/European Union students will not be required to pay tuition fees on certain courses. Tuition fees will be paid in respect of EU nationals who have been resident in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to full-time undergraduate courses at National College of Ireland. (Please remember that the BA (Honours) Psychology and BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Education & Care are not included in the Free Fees Initiative). *Please note that the free fees initiative is subject to government review.

Non-EU Students

Students who are not normally resident in a member state of the European Union will be required to pay tuition fees. Details are available from the Fees Office.

Student Contribution Fee

Payment is the responsibility of the student unless covered by a grant from Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). It is also the responsibility of students to inform the Fees Office if they are in receipt of a grant. Students who are applying to third-level education for the first time should make their grant application to www.grantsonline.ie.

Refunds

The College operates a strict policy of non-refund of deposit/fees except where the College is not in a position to comply with its obligations to the student.

Late Registration Fee

Students who fail to register at the appointed time will be required to pay a late registration fee of €80 unless prior arrangements have been made with the Registrar's Office. This will not apply to students who receive late offers of places or whose registration has been delayed by NCI.

Financial Assistance

The Student Assistance Fund provides financial support to students who would be unable to fully benefit from third-level education without external support. This scheme is managed by the Higher Education Authority on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills. The Student Assistance Fund is managed by the Higher Education Authority on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. For information please see <https://www.ncirl.ie/Study/Fees-and-Grants/Financial-Support/Student-Assistance-Fund>.

Laptop Requirements

NCI's BSc Hons in Computing and BSc Hons in Data Science operate on a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) from Year 3 onwards. Students are expected to successfully participate in classes using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a suitable hardware configuration.

The minimal suitable configuration is:

A suitable minimum specification is 16GB RAM (32GB recommended), a modern Intel i7 /AMD Ryzen 7/ Apple Silicon equivalent processor, at least 256GB SSD storage (512GB recommended), and a recent version of Windows or macOS. Students must have full administrator rights on their device in order to install and configure required software and development tools.

Student Laptop Loan Scheme

A Laptop Loan Scheme is available for eligible students to assist them in completing their chosen course.



SCHOOL LIAISON



As **Head of CAO Recruitment** at National College of Ireland, I'm here to support students as they explore their options and take the next step in their education journey.

Whether you are a Leaving Certificate student, a PLC learner, a mature student, or considering a return to education, choosing what to study next is an exciting decision, and we're here to help you along the way.

At NCI, we pride ourselves on creating a supportive and welcoming environment where students can feel confident about their future. If you have any questions about our programmes or the application process, please don't hesitate to get in touch — I'd be delighted to hear from you and help in any way I can.

Karen Campbell



As **School Liaison Officer** at National College of Ireland, I'm here to help facilitate the students' transition from the leaving cert to our college.

My role entails providing information about our college and courses to our prospective students, guidance counsellors, and parents through various means of communication. Whether it be a visit to your classroom, a school fair or facilitating a visit here to one of our campuses, your experience is my priority.

If you have any questions regarding our courses or if you're a guidance counsellor seeking to arrange a visit or tour, please don't hesitate to get in touch as here at NCI, we're with you every step of the way.

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School Liaison Events

If you would like to find out more information about NCI, our events programme is full of useful, informative activities that will help you to understand more about going on to third-level and to NCI.



To find out more information on these upcoming events please see our website: www.ncirl.ie/CAO.

Open Days

At an open day, you can come and meet staff and faculty from NCI, and discuss the various courses on offer. Taster classes are held for each course, so you can see what it's like to be a student in NCI. You can also take a tour of the College and meet current students who will talk about their experience of studying at NCI.

Our open days are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

Wednesday November 18th 2026

Saturday January 23rd 2027

Free Leaving Cert Revision Sessions

Our high quality revision sessions are delivered by experienced second-level teachers. The day is extremely productive with teachers working through revision notes as well as exam and study tips. We normally run sessions in Mathematics and English.



Online Meetings

We are glad to be able to welcome you to our IFSC campus so you can see in person our facilities, meet our lecturers and hear about our courses. However, we also have opportunities for you to ask your questions online or to chat directly with a member of the team, whether through Teams or Zoom, or an old-fashioned phone call. We are also now delighted to be back travelling directly to schools for in-person information events; however, if your school would prefer an online visit, we can join you via Google Classroom, Zoom, or any other platform you prefer. Please keep an eye on our website for Open Day updates and contact us if you have any questions or particular requirements.

Visits to Schools and Further Education Institutes

Every year, over 100 guidance counsellors invite NCI to visit their school and speak to students. The presentation is a mix of audio and visual content that provides an insight into college life, information on programmes and potential future careers.

NCI also welcomes students with various types of FETAC and post Leaving Certificate qualifications. If you would like us to visit your institution to find out more information regarding our progression options please feel free to contact us.

To find out more information regarding QQI applications and Advanced Entry visit our website:
www.ncirl.ie/Study/How-to-Apply



Campus Visits

As our scheduled open days may not suit everybody, campus visits can be arranged for schools, groups and individuals.

Career Fairs

During the year we attend a number of events throughout the country including Higher Options, More Options-Tallaght, Carlow Careers Fair, Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board Careers event and many more. To find out more information on these upcoming events please see our website: www.ncirl.ie/CAO.

Information Stands

NCI attends a number of school fairs every year and we would be delighted to host a stand at yours, so please get in touch.

Contact

School Liaison Team
 Email: SchoolLiaison@ncirl.ie
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APPRENTICESHIPS at NCI

Earn While You Learn

An apprenticeship offers an alternative route to higher education, combining paid employment with a recognised college qualification. Apprentices spend part of their time working with an employer and part of their time studying, allowing them to gain practical experience, develop professional skills and earn a salary while they learn. NCI apprenticeships are designed to help students launch their careers with both a qualification and valuable workplace experience.

International Financial Services Apprenticeship

The **Higher Certificate in International Financial Services (Level 6)** is a two-year programme, suitable for school-leavers who are interested in building a career in financial services and want to combine study with real-world experience from the outset.

As an apprentice, you will be employed by a participating organisation while studying at NCI. Through a combination of workplace learning and academic study, you will develop knowledge and skills in areas including financial services products and services, regulation and compliance, client communications, professional practice, systems and processes.

The programme leads to a **QQI Level 6 Higher Certificate in International Financial Services** and provides graduates with substantial industry experience, creating strong foundations for future career opportunities and further study.

Why Choose an Apprenticeship?

- Earn a salary while studying.
- Gain valuable work experience with leading employers.
- Graduate with both a recognised qualification and professional experience.
- Build industry contacts and workplace skills from day one.
- Benefit from a tuition-free route to higher education.

Who Can Apply?

The Higher Certificate apprenticeship is open to applicants who meet the programme entry requirements, including the required Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) qualifications in English and Mathematics. Applicants with relevant QQI qualifications may also be eligible.

How to Apply

Unlike traditional undergraduate programmes, apprenticeships are not applied for through the CAO. Applicants register their interest directly with NCI and apply for apprenticeship opportunities with participating employers. Successful applicants become employees and apprentices simultaneously, combining work and study over the two-year programme.

Find out more

For the latest information on apprenticeship programmes, participating employers, entry requirements and how to apply, visit the Apprenticeships section of the NCI website.



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about student life at NCI



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