



POSTGRADUATE AND PART-TIME

PROSPECTUS

2026-2027



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Congratulations! You are on the path to accelerating your career through education with National College of Ireland. In this Prospectus you can explore our academic programmes, delivered from the heart of Dublin's International Financial Services Centre and the Silicon Docks Tech Hub.

National College of Ireland has 75 years' experience delivering part-time programmes to busy people. Study with us to benefit from academic excellence that is industry aligned and focused on your lifelong learning needs.

You will have all the advantages of our brilliant academics and our support teams for learning, guidance, advice, and career development, within a part-time programme structured to support you while juggling work, study and home life.

Our excellent relationships with our neighbouring global companies in the IFSC and Silicon Docks, our award-winning Careers Team, combined with your hard-earned qualification, will maximise your career progression.

Do come and talk to us at one of our Open Evenings (detailed on our website, ncirl.ie) and speak directly to our academic team to help you choose the right course for you. Our Admissions Team is also always available for your queries at admissions@ncirl.ie

If you value being at the forefront of your chosen discipline, whether that is in Business, Computing, Education or Psychology, National College of Ireland is the place for you!

I look forward to welcoming you to NCI.

Professor Gina Quin
President, National College of Ireland

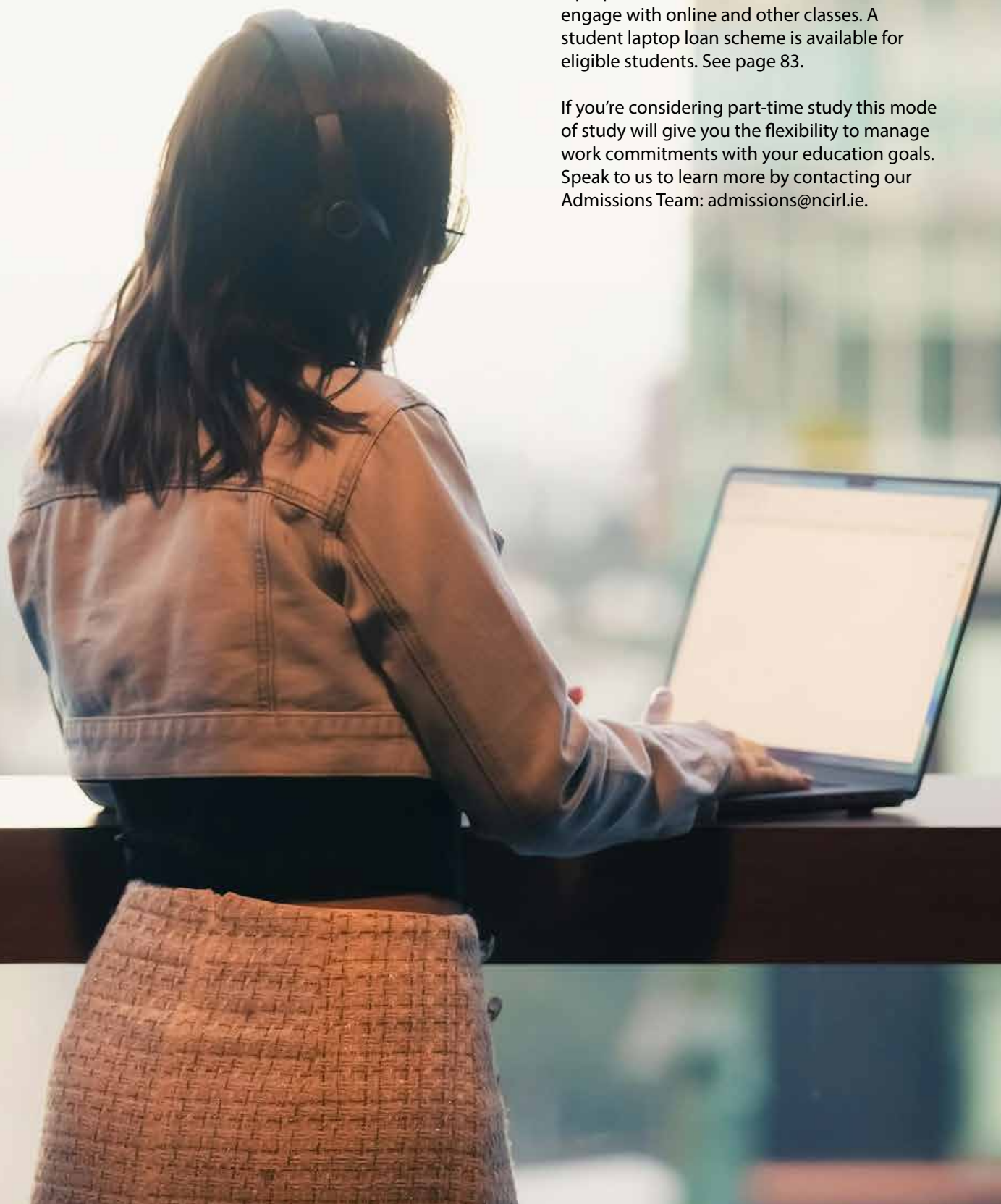
COURSE DELIVERY

for 2026/27

Most of our part-time programmes are delivered in a fully online or blended format. Blended means while the majority of your lectures will be delivered live online, there will also be some on-campus elements where you can meet your lecturer and classmates. These will vary between programmes, but will be scheduled and communicated with you in advance.

Given the amount of online content in these courses, it is a requirement that all students applying to NCI have access to a suitable laptop and broadband that will allow them to engage with online and other classes. A student laptop loan scheme is available for eligible students. See page 83.

If you're considering part-time study this mode of study will give you the flexibility to manage work commitments with your education goals. Speak to us to learn more by contacting our Admissions Team: admissions@ncirl.ie.



BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

POSTGRADUATE

Master of Science in Accounting

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Science in Business Analytics for Decision Makers

Master of Science in Finance

Master of Arts in Human Resource Management

Master of Science in International Business

Master of Science in Marketing

Master of Science in Management

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Human Resource Management

Leaders for Change Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership
and Management

Microcredentials in Business

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

FACTFILE

Full-time Schedule

Duration

September Starts
1 year taught - 2 semesters
(Sep-Dec and Jan-May)
3 additional modules (June-Aug)
or a dissertation (due in August).

Start Date

Sept 2026

Delivery

On-campus
face-to-face classes

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available
09.00-17.00 Monday – Friday.
Classes may be scheduled after
5pm. Class days and times vary.

EU Fee

€9,600 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants) (Fees
revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The MSc in Accounting has been designed in consultation with industry to provide candidates with key skills alongside a robust theoretical understanding of accounting.

The programme is ideal for those who are interested in accounting but do not have an accounting-related undergraduate degree, as this programme allows those students to pursue a conversion programme, allowing them to gain professional accountancy body exemptions. By doing so, this programme will fast track successful graduates to becoming professional accountants.

Candidates will develop a critical and analytical approach to problem-solving and decision-making in an accounting context and develop the ability to interpret, analyse and communicate financial and other information. The learning environment for the course is practical and applied in nature and on completion graduates will be able to think independently, make informed and effective decisions and critically engage with accounting practices and contemporary accounting issues. Candidates will also gain a broader business viewpoint and develop insights into effective leadership practices, corporate governance and ethics issues, in addition to insight into business intelligence to deepen their understanding of data and data governance, gaining the capacity to use quantitative methods and analytics to make more data-informed decisions.

Professional Recognition

Successful graduates may claim the following professional exemptions:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA): Various papers at the Applied Knowledge and Applied Skills levels (9 papers in total).
- Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI): Full CAP 1 exemptions.
- Certified Public Accountants (CPA Ireland): Foundational Level (Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Taxation), Professional Level (Financial Reporting, Advanced Taxation, Corporate Law, Audit & Assurance and Managerial Finance).

Exemption criteria are subject to change, students and graduates should check with the relevant professional bodies for the up-to-date criteria.

Who is the course for?

The course is for those wishing to embark on a career in accountancy.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Accounting is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a level 8 qualification (minimum 2:2 Honours) or equivalent on the National Qualifications Framework in a non-accounting discipline. Cognate degree holders will also be considered (those presenting with a minimum 2:2 Honours level 8 award).

Applications may also be considered under the College's Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) policy, and this is likely to be particularly germane to the part-time provision of the course. RPEL will be assessed on the learner's work experience and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).



COURSE CONTENT

The MSc in Accounting provides students with critical competencies required by a professional accountant in today's ever-evolving dynamic environment.

Students are required to undertake 6 core modules (5 credit modules) in Semester 1 and Semester 2. The uniqueness of this programme is that students have a choice of deciding between Pathway A (30 credits research methods and final dissertation) or Pathway B (3 x 10 credit modules).

One of the principal objectives of the programme is that graduates will, on successful completion of the programme, have entitlement exemptions from professional bodies such as ACCA, Chartered Accountants Ireland, CIMA and CPA.

Core Modules (5 Credits each)

- Financial Accounting
- Taxation
- Audit and Assurance
- Company Law
- Financial Management
- Management Accounting
- Financial Reporting
- Advanced Taxation
- Advanced Financial Management
- Performance Management
- Corporate Governance and Ethics
- Business Intelligence

AND a choice of Pathway A or Pathway B

Elective Pathway A

- Research Methods
(10 Credits – over 2 semesters)
- Dissertation (20 Credits – Semester 3)

OR

Elective Pathway B

- Critical Perspectives in Accounting
(10 Credits – over 2 semesters)
- Effective Leadership in the Organisation
(10 Credits – Semester 3)
- Accounting in Practice (10 Credits – Semester 3)

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



MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Start Date

Sept 2026

Duration

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

Delivery

Blended - Livestream
(online) classes with some
in-person (on campus)
delivery.

Indicative Timetable

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

Fees

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



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

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

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

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

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

Who is the course for?

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

Award and Progression

The Master of Business Administration is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to doctoral study at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a 2.2 honours degree in either a cognate or non-cognate area at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications and a minimum of three years' postgraduate work experience, ideally but not necessarily, in management.

The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning non-graduates with extensive professional experience and other prior qualifications may also be considered for the course.

Laptop Requirement

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



COURSE CONTENT

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

Core Modules

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

Elective Modules

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

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

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

Student Profile

Darren O'Neill
MBA



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKERS

FACTFILE

Full-time Schedule

Duration

September Starts

1 year, taught 2 semesters
(Sep-Dec and Jan-May)
1 semester (June-Aug) for
dissertation (due in August)

Start Date

Sept 2026

Delivery

90% face-to-face
and 10% live online
delivery

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available
09.00-17.00 Monday – Friday.
Classes may be scheduled after
5pm. Class days and times vary.

EU Fee

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



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The MSc in Business Analytics for Decision Makers seeks to provide non-cognate (NFQ Level 8/international equivalent) undergraduate degree holders with key skills and a robust theoretical underpinning of the role of analytics in informing decision making in the business context. The programme will equip non-cognate learners with essential analytic capabilities, allowing them to interact with data scientists and engineers with a view to improving evidence-based decision making. The programme is designed to prepare students for a career in roles that both involve and interact with data science. In this way, the programme is viewed as a one-year conversion course (full-time) for qualified degree holders seeking to transition to a career as a business analyst but not necessarily as data scientists.

The programme has been aligned with the National Qualifications Framework to engender the required knowledge and skills that allow learners to graduate from this Level 9 programme. The programme will seek to advance learners' systematic and integrated knowledge of key theories, concepts, principles and applications that pertain to data science and related disciplines, while also preparing learners for further study through the promotion of independent research and critical decision making and for participation in business through engagement in adaptive problem-solving, communication, and teamwork in diverse contexts.

The above will be achieved through a mix of modules (statistics for data analytics, data governance and ethics, business data strategy and management, science of decision making, introduction to analytics programming) and assessments which will seek to evaluate learners' knowledge of key data science disciplines, assess their ability to apply this knowledge technically in the analysis and presentation of business data and business information, and provide meaningful and authentic opportunities for collaboration, self-reflection, and complex problem-solving.

Who is the course for?

This course is aimed at individuals seeking to develop an understanding of business analytics for use in decision making. Additionally, the course can provide a transition stage for graduates seeking to transition into a career as Business Analysts and Project Managers, two of the most sought-after positions in the Information Systems sector.

Award and Progression

The MSc in Business Analytics for Decision Makers course is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

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

Laptop Requirement

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





COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Business Intelligence
- Statistical Methods
- Science of Decision Making
- Effective Leadership in the Organisation
- Data Governance and Ethics
- Data Visualization
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Elective Modules

- Big Data and AI in Business
- HR Analytics and Evidence based Decision Making
- Data Exploration and Preparation
- Strategic Project Management

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years taught - 2 semesters each (Sep-Dec and Jan-May) 3 additional modules (June-Aug) or a final dissertation (due in August).

Delivery

Blended - Livestream (online) classes with some in-person (on campus) delivery.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Tuesday and Thursday evenings 18.00 - 22.00 online and some Saturdays on campus.

Fees

€4,800 per annum
(€9,600 total fee)
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

September Starts
1 year taught - 2 semesters (Sep-Dec and Jan-May), and 3 additional modules (June-Aug) or a dissertation (due in August).

January Starts

1.5 years taught plus a final dissertation: 2 semesters (Jan-May and Sep-Dec), with a break during the summer (June-Aug), and 3 additional modules (Jan-May) or a dissertation (due in May).

Delivery

Face-to-face classes

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

On-campus Students need to be available Mon – Fri. Some classes may be scheduled after 5pm. Class days and times vary.

EU Fee

€9,600 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The MSc in Finance has been designed in consultation with industry to provide candidates with the advanced analytical, statistical and financial skills for decision-making within the modern and dynamic financial services sector. Graduates will be accomplished in the application of advanced quantitative tools and financial models and techniques within a range of business and financial settings. In particular, the course 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. The learning environment for the course is practical and applied in nature and on completion graduates will be able to think independently, make informed and effective decisions and proactively troubleshoot financial and technical business problems. Graduates from the MSc in Finance will be able to apply advanced research skills and critically evaluate seminal, as well as contemporary literature, paradigms and concepts which underpin the operation of international capital markets and the investment management process.

Who is the course for?

The course is for those wishing to embark on a career in the financial services sector or individuals in all areas of finance who wish to progress their career.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Finance is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

Applicants will normally hold a level 8 honours degree (min 2.2) in finance or a cognate field of study.

Applications may also be considered under the College's Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) policy, and this is likely to be particularly germane to the part-time provision of the course. RPEL will be assessed on the learner's work experience and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Laptop Requirement

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



COURSE CONTENT

- Financial Statement Analysis
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Asset Valuation
- Capstone Seminar Series
- Corporate Finance
- Fundamentals of Financial Econometrics
- Applied Security Analysis
- Derivatives and Risk Management
- Portfolio Management

AND

- Ethics and Governance
- Financial Regulation
- Financial and Quantitative Modelling

OR

- Dissertation

“Very knowledgeable, professional teaching staff. NCI offers a convenient location with a relaxed environment.”

Student Profile

Darren Freemantle
Finance Graduate

MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CIPD

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

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

Delivery

Blended - Livestream (online) classes with some in-person (on campus) delivery.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

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

Fees

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

Full-time Schedule

Duration

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

January Starts

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

Delivery

Face-to-face classes

Start Date

Sept 2026 and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

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

EU Fee

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



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

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

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

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

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

Who is the course for?

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

Award and Progression

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

Entry Requirements

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

Laptop Requirement

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



COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

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

Elective Modules

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

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

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

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

Student Profile

Conor Barry,
MA in HRM

Part-time additional information

Year 1

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

Year 2

Semester 1

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

Semester 2

Workshops based around research topics.

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

Additional Information

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

Year 1

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

Year 2

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

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

Delivery

Blended - Livestream (online)
classes with some in-person
(on campus) delivery.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Monday and Wednesday
18.00 - 21.00 online plus some
Saturday workshops on campus.

Fees

€4,250 per annum
(€8,500 total fee)
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

September Starts

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

January Starts

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

Delivery

On-campus face-to-face classes

Start Date

Sept 2026 and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available
09.00-17.00 Monday – Friday.
Some classes may be scheduled
after 5pm. Class days
and times vary.

EU Fee

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

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

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

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at anyone following a career path that requires them to step into middle to top management positions in an internationally-focused business environment. Additionally, the course can provide a transition stage for graduates from other disciplines who wish to move into the management arena either as practitioners, researchers or consultants.

Award and Progression

The MSc in International Business course is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

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

Laptop Requirement

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COURSE CONTENT

In year 1 of the part-time programme and in the first semester of year 2, students are required to undertake two core modules per semester. In the first semester of year 2, students are also required to complete a ten-credit research methods module. In year 2, semester 2, students take one core module and one elective. The final element of the programme requires learners to undertake a research dissertation.

In the full-time schedule, students are required to undertake 4 core modules in semester 1, and 3 core modules plus an elective in semester 2. In addition, students are required to complete a ten-credit research methods module which runs across semester 1 and 2. The final element of the programme requires learners to undertake a research dissertation.

Core Modules

- . Global Business
- . Business Models, Strategy and Tactics
- . Marketing in the Global Environment
- . Leading, Managing and Planning in Organisations
- . Corporate Governance, Business Ethics and CSR
- . Economics for Management
- . Contemporary Issues in Global Finance
- . Research Methods
- . Dissertation

Elective Modules

- . Strategic Management of Human Capital
- . Business Intelligence
- . Sustainable Business Leadership
- . Commercial Law
- . Entrepreneurship
- . Management in Postmodern Markets
- . Doing Business on the Cloud
- . Strategic Project Management

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

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

Delivery

Blended - Livestream (online)
classes with some in-person
(on campus) delivery.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Monday and Wednesday
18.00 - 21.00 plus one or two
Saturdays on campus each term.

Fees

€4,250 per annum
(€8,500 total fee)
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

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

January Starts

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

Delivery

On-campus face-to-face classes

Start Date

Sept 2026 and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available
09.00-17.00 Monday – Friday.
Some classes may be scheduled
after 5pm. Class days and times
vary.

EU Fee

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



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our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The MSc in Management has been developed to satisfy the demand for courses 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.

The course also provides a series of elective modules for students to explore other areas of interest or to emphasise their development in a specific area of their choice. Development of effective managerial skills, which include analytical problem solving, decision-making, effective communication and leadership, is encouraged throughout the course.

Such skills provide strong tools which can be applied in real day-to-day management situations and serve graduates to aim at higher management positions within the organisation.

Block teaching is used to provide the opportunity for more in-depth development of knowledge within modules. An applied approach to teaching is used within the programme with lectures interspersed with exercises, use of case study analysis, group activities in class, debate on contemporary issues as well as independent learning.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at anyone following a career path which requires them to step into middle to top management positions. Additionally, the course can provide a transition stage for graduates from other disciplines who wish to move into the management arena either as practitioners, researchers or consultants.

Award and Progression

The MSc in Management course is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

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

Laptop Requirement

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





COURSE CONTENT

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

Core Modules

- . Business Models, Strategy and Tactics
- . Financial Management
- . Marketing in the Global Environment
- . Leading, Managing and Planning in Organisations
- . Economics for Management
- . International Business
- . Research Methods
- . Dissertation

Elective Modules

- . Commercial Law
- . Corporate Governance, Business Ethics and CSR
- . Contemporary Issues in Global Finance
- . Business Intelligence
- . Entrepreneurship
- . Strategic Management of Human Capital
- . Employment Law
- . Sustainable Business Leadership
- . Doing Business on the Cloud
- . Strategic Project Management
- . Management in Postmodern Markets

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

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING

Full-time Schedule

Duration

September Starts

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

Delivery

On-campus face-to-face classes

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00-17.00 Monday – Friday. Classes may be scheduled after 5pm. Class days and times vary.

EU Fee

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



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The MSc in Marketing has been specifically designed with the needs of current and future marketing professionals and managers in mind. The course will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of key foundations of the marketing discipline as well as providing you with a detailed understanding of the contemporary marketplace. You will learn how to apply the latest marketing theory and practice in a dynamic business environment, within increasingly complex digital, ethical and sustainability parameters.

The programme comprises a carefully selected range of both contemporary and fundamental marketing topics such as: integrated marketing communications, brand management, digital marketing practice and sustainability and thus caters for multinational organisations, indigenous SME initiatives and the not-for-profit sector, among others.

The programme offers students real insight and experience into how to plan and execute marketing campaigns and strategies through the use of case studies and projects, where possible in conjunction with industry, enabling our graduates to enter management roles, hitting the ground running.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at those seeking to advance their studies and/or professional career in marketing and its related fields.

Award and Progression

The MSc in Marketing course is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a level 8 qualification in a cognate discipline (i.e. a business-related honours degree) or equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning nongraduates with extensive professional experience and/or other prior qualifications may be considered for the course.

Laptop Requirement

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





COURSE CONTENT

Full-time students will complete four core modules in Semester 1, followed by 5 core modules in Semester 2. Students are also required to complete a ten-credit research methods module which runs across Semester 1 and 2.

Core Modules

- Marketing in the 21st Century
- The Contemporary Consumer
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- Sustainability, Strategy and Society
- Brand Management
- Digital Marketing Practice
- Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship
- Marketing Metrics and Accountability
- Critical Marketing Studies
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Note that all modules count towards the final award classification.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARTS IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CIPD

FACTFILE

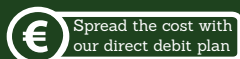
Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
1 calendar year; 39 weeks, 3
taught semesters September to
end of July.

Delivery
Blended - Livestream (online)
classes with some in-person
(on campus) delivery.

Indicative Timetable
Tuesday and Thursday
18.00 - 21.00 online plus some
Saturdays on campus.

Fees
Total fee: €7,750
(Fees revised annually)



Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

This course uniquely allows students to study over three consecutive semesters within one calendar year to receive the award of Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Human Resource Management. Graduates who successfully complete the course may be eligible to apply for Chartered Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

Course Description

This intensive course has been developed in consultation with the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). The programme aims to develop an in-depth understanding of the core disciplines in the area of human resources (HR). It recognises that HR must operate in challenging and dynamic business environments that are constantly changing and seeks to enable students to deliver effective business solutions that optimise the people resources of their organisation.

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

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

Who is the course for?

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

Award and Progression

The Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Human Resource Management is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Graduates with relevant work experience will be eligible to apply for Chartered Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) for which a membership fee will be payable directly to CIPD. Students who successfully complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in HRM have the option of continuing their studies to receive the award of Master of Arts in HRM.

Entry Requirements

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

Laptop Requirement

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

Additional Information

The Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in HRM comprises 3 semesters of study:

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



COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

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

Elective Modules

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

Learners are required to choose one 10-credit and one 5-credit elective from the suite of electives offered above. Those students wishing to exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in HRM with no intention of progressing to complete the MA in HRM award, should choose the Investigating a Business Issue to fulfil CIPD requirements.

Those students who transfer onto the MA in HRM course will be required to complete an additional semester consisting of a research methods module and a minor dissertation. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research degrees and in some cases progression to taught doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

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



LEADERS FOR CHANGE CERTIFICATE IN NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Special Purpose Award

Level 9 (15 ECTS Credits)

FACTFILE

Start Date

September 2026,
January 2027.

Duration

One semester.

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some
campus and/or campus stream
classes, scheduled in advance.

Indicative Timetable

Two days per month: Attendance
(online or on-campus) for three
x 3-day blocks and one x 2-day
block (11 days total). These blocks
will be run over a 6-month or less
period, allowing students spend
time on applying the evidence-
based principles learned,
completing applied projects
as part of their assessment,
and focusing on independent
learning.

Fees

€1,575 (Fees revised annually)



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supporting improvement in social services



Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This level 9 Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Management is an applied programme, aimed at improving specific, managerial and leadership competencies for managers and executives in Irish non-profit organisations. The course combines academic, evidence-based practices with practitioner-led knowledge and skills. The faculty are drawn from academia and from qualified senior managers/CEOs who work within capacity building and research organisations within the non-profit sector in Ireland and internationally.

The course will focus on very specific and emerging managerial issues in the sector, which are not generally found in conventional MA/MSc/MBA programmes, other than those which focus exclusively on the non-profit sector. Learners receive very specific 360-degree feedback on their own leadership behaviours as seen by their peers, colleagues, direct reports etc. using a validated instrument.

The managerial portions of the programme (10 of 15 ECTS) addresses, in a foundational way, many of the contemporary issues faced by Irish managers in the non-profit sector. Topics and skills such as reflective practice, conflict management, emotional intelligence at work, non-profit governance, managing culture, HR and performance management, impact measurement, change management, influencing government and advocacy, information management, social media and personal presentation skills differentiate the programme from conventional management programmes. While the knowledge base is developed from an empirical perspective, the core focus is on helping learners migrate the knowledge base into a new set of competencies.

Award

Graduates will receive a Special Purpose Award (15 credits) awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a 2.2 honours degree at level 8 or equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications. Applications may also be considered under the College's Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) policy, and this is likely to be particularly germane to the non-profit sector managers who do not hold an undergraduate degree but have substantive work and managerial experience. This programme requires applicants to have previous work and managerial/team leader experience.

Laptop Requirement

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

Career Development

Successful graduates of the programme are likely to emerge as future senior managers or CEOs of indigenous non-profit organisations, or develop further career progression in their current non-profit organisation.

COURSE CONTENT

- Non-Profit Change Management
- Emerging Management
- Ethical Leadership
- Outcome Measurement
- External Environment and Stakeholder Conflicts
- Model Leadership Behaviours
- Implementing Leadership Driven Changes



MICROCREDENTIALS IN BUSINESS



These short, online courses give you an in-depth understanding of a key area of business in a very focused way. These accredited, postgraduate programmes are all delivered online by experienced faculty. Programmes are assessed using innovative continuous assessment elements and final exams. As these courses are drawn from our MBA and business masters' programmes, should you later decide to progress to a full master's award, you will get credit for this module. If you need to get quickly up to speed in these emerging areas of business, these programmes are for you.

FACTFILE

Application	Start Date	Duration	Delivery	Fees
Apply online at www.ncirl.ie	Throughout the year, see www.ncirl.ie for more information	30 hours contact time: 6 hours per week over 5 weeks.	Blended delivery: online delivery with one in-person half day introductory session	€950 (Fees revised annually)

Award

These certificates are awarded by QQI at level 9 (5 ECTS) on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Entry Requirements

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

Laptop Requirement

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CERTIFICATE IN SCIENCE OF DECISION MAKING

Topics covered:

- The psychology of a decision
- Modes of decision making under risk
- Heuristics and cognitive biases
- Group decision making
- How to improve decision making

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This programme introduces the student to the science of decision making and is designed to help students become more effective decision makers. The programme draws on the latest research in the field of decision making and draws on work in areas such as psychology, economics, marketing, and HR. Students will learn to understand and use their two modes of thought, 'system 1' which allows us to make fast intuitive decisions and 'system 2' which is slower and more analytical.

CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Topics covered:

- Perspectives on sustainability
- Leadership, change management and corporate governance in sustainability
- Sustainability – Accountability, risk and legal framework

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course gives a deep understanding of how to address sustainability in any organisation, examining the process by which firms integrate environmental concerns into their decision making. The course gives detailed insight into sustainability and the different perspectives on the concept. Students will study the global trends driving sustainability and be able to apply sustainable leadership principles. In undertaking this programme, you will be guided to construct an actionable sustainability plan for an organisation.

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Topics covered:

- Big data – What it is, the challenges and opportunities
- Framing the business problem
- Data governance
- Data analytics
- Making decisions with data
- Ethical and organisational issues

COURSE DESCRIPTION

All organisations have access to a wide variety and depth of data. This short programme will guide students to shape and use this data to make more informed management decisions. Students will learn to understand data and data governance, gaining the capacity to use quantitative methods and analytics to make more data-informed decisions. The course is ideal for managers interested in the basics of data analytics, how to work with data analytics specialists and how to frame business problems in such a way to arrive at informed decisions efficiently.

CERTIFICATE IN HARNESSING NEURODIVERSITY IN THE MODERN WORKPLACE

Topics covered:

- Introduction to Neurodiversity
- Legal frameworks, rights and behaviours related to neurodiversity in the workplace
- Strengths and contributions of Neurodiverse individuals
- Addressing workplace challenges associated with Neurodiversity
- Inclusive workplace strategies

COURSE DESCRIPTION

At a time of near full employment when a different approach to work is increasingly important, creating a more diverse-accepting workplace gives the opportunity for improvement across the organisation. Managers and neurodiverse employees will both benefit from this programme, gaining a greater understanding of neurodiversity and how to make the workplace more accommodating and ensuring the unique abilities of all employees are harnessed towards greater success.



SCHOOL OF **BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

UNDERGRADUATE

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business Management

Bachelor of Arts (Hons)) in Human Resource Management
Strategy and Practice

(CIPD) Diploma in Professional Human Resource Practice

(CIPD) Certificate in Professional Human Resource Practice

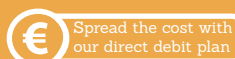
Certificate in Professional Employment Law and Practice

(CIPD) Diploma in Professional Learning
& Organisational Development

(CIPD) Certificate in Professional Learning
& Organisational Development



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT *Complete your degree in 2 years***FACTFILE****Start Date**
Sept 2026**Duration**
Three stages over 2 years.**Delivery**
Blended (Online with some face-to-face classes).**Indicative Timetable**
Two evenings per week online plus some Saturdays on campus. Exams may take the form of online or in person.**Fees**
€4,250 per stage
(€12,750 total fee)
Full degree encompasses three stages
(Fees revised annually)**Application:** Apply online at www.ncirl.ie**Course Description**

This honours degree programme will give you the knowledge and skills required for all areas of business management. You will cover all the latest thinking and how it contributes to organisational success. You will gain an in-depth knowledge of a wide range of management and general business issues, theory, practice, and development. You will also learn to appreciate wider factors impacting business decision making such as the organisation culture, entrepreneurship and the external economic environment.

Students come from a variety of organisations and the course helps you understand the implications of different business contexts and varied stakeholders on the management of business.

The course will progress you through an in-depth knowledge of business management from its basic operational foundations to the more strategic level, and inform you of emerging new issues in this sphere. Our experienced faculty and the block delivery nature of the programme enables the course to offer you an interesting range of business assignments that will see you critically assessing approaches taken in work examples and case studies. This emphasis on practical assignments together with expert industry guest lecturers and a range of online materials will make for a fulfilling learning experience.

How is the course delivered?

This course is designed to radically change the experience of part-time study, with the learner no longer bound to traditional academic semesters that are more suited to full-time students. The course is delivered over three stages with each stage consisting of a block of 11 to 13 weeks with a short break built in after completion of each block and over the summer period. Submission deadlines and exams may fall within the break period.

This course is supported with online materials that supplement classroom-based lectures. This gives students the opportunity to meet up in the college and speak directly with lecturers.

Typically, the schedule would be:

STAGE 1**Block One**

September to mid-December 2026
Break

Block Two

Mid-January to mid-late April 2027
Break

STAGE 2**Block Three**

Mid-May to end of July 2027/beginning of August
Break

Block Four

Mid-September to mid-December 2027
Break

STAGE 3**Block Five**

Mid-January to end-April 2028
Break

Block Six

May to August 2028

Who is the course for?

This part-time course is aimed at people working in business and management areas or intending to move into them.



Entry Requirements

The course is designed to appeal to those at work or seeking to re-enter the workforce. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on work and other experience. Applicants under 21 will be assessed based on Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

Note that applicants with a Certificate in First Line Management or a Certificate in Retail Management will get exemptions from some modules in stage 1. Applicants who have previously completed a Higher Certificate in Business may in some circumstances be eligible to enter the programme at Stage 2.

Any applicant with substantial experience may be eligible for module exemptions, you can apply by showing evidence of prior learning based on your employment experience.

Note that applicants with a Certificate in First Line Management or a Certificate in Retail Management will get exemptions from some modules in stage 1. Applicants who have previously completed a Higher Certificate in Business may in some circumstances be eligible to enter the programme at Stage 2.

Any applicant with substantial experience may be eligible for module exemptions, you can apply by showing evidence of prior learning based on your employment experience.

Award and Progression

This programme is designed to offer learners the maximum of flexibility with different entry and exit points and awards. This allows learners to stage their studies as suits them best. The full Bachelor of Arts Honours in Business Management is awarded by QQI at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow progression to level 9 courses on the NFQ such as NCI's MA in Human Resource Management.

However, students may exit after completing stage 1 (60 credits) and receive a Certificate in Business Management at level 6, or after completing stage 2 (120 credits) and receive a Diploma in Business Management at level 7 awarded by QQI on the NFQ. If you exit with a minor award you can still return later to finish the whole degree – you set the pace.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

Stage 1

Block 1

- Business Management Practice
- Leadership and Influencing
- Working with People

Block 2

- Aspects of Business Law
- Financial Accounting
- Economics of the World
- Business Communication

Stage 2

Block 1

- HRM in the Business Framework
- Business Economics
- Marketing
- Introduction to Business Statistics and Analytics

Block 2

- Business Statistics and Analytics for Decision Making
- Essentials of Employment Law
- Management Accounting
- Technology for Business

Stage 3

Block 1

- Entrepreneurship
- Strategic Management
- Economic and Social Policy

Block 2

- Change Management
- Project Management
- Sustainability and Business Ethics

This course is delivered with online lectures and online learning materials and, supported by classroom-based learning events. This gives students the opportunity to meet up in the College and speak directly with lecturers and fellow learners.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CIPD STRATEGY AND PRACTICE *Complete your degree in 2 years*

FACTFILE

Start Date

Sept 2026

Duration

Three stages over 2 years.

Delivery

Blended (live online evening classes with some face-to-face classes on campus). Evening weekdays are online and Saturdays on campus.

Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week 18.00-22.00 online plus approximately 1 Saturday per month on campus. Exams may take the form of online or in person.

Fees

€4,250 per stage
(€12,750 total fee)
Full degree encompasses three stages
(Fees revised annually)



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our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The BA (Hons) in Human Resource Management Strategy and Practice provides learners with an in-depth knowledge of Human Resource Management (HRM), its core theories and application within the organisation. The programme provides you with a comprehensive understanding of the key skills required of the human resource professional.

Core business modules including Business Law, Finance & Accounting for HR Professionals, Management Theory and Practice are covered as well as modules which are essential for HR practitioners e.g.: Resourcing and Talent Planning, Employment Law, Employee Relations, Learning and Development, Diversity & Inclusion and Change & Organisational Development. The programme also covers modules which explore new and evolving HR practices such as HR Analytics, Strategic HRM, and Contemporary Issues in HRM.

Our experienced faculty and the block delivery nature of the programme enables the course to offer you an interesting range of HRM and business assignments that will see you undertake a variety of activities from critically assessing approaches to HRM taken in real organisations to conducting recruitment and selection activities. This emphasis on practical and academic skills development together with industry experienced expert lecturers will make for a fulfilling learning experience.

Upon successful completion of the degree, you will become CIPD qualified and achieve Professional Membership of CIPD at the Associate Member level. CIPD qualifications and membership are often required by employers seeking to hire Human Resources / Learning & Development professionals.

How is the course delivered?

The course is delivered over three stages with each stage consisting of two intensive blocks with a short break built-in after completion of each block and over the summer period.

Submission deadlines and exams may fall within the break period.

This course is supported with online materials that supplement classroom-based lectures.

Typically, the schedule would be:

STAGE 1

Block One

September to mid-December 2026
Break

Block Two

Mid-January to mid-late April 2027
Break

STAGE 2

Block Three

Mid-May to mid-August 2027
Break

Block Four

Mid-September to mid-December 2027
Break

STAGE 3

Block Five

Mid-January to mid-April 2028
Break

Block Six

May to August 2028



Who is the course for?

The programme is designed to suit the needs of part-time students requiring a professional CIPD recognised qualification and is aimed at people already working in HRM or intending to move into the area.

Award and Progression

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Human Resource Management Strategy and Practice is awarded by QQI at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow progression to level 9 courses on the NFQ such as NCI's MA in Human Resource Management.

Note that students may exit after completing stage 1 (60 credits) and receive a Diploma in HRM Strategy and Practice awarded by QQI at level 7 on the NFQ. Students who leave after successful completion of Stage 1 are eligible for Associate membership of CIPD.

Entry Requirements

The course is designed to appeal to those at work or seeking to re-enter the workforce. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on work and other experience. Applicants under 21 will be assessed based on Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

Note that applicants with a CIPD Diploma in Professional Human Resource Practice (HRM) from NCI may apply to enter directly at stage 2 of this degree programme.

Any applicant with substantial experience may be eligible for module exemptions from Stage 2 only. You can apply by showing evidence of prior learning based on your employment/relevant academic experience.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

Stage 1

- Academic Writing
- HR Professional Practice
- Resourcing and Talent Planning
- Employment Law
- HRM in the Corporate Framework
- Reward Management
- Introduction to Employee Relations

Stage 2

- Finance & Accounting for the HR Professional
- Management Theory and Practice
- Organisational Behaviour
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Learning and Development
- Ethics & Corporate Governance
- Essentials of Business Law

Stage 3

- Strategic HRM
- Contemporary Issues in HRM
- Change and Organisational Development
- Economic and Social Policy
- Contemporary Issues in IR
- HR Analytics

This course is delivered with live online lectures and online learning materials and supported by classroom-based learning events. This gives students the opportunity to meet up in the College and speak directly with lecturers and fellow learners.



(CIPD) DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL HUMAN RESOURCE PRACTICE CIPD

FACTFILE

Start Date

Sept 2026 and Jan 2027
(Other start dates may also be offered)

Indicative Timetable

2 evenings a week
18.30-22.00 online plus 3
on-campus Saturdays during
the course 09.30-17.30.

Duration

1 academic year

Delivery

Blended (live online with some
face-to-face classes). Evening
weekdays online and some
Saturdays on campus.

Fees

€3,750 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

NCI is the country's largest provider of CIPD graduates in Human Resources.

This course takes place over one academic year and is delivered by lecturers with extensive, practical experience in human resources, people and culture. The diploma covers Applied Employment Law, Reward and Performance, Employment Relations, Talent Acquisition plus Organisational Performance & Culture. The programme has been completely revised, placed on the National Framework of Qualifications at level 7 and is in line with the CIPD Profession Map allowing automatic eligibility for Membership of CIPD at Associate Level.

An innovative assessment structure is in place on the course which promotes both the understanding of academic principles and the application of skill. Some innovative assessment methods make the course very realistic, such as the investigation into suspected employee theft or the conducting of a selection interview. Assessment is by means of skills assessments, written projects and team presentations.

In addition, upon successful completion of the diploma, there is an exemption from the first stage of NCI's part-time BA (Honours) in Human Resource Management Strategy and Practice, meaning you have a direct progression path to the later stages of our HR degree.

Who is the course for?

This part-time HR course is ideal for those working in HR, wishing to develop a HR career or managers wanting a better knowledge of people management. The wide range of participants will be a vital part of your learning experience. The course is ideal for those who want to gain Professional Membership of CIPD. CIPD qualifications and membership are often required by employers seeking to hire HR professionals.

Award

Graduates will receive a level 7 QQI Diploma in Professional Human Resource Practice. The course leads to CIPD qualification and Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). A separate membership fee (currently stg£140, but subject to revision) should be paid directly to CIPD to gain student membership.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed to appeal to those working in human resources, managing large teams of people or seeking to make a career change into HR. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on relevant work and other experience.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

- Applied Employment Law
- Reward and Performance
- Talent Acquisition
- Organisational Performance and Culture
- Employment Relations
- Professional Behaviours and Practice



(CIPD) CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL HUMAN RESOURCE PRACTICE CIPD

FACTFILE

Start Date

Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

1 evening a week 18.30-22.00
online plus 2 on-campus
Saturdays during the course
09.30-17.30.

Duration

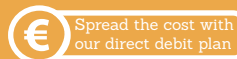
1 academic year

Delivery

Blended (live online with some
face-to-face classes). Evening
weekdays online and some
Saturdays on campus.

Fees

€2,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



Spread the cost with
our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

NCI is the country's largest provider of CIPD graduates in Human Resources.

This course takes place over one academic year and is delivered by lecturers with extensive, practical experience in human resources, people and culture. The certificate covers Applied Employment Law, Talent Acquisition plus Organisational Performance & Culture. The programme has been completely revised, placed on the National Framework of Qualifications at level 7 and is in line with the CIPD Profession Map allowing automatic eligibility for Membership of CIPD at Associate Level.

An innovative assessment structure is in place on the course which promotes both the understanding of academic principles and the application of skill. Some innovative assessment methods make the course very realistic, such as the investigation into suspected employee theft or the conducting of a selection interview. Assessment is by means of skills assessments, written projects and team presentations.

Upon successful completion of the certificate, there are only two more modules to complete for achievement of the Diploma in Professional Human Resource Practice. For Graduates from the Diploma, there is an exemption from the first stage of NCI's part-time BA (Honours) in Human Resource Management Strategy and Practice, meaning you have a direct progression path to the later stages of our HR degree.

Who is the course for?

This part-time HR course is ideal for those working in HR, wishing to develop a HR career or managers wanting a better knowledge of people management. The wide range of participants will be a vital part of your learning experience. The course is ideal for those who want to gain Professional Membership of CIPD. CIPD qualifications and membership are often required by employers seeking to hire HR professionals.

Award

Graduates will receive a level 7 QQI Certificate in Professional Human Resource Practice. The course leads to CIPD qualification and Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). A separate membership fee (currently stg£140, but subject to revision) should be paid directly to CIPD to gain student membership.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed to appeal to those working in human resources, managing large teams of people or seeking to make a career change into HR. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on relevant work and other experience.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

- Applied Employment Law
- Talent Acquisition
- Organisational Performance and Culture
- Professional Behaviours and Practice



CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAW AND PRACTICE CIPD

FACTFILE

Start Date

Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

1 evening a week
18:30 – 22.00 plus
one Saturday.

Duration

18 weeks

Delivery

Online, live interactive classes.

Fees

€1,300 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



Spread the cost with
our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This certificate will give you the skills and knowledge needed in managing difficult employment situations at work and changing the working climate. The course covers the key aspects of employment law and employee relations required by HR professionals, line and owner managers. The course is highly practical applying case law to real life situations, taught by lecturers with practical experience of these situations.

On completion, participants will be able to deal with such issues as poor performance, dismissals, redundancies and equality issues. Participants will also understand alternative dispute mechanisms, employee voice and international employee relations. With new EU directives coming around collective bargaining, it has never been more important for employers to upskill in this area. An innovative assessment structure is in place which promotes both the understanding of academic principles and the application of skill. Assessment is by means of skills demonstration, written projects and case assignments.

Upon successful completion of the certificate, graduates will be exempt from two modules of the (CIPD) Diploma in Professional Human Resource Practice. Note that the Certificate in Professional Employment Law & Practice is a short programme, and further modules are required to gain CIPD accreditation.

Who is the course for?

This part-time course is suitable for those who are working in HR or for those with experience in some aspects of HR who wish to update their skills and further their career. Given the importance of the issues, the course will also appeal to those working at line manager level or those running a small business with no HR unit in place.

Award

Graduates will receive a level 7 QQI Certificate in Professional Employment Law and Practice.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed to appeal to those working in HR or seeking to upgrade their knowledge of employment law. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on relevant work and other experience.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

- . Applied Employment Law
- . Employment Relations



(CIPD) DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CIPD

FACTFILE

Start Date
Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable
2 evenings a week 18.30-22.00
online plus 5 on-campus
Saturdays during the course
09.30-17.30.

Duration
1 academic year

Delivery
Blended (live online with some
face-to-face classes). Evening
weekdays online and some
Saturdays on campus.

Fees
€3,750 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This programme covers Learning Design, Facilitation and Digital & Blended Learning for all those involved in the development of people. We take the best-in-class theory and approaches and help you apply it to your organisation. Learning alongside other professionals, you will be taught by lecturers with years of practical experience in Learning & Development. An innovative assessment structure is in place which promotes both the understanding of academic principles and the application of skill. Assessment is by means of skills assessments, projects, case assignments and exams.

The programme is taught in a blended format, with evening classes taking place in our live, virtual classroom and Saturday workshops taking place on campus in the IFSC.

Who is the course for?

The programme is for those involved in training, learning, organisational development and talent development in organisations or those wishing to move into that career. The wide range of participants will be a vital part of your learning experience. The course is ideal for those who want to gain Professional Membership of CIPD. CIPD qualifications and membership are often required by employers seeking to hire HR professionals.

Award

Graduates will receive a level 7 QQI Diploma in Professional Learning & Organisational Development. The course leads to CIPD qualification and Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). A separate membership fee (currently stg£140, but subject to revision) should be paid directly to CIPD to gain student membership.

Entry Requirements

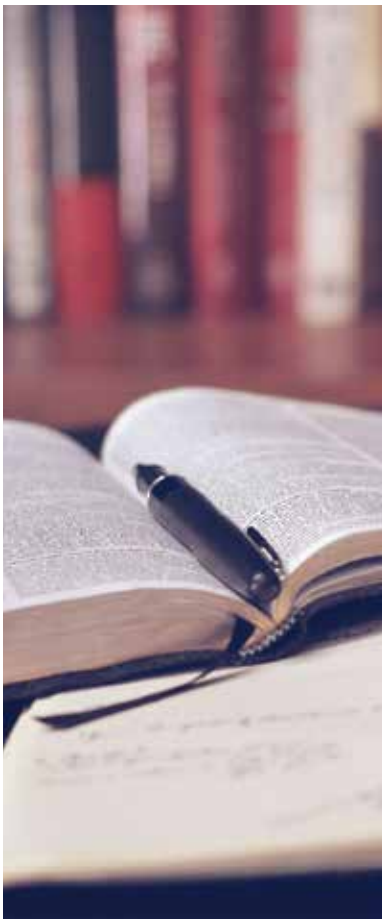
This course is designed to appeal to those at work or seeking to make a career change towards training and development. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on relevant work and other experience.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

- Learning & Development Design and Evaluation
- Facilitation of Learning & Development
- Organisation Culture & Development
- HRD Professional Practice
- Strategy & Future Developments in Learning & Development
- Digital Learning and Development
- Coaching in Organisations



(CIPD) CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CIPD

FACTFILE

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

2 evenings a week 18.30-22.00
online plus 5 on-campus
Saturdays during the course
09.30-17.30.

Duration

1 academic year

Delivery

Blended (live online with some
face-to-face classes). Evening
weekdays online and some
Saturdays on campus.

Fees

€2,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



Spread the cost with
our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This programme covers the essential elements of Learning & Development for all those interested and involved in the development of people. We take the best-in-class theory and approaches and help you apply it to your organisation. Learning alongside other professionals, you will be taught by lecturers with years of practical experience in Learning & Development. An innovative assessment structure is in place which promotes both the understanding of academic principles and the application of skill. Assessment is by means of skills assessments, projects and team presentations.

The programme is taught in a blended format, with evening classes taking place live online, creating a unique virtual classroom alongside some on campus Saturday workshops.

Upon successful completion of the certificate, there are only two more modules to complete for achievement of the Diploma in Professional Learning & Organisational Development.

Who is the course for?

The programme is for those involved in training, learning, organisational development and talent development in organisations or those wishing to move into that career. The wide range of participants will be a vital part of your learning experience. The course is ideal for those who want to gain Professional Membership of CIPD. CIPD qualifications and membership are often required by employers seeking to hire HR professionals.

Award

Graduates will receive a level 7 QQI Certificate in Professional Learning & Organisational Development. The course leads to CIPD qualification and Associate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). A separate membership fee (currently stg£140, but subject to revision) should be paid directly to CIPD to gain student membership.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed to appeal to those at work or seeking to make a career change towards training and development. There are no specific academic requirements with applicants considered based on relevant work and other experience.

Laptop Requirement

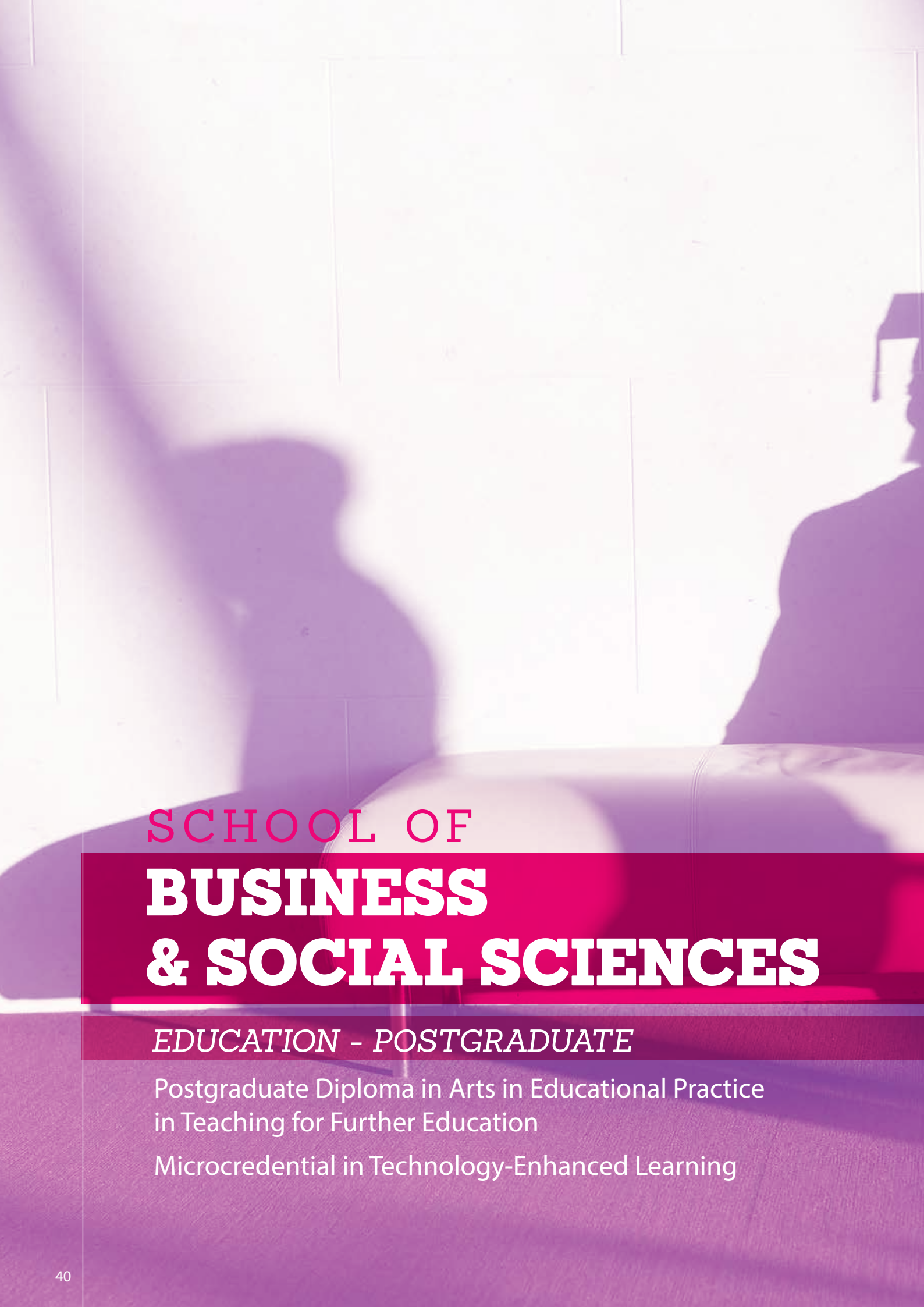
All students applying to NCI must have access to a laptop that will allow them to attend classes online and, where relevant, to participate in on-campus learning. Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.

COURSE CONTENT

- Learning & Development Design and Evaluation
- Facilitation of Learning & Development
- Organisation Culture & Development
- HRD Professional Practice
- Strategy & Future Developments in Learning & Development







SCHOOL OF **BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

EDUCATION - POSTGRADUATE

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Educational Practice
in Teaching for Further Education

Microcredential in Technology-Enhanced Learning



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE IN TEACHING FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

FACTFILE

Schedule

Start Date

Sept 2026

Duration

1 year

Delivery

Blended – Livestream (online) classes with some campus classes and some in-person exams, scheduled in advance

Indicative Timetable

Tuesday and Thursday 18.30 - 21.30 livestream and some Saturdays 09.30 - 13.30 on campus.

An additional and separate class group of this programme may be offered via the following schedule: Wednesday 14.00-17.00 on campus, Friday 14.00-17.00 livestream, and some Saturdays 09.30 - 13.30 on campus. This is subject to sufficient numbers.

Fees

€5,200 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



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our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This course is specially designed and developed to meet the needs of learning professionals in the further education sector. In particular, the course addresses the needs of those educators requiring Teaching Council of Ireland accreditation for working in further education contexts. The Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Practice in Teaching for Further Education is an intensive evening programme with a requirement for extensive daytime placement practice, designed to provide the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies to enhance your teaching in further education institutions. This course is focused on the development of your knowledge, skills and competence in educational theory, as well as your ability to apply this theory to pedagogic design and professional development. This course is delivered in the evenings to accommodate students' placement work.

The course focuses on developing self-awareness as well as the competence to facilitate the development of individuals in a range of further education contexts by, for example, the application of new technologies to instruction, the use of strategies to support learning, and the creation of valuable and effective assessments.

The course will use a variety of participative teaching approaches. You will be encouraged to enquire, question and critique modern conceptions of how we learn and how we can bring about learning in others.

You will be expected to complete practical assignments and to build your skills as an educator, including undertaking a placement in host FE colleges or centres.

Who is the course for?

The course is suitable for those intending to pursue a career in teaching in the further education sector. Route 3 (Further Education) of the Teaching Council Regulations (2016) deals with teacher registration for the further education sector. This regulation includes a requirement, with effect from 01 April 2013, for applicants for registration to have attained, inter alia, a Council-approved further education teacher education qualification. Applicants should also consult the Teaching Council website for the complete set of requirements under Route 3.

Entry Requirements

Applicants holding an Honours Degree 2.2 (Level 8) in any discipline ideally with professional involvement in the facilitation of learning or training will be considered for the course. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme, which means that applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work or other relevant experience. All applicants will be interviewed by the Programme Director or a member of the programme team.



Garda Vetting

Incoming students for the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Practice in Teaching for Further Education course must undergo Garda Vetting. Garda Vetting is part of the admissions process. Garda Vetting applications must be submitted to NCI prior to commencing the programme. Guidelines on this process is provided by the Admissions Office.

Note: Students will not be permitted to begin their placement until their vetting application is processed and approved in accordance with NCI's Student Vetting policy.

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

- Theories of Learning and Teaching
- Contemporary and Enduring Questions in Education
- Strategies of Learning and Teaching
- Educational Practice for Diversity and Inclusion
- Practicum in Teaching for Further Education
- Technology Enhanced Learning
- Educational Assessment and Feedback

MICROCREDENTIAL IN TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING

FACTFILE

Schedule

Start Date

Sept 2026

May be offered at other times in the year subject to numbers.

Duration

12 weeks

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Indicative Timetable

The TEL microcredential consist of two full-day virtual sessions from 10.00-17.00, combined with four two-hour virtual classroom sessions, and directed online activities. Virtual classes will take place on Thursday evenings.

Fees

€1,200 total fee

(Fees revised annually)



Spread the cost with
our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

This short, online course covers one module, allowing you to focus on one specific aspect of technology enhanced learning while also providing a pathway to further qualifications in this area at NCI. The following microcredentials are currently available through our School of Business and Social Sciences.

Award

This certificate is awarded by QQI as a special purpose award level 9 (10 ECTS) on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Students who successfully complete this course may progress to complete other programmes, for example the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Educational Practice, for Further Education and Training or the Masters of Arts in Educational Practice subject to appropriate RPEL and admissions processes.

Entry Requirements

Candidates will be learning professionals working in further education and training, adult and corporate learning sectors or similar. For participation on the Level 9 microcredential, applicants holding an Honours Degree 2.2 (Level 8) in any discipline, ideally with professional involvement in the facilitation of learning or training, will be considered.

For applicants whose first language is not English, please note the English language entry requirements.

The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements will be considered based on relevant work and other experience. Applicants may be interviewed by the Programme Director or member of the programme team.

Technology/Participation Requirements

Participants should have the ability to use ICT independently to find information, create and manage files, and communicate with others. For online sessions, participants will require administrator access to a personal computing device such as a laptop or desktop computer running Windows or MacOS (tablets are not appropriate) with a reliable internet connection of >1mbps, web browser software (i.e. internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari or Chrome), Flash Player, a headset with built-in microphone, and a webcam.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

A Laptop Loan Scheme is available for eligible students to assist them in completing their chosen course. See page 83 for more information.



(LEVEL 9) CERTIFICATE IN TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING AND DIGITAL LEARNING DESIGN

FACTFILE

Fees

€1,500 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



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our direct debit plan

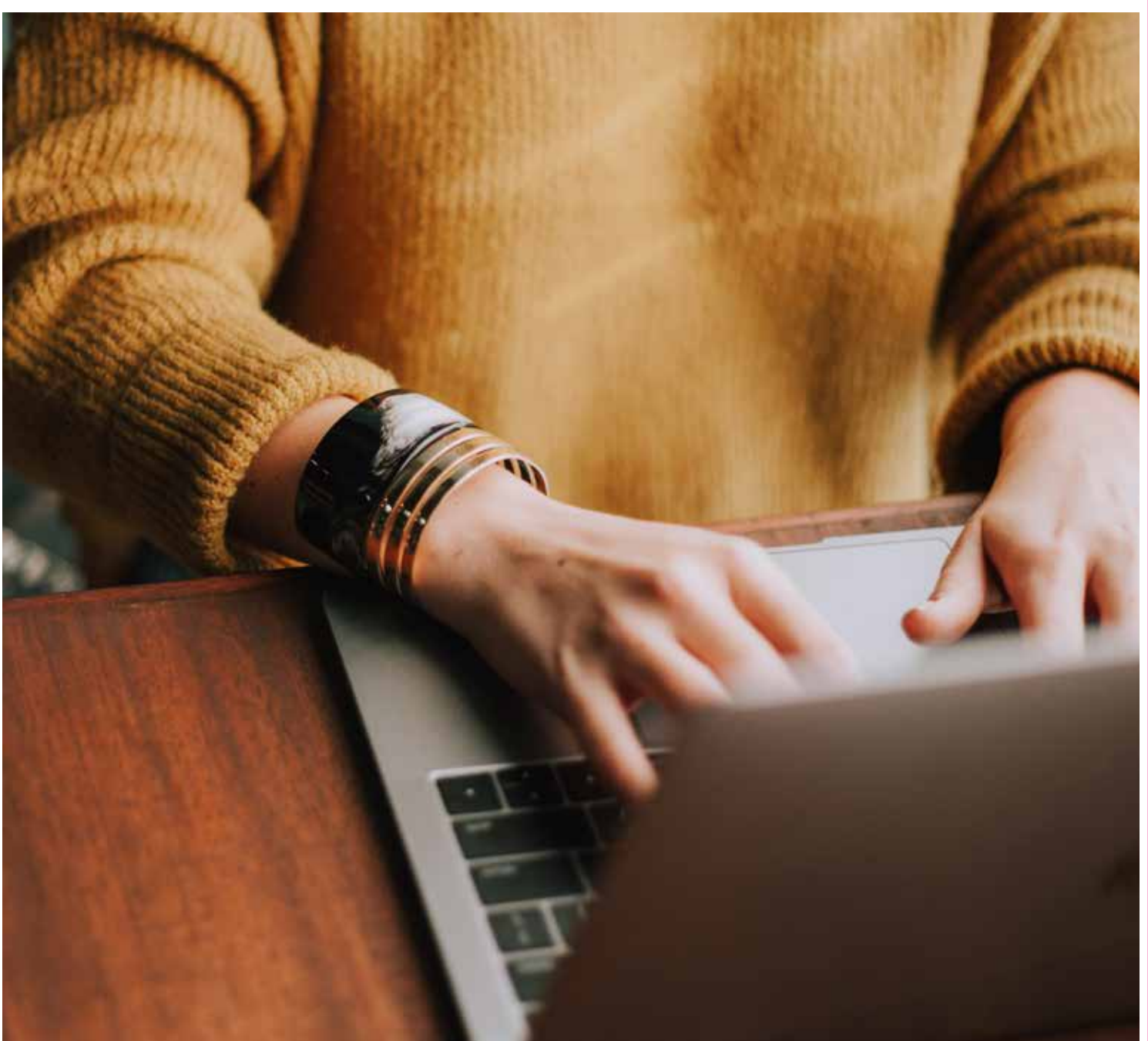
Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

You will engage with current thinking on the integration of digital technologies and resources in teaching/instruction and learning, and in self-reflection on current practices. You will investigate a range of appropriate technologies and develop instructional strategies to enhance teaching/instruction and learning, as well as build on your own learners' digital capabilities. Following a practitioner inquiry model, you will develop the knowledge, skills and competence to systematically plan, implement and evaluate instructional strategies that integrate technology.

The programme aims to enhance your capability to extend professional practice goals through the use of digital technologies, and to develop strategies to facilitate technology-enhanced learning and teaching experiences.

The programme is comprised of one module:

- Technology Enhanced Learning and Digital Learning Design (10 ECTS).





SCHOOL OF **BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

EDUCATION - UNDERGRADUATE

Bachelor of Arts (Hons)
in Early Childhood Education and Care

Microcredentials in Early Childhood Education and Care



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

FACTFILE

Schedule

Start Date

Sept 2026

Duration

4 calendar years

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some on campus classes

Indicative Timetable

Monday and Wednesday 18:00-21:30
livestream and some Saturdays 09.30
- 14.00 on campus.

In addition, students are required to be in supervised placement in Year 2 and Year 3. The schedule for supervised practice will depend on placement setting's schedules.

Fees

Year 1: €2,370

Year 2: €2,825

Year 3: €4,100

Year 4: €4,100

(Fees revised annually)



Spread the cost with
our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care is a four-year programme, designed for people who are interested in pursuing opportunities or upskilling, in the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector.

The aim of the BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care is to provide learners with a firm foundation in Early Childhood Education and Care so as to practice as Professional Early Childhood Educators in a range of ECEC environments. As such, the programme aims to present learners with a comprehensive foundation in the principles and pillars of professional practice of early childhood education and care in Ireland and internationally, underpinned by a solid theoretical framework.

The course incorporates core topics including holistic child learning and development, essential legislation and regulatory practices, early learning in a digital world, pedagogical practice in ECEC, working with parents and families, and in multi-professional contexts. It also includes aspects related to quality assurance. Students are encouraged to reflect, inquire and investigate a range of theoretical and practical pedagogical approaches to learning and development in ECEC. The final year Capstone Project enables students to develop skills in researching Early Childhood Practice. Students will be enabled as innovators and leaders in the ECEC sector.

Professional Recognition

This programme is approved by 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.

The programme links in with the Nurturing Skills Workforce Plan 2022-28, which aims to professionalise Irish Early Childhood Education and Care, through a graduate led workforce. These changes are guided by 'First Five' - Whole of Government Strategy for Babies, Young Children and their Families (2019).

Supervised Professional Practice Placement

A strong emphasis on professional, value-based practice placement in diverse Early Childhood settings is included on the course from year one.

Year 1 students are required to go on organised field visits. Year 2 students' supervised placement will focus on observation and reflection in practice. In Year 3, students' supervised placement will focus on application of strategies in practice. In Year 4, students will have the opportunity to combine their knowledge, skills and practice in completing a capstone project.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideally suited to those currently working with babies, toddlers and young children from birth to six, who wish to upskill. You could be working in a pre-school, creche, Naionrai, or home-based setting as a child minder or home visitor.

The programme is also for those working in regulatory bodies such as TUSLA (the child and family support agency) and Better Start or other early childhood intervention programmes.

We encourage school leavers and mature learners returning to education to apply.

Career Prospects

Graduates will possess the skills and competencies to work as lead educators or supervisors, working directly with children, setting managers, advisory, mentorship, training and leadership roles. Further specialisation in play and digital competence can open up related careers in Play Therapy; and developing digital technology for ECEC (robotics, learning platforms, apps etc).





Award and Progression

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care (240 credits) is awarded by QQI at NFQ Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Students who successfully complete this course may progress to the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Practice in Teaching for Further Education featured on page 76, or the Master of Arts in Educational Practice detailed on page 74.

The programme includes three related exit awards:

- BA (Ordinary) in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 7 on NFQ) (180 credits)
- Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6 on NFQ) (120 credits)
- Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6 on NFQ) (60 credits)

Students may exit after Year 3, Year 2 or Year 1 and receive the relevant awards.

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements are a level 5 qualification in any discipline, ideally with professional involvement in the delivery of learning in Early Childhood Education and Care. Applicants may be interviewed by the Programme Director.

Applicants who do not meet the entry requirements outlined above may apply through Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) which considers applicants based on relevant work experience.

Garda Vetting

Incoming students on the BA(Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care programme must undergo Garda Vetting. Garda Vetting is part of the admissions process. Garda Vetting applications must be submitted to NCI prior to commencing the programme. Guidelines on this process are provided by the Admissions Office.

Note: Students will not be permitted to begin their placement until their vetting application is processed and approved in accordance with NCI's Student Vetting policy.

Funding

The BA (Honours) in Early Childhood Education and Care is a four-year Honours Degree programme, approved by QQI for full-time delivery with 60 ECTS credits per academic year. The course meets the requirements as an approved full-time course under the Student Grant Scheme (SUSI).

Laptop Requirement

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

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

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

*Field visits to diverse Early Childhood settings will be integrated within these theory modules

Year 2

- Core Pedagogies and Curriculum in ECEC
- Dispositions and Dynamics of Behaviour in Children
- Managing Your Learning and Academic Practice
- Diversity and Pluralism in Learning Language and Literacies
- Play and Creativity in ECEC
- Placement: Observation and Reflection in ECEC Practice

Year 3

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

Year 4

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

MICROCREDENTIALS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

These short, online courses cover one or two modules, allowing you to focus on different aspects of early childhood home visiting while also providing a pathway to further qualifications in this area at NCI.

CERTIFICATE IN CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING

The following microcredentials are currently available through our School of Business and Social Sciences. Learners who complete either of these courses may opt to progress on to NCI's BA Honours in Early Childhood Education and Care (pg 50).

FACTFILE

Schedule

Start Date

Jan 2027

Duration

12 weeks

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Indicative Timetable

These courses consist of 12 sessions with a blend of virtual classroom sessions and directed online activities. Classes take place on Tuesday from 18:00-21:00.

Fees

€1,350 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



Spread the cost with
our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Entry Requirements

Candidates will be Early Childhood Home Visitors and those working in home-based learning environments or interested in pursuing a home visitor or home-based learning role. Candidates will typically have a Certificate (major award) at level 5 or equivalent in any discipline. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements will be considered based on relevant work and other experience.

For applicants whose first language is not English, an IELTS level of at least 6.5, with 6.5 in Speaking and no less than 6.0 in any other band is required, or equivalent. Applicants may be interviewed by the Programme Director or member of the programme team.

Participation/Technology Requirements

Participants should have the ability to use ICT independently to find information, create and manage files, and communicate with others. For online sessions, participants will require administrator access to a personal computing device such as a laptop or desktop computer running Windows or MacOS (tablets are not appropriate) with a reliable internet connection of >1mbps, web browser software (i.e., internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari or Chrome), Flash Player, a headset with built-in microphone, and a webcam.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

A Laptop Loan Scheme is available for eligible students to assist them in completing their chosen course. See page 83 for more information.

COURSE CONTENT

- Music, Movement, Art and Drama for Home Visiting (10 ECT Credits)
- Core Pedagogies and Curriculum for Home Visiting (10 ECT Credits)



CERTIFICATE IN LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Start Date

Jan 2027

Duration

12 weeks

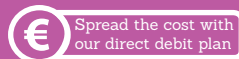
Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Indicative Timetable

These courses consist of 12 sessions with a blend of virtual classroom sessions and directed online activities. Classes take place on Tuesday from 18:00-21:00.

Fees

€1,200 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

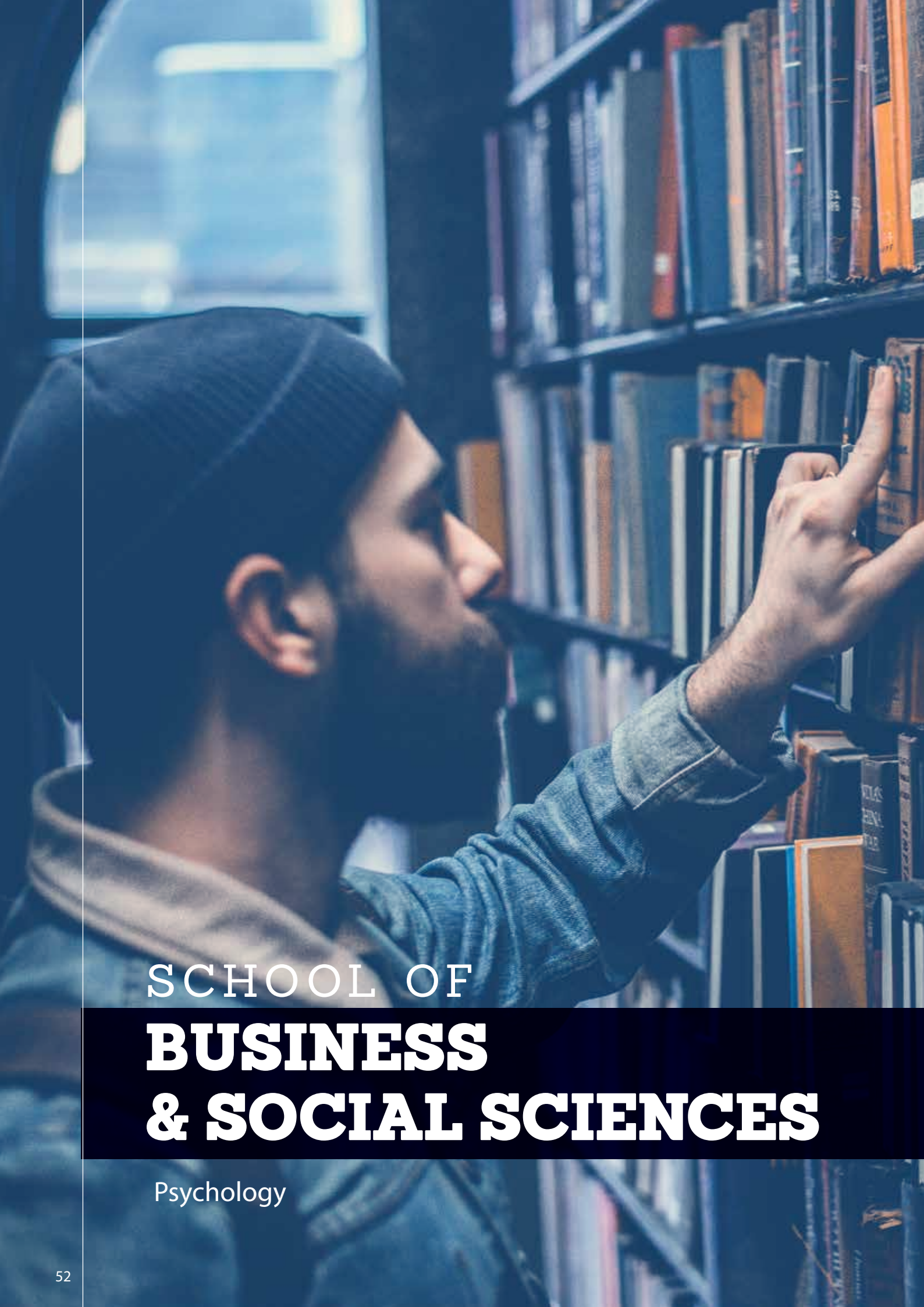
Over the course of this 12-week programme, you will develop knowledge, skills, and values, through the study of key topics incorporated throughout the programme. These include leadership theories and concepts, sociocultural theory, learning styles, preparing training and development, change and conflict management, and national early childhood frameworks and policy.

The aims and objectives of this microcredential is to support Home Visitors to acquire the knowledge, skills, experiences and values to effectively lead professional practice. Coordinators will develop the skills and knowledge to support Home Visitors to become leaders and skilled in their role of supporting parents to promote and scaffold their children's learning and development in home environments. This certificate in will lead to a special purpose award at Level 7 (10 ECTS credits).

Entry Requirements

Candidates will be learning professionals working as coordinators supporting Early Childhood Home Visitors or those interested in pursuing a coordinator role or similar. Candidates will typically have a Certificate (major award) at level 5 or equivalent in any discipline. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements will be considered based on relevant work and other experience.



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SCHOOL OF **BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Psychology



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN

PSYCHOLOGY

Accredited by The Psychological Society of Ireland

FACTFILE**Schedule****Start Date**

Sept 2026

Duration

4 years. The first 3 years comprise 2 semesters of 13 weeks each per year. The final year comprises 3 semesters: 2 semesters of 13 weeks, and then a third semester running over the summer months. There are no classes in the 3rd (summer) semester of year 4 – this semester is used for students to complete the write up of their final year research project.

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some campus and/or campus stream classes, scheduled in advance.

Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week and some Saturday workshops in year 4.

Fees

€4,400 per annum
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

Psychology is the fascinating study of the human mind and seeks to understand how we think, act and feel. In this degree you will look at compelling questions such as: What shapes our personality? How do children develop and learn? What influences our well-being? Why do we sometimes forget things? What gives some teams an edge over others?

The psychology degree at NCI will set you on an amazing journey of discovery. It will also equip you for a range of careers. Your degree could see you eventually working in clinical and psychological settings, business areas such as marketing, management and human resources, sports, education, and social work, among others. It is a degree that gives you a variety of career choices and the option of further postgraduate study.

Working with our dedicated and experienced psychology faculty, you will gain a solid grounding in the core areas of psychology, including cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, lifespan development, social psychology, research methods and biological psychology, as well as specialised topics such as workplace psychology, criminal psychology and cyberpsychology.

You will cover major theoretical perspectives, including those of Freud, Jung and Pavlov, and will be encouraged to apply these theories to the world around you through an interesting range of projects and assignments. In studying the science of Psychology, you will learn how to apply the scientific method to questions relating to the human condition.

This degree will give you an excellent, broad knowledge in psychology, and the ability to later specialise in the areas you most enjoy.

As a graduate of this course you will:

- Understand the principles of psychology and gain a broad understanding of human behaviour
- Learn how to critically analyse psychology problems and how to conduct scientific research
- Apply your knowledge of psychology to the workplace, the community and society

NCI's psychology course has been accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI). This approval enables graduates to apply for professional postgraduate courses in such specialisms as clinical, educational, occupational and counselling psychology. If you have an interest in human behaviour and wish to graduate with a degree that opens up whole range of career options then this course will be tremendously rewarding and valuable.

Who is the course for?

This course will appeal to students who

- are interested in studying human thoughts, feelings and behaviours by applying the scientific method, including experimentation, hypothesis testing and statistical analysis
- want a PSI-accredited degree

Award and Progression

On completion you will receive a QQI BA (Honours) in Psychology at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications, accredited by PSI. Upon successful completion of the BA (Hons) in Psychology, graduates who have acquired the appropriate entry requirements can apply to progress to postgraduate programmes at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MA in HRM or MSc programmes at National College of Ireland, as well as clinical, educational, occupational and counselling psychology at other venues.





Entry Requirements

Typically, applicants will have completed a full level 5 award, with applicants considered based on relevant work and other experience. Applicants under 21 will be assessed based on Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

Laptop Requirement

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

Employment

The degree is recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland. And, therefore, allows graduates to apply for further graduate training within psychology in areas including:

- Organisational Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Counselling Psychology

Completion of the degree will also facilitate graduates in entering many other professions including human resources, recruitment, management, consultancy and marketing.

COURSE CONTENT This programme is delivered in three stages over four years.

Year 1

- Introduction to Psychology
- Core Research Skills for Psychologists
- Social Psychology 1 and 2
- Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- Coaching Psychology

Year 2

- Cognitive Psychology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Learning and Behaviour
- Psychopathology
- Personality and Intelligence

Year 3

- Applied Statistics
- Biological Psychology
- Applied Research Methods
- Psychology Labs
- Advanced Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience

Students also complete 2 elective modules in Year 3, from the following:

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

Year 4

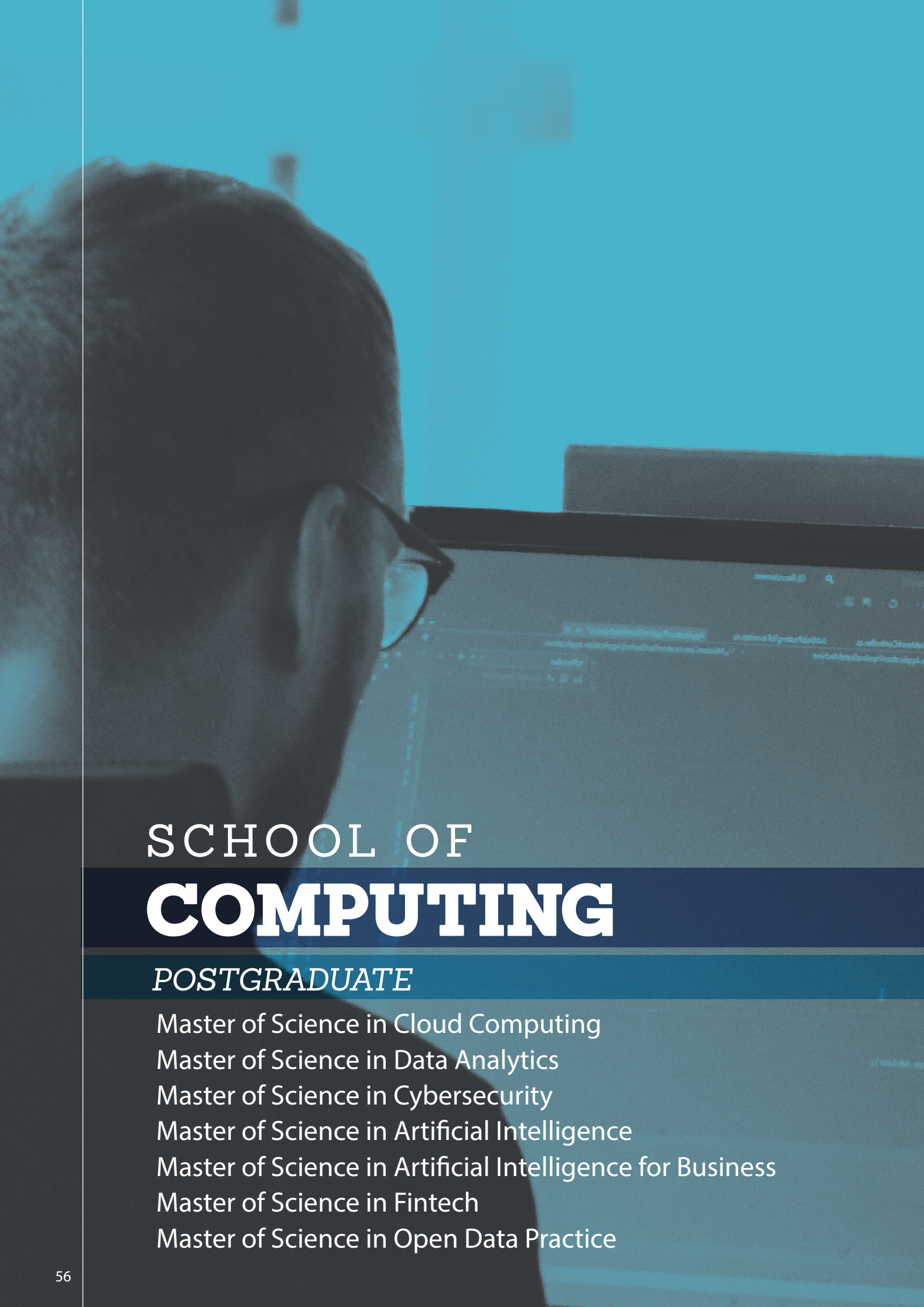
- Health Psychology
- Advanced Biological Psychology
- Behavioural Psychology
- Applied Developmental Psychology
- Final Project

Students also complete 4 elective modules in Year 4.

Elective modules include:

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

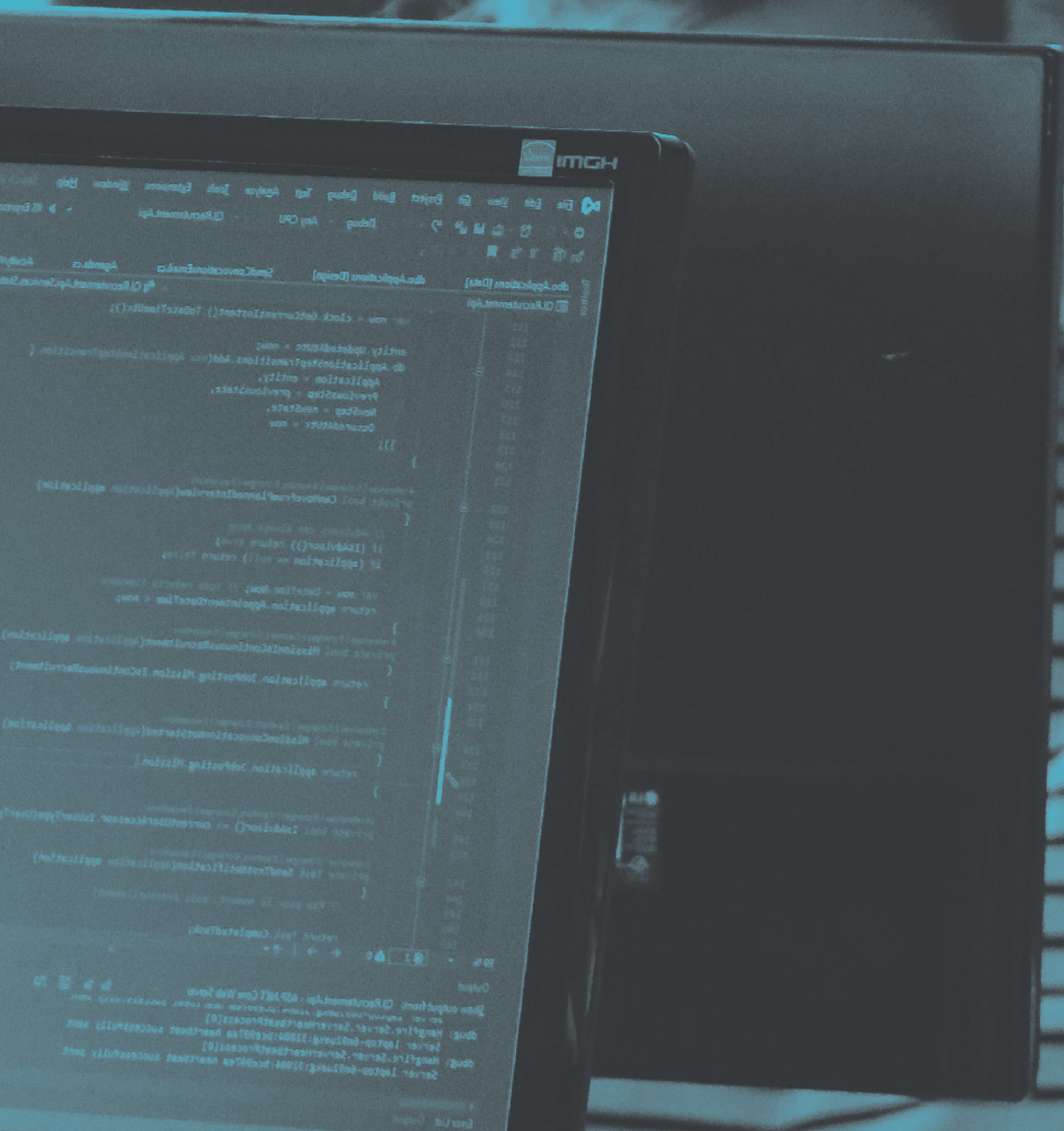
Note: Availability of elective choices is subject to student numbers. The course content as shown above is for indicative purposes. All modules count towards the final award classification.



SCHOOL OF **COMPUTING**

POSTGRADUATE

Master of Science in Cloud Computing
Master of Science in Data Analytics
Master of Science in Cybersecurity
Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence
Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence for Business
Master of Science in Fintech
Master of Science in Open Data Practice



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLOUD COMPUTING

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years; 4 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week
18.00 - 22.00 and some Saturdays

Fees

€4,800 per annum
€9,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

1 year; 3 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Campus – Classes will take place face-to-face on-campus

Start Date

Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00-18.00
Mon – Fri. Class days and times vary

EU Fee

€7,000 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This programme aims to fulfil the ICT sector-specific needs as reported in Ireland's National Skills Strategy 2025. By combining technical skills with innovation principles, it effectively delivers core technology skills in cloud software development, fog/edge computing, DevOps, security, sustainability strategies for cloud computing and data governance.

Students will gain experience with the latest ethical design principles, models, and technologies via our state-of-the-art Cloud Competency Centre. The course is delivered by faculty and industry practitioners with proven expertise in cloud computing.

Who is the course for?

This programme will appeal to computer science graduates, ICT industry practitioners, system administrators, and those with an interest in gaining practical experience in cloud computing.

As a graduate of this programme, you will be able to:

- Conduct independent research and analysis in the field of cloud computing.
- Formulate and implement a novel research idea using the latest industry practices.
- Demonstrate expert knowledge of application development, systems programming, parallel and distributed computing, and the tools, techniques and technologies of cloud computing utilised in both technical and business contexts.
- Critically assess, evaluate, and communicate business and technical strategies for cloud computing.
- Develop and implement effective business and technical solutions for cloud computing.
- Critically assess and evaluate security, privacy, and ethical issues associated with the storage, transfer, and processing of data on private and public cloud infrastructures.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Cloud Computing is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ. Students may also elect to exit early with the Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Cloud Computing at level 9 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

An honours (level 8) primary degree in a computing discipline with a 2.2 award or higher. Students in their final year of undergraduate study can be admitted on the condition that their degrees are awarded before they enrol at NCI. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme, i.e., applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work and other experience.

This may be assessed using a portfolio of learning, demonstration of work produced, and an interview. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in English evidenced by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multicore processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS, or Windows.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices. Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.

COURSE CONTENT YEAR 1 - 2

Core Modules

- Cloud Architectures
- Cloud Platform Programming
- GreenOps and Sustainability
- AI in the Cloud
- Scalable Cloud Programming
- Business Strategies in the Cloud
- Quantum Computing
- Data Sovereignty & Open Innovation

Research Elective

Research Practicum
or
Internship

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a combination of continuous assessments, projects, and exams. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evening, and/or at weekends.

Note: This course is currently being revalidated and content may change slightly before September 2026. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information at time of going to print.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA ANALYTICS

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years; 4 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Start Date

January 2027

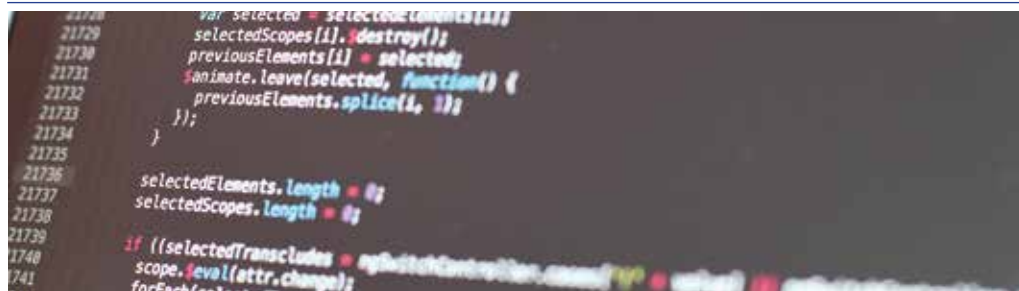
Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week, 18.00 - 22.00

Fees

€4,800 per annum
€9,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie



Course Description

The overall goal of the MSc in Data Analytics programme is to provide graduates with essential research and development skills in Data Analytics. It is envisaged that graduates from this programme will be well equipped to perform independent research that enables them to make informed and critical decisions regarding requirements elicitation and analysis, implementation, evaluation, and documentation in Data Analytics. Furthermore, the programme seeks to produce graduates who are able to provide insight, gain value and discover knowledge (at an organisational, societal, or personal level) from data through exercising the skills that are developed through the programmes.

Upon completion of this course, graduates will be able to:

- Conduct substantial and extensive independent research and analysis in the field of Data Analytics.
- Formulate and implement a novel research idea using the latest industry practices.
- Demonstrate expert knowledge and a critical understanding of data analysis, statistics, and the tools, techniques and technologies of Data Analytics utilised in both technical and business contexts.
- Critically assess, evaluate and communicate business and technical strategies for Data Analytics.
- Formulate, design, assess, and implement effective business and technical solutions for Data Analytics.
- Critically assess and evaluate security, privacy, sustainability, and ethical issues associated with the storage, transfer, and processing of data for analytical purposes.

The course structure accommodates a wide audience of learners whose specific interests in data analytics may be either technically focused or business focused.

The course will be delivered using academic research, industry-defined practical problems, and case studies. This approach will naturally foster a deeper knowledge of the subject area and create transferable skills for work such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, communication, teamwork, and research skills. The course is completely delivered by faculty and industry practitioners with proven expertise in data analytics.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal for graduates that are looking to progress into the emerging data analytics market to increase their employment potential. The course is suitable for graduates who have technical or mathematical problem-solving skills.

Graduates from disciplines that have not developed these skills will need to be able to demonstrate an aptitude for technical or mathematical problem solving.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Data Analytics is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ. Students may also elect to exit early with the Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Data Analytics at level 9 on the NFQ.

Full-time Schedule

Duration

1 year; 3 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Campus – Classes will take place face-to-face on campus

Start Date

Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00-18.00 Mon – Fri. Class days and times vary

EU Fee

€7,000 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Entry Requirements

A minimum of a level 8 honours qualification (2.2 or higher) or equivalent on the National Qualifications Framework in a cognate discipline. Given the target technical market for graduates of this programme, candidates will be required to demonstrate technical or mathematical problem-solving skills as part of previous programme learning. Standard applicants for the programme are those holders of technical, numerate degrees. Graduate from disciplines which do not have technical or mathematical problem-solving skills embedded in their programme will need to be able to demonstrate technical or mathematical problem-solving skills in addition to their level 8 programme qualifications (Certifications, Additional Qualifications, Certified Experience and Assessment Tests). All applicants for the programme must provide evidence that they have prior programming experience (e.g., via academic transcripts or recognised certification).

For candidates who do not have a level 8 qualification the college operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic entry requirements, may be considered based on relevant work or other experience. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

COURSE CONTENT YEAR 1 - 2

Core Modules

- Statistics & Optimisation
- Data Mining & Machine Learning
- Analytics Programming & Data Visualization
- Data Governance, Ethics, and Sustainability
- Deep Learning & Generative AI

Research Elective

Research Practicum
or
Internship

In addition, there is a choice of two further electives from a set of three elective modules.

Elective Choices

- Data Intensive Scalable Systems
- Modelling & Simulation
- Domain Applications

For the MSc in Data Analytics running in full-time delivery over three semesters, learners choose one of the elective modules in semester 2, and one of the remaining two elective modules in semester 3. For the MSc in Data Analytics running in part-time delivery over four semesters, learners choose two of the three elective modules in semester 3. Electives will be chosen in advance of the semester starting.

Elective modules are subject to availability and a minimum number of students required to run a module.

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of project work and exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is 50% continuous assessment and 50% exam.

Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings, and at weekends.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multicore processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS, or Windows.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years; 4 semesters with a practicum or internship

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some on-campus stream classes, scheduled in advance

Start Date

January 2027

Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week, 18.00 - 22.00

Fees

€4,800 per annum
€9,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

1 year; 3 semesters with a practicum or internship

Delivery:

Campus – Classes will take place face-to-face on campus

Start Date

Sept 2026 and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00-18.00 Mon – Fri. Class days and times vary

EU Fee

€7,000 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

Cybersecurity is an essential need for a modern society in which information technology and services pervade every aspect of our lives. Cybersecurity has the fastest growth rate among all areas of IT, with the labour market encountering a severe workforce shortage in this field.

The aim of this programme is to provide learners with essential expert technical knowledge, competence and skills of the most important technical concepts of cybersecurity and how they are applied in areas such as device, network, cloud, web and application security.

The course is technical and practical in nature, uniquely embedded in industry, and develops in-depth expertise of core technical topics within the cybersecurity area. The programme emphasises the development of technical and research skills in the cybersecurity area through analysis, investigation, requirements elicitation, problem solving, and teamwork. In addition, emphasis is placed on the study of the latest appropriate technology and techniques necessary for the cultivation of advanced investigative skills.

Who is the course for?

This course is ideal for ICT professionals or graduates with an honours degree in computing or in a cognate area (STEM) who wish to develop a career as a cybersecurity professional; to take a leading technical or managerial role; to progress faster in their employment or to apply the knowledge in their current role. Candidates who do not hold a computing degree and are currently working in the IT sector may be considered, based on relevant academic qualifications or extensive work experience.

As a graduate of this course, you will be able to:

- Critically assess and evaluate ethical, legal, privacy, sustainable, and governance issues associated with the management of data assets in the cybersecurity domain.
- Communicate effectively complex and advanced cybersecurity concepts to a range of audiences in both written and verbal media.
- Apply advanced security knowledge and utilise practical skills and technologies to design and implement cybersecurity solutions that address business and technical problems.
- Make decisions and address security requirements through analytical thinking, communication, and interaction.
- Analyse, identify, and document measures to address vulnerabilities, risks, weaknesses, and other safety aspects within a given cybersecurity context.
- Identify knowledge gaps and undertake self-learning to acquire new knowledge and meet the requirements of the rapidly developing and expanding cybersecurity industry.
- Conduct independent research in the cybersecurity area and formulate and implement novel ideas by applying the latest research methodologies and industry practices.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Cybersecurity is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ. Students may also elect to exit early with a Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Cybersecurity at level 9.

Career Prospects

Several reports indicate shortage of skills and strong demand for cybersecurity professionals. The Expert Group on Future Skills Needs identified cybersecurity as a high-growth area that requires significant support for skills development. The State of the Cybersecurity Sector in Ireland 2024 Report indicates that there are over 530 companies offering cybersecurity services or have employees in internal cybersecurity roles, and

that there is robust employment growth in cybersecurity. Considering the high demand of various types of jobs in the cybersecurity domain that currently exist in the market, graduates from this course may work in the following roles: information security analyst, secure application developer, cybersecurity tester, risk analyst / consultant, cyber incident responder, cloud security analyst, security researcher, etc.

Entry Requirements

An honours (level 8) primary degree in computing or a cognate area with a 2.2 award or higher. Cognate area means a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) degree that also has taught programming/application development related modules. Candidates are expected to have programming ability, which can be demonstrated through transcripts, recognised certifications, and/or relevant work experience. An assessment and/or interview may be conducted to ascertain suitability, if necessary, for candidates who do not meet the normal academic requirements.

The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work and other experience. This may be assessed using a portfolio of learning, demonstration of work produced, and an interview. The programming ability of the applicant will also be assessed. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Network Security and Penetration Testing
- Security Fundamentals
- Data Governance, Ethics, and Sustainability
- Cloud Architectures and Security
- Cryptography and Blockchain
- AI/ML in Cybersecurity
- Business Resilience and Incident Management

Elective Modules

- Secure Web Development
- Forensics and eDiscovery
- Secure Application Development
- Malware Analysis

Note that there are dependencies between secure development electives. To study Secure Application Development in semester 2, students must have studied Secure Web Development in semester 1. However, all students can elect to study Malware Analysis in semester 2.

Research Elective

- Practicum
or
- Internship

Elective modules are subject to availability and a minimum number of students required to run a module.

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of continuous assessments and/or project work and/or exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is 40% continuous assessment and 60% project or exam. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings, and at weekends.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multi-core processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS, or Windows.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years: 4 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week, 18.00 - 22.00

Fees

€4,800 per annum
€9,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

1 year; 3 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Classes will take place face-to-face on campus

Start Date

Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00 - 18.00 Monday to Friday. Class days and times vary.

EU Fee

€7,000 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This course aims to produce high-quality, technically competent, innovative graduates that will become leading practitioners in the field of artificial intelligence. The MSc in AI contains modules covering fundamental and specialised AI topics, as well as topics related to operationalisation and application of AI to solve real-world problems. All students will gain a deeper understanding of the complete development lifecycle of AI software applications, from requirements elicitation and analysis, implementation, decision making, evaluation, and documentation.

The course will be delivered using academic research, industry defined practical problems, and case studies. This approach will naturally provide a deeper knowledge of AI and create skills required in industry such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, communication, teamwork, and research skills.

Upon completion of this course, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate expert knowledge of Engineering Artificial Intelligence systems, Machine Learning, Optimisation Techniques, and the tools, techniques and technologies of Artificial Intelligence utilised in real world contexts.
- Formulate, design, implement, and evaluate novel real-world solutions at the forefront of Artificial Intelligence using the latest industry practices and standards.
- Select, assess, and apply advanced and emerging Artificial Intelligence techniques and tools to enhance decision making.
- Synthesise and communicate technical Artificial Intelligence solutions.
- Critically assess and evaluate ethical, sustainable, and responsible issues associated with the development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence systems.
- Conduct independent research in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ. Students may also elect to exit early with the Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Artificial Intelligence level 9 on the NFQ. Potential recruiters include corporate companies and research labs who are the providers of AI-enabled solutions of today's real-world problems such as Microsoft, Huawei, LinkedIn and Citi Bank.

Who is this course for?

This course is ideal for graduates that are looking to progress into the emerging AI market to increase their employment potential. The course is suitable for graduates who have programming and mathematical problem-solving skills. Graduates from disciplines that have not developed these skills will need to be able to demonstrate an aptitude for programming or mathematical problem solving.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of a level 8 primary degree in Computing or a cognate area with a 2.2 award or higher or equivalent on the National Qualifications Framework. Cognate area means a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) degree that also taught programming/ application development related modules. An assessment and/ or interview may be conducted to ascertain suitability if necessary.

The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work and other experience. This may be assessed using a portfolio of learning, demonstration of work produced, and an interview. The programming ability of the applicant will also be assessed. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Principles of Artificial Intelligence
- Programming for Artificial Intelligence Generative AI
- Data Governance, Ethics and Sustainability
- Engineering and Evaluating Artificial Intelligence Systems
- Intelligent Agents and Process Automation
- Decision Analytics
- Machine Learning
- Explainable and Emerging AI Technologies

Research Elective

- Research Practicum
or
- Internship

Elective modules are subject to availability and a minimum number of students required to run a module.

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of project work and exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is 50% continuous assessment and 50% exam. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multicore processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS, or Windows. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices. Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR BUSINESS

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Duration

2 years; 4 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Blended - Livestream with some directed e-learning activities.

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Two evenings per week, 18.00 - 22.00

Fees

€4,800 per annum
€9,600 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Duration

1 years, 3 semesters with a research practicum or internship

Delivery

Campus – Classes will take place face-to-face on campus

Start Date

Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00 - 18.00 Monday to Friday. Class days and times vary

EU Fee

€7,000 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The overall goal of the MSc in AI for Business is to produce high-quality, technically competent, and innovative graduates with essential knowledge to understand the impacts, design, application, and operationalisation of AI solutions in business contexts. The MSc in AI for Business contains modules that aim to provide learners with a high level of AI knowledge, understanding the impacts of human factors and engagement in AI, and understanding the operationalisation and application of AI. The programme also includes a final supervised research project, the theme of which requires the formulation of a business strategy that could be applied in industry. Through the supervised projects, the learners will be able to perform independent research that puts them into a position to make informed and critical decisions regarding the use of AI technologies in a business context.

The course will be delivered using academic research, industry defined practical problems, and case studies and by faculty, industry practitioners, business strategists with proven expertise in AI and its applications in business. This approach will naturally provide a deeper knowledge of AI for business and create skills required in industry such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, communication, teamwork and research skills.

Upon completion of this course, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the use of Artificial Intelligence in business contexts.
- Formulate, design, assess, and implement AI-enabled business strategies based on the latest industry practices and standards to enhance human potential and customer support.
- Select and employ advanced and emerging Artificial Intelligence techniques and tools to enhance business decision making.
- Synthesise and communicate the opportunity of Artificial Intelligence to enhance the business strategy to key stakeholders.
- Critically assess and evaluate ethical, sustainable, and responsible risks and impacts associated with Artificial Intelligence solutions in business contexts.
- Conduct independent research on the impact of Artificial Intelligence in a business context.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence for Business is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ. Students may also elect to exit early with the Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Artificial Intelligence for Business at level 9 on the NFQ. Potential recruiters include corporate companies and research labs who are the providers of AI-enabled solutions of today's real-world problems such as Microsoft, Huawei, LinkedIn and Citi Bank.

Who is this course for?

MSc in AI for Business aims to produce high-quality, competent, innovative graduates that will become leading strategists in the field of AI. This course is for graduates who have problem-solving skills and learners from industry who want to properly upskill and prepare themselves for the AI-enabled world of today.

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Data Governance, Ethics and Sustainability
- Principles of Artificial Intelligence
- AI Technologies
- Strategic AI for Business and Leadership
- AI for Society and Enterprise
- Customer Experience and Product Management
- Generative AI for Business
- Explainable and Emerging AI Technologies

Research Elective

- Research Practicum
or
- Internship

Elective modules are subject to availability and a minimum number of students required to run a module.

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of project work and exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is 50% continuous assessment and 50% exam. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

Note: This course is currently being revalidated and content may change slightly before September 2026. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information at time of going to print.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a Level 8 honours qualification (2.2 or higher) or equivalent on the National Qualifications Framework in either STEM (e.g., Information Management Systems, Information Technologies, Computer Science, Computer Engineer) or Business (e.g., Business Information Systems, Business Administration, Economics) discipline. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multi-core processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS, or Windows.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINTECH

FACTFILE

Full-time Schedule

Duration

1 year; 3 semesters with a practicum or internship

Delivery:

Campus – Classes will take place face-to-face on campus

Start Date

Sept 2026

Indicative Timetable

Students need to be available 09.00 - 18.00 Monday to Friday. Class days and times vary

EU Fee

€7,000 total fee
(EU/Ireland applicants)
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

The MSc in Fintech programme was designed to provide students with the essential skills in Financial Technologies covering a variety of topics from both business and technical domains. Students will be familiarised with (i) the technical landscape of fintech domains, such as, classical, advanced, and state-of-the-art financial techniques and analytics methods including their theoretical foundations and mathematical underpinnings, and (ii) the deep understanding of impacts, design, application, and operationalisation of fintech solutions in business contexts.

NCI is perfectly placed to deliver an industry-focused programme inspired by its location at the heart of the International Financial Services Centre. The course is completely delivered by faculty and industry practitioners with established experience in the fintech domain.

Who is the course for?

This course typically appeals to those who possess a level 8 qualification in any discipline and wish to transfer to a career in fintech.

Note that the course is technical in nature and entails a significant amount of independent study. Given the content and the timescale, students need to have a strong commitment to the course and a willingness to fully engage with the technical content.

This interdisciplinary course will appeal to graduates of finance, computing and business seeking to enter the area of fintech; and industry practitioners seeking to gain insightful experience and exposure to the principles of fintech, as well as data analytics and emerging technologies. Specifically, students would have opportunity to choose between two learning paths: programming learning path and non-programming learning path. In addition to the core modules, the programming learning path will offer subjects such as Machine Learning for Finance and Programming for Financial Data Science, while the non-programming learning path will offer modules such as Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Fintech, and Leadership, Organisation Culture and Human Factors in Fintech.

The programme aims to produce high-quality, technically competent, innovative graduates that will become leading practitioners in the field of Financial Technologies. Upon completion of this course, graduates will be able to:

- Synthesize and critically evaluate expert knowledge of governance and compliance, data analysis and visualisation, cybersecurity and IT auditing, big data analytics, high level as well as deep financial data analysis skills, adapting artificial intelligence and machine learning in fintech, techniques and technologies of fintech utilised in both technical and business contexts.
- Formulate, design, assess, and implement effective business and technical solutions and strategies for the fintech domain based on the latest industry practices and standards to enhance human potential and customer support.
- Contextualise and integrate future, emerging, and disruptive technologies in fintech.
- Critically assess and evaluate ethical, sustainable, and responsible risks and impacts associated with technological and strategic solutions in fintech domain. Demonstrate competencies in legal practices and regulations in fintech.
- Critically evaluate and optimise entrepreneurship, business, and technical strategies for the fintech domain. Acquire and develop a comprehensive skill set in leadership and collaboration in order to actualise entrepreneurship and innovation in fintech.

Career Prospects

The fintech industry is growing at a fast pace and the global Fintech-as-a-Service Market size is expected to reach \$681.6 billion by 2028. Organisations such as Financial Services in Ireland – Skills of the Future, ICTSkillnet Report 2022, Expert Group on Future Skills Needs (EGFSN) have reported a huge market need for graduates with skills in finance and financial technologies in Ireland.

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Blockchain Technologies
- Financial Markets
- Data Governance, Ethics, and Sustainability
- AI for Finance
- Financial Regulations
- Payments and Transaction Services

In addition, there is the choice of two electives.

Elective Modules

- Programming for Financial Data Science
- Leadership, Organisational Culture, and Human Factors in Fintech
- Machine Learning for Finance
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Fintech

Research Elective

- Practicum
or
- Internship

Elective modules are subject to availability and a minimum number of students required to run a module.

Note that there are dependencies between some electives. To study Machine Learning for Finance elective in semester 2, students must have studied Programming for Financial Data Science elective module in semester 1. However, all the students can elect to study Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Fintech module in semester 2.

Assessment

Assessment comprises various components, including continuous assessments (CA), project design assignments, and formal examinations. The specific format and weight of these assessments can vary significantly depending on the individual module. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

Award and Progression

The Master of Science in Fintech is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework for Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ, such as a PhD.

Entry Requirements

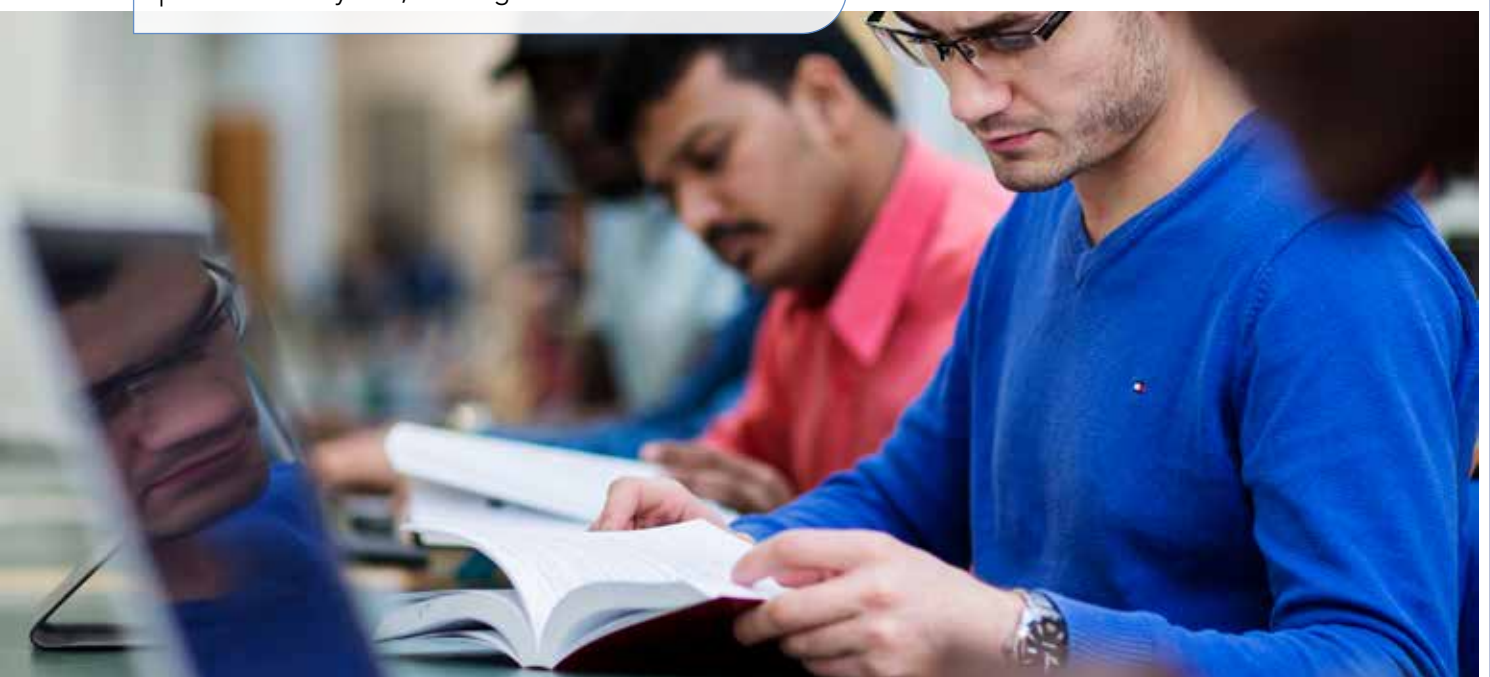
A level 8 degree (2.2 award) or its equivalent in one or more of the following domains: computer science, finance, business, or economics. Cognate disciplines will also be considered. Note that applicants lacking both a clear financial and technology component may still be eligible but are subject to review. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme, meaning applicants who do not meet the normal and academic entry requirements, may be considered based on relevant work or other experience. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a laptop computer with a substantial hardware configuration. A suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS or Windows.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their laptop is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights to the machine. NCI IT does not provide support for personal devices.

Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OPEN DATA PRACTICE

FACTFILE

Full-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
1 year; 3 semesters with
a Research Practicum

Delivery
Campus: Classes will
take place face-to-face
on campus

Indicative Timetable
Students need
to be available
09.00-18.00 Mon – Fri.
(Class days and times
can vary)

EU Fee
€7,000 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

Open Data is data that is openly accessible, exploitable, editable, and shared for any purpose. Open Data is a key driver for economic growth, business innovation and public accountability and this programme gives the learner the skills to succeed in a data driven world.

The MSc in Open Data Practice, developed under the EU-funded ERASMUS+ TrainRDM project, equips learners with skills to excel in a data-driven world. Graduates will gain expertise in open data management, impact assessment, and operationalisation. The collaboration with UPB and TU Vienna, two leading European institutions in computing, ensures a diverse and comprehensive education, preparing students for leadership in open data innovation and public accountability.

The programme was shortlisted for the prestigious Technology Ireland Industry Awards 2023 in the category of Outstanding Academic Achievement of the Year by IBEC, Ireland's largest business representative group.

Graduates will be able to:

- Conduct independent research and analysis in open data.
- Formulate and implement a novel research idea in the area.
- Demonstrate expert knowledge in managing and implementing open data solutions.
- Show high level competence in the tools and techniques of open data.
- Critically assess business and technical strategies for open data.
- Develop and implement effective business and technical solutions for open data.
- Critically appreciate ethical, data governance and sustainability issues relevant to open data practice.

You will attain expertise to be able to evaluate modelling techniques, use software development to solve problems involving data and to analyse and evaluate large data sets. You will also understand the ethical, moral and sustainability issues associated with open data practices. Towards the end of your studies, you will also examine a specific research question that can be relevant to your organisation in your research project.

As a graduate of this programme, you can lead the way in using data to drive business innovation, improve business efficiency, enhance public accountability, make better decisions, and solve real world challenges with open data. There is a strong and growing open data ecosystem and this course will give you the competence and confidence to be a leader in the field.

Who is the course for?

The programme is particularly relevant to those working or aiming to work in organisations engaged with managing open data resources, such as for example public sector organisations, researchers or those involved in data governance. Given the potential growth in this area the course is ideal for graduates that are looking to progress into the emerging open data and wider data analytics market to increase their employment potential. The course is suitable for graduates who have technical or mathematical problem-solving skills. Graduates from disciplines that have not developed these skills will need to be able to demonstrate an aptitude for technical or mathematical problem solving.

Career Prospects

In 2020 the EU published the report titled, "The Economic Impact of Open Data", and this estimated the market size for open data would grow up to €334 billion by 2025. There were an estimated 1.09 million open data employees in the EU in 2019 with this estimated to grow up to 1.97 million by 2023. An analysis of the job market shows open roles in this area such as postdoctoral research fellow research librarians, data protection officer and data governance officer and opportunities in a variety of business and public sector organisations.

Ireland's National Open Data Strategy 2023-2027 further highlights the opportunity. The aim of this strategy is to make Ireland a leader in the use of open data and to create an environment where the economic, social, and democratic benefits of open data are recognised and realised. The strategy highlights the need to have suitably qualified graduates in this area to avail of the opportunities that exist. The need for skills in this area has been similarly recognised by governments around the world.



COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Data Modelling
- Programming and Algorithms
- Ethics and Fairness
- Open Science and FAIR Principles
- Statistics
- Data Analytics
- Open Data Workflows and Lifecycle
- Data Governance
- Research Practicum

Elective Choices

- Database and File Systems
- Open Innovation
- Data Assurance and Security Principles

Note: Elective modules are subject to availability and a minimum number of students required to run a module.



International Partners

This European MSc programme has been jointly designed by NCI, Universitatea Politehnica din București (UPB), and Technischen Universität Wien (TU Vienna), reflecting a robust European collaboration. Faculty from UPB and TU Vienna will partake in programme delivery, enriching the curriculum with their expertise and international perspectives.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of a level 8 (honours degree) qualification (2.2 or higher) on the National Framework of Qualifications from a cognate/STEM background. Learners from a non-cognate background from areas like Bioscience, the Social Sciences, Psychology, or Library Science will also be considered for the programme. Candidates will be required to demonstrate numerical and computer proficiency which may be assessed by interview or written assessment. Graduates with other level 8 qualifications can apply and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

For candidates who do not have a level 8 qualification the College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic entry requirements, may be considered based on relevant work or other experience. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

Award and Progression

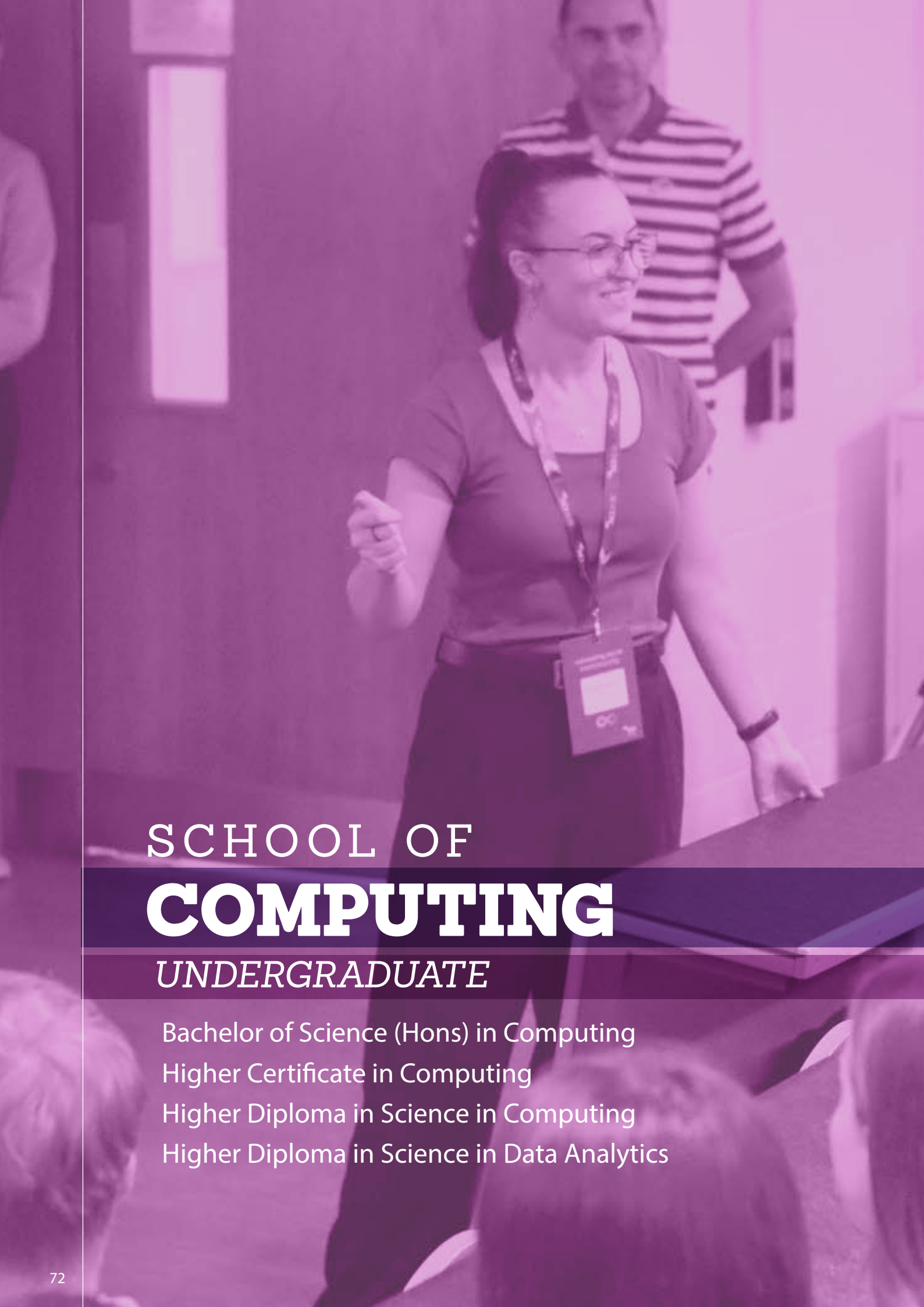
The Master of Science in Open Data Practice is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may progress to a major award at level 10 on the NFQ. The diploma supplement for this degree will include a European endorsement from both Universitatea Politehnica din București and the Technischen Universität Wien. Students may also elect to exit early with the Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Open Data Practice at level 9 on the NFQ.

Laptop Requirements

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multicore processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS, or Windows. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices. Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility.

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of project work and exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is 50% continuous assessment and 50% exam. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.



SCHOOL OF **COMPUTING** *UNDERGRADUATE*

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing
Higher Certificate in Computing
Higher Diploma in Science in Computing
Higher Diploma in Science in Data Analytics



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) IN COMPUTING

With specialisations in Software Development, Cybersecurity, Games Programming, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Digital Business Transformation.

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
4 years; 3 semesters per year. Use of blended learning

Delivery
Blended - Livestream with some on-campus stream classes, scheduled in advance

**Please note that in September 2026, classes may be online only. Students will be informed in advance*

Indicative Timetable
Two evenings per week, 18.00 - 22.00 and Saturdays 09.00 - 18.00

Fees
€4,350 per annum
(Fees revised annually)



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our direct debit plan

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This innovative BSc (Hons) in Computing with specialisations is intended to appeal to anyone who is interested in developing practical knowledge and skills in the application of technology to help solve problems in business, data analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, blockchain, gaming and cybersecurity. In your final year, you will study modules based on your chosen specialisation from important and exciting areas of computer science.

This computing course will equip you to create software applications for business transformation, artificial intelligence, data analytics, gaming, blockchain and internet of things. You will also understand how to incorporate user data into software applications and how to engineer a software application from requirements through analysis, design, implementation and testing. The course will also allow you to develop your business and interpersonal skills.

Who is the course for?

This part-time course is aimed at those working in the information and communications technology industry and wishing to develop their knowledge and skills in the area of computing and to improve their career prospects. It will also appeal to anyone wishing to move into the information and communications technology industry.

Entry Requirements

This IT degree course is designed to appeal to those at work or seeking to re-enter the workforce. There are no specific academic requirements as applicants are considered based on relevant work and other experience. Applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the application process. Applicants under 21 will be assessed based on Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a laptop computer with a substantial hardware configuration.

The recommended configuration is as follows:

Processor:

Intel 11th Gen or newer, Core i3 / i5 / i7 or Ultra 3 / 5 / 7
Or
AMD 5000 Series or newer, Ryzen 3 / 5 / 7
Random Access Memory (RAM): 16GB or greater

Storage:

SSD (Solid State Drive) 256GB or greater

Wireless Card:

802.11 n/ac/ax capability

Recommended Operating Systems:

Windows 11
Later Version of MAC OS should also be fine.
Chromebook's are not recommended.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI cannot provide support for these personal devices.

Award and Progression

The Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing is awarded by QQI at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow progression to level 9 courses on the NFQ. The final award is calculated from the weighted results of stages 2, 3 and 4. The course also prepares students for industry-recognised certificates in leading technologies.



COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Semester 1

- Discrete Mathematics
- Operating Systems
- Computational Thinking
- Programming Concepts

Semester 2

- Computer Architecture
- Introduction to Programming
- Introduction to Data Modelling and Databases

Semester 3

- Web Design and Development
- The Computing Industry
- Introduction to Data Science & AI

Year 2

Semester 1

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

Semester 2

- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Advanced Databases
- Data Programming

Semester 3

- Software Engineering
- Software Quality & Testing
- Innovation and Business Entrepreneurship
- Team Project

Year 3

Semester 1

- Advanced Computer Networks
- Workplace Readiness
- Technical Electives*:
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Advanced Programming
- Business Computing Electives*:
 - Business & Artificial Intelligence
 - Project Management
- Networking and Cloud Infrastructure
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - System Administration & Virtualisation

*Students should choose either the Technical Electives or the Business Computing Electives. Students who complete the Business Computing Electives will go on to the 4th Year specialisation in Digital Business Transformation. Students who complete the Technical Electives may choose to specialise in either Games Programming, Software Development, Cybersecurity, Networking & Cloud Infrastructure, and Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Semester 2

- Security Fundamentals and Development

Semester 2 & Semester 3

Work Placement | Service Learning | Academic Internship

Year 4 - Choose a Specialisation

Year 4

Games Programming

Semester 1

- Project
- Cloud Application Development
- Games Systems

Semester 2

- Project
- Mixed Reality
- Games Programming
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Metaverse

Semester 3

- Project

Year 4

Software Development Specialisation

Semester 1

- Project
- Cloud Application Development
- Secure Application Programming

Semester 2

- Project
- IoT Fundamentals & Development
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- DevOpsSec
- Blockchain

Semester 3

- Project

Year 4

Cybersecurity Specialisation

Semester 1

- Project
- Cloud Application Development
- Secure Application Programming

Semester 2

- Project
- DevOpsSec
- Penetration Testing
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Digital Forensics

Semester 3

- Project

Year 4

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Semester 1

- Project
- Cloud Application Development
- Statistics & Machine Learning

Semester 2

- Project
- Data Application Development
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Applied Deep Learning
- AI & Sustainability

Semester 3

- Project

Year 4

Digital Business Transformation

Semester 1

- Project
- Cloud Application Development
- Business Analysis

Semester 2

- Project
- Business Process Automation
- Digital Transformation
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Strategic Management

Semester 3

- Project

Year 4

Networking and Cloud Infrastructure

Semester 1

- Project
- Cloud Application Development
- Cloud Scale Infrastructure

Semester 2

- Project
- DevOpsSec
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Software Defined Networks
- Cloud Security

Semester 3

- Project

Availability of specialisations is subject to student numbers

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of continuous assessments and/or project work and exams. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTING

FACTFILE

Part-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
2 years; 3 semesters per year. Use of blended learning

Delivery
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Indicative Timetable
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Fees
€4,350 per annum
(Fees revised annually)



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Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Course Description

This Higher Certificate in Computing is an excellent start for those looking to build a career in the world of computing. This course will give you expertise in hardware, software applications, software development, operating systems and data communications. It will give you the skills to pursue a career in the information and communications technology industry.

You will learn how to install new hardware and software, and to configure networks, software and hardware to user requirements. The course will also give you a detailed knowledge of the theory and practice of application development and support including the essentials of multimedia, hardware, software, operating systems and networking.

Who is the course for?

This computing course is ideal for those wishing to develop a career in the information technology sector. You will have the ability to act as a technical support person capable of independent problem-solving and teamwork approaches. It is also an ideal start for further studies.

Award and Progression

The Higher Certificate in Science in Computing is awarded by QQI at level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Upon successful completion students have a number of options open to them. They can progress to year 3 of the BSc (Hons) in Computing (level 8). The course also prepares students for industry-recognised certificates in leading technologies.

Entry Requirements

There are no specific academic requirements as applicants are considered based on relevant work and other experience. Applicants under 21 will be assessed based on Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

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Semester 2

- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Advanced Databases
- Data Programming

Semester 3

- Software Engineering
- Software Quality & Testing
- Innovation and Business Entrepreneurship
- Team Project



Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of continuous assessments and/or project work and exams. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE COMPUTING (WITH SPECIALISATIONS)

FACTFILE

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Part-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
Part-Time (1-Year)
3 semesters delivered
over 1 calendar year

Delivery
Fully online delivery

Indicative Timetable
Three evenings per
week, 18.00 - 22.00

Fees
€4,900 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Course Description

The course teaches students computing fundamentals, complemented with detailed knowledge, problem-solving and specialised technical skills required for analysing, designing and developing technical software solutions. The course offers specialisations in the second semester to choose from. The stream element is a focused set of modules to provide learners with an understanding of the industry entry standard for the chosen specialisation.

The streams/specialisations (subject to availability) are: Software Development, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Blockchain and Web Development.

The **Software Development** stream provides learners with an understanding of, problem-solving and technical skills in the area of software development using a modern programming language, such as Java, and application development framework(s).

The **Cybersecurity** stream provides detailed knowledge, problem-solving and specialised technical skills required for application security development, forensics investigation, application/service vulnerability detection and incident detection.

The **Artificial Intelligence** and **Machine Learning** stream provides learners with an understanding of development of AI-powered products by leveraging expertise in machine learning and computational methods.

The **Blockchain** stream explores the development of blockchain applications and their implications in other fields by providing a practical understanding of blockchain application development, blockchain foundations and distributed ledger systems.

The **Web Development** stream provides learners technical and development skills in core topics of web programming covering topics such as advanced client-side development, cloud application development and DevOpsSec

Who is the course for?

This course will appeal to graduates with a level 8 degree from different backgrounds who would wish to change their non-ICT qualification into the computer science field through a level 8 award in computing.

It will also appeal to technical and non-technical professionals who would like to upgrade their skills in one of the specialisations provided by this course, helping them to progress faster in their employment or to apply the knowledge in their current role.

Award and Progression

The Higher Diploma in Science in Computing is awarded by QQI at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Students who successfully complete this course may be eligible to progress to a major award at level 9 on the NFQ.

As graduates from other disciplines and with work experience, provides learners with an understanding of experiences that they bring with them on to the programme and into a new subject domain. Therefore, they are eligible for a number of roles. They could work in positions that are in-line with their skills but in the ICT sector or apply ICT knowledge gained through this programme to their current role.

Graduates may also avail of entry-level ICT-related positions, depending on the selected stream, such as software developer; DevOps engineer; application developer; entry-level cybersecurity engineer; cybersecurity tester; computer forensics examiner; software tester; front-end developer, web developer.

Full-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
Full-Time (1-Year)
3 semesters delivered
over 1 calendar year

Delivery
Campus: Classes
will take place
face-to-face on campus

Indicative Timetable
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COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Software Development
- Object Oriented Software Engineering
- Introduction to Databases
- Web Design and Client-Side Scripting
- Computer Architecture, Operating Systems and Networks
- Project

AND choose one of the following specialist streams:

Software Development Stream*

- Data Structures
- Algorithms and Advanced Programming
- Distributed Systems

AI/ML Stream

- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning Fundamentals
- Statistics

Note: Prospective students are required to specify the specialisation they would like to follow when they apply for a place within the Higher Diploma in Science in Computing programme.

Note: Streams/specialisations will run subject to student numbers.

*Full-time students will only take the Software Development Stream.

Entry Requirements

A level 8 degree or its equivalent in a non-cognate discipline. Non-standard applications will be also considered on an individual basis. The College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on extensive relevant work and other experience. This may be assessed using a portfolio of learning, demonstration of work produced, interview, and assessment. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in English evidenced by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

Assessment

The course will be assessed with a blend of continuous assessments and/or project work and exams. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

Laptop Requirement

This programme has a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a laptop computer with a substantial hardware configuration. A suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS or Windows. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their laptop is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights to the machine. NCI IT does not provide support for personal devices. Some students may be able to avail of the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, subject to eligibility. See page 83 for more information.



HIGHER DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE

DATA ANALYTICS

FACTFILE

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Part-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026

Duration
Part-Time (1-Year)
3 semesters delivered
over 1 calendar year

Delivery
Blended - Livestream
Currently some on
campus, fully online
pending subject to QQI
approval.

Indicative Timetable
Three evenings per
week, 18.00 - 22.00

Fees
€4,900 total fee
(Fees revised annually)

Course Description

The objective of this course is to provide you a broad combination of themes around data analytics that creates valuable insight and professional expertise. The programme has been designed and developed with industry experts to ensure that graduates develop core theoretical and practical skills in specialist areas such as Statistics, Business Intelligence, Data Governance, Databases, Programming and Machine Learning. This course will equip you to enter the world of data and business analytics.

Who is the course for?

This programme is suitable for non-technical professionals and college graduates from non-technical disciplines, those with numeracy skills who wish to work as data analysts, business analysts or to enter into management roles across a range of sectors. You do not need to have previously studied programming. However, given the timeframe and the amount of technical and statistical content, applicants should be prepared to commit fully to the course.

Entry Requirements

Applicants holding an honours degree (level 8 or equivalent) in any discipline are eligible for direct access to the programme. In addition, applicants with level 7 degree in a cognate area (e.g. Computer Science/IT, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Information Systems, Accounting) are also considered for direct access into the programme.

For other non-standard applications the College operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme, meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic entry requirements may be considered based on relevant work or other experience.

Typically, holders of more technical and numerate degrees or candidates that are able to demonstrate technical or mathematical problem-solving skills are likely to gain a higher ranking in the selection for the course. Non-English-speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in English evidenced by an IELTS academic score of at least 6.0 or equivalent.

Laptop Requirement

National College of Ireland has implemented a Bring Your Own Device policy for all courses. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration.

The recommended configuration is as follows:

Processor:

Intel 11th Gen or newer, Core i3 / i5 / i7 or Ultra 3 / 5 / 7
Or
AMD 5000 Series or newer, Ryzen 3 / 5 / 7
Random Access Memory (RAM): 16GB or greater

Storage:

SSD (Solid State Drive) 256GB or greater

Wireless Card:

802.11 n/ac/ax capability

Recommended Operating Systems:

Windows 11
Later Version of MAC OS should also be fine.
Chromebook's are not recommended.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI cannot provide support for these personal devices.

Full-time Schedule

Start Date
Sept 2026
and Jan 2027

Duration
Full-Time (1-Year)
3 semesters delivered
over 1 calendar year

Delivery
Campus: Classes will
take place face-to-face
on campus

Indicative Timetable
Students need to be
available 09.00-18.00
Mon – Fri. (Class days
and times can vary)

Fees
€4,900 total fee
(Fees revised annually)



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COURSE CONTENT

- Statistics and Probability
- Programming for Data Analytics
- Governance, Ethics, Security & Sustainability
- Deep Learning and Generative AI
- Databases for Analytics
- Business Intelligence and Visualisation
- Data Mining and Machine Learning
- Cloud and Scalable Analytics
- Project



Award and Progression

Higher Diploma in Science in Data Analytics is awarded by QQI at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students who successfully complete this course may be eligible to progress to a major award at level 9 on the NFQ.

The course will be assessed with a blend of continuous assessments and/or project work and exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is split 60:40 between exams and continuous assessment. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime and at weekends.



ADMISSIONS

FACTFILE

Telephone:
1800 221 721

Web:
www.ncirl.ie

Email:
admissions@ncirl.ie

How you can apply to NCI

Complete the application form online through www.ncirl.ie. There is no fee for applying online.

An Apply Online option is available on the information page of all courses.

You are advised to submit your application in good time to avoid disappointment. If you plan to apply after the course has commenced, please contact Admissions to see if there are openings before submitting your application.

Where a course has recruited fully, applicants will be placed on a waiting list, if any available places arise applicants will be contacted on the basis of earliest offered.

Contacting Applicants

The College will contact you by email for all official correspondence regarding your application. It is important you submit a valid email address at the time of application. From time to time you may also be contacted by phone to follow up on your application, please ensure you submit a valid contact phone number at the time of application.

Course Commencement

Please note that all courses are offered subject to sufficient numbers of students.

Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)

National College of Ireland operates a scheme which grants formal recognition of knowledge or experience that has been gained from work, life or previous study.

Credit for prior experiential learning is intended for mature students who may not have had structured, formal education but who have learned from their involvement in employment, community activities, home duties, sport etc. This learning, when evaluated, might entitle them to credits or exemptions from a course of study. Such individuals might be in employment (including self-employed), unemployed, currently retired from employment or never have been in employment.

Examples include:

Credit for learning gained in employment

A person, as a result of experience gained in employment, might have achieved learning which can be equated to learning outcomes listed for subjects on an approved course. Broad examples of this might be:

- a salesperson who may have a thorough understanding of marketing techniques, book-keeping, etc.; credit/exemption might be possible on courses in the area of business studies or marketing.
- a person who has worked in a bank might be exempt from some of the learning outcomes on a course in banking or business studies.

Learning gained from voluntary / community activities Individuals may have been carrying out duties in associations, sporting organisations or charities, which might entitle them to exemptions from the learning outcomes on courses in politics, communications, etc.

Learning gained from experience working in the home Individuals, who have had substantial experience of managing a household and rearing children, may have gained learning in the area of budgeting, time management, interpersonal skills, etc. This might merit exemptions from learning outcomes on courses in business studies.

How to apply under RPEL:

Following submission of a standard online application form, the Admissions Office will supply those advised to apply through RPEL with an RPEL application form. Further information on how to apply under RPEL is available from the RPEL page www.ncirl.ie/Study.

Laptop Requirement:

National College of Ireland has implemented a Bring Your Own Device policy for all courses. Specifically, students are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories and projects using a portable computer (laptop/notebook) with a substantial hardware configuration. The minimal suitable configuration is:

Processor:

- Intel 7th (or higher) generation processors (Core i-3, i-5, i-7, i-9-7x)
- or AMD Ryzen 3rd generation processors, running at 2.0GHz and above (Intel Atom/Celeron or AMD Athlon/Sempron Processors may cost less, but may not meet your requirements)

Random Access Memory (RAM): 8 GB minimum

Solid State Drive (SSD) Capacity: 256 GB minimum

Wireless Card:

802.11 a/b/g/n compliant with Bluetooth Capability (incompatibilities have been noted with the Qualcomm Atheros Wireless Adapters and software device drivers).

Graphics Card: Direct X9 or later

Supported Operating Systems: Windows 10 Home/Pro

Note: these are guidelines only. Certain courses, especially in computing at postgraduate level, may have specific device requirements outlined on the course page.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure their computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

Student Laptop Loan Scheme

Some students may qualify for the Student Laptop Loan Scheme, which grants disadvantaged students the use of a laptop, supplied by the college, for the duration of their course. There is a limited number of laptops available so it is on a first come first served basis. Further information is available at www.ncirl.ie/Laptop-Loan-Scheme.





Student Assistance Fund

Full- and part-time students who are experiencing financial difficulties may be eligible to apply to the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) for financial support. The SAF is co-funded by the Irish Government and European Social Fund Program for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (ESF+) 2021-2027.

For more information see the following link:

www.ncirl.ie/Study/Fees-and-Grants/Financial-Support/Student-Assistance-Fund.

Email: SAF@ncirl.ie

Exemptions

Students may get exemptions from parts of NCI courses by virtue of courses already undertaken. Please ask for details on application. The process by which exemption(s) can be sought is:

Email the Admissions Office requesting the exemptions you seek along with:

1. The syllabus of the subject(s)
you have already completed
AND
2. Official transcripts of the result
awarded in that/those subjects.

Applications for exemption(s) must be submitted no later than 30th September, are restricted in number and are granted at the discretion of the course director. For further information on applying for exemptions please contact Admissions.

Disability, Learning or Health Difficulties

National College of Ireland is committed to providing equal access to education and equal opportunities for all students. The College encourages any students with disabilities, learning difficulties, significant ongoing illnesses and/or, mental health conditions to be open about their condition and to discuss their needs with the Learning and Disability Support Team. It is important that students contact the team early in the academic year to ensure that appropriate supports are provided.

To find out more please contact: lds@ncirl.ie

Deferred Entry

A student who has been offered and has accepted 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. Only a student who has accepted a place on their course and paid their deposit can defer until the next year. Someone who has been offered but has not accepted their place must reapply the following year. Deferrals are granted on a one-year basis.

Orientation

The orientation programme is the first step in helping students adjust to a new environment and provides a comprehensive overview of the supports and services available at the college. Orientation information to help new students as they commence their studies is available at www.ncirl.ie/NewStudents.



Fees Office

The Fees Office is responsible for the billing and collection of student fees and can be contacted at: (01) 4498 570 or by emailing: fees@ncirl.ie.

Fees Policy

The college requires payment of the course fee in order to register a student. For most part-time courses 50% of the course fee is payable before the course commences with the balance being payable before commencement of the second semester. On some courses of shorter duration 100% of the course fee is payable before the course starts.

International students wishing to apply for programmes contained in this prospectus should contact our International Office as a separate fee structure will apply (see page 88).

Spread the cost with our easy payment plan

You can choose to spread the cost of a course using our direct debit plan at no extra cost. In the easy payment plan 20% of the fee is payable before the commencement, of the course with the remaining 80% being paid on a monthly basis by direct debit. The number of monthly payments depends on the duration of the programme. Please contact us for details.

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.

Tax Relief for Tuition Fees

An individual can claim tax relief on fees paid for third-level courses in respect of any person as long as he or she has paid the qualifying fees.

Tax relief is available at the standard rate of income tax for qualifying tuition fees. Tax relief will be available on tuition fees only up to a maximum level. Relief will not be available for any part of the tuition fees which are met directly, or indirectly, by grants, scholarships, employer payments, etc.

The relief can be claimed as part of your annual tax return or a claim can be made during the tax year for that year once the fees have been paid. For information on whether your course qualifies for tax relief please contact the Fees Office.

For further information please visit www.revenue.ie.

Exams

Please note all students are expected to attend exams in the morning, afternoon or evening, Monday to Saturday.

Scholarships & Discounts

NCI offers a range of scholarships and discount offers, a full list is available from the NCI website at ncirl.ie/scholarships.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Even before you apply for your course here, you have an unrivalled support service ready to help you. You can talk to our international team about any aspect of studying and living here - from course choice to finding accommodation.





This support continues when you arrive, starting with our popular International Welcome Week for new students and continuing with comprehensive advice on any aspect of your time living in Dublin.

There's also help with developing your future career through the NCI Careers Team. Our experienced Career Advisors will develop the confidence, skills and appropriate work experience required to make appropriate career decisions throughout your life.

To learn more about the courses available to international students at NCI, visit www.ncirl.ie/international.

We have a team of experienced advisors based internationally and in Dublin to assist you in making the best decision for your future.

International Welcome Meetings

For international students, welcome meetings take place in the first week of each semester and are a key element to a successful experience at NCI.

Our international orientation includes:

- Airport pickup
- Campus tours
- City tours
- Registration and induction
- Social events

Advice on just about everything

During your studies our dedicated International team will help you with any questions or issues you have, from visas and immigration to health, travel and working entitlements.

Email: international@ncirl.ie

Language requirements and support

If English isn't your first language you will need to be able to demonstrate that you're able to speak, understand, read and also write it well enough to study here. For full details – including the range of English Language qualifications we accept

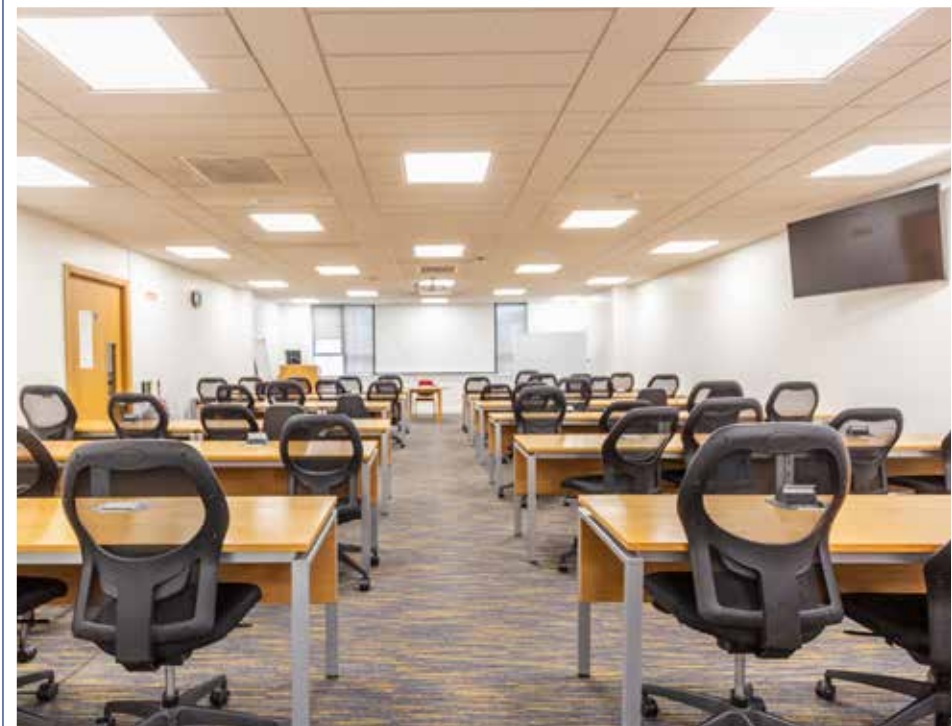
– please refer to our International section. Visit www.ncirl.ie/international

All courses are taught and assessed through English. If you do not currently meet our English language requirements, we are happy to recommend English language schools in Dublin.

Note: a different fee structure applies for International Students, visit our website for more details.









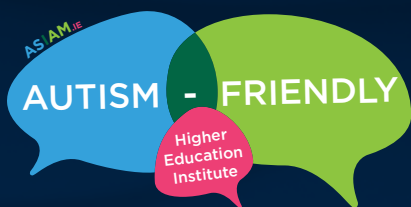












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All programmes are offered subject to sufficient numbers of students.
This document is intended as a guide to programmes. Every effort has been made to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information contained in this publication.
The College reserves the right to make changes to any content, schedules or fees contained herein.

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