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Studying at NCI

National College of Ireland (NCI)

National College of Ireland is a third-level institute which provides a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and higher diploma programmes through its School of Business and Social Sciences and the School of Computing. All qualifications are globally recognised, and you can be guaranteed exceptional quality and an excellent learning experience. Visit our **International page** for more details.

Reasons to Study at NCI:

- QQI Recognized and TrustEd
- Accredited courses by ACCA, CIPD and PSI
- Rated 5 stars by QS
- Located in the heart of Dublin
- Small class sizes & excellent academic support
- Top-class careers support team

Rankings, Accreditations & Quality

Awarding Body

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) is the Awarding Body for the programmes offered by National College of Ireland. Our close partnership with QQI ensures that NCI's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are informed by the most current practices in quality assurance and delivered to the highest standards of academic integrity.

QQI AWARD

QS 5 Stars

NCI was recently awarded 5 Stars in the QS Stars rating for Higher Education Institutions. This is the highest result you can achieve within the industry and reflects NCI's commitment to providing quality in everything we do. NCI scored particularly well in the areas of graduate employment, internationalization, inclusiveness and facilities

TrustED Ireland

NCI has received a TrustEd Ireland International Education Mark, accredited by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). This prestigious award is granted to Irish education providers, who demonstrate the highest standards in international student recruitment, marketing, admissions, and support.

Further Accreditations

As well as our partnership with QQI, our programmes are accredited by some of the leading regulatory bodies within specific industries, including ACCA, CIPD, Chartered Accountants of Ireland and Psychological Society of Ireland. These accreditations acknowledge that NCI programmes are well regarded within these industries.

Programmes, Fees & Scholarships

For a list of all programmes available to international students, please visit **what you can study** at NCI. You can find further details on each programme by visiting our programme pages.

Fees and Scholarships are valid from January 2026. NCI reserves the right to update fees and scholarships on an intake-to-intake basis.

School of Business and Social Sciences

Programme	Duration	Intake	Tuition Fee	Scholarship
Undergraduate				
BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance	3 years	Sep	€14,000 per year	Up to €3,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Business	3 years	Sep	€12,000 per year	Up to €3,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Human Resource Management	3 years	Sep	€12,000 per year	Up to €3,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Marketing Practice	3 years	Sep	€12,000 per year	Up to €3,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Psychology	3 years	Sep	€12,000 per year	Up to €3,000 per year
Postgraduate				
MSc in Accounting	1 year	Sep	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Business Analytics for Decision Makers	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Finance	1 year	Sep	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MA in Human Resource Management	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in International Business	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Management	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Marketing	1 year	Sep	€17,000	Up to €5,000

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School of Computing

Programme	Duration	Intake	Tuition Fee	Scholarship
Undergraduate				
BSc (Hons) in Computing	4 years (includes work placement)	Sep	€14,000 per year	€3,000 per year
BSc (Hons) in Data Science	4 years (includes work placement)	Sep	€14,000 per year	€3,000 per year
Certificates				
*Higher Diploma in Science in Computing	1 year	Sep & Jan	€12,000	€4,000
Postgraduate				
MSc in AI for Business	1 year	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Artificial Intelligence	1 year	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Cloud Computing	1 year	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Cybersecurity	1 year	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Data Analytics	1 year	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Fintech	1 year	Sep	€17,000	Up to €5,000
MSc in Open Day Practice	1 year	Sep & Jan	€17,000	Up to €5,000

*Higher Diploma are conversion courses designed for students interested in pursuing an IT programme but who do not hold a bachelor's degree in IT. Upon successfully completing the program, students can opt to progress to a master's degree, provided they meet the course entry requirements.

Centre for Education and Lifelong Learning (CELL)

Programme	Duration	Intake	Tuition Fee	Scholarship
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECECD)	4 years (includes work placement)	Sep	Euro 12,000 per year	Up to €3,000 per year

Important Note: The ECEC programme requires police clearance from a student's home country and from Ireland. All applicants will undergo an online interview as part of the admissions assessment.

International Entry Requirements

There are students from more than 80 countries studying at our campus, and we accept high school and degree qualifications from institutions around the world. There are 3 levels of entry requirements to consider:

1. Country

Academic entry standards vary by region. To find the specific grades and qualifications required for your home country, please visit our **country specific information** page.

2. English Language Requirement

We accept various proficiency tests, including IELTS, Duolingo, TOEFL, and PTE. For a full list of accepted qualifications, please see our **English Language Requirements**. Below is a table showing the IELTS and Duolingo requirements for our programmes for September 2026.

Programme	IELTS Level	Duolingo
Undergraduate Business	**6.0** overall with no less than **5.5** in any other band	**105-120** overall (no component less than **95**)
Undergraduate Computing and the Higher Diploma in Science in Computing and Data Analytics	**6.0** overall with no less than **5.5** in any other band	**105-120** overall (no component less than **95**)
Masters Computing (excluding the MSc in AI for Business)	**6.0** overall with no less than **5.5** in any other band	**105-120** overall (no component less than **95**)
All School of Business Masters Programmes (and MSc in AI for Business)	**6.5** overall with no less than **6.0** in any other band	**120+** overall (no component less than **105**)
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	**6.5** with **6.5** in Speaking and no less than **6.0** in any other band	**120+** overall (no component less than **105**)

Please note: The English Language certificate must have been issued within 2 years of the expected start date of the NCI programme. English Language Requirements are subject to change from intake to intake.

International Entry Requirements

3. Programme

Undergraduate Entry Requirements

We accept high school qualifications from around the world as well as A Level and International Baccalaureate qualifications. Our undergraduate programmes require students to have completed Mathematics and English subjects within their high school qualification, and some programmes may have specific grade requirements.

Postgraduate Entry Requirements

Our masters programmes require students to have a bachelor degree (or international equivalent) from a recognised institution. In addition to the entry requirements from individual countries, certain courses also have cognate requirements. You should look at the programme pages for more information or email **international@ncirl.ie**

Programme	Requirement
All Bachelor degrees	Approved high school diploma will be considered. Maths and English must be studied. Higher level of Maths required for BSc (Hons) in Data Science and BA (Hons) in Psychology. Some students may be referred to a foundation programme.
Higher Diploma in Science in Computing	Honours Bachelor's degree from a recognised institution in any major
MSc in Management MSc in International Business MA in Human Resource Management MSc in Accounting MSc in Business Analytics for Decision Makers	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in any major
MSc in Marketing	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in a Marketing, Business, Business Administration or Commerce.
MSc in Finance	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in any major containing significant modules in Maths/Statistics/Quantitative/Economics/Quantitative Finance related modules
MSc in Data Analytics MSc in Cloud Computing MSc in Cyber Security MSc in Artificial Intelligence	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in an IT/Computer Science major. Other STEM majors may be considered if they contain extensive IT/Computer Science/Programming modules. Other majors (i.e. Business) will not be considered.
MSc in Open Data Practice	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in an IT/Computer Science major. Majors in areas Bioscience, the Social Sciences, Psychology, or Library Science) will be considered based on potential Numerical/Computer assessment. Other Majors (e.g Business) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
MSc in Fintech	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in an IT/Computer Science major OR a Finance major
MSc in AI for Business	Honours Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in a STEM major OR a business / humanities major with at least 1 IT and 1 Mathematics module included PLUS 3 years relevant working experience

International Entry Requirements

Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)

Applicants who do not hold a standard honours degree may be considered based on relevant work or professional experience through our RPEL scheme.

Learn about RPEL

Foundation Programme

A Foundation Programme is designed to prepare International Students for undergraduate study by improving their academic knowledge, English language skills, and understanding of college life. Pathway programmes are essential for students who do not meet direct entry requirements for our undergraduate degrees and serve as a stepping stone to their chosen degree.

UniHaven offers a high-quality Foundation Programme, equipping international students with the academic, language, and cultural skills needed for undergraduate study at NCI. After successfully completing your pathway programme, you can progress to your chosen undergraduate at NCI as long as you have met the progression criteria required.

Dublin International Foundation College (DIFC) offers a high-quality Foundation Programme, equipping international students with the academic, language, and cultural skills needed for undergraduate study at NCI.

Find full details for all our **NCI Foundation Partners** here.

Fee Payment to Confirm a Place

Due to our small class sizes, places are limited and programmes may fill quickly. Places are confirmed on a first come, first served basis when students pay their tuition fee. When all places are secured, a programme will close.

Students joining from visa required countries must pay the full fee to secure a place. Students from non-visa required countries and all students residing in Ireland can pay Euro 6,000 with the balance by payment plan.

NCI does not operate a deposit system, so partial payments of tuition fees does not guarantee a place on a programme. For full details on payment terms and conditions, please review our **International refund policy.**

Payment to NCI should only be made through one of the official payment methods. NCI will never request payment of fees through any method other than the one listed on our website, or to any bank account other than the one listed there.

For guidance on how to pay tuition fees, please visit **How to Pay options.**

Agent Application Portal

Agent Portal Login

Access our Agent Portal to begin the application process:

https://sis.ncirl.ie/apex/f?p=1320:LOGIN::::APP

- **One username/password per agency:** If you require a reminder or assistance with your login credentials, please reach out to cynthia.fernandesvital@ncirl.ie

- **Student details and documents uploaded through the portal:** It is essential to enter the student's full name exactly as per their passport. Mistakes made in the student's name will result in a delay in processing. **Please do not use the "Middle Name" field** as it creates an error which will result in a delay to the application being processed by the admissions team. Students first and middle names should be entered in the First Name field.

- **Students must apply for 1 programme at a time:** To simplify the application process, students are advised to apply for one programme at a time to ensure accurate and efficient processing.

Offer Process
- **Conditional or Full Offers:** Students may receive conditional or full offers based on English proficiency, academic results, or both.

- **Scholarships:** Scholarship assessments take place during the application process and are listed in the offer letter for transparent communication of financial support opportunities.

Training and Support
Agent Application Portal Resources: We offer a training video and document to guide you through the agent application portal for seamless navigation and application management. For more details, visit www.ncirl.ie/agent-training

Agent Application Portal

Required Documents for ALL Programme Applications

To complete the application process for any NCI programme, the following documents are mandatory:

- **Transcripts and Graduation Certificate:** Original language documents and their English translations representing all completed studies. If the graduation certificate is not currently available, it can be submitted at a later stage.

- **English Language Certificate:** If available, please provide the English language certificate.

- **CV/Resume:** Students are required to submit a comprehensive CV or resume.

- **Passport:** A copy of the student's passport is necessary for identification and processing.

- **Immigration Card (for applicants already in Ireland):** If the student is already in Ireland, the immigration card is a mandatory document.

Additional Requirements for Specific Programme Applications

The following programmes necessitate additional documentation or tasks:

- **Personal Statement:** Required for ALL bachelor degree programmes, MSc Fintech, and MSc AI for Business applications.

For any further inquiries, clarification, or support, do not hesitate to contact our admissions team at admissions@ncirl.ie.

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