BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN **PSYCHOLOGY**

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Part-time Schedule

LocationIFSC Campus

ApplicationApply online at www.ncirl.ie

Schedule

Two evenings per week and some Saturday workshops in year 4 **Duration**

4 years; 2 semesters of 13 weeks each per year

Start Date Sept 2018

€4,000 per annum (Fees revised annually)

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 a number of clinical and psychological settings, or alternatively in business areas such as marketing, management and human resources, in 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. Studying psychology will take you through some of the darker and the dazzling aspects of 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 open up a range of careers then this course will be tremendously rewarding and valuable.

Who is the course for?

The course will appeal to students who are curious about the human mind and who wish to work in a variety of related fields.

Award and Progression

On completion you will receive a QQI BA (Honours) Degree 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 23 will be assessed based on Leaving Certificate or equivalent.

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.

This programme is delivered in three stages over four years.

Course Content

- Applied Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Social Psychology
- Lifespan Development
- Cognitive Psychology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Personality and Individual Differences
- Biological Bases of Behaviour



Year

- Applied Statistics
- Coaching Psychology
- Psychology of Learning and Behaviour Analysis
- Applied Research Methods
- Psychology Labs
- Abnormal Psychology
- Advanced Developmental Psychology
- Advanced Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience
- Workplace Psychology
- Cyberpsychology
- Criminal Psychology
- Final Project

Year 4

Please note that this programme is currently undergoing revalidation so there may be minor changes to content pending QQI approval.

