

BA (Honours) in PSYCHOLOGY



CAO Code
NC010

Duration:

Three Years Full-Time

NFQ Level:

Level 8

CAO Points 2018:

350



**"You get to see what
makes people tick
and how the little
things can influence
us every day."**

Conor O'Reilly
BA Hons in Psychology

Our psychology degree is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI). The PSI is the professional body for psychology in the Republic of Ireland with accreditation enabling honours graduates of our degree to pursue further professional training in psychology.

About the Course

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, or in sports, education, social work among others. It is a degree that gives 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 all 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 and, cyber-psychology. You will cover all the major theoretical perspectives like the theory 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 problems and how to conduct scientific research.
- Apply your knowledge of psychology to the workplace, the community and society.

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.

Career Prospects

The degree is recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland and therefore allows graduates to complete further graduate training within psychology in areas including:

- Clinical psychology
- Organisational psychology
- Forensic psychology
- Educational psychology
- Counselling psychology

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

Further Study Options

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

Who is the course for?

The course will appeal to students who have a curiosity about the human mind and who wish to work in a variety of related fields. The course is for school leavers, mature students and graduates of QQI level 5/6 programmes who wish to embark on a course of full-time study.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Minimum entry requirements are a grade H5 and above in two higher level subjects together with a minimum of O6/H7 in four other subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English. A grade O6/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should consult pages 66 and 67.

Course Fees

€5,900 per annum payable by the student.
(Fees revised annually)

A Guide to COURSE CONTENT



Year 1

Semester 1

- Applied Introduction and History of Psychology
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Social Psychology

Semester 2

- Lifespan Development
- Cognitive Psychology
- Introduction to Statistics

Year 2

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- Personality and Intelligence
- Biological Bases of Behaviour
- Applied Statistics

Semester 2

- Coaching Psychology
- Psychology of Learning and Behaviour Analysis
- Applied Research Methods
- Psychology Labs

Students will also be able to select from a range of non-psychology elective subjects including Organisational Development, Public Relations and Social Media, Entrepreneurship, and International HRM. All electives are subject to minimum numbers and resource constraints.

Year 3

Semester 1

- Final Project
- Health Psychology
- Two Electives*

Semester 2

- Final Project
- Abnormal Psychology
- Two Electives*

*Elective Modules include

- Criminal Psychology
- Applied Developmental Psychology
- Psychology of Thinking
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Cyberpsychology
- Workplace Psychology
- Contemporary Neuroscience
- Educational Psychology

- Financial Management
- Tools for the Enterprise
- Organisational Development
- Public Relations and Social Media
- Entrepreneurship
- International HRM
- Contemporary Issues in Reward Management
- Ethics and Social Responsibility