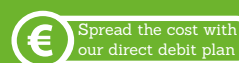


BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY

Accredited by The Psychological Society of Ireland

FACTFILE

Application: Apply online at www.ncirl.ie

Start Date
Sept 2025

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)

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 87 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