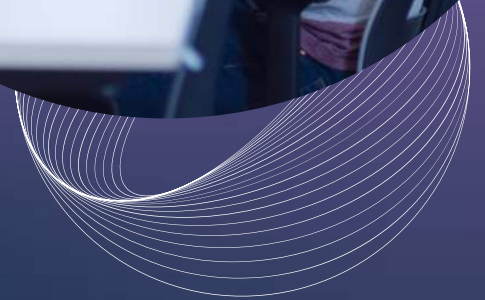


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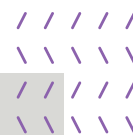
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# MSc in DevOps

## Frequently Asked Questions

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## ▶ What is DevOps?

The advantages of Development Teams and Operations Teams collaborating to improve the delivery of technology solutions have meant a rapid adoption of DevOps approaches to the Software Development Lifecycle. Closely associated with Lean and Agile concepts in enhancing the delivery of technology solutions, the DevOps approach has impacted very rapidly on the Technology industry.

Most existing DevOps 'specialists grow or develop into their role with no formal standards or certification, and a modicum of training in the actual practice of cross-functional DevOps practices. They may already be experienced, highly skilled, competent, and high performers in their own field of Software Development, Computing, IT Management, or Quality Assurance but they may lack the knowledge and understanding of the other cross-functional disciplines they now find themselves working with daily.

This Master's programme provides participants the opportunity to understand not only the technical but also the business and human factors at play during the high-pressure demands of modern software delivery processes, which is essential in the modern discipline of DevOps.

## ▶ What is the course schedule?

Lectures are held on two evenings per week. In the first year, the lecturers are normally on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 to 9.00 pm. There will also be a requirement to attend one on-campus day at the end of each semester.

Orientation and lectures always take place on Friday and Saturday within the last two weeks of January from 9 am-5 pm.. The official dates can be found on the course page under "Delivery".

## ▶ Are videos of lectures available to students?

Videos of the lecture are available following the lecture.  
**IMPORTANT:** Students are advised to attend the lectures.

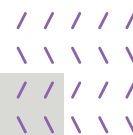
## ▶ What is the fee?

The fees for 2025 are not confirmed. Please reach out to the team for more information. Payments are made on a yearly basis.

## ▶ Are instalment payments available?

We offer payment plans starting three months prior to the course commencement. However, all fees must be settled in full before the course begins.

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## ▶ What is the duration of the programme?

Semester 1 – Jan – May 2025  
Semester 2 – Sep – Dec 2025  
Semester 3 – Jan – May 2026  
Dissertation – May 2025 – Sep/Dec/ 2026. (dependent on the student)

## ▶ What is the percentage of continuous assessment for each module?

### **Semester 1** (2 subjects)

One is 100% continuous assessment-based, no exam  
One is a 50/50 exam and continuous assessment

### **Semester 2** (2 subjects)

Both are 100% continuous assessment

### **Semester 3** (2 subjects)

One is 100% continuous assessment-based, with no exam  
One is a 50/50 exam and continuous assessment

### **Semester 4**

Dissertation

## ▶ What is the final award?

The final award is a Level 9 NFQ qualification, equivalent to 90 ECTS credits.

## ▶ How technical is this course?

The course is a mix of technical and non-technical material. If an applicant has an honours degree in a computing (or similar) area then they should be able for the material. Candidates do not need to know about DevOps to do the Masters. The masters will teach you all about DevOps.

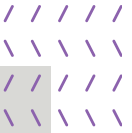
## ▶ When are the written exams scheduled?

Exams are held in May and January

## ▶ Are there breaks during the duration of the programme?

If the semester schedule allows there is sometimes a reading week off in the middle of the semester.

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## ▶ **Are there group projects or is it all individual-based assessments?**

Assignments are a mixture of both group and individual projects. Specifically, while some projects are completed within groups and entail technical aspects, all technical projects are completed individually.

## ▶ **Is there tax relief if so, can you claim back any tax?**

You may apply for a tax relief however it is the responsibility of each applicant to contact the tax office regarding this. We can provide a receipt for fees paid if needed.

## ▶ **For applicants, whose first language is not English are they required to provide evidence of English language proficiency?**

Yes, there is a requirement to complete an English Language test for applicants, whose first language is not English. Please follow the link for further information.



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