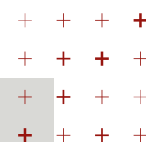




MSc in Data Analytics

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▶ What is the course schedule?

The indicative schedule is two evenings per week Tuesday and Thursday 6-10pm and every second Saturday.

▶ What is the fee?

The fees for 2025 intake are:

- Skillnet subsidised: €3,150 per year
- Non-subsidised: €3,875 per year

▶ When is payment due?

The programme lead will advise on the payment dates for the course.

Year 1 fees must be paid prior to the course commencement, and Year 2 fees must be paid before the start of Year 2.

Once you have received your offer of a place on the course, please note that we have a limited number of subsidised places available. Due to high demand, we cannot hold places without payment. To ensure fairness, priority for these places will be given to those who have completed full payment of the subsidised fee and are deemed eligible by the college or training provider.

▶ What is the National College of Ireland (NCI) refund policy?

NCI operates a strict policy of not refunding deposits or fees, except in cases where the college is not in a position to comply with its obligations to the student. [NCI Policy](#).

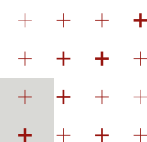
▶ Are there any on-campus days?

This course is delivered entirely online, with no requirement for on-campus attendance, except for the optional graduation ceremony, which can be attended either in person or online.

▶ Is there a specific requirement for programming or development skills?

Proficiency in programming is a prerequisite for this course. As it is highly technical, candidates are expected to demonstrate programming ability. For the MSc in Data Analytics, applicants should have completed at least two programming modules and two statistics modules. Typically, applicants will have experience with multiple programming languages rather than being limited to just one. However, each applicant is evaluated individually, with factors such as work experience also taken into account during the assessment process.

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This is assessed by NCI during the academic assessment, not by ICT Skillnet. Once you begin your academic assessment, NCI will engage with you if they require additional information. ICT Skillnet is not in a position to assess or advise on individual applicants.

► What are the academic requirements?

Learners must have an honours (NFQ level 8) primary degree in Computing or a cognate area with a 2.2 award or higher. Cognate area means a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) degree.

All applicants must evidence prior programming and mathematics experience (e.g., via academic transcripts or recognised certification). Standard applicants for the programme are those holding computing or numerate degrees.

For learners who do not have the minimum entry requirements, NCI operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work and other professional experience.

► What are the laptop requirements?

This programme is delivered fully online and as such, learners are expected to successfully participate in lectures, laboratories, and projects using a laptop computer with a substantial hardware configuration.

The minimal suitable configuration is 8GB of RAM (16GB are recommended); a modern 64-bit x86 multi-core processor (Intel i5 or superior); 250+ GB of available space in hard disk; WiFi card; and a recent version of Ubuntu, macOS or Windows. Learners must also ensure they have sufficient broadband speed and reliable connectivity from their place of study.

It is the responsibility of each learner to ensure their laptop computer is functioning correctly and that they have full administrator rights. NCI IT cannot provide support for these personal devices.

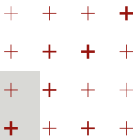
► Is there tax relief and, if so, can you claim back any tax?

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

► What is the final award?

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

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▶ What will the diploma state?

The diploma will indicate the completion of a Master of Science in Data Analytics. However, it will not specify that the course was completed online.

▶ How is the course assessed?

The course will be assessed with a blend of project work and exams. This varies between modules but typically assessment is 50% continuous assessment and 50% exam. Please note that in some instances exams may take place in the daytime, evenings and at weekends.

▶ Do you provide Visa support?

All students must meet the eligibility criteria for funding, which includes working in a private or commercial semi-state organisation and currently residing in Ireland.

Please note that NCI and Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet do not provide visa support services for this course. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have the necessary visa in place prior to application.

Offer of a place on this course does not qualify as a means to obtain a VISA.



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