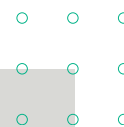




MSc in Computer Science - Artificial Intelligence

Frequently Asked Questions



► What is the recommended time commitment / hours required per week?

This course is fully online and designed so you can study in your own time. You will be expected to take 3 modules every semester (2 semesters per year) and a final year project in year 2. Each semester runs for 12 weeks and there are exams at the end – with a gap between the end of the semester and the exam period.

The workload is estimated to be approximately 21 hours per week over 14 weeks in each semester (of which 12 weeks are used for delivery). This includes engaging with lectures, online discussions, reading, carrying out assignments and study time. Some students successfully complete modules with less time commitment.

► What are the main computer languages used on the course?

The main languages are Python, R, and Java in that order. University of Galway teaches Python from scratch (but very fast, assuming students already know at least one language), and it is used in some other modules. We teach a little R, and develop it more in some other modules. We do not teach Java, but we assume that students have used/studied it, or can self-study some basics, for one module.

► Are exams held on campus?

A. End-of-semester exams are traditional on-campus written exams. Semester 1 exams will be in December, and Semester 2 exams in April/May. [The academic calendar is available by clicking here.](#)

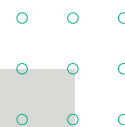
► What fees do I need to pay?

The fees are subsidised by Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet for eligible participants, which reduces the fees of the MSc down to €3,895 per annum.

All fees in each year are payable prior to the commencement date in that year.

► What are the funding eligibility requirements?

Applicants must be employed in a private or commercial semi-state organisation registered in the Republic of Ireland to avail of the Technology Ireland ICTSkillnet grant-aid.



► How do I apply?

Candidates should first apply to Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet for initial eligibility screening.

Once your eligibility is confirmed, we will send you the link to the University of Galway application portal.

You will need your Academic transcripts and certificates for the formal application.

► How long does the programme take to complete?

The MSc programme takes a two-year part time commitment to complete.

► What is the requirement for an English language qualification

University of Galway will generally waive any requirement for an English language qualification for Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet applicants already working in industry in Ireland.

► How is the course delivered?

Lectures are all online/asynchronous, so you can watch them according to your own schedule.

Some modules will use synchronous live-streams or online drop-in sessions as well, but they are optional as we know there is no time during the week which will suit all students.

Also they will generally be recorded for later viewing by others. There is usually an optional on-campus day at the start of each year. You will be notified in advance about this.

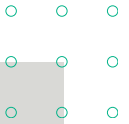
► What are the academic entry requirements?

As this is a highly technical MSc course, applicants must have sufficient competence in mathematics and computer programming to be able to participate.

Candidates must have a strong 2.1 Level 8 (or equivalent) computer science degree or a strong 2.1 Level 8 (or equivalent) science/engineering degree that provides extensive training in computing.

Candidates who do not meet this requirement but are deemed by the programme director to have reached an equivalent standard will also be considered.

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► Is there further detail on the module content available?

Yes. [Please go to the University of Galway course webpage by clicking here.](#)

If you scroll down you can click "+" for each module to see more details.

► What is referenced on parchment?

The degree parchment awarded at the end of the degree states Magisterii Scientiae (Master of Science). The transcript states the official degree title, MSc in Computer Science – Artificial Intelligence (Online).



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