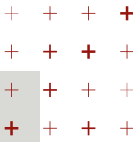




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► What is the course schedule?

Online classes are delivered two evenings per week from 18:00–22:00, with an indicative schedule of Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

In addition to the core module classes in Semester 1, the National College of Ireland provides additional student supports in the form of “Bootcamps”. These take place during the first three weeks of Semester 1 only and may include some Saturday sessions.

This is a two-year part-time programme delivered over four semesters, commencing in January (Semester 1) and September (Semester 2) annually.

► Are there any on-campus days?

This main course content is delivered entirely online, with no requirement for on-campus attendance, with optional invitations to attend extra sessions in NCI should the opportunity arise and the Graduation ceremony, which can be attended either in person or online.

► When is payment due?

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

Year 1 fees must be paid prior to course commencement, and Year 2 fees must be paid before the start of Year 2. The course commences in January each year.

Once an offer of a place has been issued, please note that a limited number of subsidised places are available. Due to high demand, places cannot be held without payment.

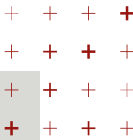
To ensure fairness, priority for subsidised places will be given to applicants who have completed full payment of the subsidised fee and who are deemed eligible by the College or training provider.

► 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. [Click here to view the NCI Policy.](#)

Deferral requests must be made directly to NCI and can only be assessed and approved by NCI. Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet has no role in the decision-making process. Once a deferral has been approved by NCI, you must notify Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet.

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► What are the academic requirements?

Learners must hold an honours (NFQ Level 8) primary degree in Computing or a cognate discipline with a minimum 2.2 award. A cognate discipline refers to a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) degree.

All applicants must demonstrate prior programming and mathematics experience, evidenced through academic transcripts, recognised industry certifications and/or relevant professional experience. Applicants entering through the standard route will typically hold a Computing or other numerate degree.

Applicants who do not meet the standard academic entry requirements may be considered under the National College of Ireland's Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme. This allows relevant work experience and other professional experience to be considered in place of the standard academic requirements.

Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency by achieving an IELTS Academic score of at least 6.0, or an equivalent qualification. Please refer to the National College of Ireland's English Language Requirements page for details of accepted qualifications and minimum entry requirements.

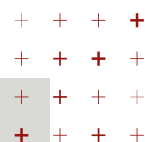
► What programming and mathematics experience can support my application?

This is a technical programme, and applicants are expected to have a strong foundation in programming and mathematics. For the MSc in Data Analytics, applicants will normally have completed at least two programming modules and two statistics or mathematics modules as part of their previous studies. Experience with more than one programming language is advantageous, and relevant professional experience may also be considered.

Recognised industry certifications can strengthen an application and should be included when applying.

All applications are assessed by the National College of Ireland (NCI) as part of the academic review process. Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet does not assess applications or advise on individual eligibility. If additional information is required, NCI will contact applicants directly after submitting your initial application.

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► 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.

► 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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