



Master of Psychological Science

(One Year Full Time)



Introduction

The M.Psych.Sc. is designed to equip psychology graduates with the inter-personal sensitivities, methodological and statistical skills that form the basis for a wide range of professional training programmes in psychology, including for example, clinical, education, organisational, and academic. Students are expected to be curious, self motivated and independent in their approach to the study of psychology and to develop the skills to become reflective in their professional work. The learning environment emphasizes the active participation of students, encourages team work and collaborative research.

Students are encouraged to develop their critical appraisal, analytical and methodological capabilities through interaction with faculty and peers and through independent study. The focus of the programme is on professional skill acquisition and this is reflected in the active nature of the learning environment in the modules. The programme uses a range of approaches to teaching, learning and assessment including traditional faculty-led seminars, student presentations, experiential learning, classroom role-play, and case studies. An integral part of the research training is staff supervision and, usually, membership of a collaborative research team.

Programme Highlight

The course includes a psychometric assessment module that meets requirements to obtain BPS certification.

The course equips you for doctoral studies in clinical, counselling, educational, or organisational psychology, or for progressing to a PhD in psychological research.

Many of the supervised research projects result in a publication.

Assessment strategies include both traditional and innovative approaches, as appropriate to the specific skill set that is being assessed.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits = **60 credits** + **30 credits**
L9 Taught Masters Taught Modules Dissertation

Core Modules:

- MPsychSc Research Dissertation
- Advanced Research Methods & Stats

The M Psych Sc is comprised of six (2 core, 4 optional) 10-credit modules and a 30-credit research dissertation. In all modules, the focus is on the acquisition of skills for professional practice. Modules may vary from year to year.

Optional Modules:

- Inclusion and Equality in Education
- Wellbeing of Children and Youth
- Theory of Human Rights
- Managing Change
- BPS Certificate in Educational Testing
- Basic counselling and clinical skills
- Person Centred Programme Development
- Foundations in Mindfulness
- Psychological Interventions
- Clinical Cases in Neuropsychology
- Topics in Psychological Sci
- Multielement Behaviour Support
- Identity Sexuality & Mortality
- Embodied & Social Cognitive Neuroscience
- Psychology & Health: Population-level perspectives
- Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Comparing Healthcare Systems

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Equips you for doctoral studies in clinical, counselling, educational or organisational psychology or for progressing to a PhD in psychological research.

About the School

UCD School of Psychology is a leading Irish centre for research, teaching and professional training in psychology in Ireland. The School has particular expertise in clinical psychology, cognitive and behavioural neuroscience, disability and rehabilitation, and social and developmental psychology.

Graduate Profile



Caoimhe McManus
M.Psych.Sc. Graduate, 2021

Studying the Masters in Psychological Science was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The course teaching allowed me to develop a deep theoretical understanding of the concepts underlying fundamental areas of practice, whilst also allowing the opportunity to connect with experts working at both research and clinical levels. The practical elements of the course helped me develop competencies in psychometric assessment, whilst simultaneously placing a strong focus on building core therapeutic skills. Research components allowed me to further develop my skills and knowledge, particularly the practical research module which provided the opportunity to collaborate with a network of academics in both UCD and across other universities. Overall, this course provided me with a strong foundation of theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the application of psychological science which has been hugely beneficial to me when working as both an assistant psychologist and a research assistant.

Applicant Profile

Full Time option suitable for:
Domestic (EEA) applicants: **Yes**
International (Non EEA) applicants currently residing outside of the EEA Region: **Yes**
Candidates may apply for admission to the Masters in Psychological Science if they have the following:

- At least an upper second class honours bachelor's degree in Psychology recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland or by the Psychology Society of the country in which the degree was awarded (minimum GPA 3.4/4.0)
- At least an upper second class honours Higher Diploma in Psychology (conversion course) recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland or by the psychology society of the country in which the degree was awarded (minimum GPA 3.4/4.0)

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- MSc Rehabilitation & Disability Studies
- MSc Mindfulness Based Interventions
- MSc in Behavioural Neuroscience

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