

# BA (HONOURS) IN PSYCHOLOGY

**Duration:**  
Three Years  
Full-Time

**CAO Code:**  
NC010

**CAO Points Guide:\***  
400

**NFQ Level:**  
Level 8



\*For each course we have given a guideline based on our points over the past three years. This is a guide only, points vary each year.

## About the Course

NCI's BA (Honours) in Psychology is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), the professional body for psychology in the Republic of Ireland. This enables honours graduates of our degree to pursue further professional training in psychology.

This degree offers a solid grounding in all the core areas of psychology including cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, lifespan development, social psychology, research methods and biological psychology, as well as specialised topics such as workplace psychology and cyber-psychology.

Graduates of this course understand the principles of psychology and have a broad understanding of human behaviour, know how to critically analyse problems and how to conduct scientific research, and can apply psychology to the workplace, the community and society.

## Who is the course for?

This course will appeal to students who have a curiosity about the human mind and who wish to work in a variety of related fields. The course is for school leavers, mature students and graduates of QQI level 5/6 programmes who wish to embark on a course of full-time study.

## Career Prospects

The degree is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland and therefore allows graduates to complete further graduate training within psychology in areas including clinical psychology, organisational psychology, forensic psychology and counselling psychology. Completion of the degree will also facilitate graduates in entering many other professions including human resources, recruitment, management, consultancy and marketing.

## Course Structure and Award

This undergraduate course is a three-year honours degree run over six semesters with continuous assessment held throughout the course and examinations at the end of each semester. Students complete research projects in their final year of study. These research projects are considered for submission to the Psychology Society of Ireland Annual Student Congress. An NCI psychology student won the 'Best Research Project' in 2020, received an Honourable Mention for an Undergraduate Presentation in 2022, and won the Undergraduate Poster Presentation Award in 2023 at this prestigious national event. In each year of the degree any student with an overall average of 70+ will win a Dean's Award. On completion you will receive a QQI BA Honours Degree in Psychology at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

## Further Study Options

Upon successful completion of the BA (Honours) in Psychology, graduates who have acquired the appropriate entry requirements can progress to postgraduate programmes at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications such as the MA in HRM at NCI, as well as clinical, educational, occupational and counselling psychology at other venues.

## Course Fees (EU)

€6,250 per annum payable by the student. (Fees revised annually).

## Admission Requirements and Policies

Minimum entry requirements are a grade H5 and above in two higher level subjects together with a minimum of O6/H7 in four other subjects. A minimum of grade O6/H7 must be obtained in English. A grade O6/H7 must be obtained in Mathematics. Applicants from a PLC/further education course must have a full level 5/6 award and three distinctions. Mature applicants, applicants with a disability or those applying through the DARE or HEAR access schemes should refer to our Admissions section on p62, which also includes our admission policies, including laptop requirements.



# COURSE CONTENT

## Year 1

- Introduction to Psychology
- Core Research Skills for Psychologists
- Social Psychology
- Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Cognitive Psychology
- Learning and Behaviour
- Coaching Psychology

## Year 2

- Applied Statistics
- Personality and Intelligence
- Biological Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Advanced Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience
- Applied Research Methods
- Plus, two electives

### *Year 2 Elective Modules Include*

- Behavioural Science: Problem Based Learning
- Psychology of Gender
- Critical Thinking
- Multicultural Psychology

## Year 3

- Health Psychology
- Advanced Biological Psychology
- Behavioural Psychology
- Applied Developmental Psychology
- Final Project
- Plus, four electives

### *Year 3 Elective Modules Include*

- Positive Psychology
- Criminal Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Psychology of Ageing
- Cyberpsychology
- Psychotraumatology
- Workplace Psychology
- Educational Psychology

Students will also be able to select from a range of non-psychology elective subjects including: PR and Social Media, Social and Organisational Behaviour, Project Management, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Sales Management, Data Analytics.



**"You get to see what makes people tick and how the little things can influence us every day."**

**Conor O'Reilly**  
BA Hons in Psychology