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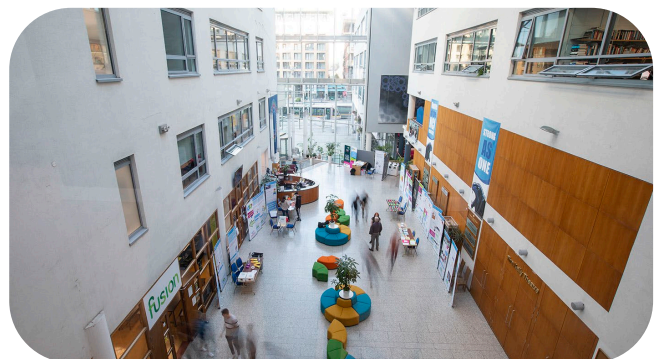Coláiste Náisiúnta na hÉireann | National College of Ireland

Studying at NCI

National College of Ireland (NCI)

NCI is a government funded, third level institution providing a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and higher diploma programmes within our School of Business, School of Computing and Centre for Education and Lifelong Learning.

All our qualifications are globally recognised as of exceptional quality and provide an excellent learning experience. You will find more information at www.ncirl.ie/international

Reasons to Study at NCI:

- 96% employability rate
- Accredited courses by ACCA, CIPD and PSI
- Located in the heart of Dublin
- Small class sizes & excellent academic support
- Rated 5 stars by QS

Rankings, Accreditations & Quality

QS 5 Stars

NCI was recently awarded 5 Stars in the QS Stars rating for Higher Education Institutions. This is the highest result you can achieve within the industry and reflects NCI's commitment to providing quality in everything we do. NCI scored particularly well in the areas of graduate employment, internationalization, inclusiveness and facilities

Awarding Body

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) is the Awarding Body for the programmes offered by National College of Ireland. Our close partnership with QQI ensures that NCI's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are informed by the most current practices in quality assurance and delivered to the highest standards of academic integrity.

Further Accreditations

As well as our partnership with QQI, our programmes are accredited by some of the leading regulatory bodies within specific industries, including ACCA, CIPD, Chartered Accountants of Ireland and Psychological Society of Ireland. These accreditations acknowledge that NCI programmes are well regarded within these industries.

Programmes, Fees & Scholarships

For a list of all programmes available to international students please visit www.ncirl.ie/international. You can read further details on each programme by visiting our programme pages.

Fees and Scholarships are valid from January 2025. NCI reserves the right to update fees and scholarships on an intake to intake basis.

School of Business

Programme	Duration	Intake	Tuition Fee	Scholarship
BA (Hons) in Business	3 years	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Marketing Practice	3 years	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance	3 years	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Human Resource Management	3 years	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
BA (Hons) in Psychology	3 years	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
MSc in Marketing	1 year	Sep	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Accounting	1 year	Sep	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Business Analytics for Decision Makers	1 year	Sep	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Management	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in International Business	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MA in Human Resource Management	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Entrepreneurship	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Finance	1 year (20 months in January)	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000

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School of Computing

Programme	Duration	Intake	Tuition Fee	Scholarship
BSc (Hons) in Computing	4 years (includes work placement)	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
BSc (Hons) in Data Science	4 years (includes work placement)	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year
*Higher Diploma in Science in Computing	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 12,000	Euro 4,000
*Higher Diploma in Science in Data Analytics	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 12,000	Euro 4,000
MSc in Data Analytics	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Cloud Computing	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Cybersecurity	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Open Day Practice	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Artificial Intelligence	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in AI for Business	1 year	Sep & Jan	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000
MSc in Fintech	1 year	Sep	Euro 17,000	Euro 3000 - 5000

Higher Diploma are conversion courses designed for students interested in pursuing an IT programme but who do not hold a bachelor's degree in IT. Upon successfully completing the program, students can opt to progress to a master's degree, provided they meet the course entry requirements.

Centre for Education and Lifelong Learning (CELL)

Programme	Duration	Intake	Tuition Fee	Scholarship
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECECD)	4 years (includes work placement)	Sep	Euro 10,000 per year	Euro 2,000 per year

Important Note: The ECEC programme requires police clearance from a student's home country and from Ireland. All applicants will undergo an online interview as part of the admissions assessment.

International Entry Requirements

There are students from more than 80 countries studying at our campus and we accept high school and degree qualifications from thousands of education institutions around the world. There are 3 levels of entry requirements to consider:

1. Country

For full details on accepted qualifications and grades, please visit
www.ncirl.ie/Your-Country-Information

2. English Language Requirement

We accept a number of English language qualifications including IELTS, Duolingo, TOEFL, PTE and more. A full list can be found at www.ncirl.ie/English-Language-Requirements-International. Below is a table showing the IELTS and Duolingo requirements for our programmes for September 2025.

Programme	IELTS Level	Duolingo
Undergraduate Business	**6.0** overall with no less than **5.5** in any other band	**105-120** overall (no component less than **95**)
Undergraduate Computing and the Higher Diploma in Science in Computing and Data Analytics	**6.0** overall with no less than **5.5** in any other band	**105-120** overall (no component less than **95**)
Masters Computing (excluding the MSc in AI for Business)	**6.0** overall with no less than **5.5** in any other band	**105-120** overall (no component less than **95**)
All School of Business Masters Programmes (and MSc in AI for Business)	**6.5** overall with no less than **6.0** in any other band	**120+** overall (no component less than **105**)
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care	**6.5** with **6.5** in Speaking and no less than **6.0** in any other band	**120+** overall (no component less than **105**)

Please note: The English Language certificate must have been issued within 2 years of the expected start date of the NCI programme.English Language Requirements are subject to change from intake to intake.

3. Programme

Undergraduate Entry Requirements

We accept high school qualifications from around the world as well as A Level and International Baccalaureate qualifications. Our undergraduate programmes require students to have completed Mathematics and English subjects within their high school qualification, and some programmes may have specific grade requirements.

Postgraduate Entry Requirements

Our masters programmes require students to have a bachelor degree (or international equivalent) from a recognised institution. In addition to the entry requirements from individual countries, certain courses also have cognate requirements. You should look at the programme pages for more information or email international@ncirl.ie

Programme	Requirement
All Bachelor degrees	Approved high school diploma will be considered. Maths and English must be studied. Higher level of Maths required for BSc (Hons) in Data Science and BA (Hons) in Psychology. Some students may be referred to a foundation programme.
Higher Diploma in Science in Computing and Data Analytics	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in any major
MSc in Management MSc in International Business MA in Human Resource Management MSc in Entrepreneurship MSc in Accounting MSc in Business Analytics for Decision Makers	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in any major
MSc in Marketing	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in a Marketing, Business, Business Administration or Commerce.
MSc in Finance	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in any major containing significant modules in Maths/Statistics/Quantitative/Economics/Quantitative Finance related modules
MSc in Data Analytics MSc in Cloud Computing MSc in Cyber Security MSc in Artificial Intelligence	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in an IT/Computer Science major. Other STEM majors may be considered if they contain extensive IT/Computer Science/Programming modules. Other majors (i.e. Business) will not be considered.
MSc in Open Data Practice	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in an IT/Computer Science major. Majors in areas Bioscience, the Social Sciences, Psychology, or Library Science) will be considered based on potential Numerical/Computer assessment. Other Majors (e.g Business) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
MSc in Fintech	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in an IT/Computer Science major OR a Finance major
MSc in AI for Business	4 year Bachelor degree from a recognised institution in a STEM major OR a business / humanities major with at least 1 IT and 1 Mathematics module included PLUS 3 years relevant working experience

International Entry Requirements

Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)

For candidates who do not have a level 8 qualification the college operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme meaning applicants who do not meet the normal academic entry requirements, may be considered based on relevant work or other experience. Learn more about RPEL at www.ncirl.ie/Study/How-to-Apply/Recognition-of-Prior-Experiential-Learning-RPEL

Foundation Programme

A Foundation Programme is designed to prepare International Students for undergraduate study by improving their academic knowledge, English language skills, and understanding of college life. Pathway programmes are essential for students who do not meet direct entry requirements for our undergraduate degrees and serve as a stepping stone to their chosen degree.

NCI's Foundation Programme Partner

UniHaven offers a high-quality Foundation Programme, equipping international students with the academic, language, and cultural skills needed for undergraduate study at NCI. After successfully completing your pathway programme, you can progress to your chosen undergraduate at NCI as long as you have met the progression criteria required.

Students can choose from two pathways: **Business, Economics, Finance & Management or Engineering & Physical Sciences.** The curriculum is tailored to ensure students meet NCI's progression criteria, offering a seamless pathway to your chosen undergraduate course. Learn more about UniHAven | OnCampus Ireland at: www.oncampus.global/our-study-centres/oncampus-ireland

Fee Payment to Confirm a Place

Due to our small class sizes, places are limited and programmes may fill quickly. Places are confirmed on a first come, first served basis when students pay their tuition fee. When all places are secured, a programme will close.

Students joining from visa required countries must pay the full fee to secure a place. Students from non-visa required countries and all students residing in Ireland can pay Euro 6,000 with the balance by payment plan.

The college does not operate a deposit system, so partial payments of tuition fees does not guarantee a place on a programme. Applicants who make partial payments should note the NCI refund policy at www.ncirl.ie/International/Refund-Policy

Payment to NCI should only be made through one of the official payment methods. For guidance on how to pay tuition fees please take a look at How to Pay options at www.ncirl.ie/International-Payment-Options

NCI will never request payment through another method or to a different bank account than what is listed on our website.

Agent Application Portal

Agent Portal Login

Access our Agent Portal to begin the application process:
https://sis.ncirl.ie/apex/f?p=1320:LOGIN::::APP::

- **One username/password per agency:** If you require a reminder or assistance with your login credentials, please reach out to cynthia.fernandesvital@ncirl.ie

- **Student details and documents uploaded through the portal:** It is essential to enter the student's full name exactly as per their passport. Mistakes made in the student's name will result in a delay in processing. **Please do not use the "Middle Name" field** as it creates an error which will result in a delay to the application being processed by the admissions team. Students first and middle names should be entered in the First Name field.

- **Students must apply for 1 programme at a time:** To simplify the application process, students are advised to apply for one programme at a time to ensure accurate and efficient processing.

Offer Process
- **Conditional or Full Offers:** Students may receive conditional or full offers based on English proficiency, academic results, or both.

- **Scholarships:** Scholarship assessments take place during the application process and are listed in the offer letter for transparent communication of financial support opportunities.

Training and Support
Agent Application Portal Resources: We offer a training video and document to guide you through the agent application portal for seamless navigation and application management. For more details, visit www.ncirl.ie/agent-training

Agent Application Portal

Required Documents for ALL Programme Applications

To complete the application process for any NCI programme, the following documents are mandatory:

- **Transcripts and Graduation Certificate:** Original language documents and their English translations representing all completed studies. If the graduation certificate is not currently available, it can be submitted at a later stage.

- **English Language Certificate:** If available, please provide the English language certificate.

- **CV/Resume:** Students are required to submit a comprehensive CV or resume.

- **Passport:** A copy of the student's passport is necessary for identification and processing.

- **Immigration Card (for applicants already in Ireland):** If the student is already in Ireland, the immigration card is a mandatory document.

Additional Requirements for Specific Programme Applications

The following programmes necessitate additional documentation or tasks:

- **Personal Statement:** Required for ALL bachelor degree programmes, MSc Fintech, and MSc AI for Business applications.

For any further inquiries, clarification, or support, do not hesitate to contact our admissions team at admissions@ncirl.ie.

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