

DCU INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Programme Regulations 2020-2021

Programme Title MSc in Guidance Counselling

Programme Code MSGC

Offered on a full-time or part-time basis Part Time

Note: *Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards which can be found at <https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/Policies-and-Regulations.shtml>*

1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirements

1.1 Modules and credit weightings

The precision mark is normally defined as the overall weighted average for the first full presentation of marks. Modules are normally weighted proportionately according to their credit value. As there are exceptions on this programme, listed below are the proportional weightings in percentage terms of every module for the calculation of the precision mark.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>	<i>Module Weighting</i>	<i>Module Percentage Contribution</i>
HD520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling	200	8.7%
HD521	Counselling approaches in a Guidance Context	100	4.3%
HD526	ICT and Guidance	200	8.7%
HD522	Human Development across the Lifespan	100	4.3%
HD529	Research Dissertation	600	26.1%
HD5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and Policy	300	13%
HD5280	Guidance Counselling Practice Placement	600	26.1%

¹ Where extenuating circumstances are to be taken into account, these must have been submitted by the student in line with normal procedure.

HD583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behavior	200	8.7%
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1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module.

The following skills modules have a 100% attendance requirement.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>
HD520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling
HD526	ICT and Guidance
HD5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and
HD5280	Guidance Counselling Placement Practice
HD583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and

Students can be withdrawn from the programme for serious breach of behavior [Ref.: Sec. 41 Teaching Council Act 2001]

Requirements pertaining to Guidance Counselling Placement Practice

Students must maintain a placement in order to remain on the programme [Ref.: Teaching Council]

For entry in 2019/20 and thereafter all students must complete a minimum of 130 hours of placement practice in a centre(s) approved by the Programme Board under the mentorship of a qualified guidance counsellor [Ref.: Teaching Council]

In the transition period 2019/20 MSGC2 students shall only be required to complete 100 hours.

2. **Derogations from Marks and Standards**

Marks and Standards apply.

3. **Progression**

3.1 *Credits for Progression*

Students must successfully complete all modules in Year 1 in order to progress to Year 2.

3.2 *Carrying modules into the next academic session*

Under exceptional circumstances¹, and subject to the approval of the Progression and Award Board, students may be permitted to progress to the next year of study carrying deferred or failed modules.

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3.3 *Exit Awards*

Having successfully completed 60 ECTS credits of taught elements, students may choose to exit from the programme with a Graduate Diploma in Guidance Counselling.

Where a student requests to exit a programme with a lesser award the following precision rules apply. Core modules are included in the calculation of the precision mark. When a student has completed more ECTS credits than needed for the award, any remaining credits required for the calculation of the precision mark will be selected from the remaining modules taken, using the best marks obtained. All marks used in the calculation of the precision mark will be the marks obtained at first attempt.

4. **Compensation**

Marks and Standards apply.

5. **Resit Categories**

The resit categories of modules on this programme and an explanation of those categories can be found at:

https://www101.dcu.ie/registry/module_contents.php?function=4&programme=MSGC&yr=21

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