

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Programme Regulations 2021-2022

Programme Title: MSc in Psychotherapy

Programme Code MCOU

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

The MSc in Psychotherapy (MCOU) is a four year part-time programme with an exit point after 2 years with the Graduate Diploma in Psychotherapy. There are 3 main entry points to the programme at Years 1, 2 and 3. Additionally, applicants may enter the programme via the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) route by seeking exemptions from Year 1 and 2 modules. Those who enter at Year 3 of the programme are also required to apply for the programme via the RPL route.

1.1 Calculation for the Award Classification

In calculating the precision mark, the following programme regulations apply:

- Students who enter at Year 1 of the MSc in Psychotherapy will have their precision mark calculated on the results of modules for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. Students who exit with the Graduate Diploma in Psychotherapy will have their precision mark calculated on the results of modules for Years 1 and 2 of the programme.
- Students who enter via the RPL route at Year 2 of the MSc in Psychotherapy will have their precision mark calculated on the results of modules for Years 2, 3 and 4.
- Students who enter via the RPL route at Year 3 of the MSc in Psychotherapy will have their precision mark calculated on the results of modules for Years 3 and 4.

Course accredited by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy and the National Association for Pastoral Counselling and Psychotherapy.

1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

An attendance of 80% is mandatory for successful completion of all modules on the programme.

2. **Derogations from Marks and Standards**

External/Professional Body: European Council for Psychotherapy (EAP) and Irish Council for Psychotherapy (ICP).

The maximum registration period for the MSc in Psychotherapy is 6 years (M&S 5.1).

3. **Progression**

3.1 *Credits for progression*

Students must have successfully completed the following number of credits in the study period listed in order to progress to the next study period.

Year 1	30
Year 2	30
Year 3	20
Year 4	40

3.2 *Carrying of modules*

Students will not be permitted to 'carry' modules under any circumstances.

3.3 *Exit Awards*

Upon completion of 60 credits students may exit with a Graduate Diploma as indicated in the academic structure.

Where a student requests to exit a programme with a lesser award, the following precision rules apply. Core modules must be 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=MCOU&y
r=22](https://www101.dcu.ie/registry/module_contents.php?function=4&programme=MCOU&y
r=22)