



Faculty of Science and Health

Programme Regulations 2015-2016

MSc in Psychotherapy (MCOU)

1. Programme-specific rules and requirements

The MSc in Psychotherapy (MCOU) is a 4 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 & 2 modules. Those who enter at Year 3 of the programme are also required to apply for the programme via the RPL route.

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 & 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 & 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 & 4.

80% attendance is mandatory for all modules in this programme

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

2. Derogations from Marks & Standards

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

3. Progression

Students must successfully have completed the following credits in each study period to progress to the next study period.

Year 1: 30

Year 2: 30

Year 3: 20

Year 4: 40

Students can exit with a Graduate Diploma upon successful completion of 60 credits. Any required core modules for the exit awards are listed on the approved academic structure and will not include any credits from the dissertation/project element.

4. Compensation

No compensation is permitted.