

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Programme Regulations 2016-2017

Programme Title: MSc in Guidance and Counselling

Programme Code MGC

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 <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/examinations/index.shtml>

1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirements

1.1 Modules and credit weightings

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 each module for the calculation of the precision mark.

Module Code	Module Title	Module Weighting	Module percentage contribution
ES520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling	200	8%
ES521	Counselling and Psychotherapy Theory	100	4%
ES526	eLearning Applications in Guidance Counselling	300	12%
ES522	Human Development across the Lifespan	100	4%
ES5280	Guidance Counselling Practice Placement	700	29%
ES5240	Career Development - Theory, Practice, Research and Policy	350	14%
ES529	Research Dissertation	700	29%

1.2 Monitored Attendance

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module. The following skill modules have a 100% attendance requirement:

Module Code	Module Title
ES520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling
ES526	eLearning Applications in Guidance Counselling
ES5240	Career Development - Theory, Practice, Research and Policy
ES5280	Guidance Counselling Placement Practice

2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

3. Progression

3.1 Credits for Progression

Students must successfully completed a minimum of 30 credits in a study period in order to progress to the next study period.

3.2 Carrying modules into the next academic session

Students will not be permitted to 'carry' modules except in exceptional circumstances¹ and subjects to the approval of the Progression and Award Board and mode of delivery permitting.

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 and Counselling.

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.

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

5. Resit Categories

The resits offered for the August examinations diet vary depending on the module to be re-taken. The following is an explanation of the resit categories. All modules except those specified below fall into category 1.

Resit category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module.

Resit category 2: No resit is available where the module is 100% assessed by Continuous Assessment.

Module Code	Module Title
ES529	Research Dissertation

Resit category 3: No resit is available for the continuous assessment component and the examination must be re-taken.