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# PART III

## GRADUATE STUDIES AND HIGHER DEGREES

(General information is contained in Part I and information on undergraduate studies is contained in Part II.)

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

This Calendar, Part III, contains all information concerning graduate studies in Trinity College, Dublin. The College is not bound by any error in, or omission from, the following information. Euro amounts have been calculated to the nearest unit.

Where the Consolidated Statutes are amended or repealed, then references in this *Calendar* to the provisions of the *1966 Statutes* shall be construed as references to the relevant amendments or replacements, as the case may be.

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# **ACADEMIC STRUCTURE 2025/26**

# Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty of Arts,
School of Creative Arts  Drama
Film
Music
School of Education
School of English
School of Histories and Humanities
Classics
History
History of Art and Architecture
Trinity Centre for Gender and Women's Studies
School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies
French
Germanic Studies
Hispanic Studies
Irish and Celtic Languages
Italian
Near and Middle Eastern Studies
Russian and Slavonic Studies
School of Law
School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences
Centre for Deaf Studies
Centre for Language and Communication Studies
Clinical Speech and Language Studies
School of Psychology
School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies
School of Social Sciences and Philosophy
Economics
Philosophy
Political Science
Sociology

Trinity Business School

School of Social Work and Social Policy

# Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

# School of Biochemistry and Immunology

Biochemistry

Immunology

# School of Chemistry

Inorganic and Synthetic Materials Chemistry Organic, Medicinal and Biological

Chemistry Physical, Computational and Materials Chemistry

## School of Computer Science and Statistics

Artificial Intelligence

Graphics and Vision

Networks and Distributed Systems

Software and Systems

Statistics and Information Systems

## School of Engineering

Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering Electronic and Electrical

Engineering

Mechanical, Manufacturing and Biomedical Engineering

Graduate School of Professional Engineering Studies

## School of Genetics and Microbiology

Genetics

Microbiology

School of Mathematics

# School of Natural Sciences

Botany

Geography

Geology

The Centre for Microscopy and Analysis

Zoology

Trinity Centre for the Environment

# School of Physics

Inter departmental teaching centre - Biology Teaching Centre

# **Faculty of Health Sciences**

# School of Dental Science

Oral Biosciences
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Medicine, Pathology and Radiology
Public and Child Dental Health
Restorative Dentistry and Periodontology
School of Medicine
Anatomy
Clinical Biochemistry Clinical Medicine
Cardiology
Dermatology
Diagnostic Imaging
Emergency Medicine
Endocrinology and Metabolism
Gastroenterology
Genito-Urinary Medicine
Gerontology
Immunology
Infectious Diseases
Medical Physics
Molecular Medicine
Nephrology
Neurology
Nutrition
Oncology
Palliative Medicine
Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
Respiratory Medicine
Rheumatology
Tropical Medicine

General Medicine

Clinical Microbiology
Haematology
Histopathology and Morbid Anatomy
Medical Gerontology
Health Policy and Management
Obstetrics and Gynaecology Occupational Therapy Paediatrics
Occupational Therapy
Paediatrics
Pharmacology and Therapeutics Physiology
Physiotherapy Psychiatry
Public Health and Primary Care Radiation Therapy
Regulatory Affairs for Medical Devices
Surgery
Unit of Nutrition and Dietetic Studies
School of Research and Postgraduate Studies

# School of Nursing and Midwifery

General Nursing

Intellectual Disability Nursing

Mental Health Nursing

Midwifery

Children's Nursing

# School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Centre for the Practice of Pharmacy

# GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

#### **MEMBERS**

Ex Officio members

The Dean of Graduate Studies (Chairperson)

The Dean and Vice-President for Research

Directors of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) in the following Schools:

School of Biochemistry and Immunology

School of Chemistry

School of Computer Science and Statistics

School of Creative Arts

School of Dental Science

School of Education

School of Engineering

School of English

School of Genetics and Microbiology

School of Histories and Humanities

School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

School of Law

School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences

School of Mathematics

School of Medicine

School of Natural Sciences

School of Nursing and Midwifery

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

School of Physics

School of Psychology

School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

School of Social Work and Social Policy

Trinity Business School

The Academic Director of Portal

Representative of Trinity College Dublin Students' Union

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Sub-Librarian (Ex Officio)

IT Services Representative (Ex Officio)

Academic Secretary (Ex Officio)

Assistant Academic Secretary, Graduate Education (Ex Officio)

The Postgraduate Student Support Officer (Ex Officio)

The Director of Student Services (Ex Officio)

Secretary to the Committee (Ex Officio)

Two members may be co-opted

## GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership: The Graduate Studies Committee was established in the academic year 1965/66. Initially the members were drawn from Schools and later they were drawn from Faculties. In 2005, <u>Board and Council</u> approved that the membership would be changed to include the Directors of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) so that the membership is now: the <u>Dean of Graduate Studies</u> as the chair of the committee, the <u>Dean of Research</u>, the <u>Directors of Teaching and Learning</u> (Postgraduate) in the Schools, the Academic Director of Portal, two elected representatives from the Students' Union.

## In attendance are:

- Sub-Librarian, a nominee of IT Services, the Academic Secretary, the Assistant Academic Secretary (Graduate Education), the Postgraduate Student Support Officer, and the Director of Student Services.
- Two members may be co-opted by the Dean of Graduate Studies to attend meetings of the Graduate Studies Committee.
- The Chairperson of the Graduate Studies Committee shall be the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- An Administrative Officer from Teaching and Learning shall attend and act as Secretary to the Graduate Studies Committee.

There shall be no substitution of members of the Graduate Studies Committee.

The main functions of the Graduate Studies Committee are:

- 1) To initiate discussion and make recommendations on all matters of academic policy and practice relating to postgraduate study and research, and to report these discussions to the School Committees and the University Council.
- 2) To ensure that members receive appropriate information on the activities of the GSC to enable them to fulfil their responsibility of informing Schools and professional units about decisions taken by the committee that may impact on the activities of Schools and professional units.
- 3) To advise the Dean of Graduate Studies in his or her role of reporting to the University Council, including on matters such as: (a) admission, progression,

and examination of postgraduate students; and (b) proposals for new postgraduate programmes, and changes to existing postgraduate programmes and regulations

- 4) To monitor, evaluate, and ensure the quality of postgraduate programmes and research degrees.
- 5) To advise on the strategic development and promotion of postgraduate programmes.
- 6) To consider and make appropriate changes to the University Calendar Part III.
- 7) To receive information from the Dean of Graduate Studies on the nomination of Higher Doctorates Sub-committees as required.

## **ACADEMIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Academic Policies and Procedures supporting the academic mission of postgraduate education can be found on the Policies website <a href="https://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/">https://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/</a>. This website will be updated throughout the academic year as new and revised policies are approved.

The following policies directly reference postgraduate education and should be consulted as necessary.

Academic Awards Policy Academic Integrity Policy Admission and Transfer Policy Appeals Policy

Approval of Linked Providers

Assessment and Academic Progression Policy

Curriculum Glossary

Dual and Joint Awards Policy

**Education Recruitment Agents Policy** 

English Language Policy

External Examiners Policy for Research Programmes

External Examiners Policy for Taught Programmes

Fitness to Study Policy

Internships and Placements Policy

Late Submission of Assessments (Extensions) Policy

Linked Provider Appeals Policy

Programme and Curriculum Design and Approval Policy

Non-EU Collaborative and Transnational Education Partnerships Policy

Off-Site Supervision of Research Students Policy

Postgraduate Research Supervision Policy

Procedures in Cases of Suspected Academic Misconduct

Procedure for Conduct of Focus Groups for Student Feedback on Modules and Programmes

Procedure for the Operation of an Online Viva Voce Examination of a Research Thesis or Dissertation

Procedure for the transfer to External Examiners of students' assessed work (exam scripts, coursework, and research theses)

Programme Handbook Policy

Programme Suspension and Cessation Policy

Quality Policy Statement

Reasonable Accommodation Policy and Code of Practice for Students with Disabilities

Recognition of Foreign Qualification

Recognition of Prior Learning Policy

Return of Coursework Policy

Student Garda Vetting

Student Partnership Policy

Study Abroad Providers Policy

Timetabling Policy and Procedure Virtual Learning Environment

# VALIDATED POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

This section contains specific information on postgraduate programmes validated by The University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin.

Programme:	Doctorate in Music Performance (National Framework of Qualifications, Level 10)
School:	Royal Irish Academy of Music
Award and Exit Award:	D. Mus. Perf.
Admission Regulations:	Admission to the doctorate programme is administered by direct entry to the Royal Irish Academy of Music. The application deadline is 12th December and 13th March of each year. Late applications will be considered if available places remain. There is an audition procedure involving a performance and interview. Further information about the programme can be obtained directly from the RIAM https://www.riam.ie/degrees-programmes/full-time/dmusperf-doctor-in-music-performance.
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Four years full-time.
Programme Structure:	The Doctorate in Music Performance programme leads to the award of Doctor in Music Performance (D. Mus. Perf.) which is a qualification of prestige and excellence. The programme is full-time four years and combines the rigours of advanced research scholarship with the challenge of becoming a technically assured and artistically confident performing musician in the areas of instrumental, vocal or conducting studies. The programme is delivered in its entirety by the Royal Irish Academy of Music. The number of students admitted to the programme is small and therefore entry will only be open to graduates of proven excellence in music performance at an advanced professional level. The English Language requirement for entry to this programme is IELTS 6.5 or its equivalent, for further information please refer to <a href="https://www.riam.ie/degrees-programmes/full-time/dmusperf-doctor-in-music-performance">https://www.riam.ie/degrees-programmes/full-time/dmusperf-doctor-in-music-performance</a> .
Assessment and Progression:	The RIAM doctorate candidate will successfully complete the following components to obtain the degree: Academic and research methodology seminars; a Dissertation of 30,000 words; a Lecture Recital; three "full-length" recitals; two Concerto Performances; a Chamber Music recital  Students who do not progress to year 3 of the Doctorate programme may exit instead with a MMusPerf. In order to receive this award, students must successfully complete:  • A dissertation of 12,000 - 15,000 words for examination • Two Solo Recitals • One Concerto • One Chamber Music Examination
URL Handbook:	DMus Handbook
Programme Director:	Deborah Kelleher, Director, Royal Irish Academy of Music

Programme:	Master in Music Performance (M.Mus.Perf) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Royal Irish Academy of Music
Award and Exit Award:	M.Mus.Perf.
Admission Regulations:	Admission to the Master programme is administered by direct entry to the Royal Irish Academy of Music. The application deadline is 12th December and 13th March of each year. There is an audition procedure involving a performance and interview. The English Language requirement for entry to this programme is IELTS 5.5 or its equivalent. Further information about the programme can be obtained directly from the RIAM https://www.riam.ie/degrees-programmes/postgraduate-courses/entry-requirements-postgraduate.
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years full-time.
Programme Structure:	The Master in Music Performance is a two year full-time professional programme of study which leads to the award of Master in Music Performance (M. Mus. Perf.). The programme is delivered in its entirety by the Royal Irish Academy of Music. It is intended to provide for the academic and professional requirements of performing musicians. The number of students admitted to the programme is small and therefore entry will only be open to graduates of proven excellence in music performance. This award carries 120 ECTS credits.  The primary emphasis of the programme is on practical studies (vocal, conducting or instrumental) including both solo and ensemble work. These studies are supported by classes in which the student is encouraged to pursue his/her own study of a related musical subject. Seminars in professional practice, other specialist music topics and master classes will be given by staff of the Royal Irish Academy of Music and by international visiting artists and scholars. For more details relevant to instrument/voice, please go to the following links:  1. MMusPerf (Keyboard)   RIAM 2. MMusPerf (Strings)   RIAM 3. MMusPerf (Vocal Studies)   RIAM 4. MMusPerf (Wind, Brass & Percussion)   RIAM
Assessment and Progression:	Students must successfully pass all the requirements of their first year in order to progress to the second year of the programme. The Board of Examiners will meet at the end of Year 1 to moderate assignment marks from four modules (Principal Study, Chamber Music, Performance Electives, Major Academic Elective) in order to record end-of-year results and to confirm each student's progression from Year 1 to Year 2  Students who successfully complete all compulsory components for Year 1 and do not wish to advance to Year 2 or fail year 2 of the course will be awarded a Graduate Diploma of Music in Performance. Students who successfully complete all compulsory components of Year 2 will receive the degree of Master in Music Performance.
URL Handbook:	Master in Music Performance Handbook
Programme Director:	Deborah Kelleher, Director, Royal Irish Academy of Music

Programme:	Education Studies (Early Childhood Education) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip in Early Childhood Education
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours) and at least three years' teaching experience or equivalent professional experience.
	In exceptional cases students who meet the honours degree requirement but do not have the necessary experience, or who meet the professional experience, but have only a level 7 degree may be considered for the course.
	Candidates may be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview and complete a written assignment as appropriate.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal <a href="https://appcentre.mie.ie/login">https://appcentre.mie.ie/login</a>
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes four specialism modules in early childhood education (4 x 15 credits) and a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS credits).  Year 1 = 60 Credits  Year 2 = 30 Credits
	The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS credits.
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the four modules delivered in Year 1.
	These assessments take different formats, and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 or the course.
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 20,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Early Childhood Education.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Maja Haals Brosnan

Programme:	Education Studies (Inquiry-Based Learning) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip in Inquiry-Based Learning
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours) and at least three years' teaching experience or equivalent professional experience.
	In exceptional cases, students who meet the honours degree requirement but do not have the necessary experience, or who meet the professional experience but have only a level 7 degree may be considered for the course.
	Candidates may be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview and complete a written assignment as appropriate.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal <a href="https://appcentre.mie.ie/login">https://appcentre.mie.ie/login</a> .
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes one compulsory broad-based education studies module (15 ECTS credits), a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS), and three specialism modules (3x15 ECTS credits) in inquiry-based learning.  Year 1 = 60 ECTS  Year 2 = 30 ECTS
	The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS.
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the four modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course.
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 20,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Inquiry-Based Learning
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Karin Bacon

Programme:	Education Studies (Intercultural Learning and Leadership) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip in Intercultural Learning and Leadership
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours) and at least three years' teaching experience or equivalent professional experience.
	In exceptional cases, students who meet the honours degree requirement but do not have the necessary experience, or who meet the professional experience, but have only a level 7 degree may be considered for the course.
	Candidates may be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview and complete a written assignment as appropriate.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal <a href="https://appcentre.mie.ie/login">https://appcentre.mie.ie/login</a> .
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS and includes four specialism modules in intercultural learning and leadership (4 x 15 ECTS) and a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS).
	Year 1 = 60 ECTS Year 2 = 30 ECTS
	The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTSs.
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the four modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course.
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 20,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Intercultural Learning and Leadership
URL Handbook:	ttps://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Rory Mc Daid

Programme:	Education Studies (Christian School Leadership) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip (Christian School Leadership)
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours – 2.1) and at least three years' primary or post-primary teaching experience or equivalent professional experience (e.g. work in a related field, or advanced study in education). In exceptional circumstances, 2.2 degree will be accepted for candidates who have substantial teaching experience.
	In exceptional circumstances, applicants who meet the honours degree requirement but do not have the necessary teaching experience, may be required to satisfy the course admissions committee, through the interview process and a written academic assignment, that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	When selecting candidates for the course, the Admissions Committee needs to be satisfied that the applicant's time zone allows for the student to fully participate in all aspects of the course, including the synchronous component.
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal <a href="https://appcentre.mie.ie/login">https://appcentre.mie.ie/login</a> .
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Fully online, two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS and includes 6 specialism modules in the area of Christian School Leadership (6x10 ECTS) a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS).
	Year 1 = 60 ECTS Year 2 = 30 ECTS
	The P.Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS.
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the six modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%.
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1.
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course.
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 15,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Christian school leadership.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Aiveen Mullally

Programme:	Education Studies (Leadership in Christian Education) Suspended for 2025/26 (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip (Leadership in Christian Education)
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours) and at least three years' teaching experience or equivalent professional experience. In exceptional cases, students who meet the honours degree requirement but do not have the necessary experience, or who meet the professional experience but have only a level 7 degree may be considered for the course. Candidates may be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview and complete a written assignment as appropriate.  Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal https://appcentre.mie.ie/login.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicant: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes four specialism modules in leadership in Christian Education (4 x 15 ECTS credits) and a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS).  Year 1 = 60 ECTS Year 2 = 30 ECTS The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTSs.
Assessment and Progression:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes four specialism modules in leadership in Christian education (4 x 15 ECTS credits) and a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS).  Year 1 = 60 ECTS Year 2 = 30 ECTS The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS.  In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the four modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is the equivalent to a 5000-word essay.  Assessments for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%.  Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1.  Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course.  In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 20,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Intercultural Learning and Leadership.
URL Handbook:	ttps://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Aiveen Mullaly

Programme:	Education Studies (in Primary Mathematics Education) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip in Primary Mathematics Education
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours (2.1)) and at least three years' teaching experience or equivalent professional experience.
	In exceptional circumstances, a 2.2 degree will be accepted for candidates who have substantial teaching experience.
	In exceptional circumstances, applicants who meet the honours degree requirement but who do not have the necessary primary teaching or professional experience, may be required to satisfy the course admissions committee, through the interview process and a written academic assignment, that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course.
	When selecting candidates for the course, the Admissions Committee needs to be satisfied that an applicant's time zone allows for the student to fully participate in all aspects of the course, especially synchronous components.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal <a href="https://appcentre.mie.ie">https://appcentre.mie.ie</a> .
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Fully online, two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes 6 specialism modules in the area of primary mathematics (6x10 ECTS) a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS).  Year 1 = 60 ECTS  Year 2 = 30 ECTS  The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the six modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 15,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Primary Mathematics Education.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Seán Delaney

Programme:	Education Studies (Further Education) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip in Further Education
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours (2.1)
	At least three years teaching experience or equivalent professional experience (e.g. work in a related field or sector (such as post-primary or higher education as a teacher, tutor or resource support)), or advanced study in education.
	In exceptional circumstances, applicants who meet the Honours Degree requirement but who do not have the necessary teaching or equivalent experience, may be required to satisfy the course admissions committee, through the interview process and a written academic assignment, that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course.
	When selecting candidates for the course, the Admissions Committee needs to be satisfied that an applicant's time zone allows for the student to fully participate in all aspects of the course, especially synchronous components.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal https://appcentre.mie.ie.
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Fully online, two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes 6 specialism modules in the area of primary mathematics (6x10 ECTS) and a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS credits).
	Year 1 = 60 ECTS Year 2 = 30 ECTS
	The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS credits.
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the fix modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course.
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 15,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Further Education.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Andrea Uí Chaináin

Programme:	Education Studies (Visual Arts) (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	M.E.S P.Grad.Dip in Visual Arts Education
Admission Regulations:	An Honours Bachelor Degree (minimum level: Second Class Honours) and at least three years' teaching experience or equivalent professional experience.
	In exceptional cases, students who meet the honours degree requirement but do not have the necessary experience, or who meet the professional experience but have only a level 7 degree may be considered for the course.
	Candidates may be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview and complete a written assignment as appropriate.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicants: English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal https://appcentre.mie.ie/login.
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years part-time.
Programme Structure:	The M.E.S. carries 90 ECTS credits and includes one compulsory broad-based education studies module (15 ECTS credits), a research methods and dissertation module (30 ECTS credits), and three specialism modules (3x15 credits) in visual arts education.  Year 1 = 60 ECTS  Year 2 = 30 ECTS
	The P. Grad. Dip. carries 60 ECTS credits.
Assessment and Progression:	In order to progress to year 2, students must successfully pass assessments for each of the four modules in Year 1. These assessments take different formats and the overall workload for each module is equivalent to a 5,000-word essay.
	Assessment for individual modules will be graded as distinction, pass or fail. The pass mark for each module and each module assessment component is 50%.
	Students may repeat one, and only one, module over the course of Year 1.
	Students who have passed every taught module and achieved at least an average pass grade of 50% may progress to Year 2 of the course.
	In Year 2, the research methodology and dissertation module is assessed by means of a 20,000-word research dissertation on the theme of Visual Arts Education.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Eileen Keane Niland

Programme:	Education (Further Education) (Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications)
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education)
Admission Regulations:	Applicants must hold an Honours Bachelor degree or equivalent (not less than level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) carrying at least 180 ECTS credits
	OR
	An Ordinary Bachelor degree or equivalent (not less than level 7 on the NFQ) carrying at least 180 ECTS credits, in addition to either (i) an appropriate additional qualification, or (ii) certified accreditation of prior learning based on a minimum of three years' experience in a workplace or instructional setting which is relevant to the candidate's qualifications.
	English Language Requirement: This programme aligns with MIE's standard for IELTS as applied to postgraduate applicant English Language Requirement for all programmes - Marino Institute of Education (mie.ie).
	Applicants for this programme apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portal https://appcentre.mie.ie/login.
	Applicants who satisfy the academic requirements are invited to attend an interview. Qualified applicants are placed in order of merit determined by the results of the interview.
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	One year full-time or Two years part-time
Programme Structure:	The Professional Diploma carries 60 ECTS credits comprised of three foundation studies modules (3 x 5 ECTS credits), four professional studies modules (1 x 10 ECTS credits and 3 x 5 ECTS credits) and a practical teaching programme (20 ECTS credits).
	Part-time delivery mode Year 1 = 30 ECTS Year 2 = 30 ECTS
	The programme meets the professional requirements for registration with the Teaching Council under Route 3 Further Education as established under Teaching Council (Registration) Regulations 2016 (Revised).
Assessment and Progression:	The course is assessed by a variety of assessment modes such as assignments, reflective journals, presentations, research projects and portfolios. In addition, all students on the programme will have a total of 4 classroom-based assessments of their teaching practice.
	-Students must successfully pass all requirements of the course.
	Each module and module component must be passed independently (i.e. receive a mark of 40% or higher). The pass mark for the degree, and for each module component is 40%.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Director:	Dr Andrea Uí Chianáin

Programme:	Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching) Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching) through the medium of Irish Pathway* (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications)  *All teaching and assessment for this PME through the medium of Irish Pathway will be conducted through the medium of Irish.
School:	Marino Institute of Education
Award and Exit Award:	P.M.E. (Primary Teaching) P.Grad. Dip (Primary)
Admission Regulations:	Applicants must fulfil specific requirements set by the Department of Education and Skills, which includes holding a level 8 degree (with grade II.2 or higher)
	In relation to the Irish language requirement, applicants must reach the relevant pass level on the Common European Foundation of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at B1 level or equivalent (oral test only for the English-medium pathway; speaking, listening, comprehension, writing and reading comprehension tests for the Irish-medium pathway). For more details see the MIE website.
	Applicants for this course apply directly to the Admissions Office in MIE through the online portalhttps://appcentre.mie.ie/login.
	Applicants who satisfy the academic requirements are invited to attend an interview.
	Qualified applicants are placed in order of merit determined by the results of the interview.
Mode of Delivery and Duration:	Two years full-time
Programme Structure:	The Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching) carries 120 ECTS.  Across the two years, the programme includes five foundation studies modules including a dissertation module (3 x 5 ECTS credits and 2 x 10 ECTS credits), nine modules on curriculum studies and subject knowledge (9 x 5 credits) and school placement/professional studies modules (2 x 5 ECTS credits, 1 x 10 ECTS credits and 1 x 20 ECTS credits).
	Students are required to complete a placement in a special education setting as well as language training outside term time in the Gaeltacht (grant provided by the Department of Education) as an integral part of the degree programme.  The course meets the professional requirements of Route 1 (Primary) of the Teaching Council (Registration) Regulations 2016 Revised. Under circular 31/2011 of the Department of Education and Skills, graduates of the course are eligible for appointment to recognised primary schools.
Assessment and Progression:	The programme is assessed by a variety of assessment modules such as assignments, reflective journals, group work, presentations, research projects and portfolios.
	Students must successfully pass all requirements (including school placement) of year 1 to progress to year 2
	The level of the degree awarded is based on the combined weighted marks of all modules completed over the two years of the course.
	Students who have successfully passed all course elements of the first year but who choose, or are advised, not to proceed to the second year, or have accumulated at least 60 credits over the 2-year course but have failed the School Placement modules, may be considered for a Postgraduate Diploma (exit award), which is not recognised as a teaching qualification.
	Students undertaking the PME (Primary) through the medium of Irish pathway, will only be issued an Irish-medium pathway transcript, if they meet the required exit language standard (B2 equivalent on the common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFR)). A student who does not reach that standard but who passes all course requirements will receive an English-medium transcript.
URL Handbook:	https://www.mie.ie/en/about_us/policies_and_procedures/programme_handbooks/
Programme Manager:	Dr Miriam Colum

#### LEVEL DESCRIPTORS FOR MAJOR AWARD TYPES

Qualifications under the categories listed below are awarded to students who have completed a programme of study in relation to each category under 1.1 to 1.7:

#### 1 HIGHER DIPLOMAS (LEVEL 8, NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS)

Those who hold this award have been able to demonstrate, through a variety of assessment procedures:

- an understanding of the theory, concepts, methods and processes pertaining to a field (of fields) of learning
- detailed knowledge and understanding in one or more specialised area, some of it at the current boundaries of the field(s)
- demonstrate mastery of a complex and specialised area of skills and tools; use and modify advanced skills and tools to
  conduct closely guided research, or professional or advanced technical activity
- that they can exercise appropriate judgement in a number of complex planning, design, technical and/or management functions
  related to products, services, operations or processes, including resourcing
- use advanced skills to conduct research, or advanced technical or professional activity, accepting accountability for all related decision-making; transfer and apply diagnostic and creative skills in a range of contexts
- act effectively under guidance in a peer relationship with qualified practitioners; lead multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups
- learn to act in variable and unfamiliar learning contexts; learn to manage learning tasks independent, professionally and ethically
- express a comprehensive, internalised, personal world view manifesting solidarity with others
- that they have developed those learning skills which are necessary for them to progress to programmes leading to Postgraduate Diplomas or Masters degrees.

## 2 MASTERS DEGREES (LEVEL 9, NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS)

Those who hold this award have been able to demonstrate, through a variety of assessment procedures:

- systematic understanding of knowledge, at, or informed by, the forefront of a field of learning
- a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, generally informed by the forefront of a field of learning
- demonstrate a range of standards and specialised research or equivalent tools and techniques of enquiry
- select from complex and advanced skills across a field of learning; develop new skills to a high level, including novel and emerging techniques
- act in a wide and often unpredictable variety of professional levels and ill-defined contexts
- take significant responsibility for the work of individuals and groups; lead and initiate activity
- learn to self-evaluate and take responsibility for continuing academic/professional development
- scrutinise and reflect on social normal and relationships and act to change them
- that they have developed those learning skills which are necessary for them to progress to programmes leading to Masters or Doctoral degrees.

#### 3 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS (LEVEL 9, NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS)

Those who hold this award have been able to demonstrate, through a variety of assessment procedures:

- systematic understanding of knowledge, at, or informed by, the forefront of a field of learning
- a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, generally informed by the forefront of a field of learning
- demonstrate a range of standards and specialised research or equivalent tools and techniques of enquiry
- select from complex and advanced skills across a field of learning; develop new skills to a high level, including novel and emerging techniques
- act in a wide and often unpredictable variety of professional levels and ill-defined contexts
- take significant responsibility for the work of individuals and groups; lead and initiate activity
- learn to self-evaluate and take responsibility for continuing academic/professional development
- scrutinise and reflect on social normal and relationships and act to change them
- that they have developed those learning skills which are necessary for them to progress to programmes leading to Masters or Doctoral degrees.

#### 4 RESEARCH DOCTORATES (LEVEL 10, NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS)

Research doctorates should continue to be known as Doctor in Philosophy. Those who hold this award have been able to demonstrate, through a variety of assessment procedures:

- acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of a field of learning
- the creation and interpretation of new knowledge through original research, or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy review by peers
- demonstrate a significant range of the principal skills, techniques, tools, practices and/or materials which are associated with a field of learning; develop new skills, techniques, tools, practices and/or materials
- respond to abstract problems that expand and redefine existing procedural knowledge
- exercise personal responsibility and largely autonomous initiative in complex and unpredictable situations, in professional or equivalent contexts
- communicate results research and innovation to peers; engage in critical dialogue; lead and originate complex social processes
- learn to critique the broader implications of applying knowledge to particular contexts
- scrutinise and reflect on social norms and relationships and lead action to change them.

#### 5 Professional Doctorates (Level 10, National Framework of Qualifications)

Professional doctorates should be known by a specific title. Those who hold this award have been able to demonstrate, through a variety of assessment procedures including practice:

- a systematic comprehension of a field of study and practice, and mastery of the skills and methods of research associated with that field
- that they have the ability, either singly or as part of a team, to conceive, design, implement and adapt a process of research with scholarly integrity, rigour and discrimination, which may involve the development of new skills, techniques, tools, materials, or practices
- that they are capable of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas and practices
- that they have made some contribution through original research that extends the frontiers of knowledge or the parameters of
  professional practice by developing a body of work, some of which merits publication in national or international publications
- that they can communicate with their peers, practitioners in their own professions, the larger scholarly community and with society
  in general about their areas of expertise in a sustained and exact manner
- that they can be expected to be able to promote, with due regard to ethical considerations, within academic, professional and practice contexts, scientific, technological, social or cultural advancement
- that they can be expected to receive professional accreditation and recognition, where this is available, within their appropriate areas of expertise.

#### 6 HIGHER DOCTORATES (LEVEL 10, NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS)

These awards recognise distinguished and sustained contributions to learning. They are not based on a provider's programme, and, as such, are not subject to validation but are assessed by the awarding body for each individual learner through a stringent peer-review system. They are few and rare. Those who hold this award have been able to show:

- that they can develop a large and coherent body of knowledge which is, and has been over a long period of time, at the forefront of their particular field of learning
- that they have created seminal knowledge, through sustained and original research, which is of a quality to merit the admiration of their peers
- that they have to their credit a large body of work published in peer review contexts
- that through their research and publication they have decisively altered the paradigms and norms in their particular fields of learning
- that they are recognised as leading authorities in their fields of learning, influencing and guiding others over a long period of time
- that they have demonstrated by their scholarship that they are fitted to initiate and contribute to debates on the professional, social and ethical aspects of their fields of learning

#### 7 PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates awarded by the University of Dublin which lead to professional qualifications are subject to validation by external bodies. These bodies define criteria which holders of professional qualifications have to meet. It is therefore not appropriate that the University of Dublin should define its own learning outcomes and level descriptors in these cases and reference should be made to the appropriate validating bodies.

#### **8** Credit Weighting of Programmes

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) represents the student workload required to achieve the specified objectives of a study programme. In College, 1 ECTS unit is defined as 20-25 hours of student input. The norm for full-time taught postgraduate programmes of one academic year's duration is 60 ECTS for Postgraduate Diploma programmes, and 90 ECTS for Masters programmes (inclusive of the Masters research dissertation normally of 30 ECTS weight). The practice in College is to allow variation within the 60 ECTS band where it may be appropriate for professional or academic reasons that the ECTS credits attributed to a particular postgraduate programme may be in excess of the recommended norms.

# IMPORTANT DATES

#### REGISTRATION

#### September

Registration for all Postgraduate Students

Online registration closes 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Postgraduate Orientation Week 8th September -12th September 2025

January

New Entrant Registration Online registration closes 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Continuing Student Registration Online registration closes 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

March

Registration for all Postgraduate Students

Online registration closes 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Continuing Student Registration Online registration closes 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

N.B. Registration may proceed only when all outstanding fees and other charges have been paid and received by College and when invitation to register has been issued.

AWARDS (closing dates for application)

Awards are listed in Section XI. Please refer to individual awards for closing dates

TRINITY TRUST TRAVEL GRANTS (closing dates for application)

For travel between: Deadline for receipt of application:

 15 September – 14 December 2025
 1st September 2025

 15 December – 14 March 2026
 1st December 2025

 15 March – 14 June 2026
 1st March 2026

 15 June – 14 September 2026
 2nd June 2026