Module Descriptor for CNWY40010 in 2025/2026

Short Title	Long Title	Subject Area	College	School/Unit	Last Modified
Conway Lecture & Seminar Serie	Conway Lecture & Seminar Series	Conway Institute	Research Inst & Other Entities	UCD Conway Institute	29 Jul 2025

UCD Level	Credits (ECTS)	Semester/Trimester	Grade Scale	VLE Setup	Module Coordinator	Status
4 - Masters	2.5	Year-long (12 months)	Pass/Fail (GPA Neutral)	Start of Trimester	Stephen Lalor	Active

Credits (ECTS)	Autumn Credit Allocation	Spring Credit Allocation	Summer Credit Allocation
2.50	1.00	1.00	.50

Mode of Delivery	Internship Module	Module Type	Micro-credential Module	Active & Collab Learning Space
Face-to-Face	No	Other Module	No	No

Overall Places	Core/Option	General Elective	First Year Elective	International	Open Learning
60	60	0	0	0	0

Purpose & Overarching Content

This module is designed to provide research students with an overview of the latest research developments across the breadth of the biological sciences, to advance their ability to critically assess scientific methodologies and data, and to demonstrate how best to deliver succinct, clear and logical scientific presentations. Each student is required to attend a minimum of 60% (20) of CLASS seminars during the academic year and submit a one-page evaluation of two of those seminars.

Sequence of Feedback:
Upon receipt of their report, the student will receive an email indicating approval of their submitted assignment.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course the students should:
Be critically aware of current scientific research being carried out by national and international experts across a range of biological science areas;
Have developed critical thinking skills on the scientific process;
Have experienced leading a discussion in scientific seminars;
Have learned optimum strategies for organising data and presenting scientific research talks

Indicative Module Content

Seminar series where the students are exposed to state of the art research and career development talks.
Students have the opportunity to talk to internal and external speakers and get exposure to different fields of science and career paths.

Approaches to Teaching and Learning

Debate with top researches.
Exposition to scientific method.
Lear how to report on scientific talks.

Student Effort Hours

Student Effort Type	Hours
Contact Time	
Seminar (or Webinar)	32
Total Contact Time	**32**
Specified Learning Activities	
Specified Learning Activities	8
Total Specified Learning Activities	**8**
Autonomous Student Learning	
Autonomous Student Learning	16
Total Autonomous Student Learning	**16**
Total	**56**

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FTE Breakdown

School	FTE
S123 - Fees,State & Research Activity	100

Assessment Details

Assessment Type	Description	Timing	Open Book?	% of Final Grade	Component Scale	Must-Pass?	In-module Component Repeat Offered?
Report(s)	Students must submit a 1 page evaluation of two seminars	Week 12 Summer		50	Pass/Fail	Yes	Yes
Participation in Learning Activities	Each student is required to attend a minimum of 60% (20) of CLASS seminars. Sign in and attendance registration by Mark Crowley/Elaine Quinn is mandatory	Week 12 Summer		50	Pass/Fail	Yes	Yes
Total				**100**			

Carry Forward of Passed Components
Yes

Feedback Strategy

Feedback Strategies	Sequence of Feedback
- Feedback individually to students, post-assessment	Upon review of the seminar summaries, students will receive a email indicating completion of the assignment. Summary of attendance completion can be given upon request.

Remediation Strategy

Remediation Type	Remediation Timing
Repeat	Within Two Trimesters

Associated Staff

Name	Role
Dr Stephen Lalor	Assistant Grader
Ms Elaine Quinn	Lecturer / Co-Lecturer
Mr Mark Crowley	Module Assistant
Mr George Moschos-Paipetis	Module Assistant
Ms Elaine Quinn	Module Assistant

Associated Majors

Programme	Major	Stage	Module Type
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X237 - Medicine PhD FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X238 - Medicine PhD PT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X434 - PublicHlthPhys&Sport Sc PhD PT	1	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X815 - PhD Infection Biology(SBBS) PT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X817 - PhD Infection Biology(SAFS) PT	2	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X851 - PhD B&SB Prog CompSci FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X253 - Translational Med PhD FT	2	Option Module

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Associated Majors (continued)

Programme	Major	Stage	Module Type
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X254 - Translational Med PhD PT	2	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X234 - Biomolecular & Biomed Sc PhDPT	2	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X234 - Biomolecular & Biomed Sc PhDPT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X810 - PhD Infection Biology(SMMS) FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X811 - PhD Infection Biology(SMMS) PT	2	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X814 - PhD Infection Biology(SBBS) FT	2	Option Module
MTMED001 - Master of Science-Medicine	X846 - MSc Experimental Physiology FT	1	Core Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X855 - PhD B&SB Prog BES FT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X859 - PhD B&SB Prog PHPSS FT	2	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X861 - PhD B&SB Prog Physics FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X254 - Translational Med PhD PT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X849 - PhD B&SB Prog Medicine FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X859 - PhD B&SB Prog PHPSS FT	1	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X861 - PhD B&SB Prog Physics FT	1	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X233 - Biomolecular & Biomed Sc PhDFT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X245 - Bioinfor & Systems Biol PhD FT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X246 - Bioinfor & Systems Biol PhD PT	2	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X814 - PhD Infection Biology(SBBS) FT	1	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X855 - PhD B&SB Prog BES FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X237 - Medicine PhD FT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X434 - PublicHlthPhys&Sport Sc PhD PT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X810 - PhD Infection Biology(SMMS) FT	1	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X815 - PhD Infection Biology(SBBS) PT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X817 - PhD Infection Biology(SAFS) PT	1	Option Module
DRSCI001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X857 - PhD B&SB Prog Maths FT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X245 - Bioinfor & Systems Biol PhD FT	2	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X246 - Bioinfor & Systems Biol PhD PT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X811 - PhD Infection Biology(SMMS) PT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X816 - PhD Infection Biology(SAFS) FT	2	Option Module
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DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X238 - Medicine PhD PT	1	Option Module
DRLSC001 - Doctor of Philosophy (Post 06)	X433 - PublicHlthPhys&Sport Sc PhD FT	2	Option Module
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