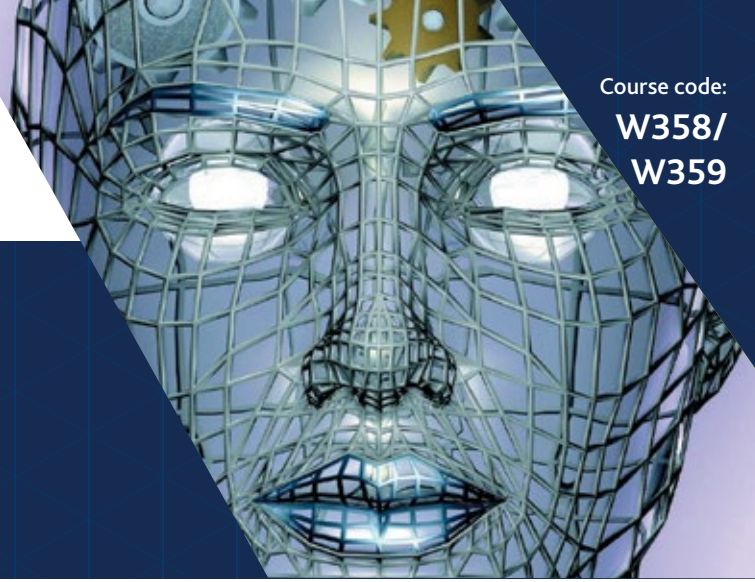




MSc Cognitive Science

(One Year Full Time or
Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

Cognitive Science is an interdisciplinary field that has evolved during the past few decades at the intersection of a number of existing disciplines, including linguistics, computer science, philosophy, psychology and neuroscience. Each discipline makes its own distinctive contribution to the goal of teasing out the relationships between minds, brains and behaviour.

The MSc in Cognitive Science is ideal for students interested in issues relating to the understanding of the human mind from philosophical, psychological, and computational perspectives. Advanced computational skills are not a prerequisite.

The course is designed as an ideal preparation for students hoping to tackle advanced research topics at PhD level. Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the problems arising in the description of minds, brains, and behaviour and the theoretical approaches to them, know the principal 20th Century philosophical approaches to mind, brain and body, understand the concepts employed in cognitive psychology, along with their limitations, and develop an interdisciplinary perspective that links and integrates insights from multiple specialised domains.

Programme Highlight

The cognitive science programme is unique in Ireland and one of very few such taught programmes worldwide. A strength of these courses is the wide range of disciplines from the UCD Schools of Computer Science, Philosophy and Psychology that contribute to the programme.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

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60 credits
Taught Modules

+

30 credits
Dissertation

Taught Modules:

Modules can change from year to year but typical modules include:

- Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
- Graduate Introduction to Cognitive Science
- Topics in Philosophy of Mind and Cognition
- Fundamentals of Neuropsychology
- Interdisciplinary Challenges
- Connectionism and Dynamical Systems
- Embodied and Enactive Approaches to Cognitive Science
- Embodied and Social Cognitive Neuroscience
- Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception
- The Cultural Mind

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



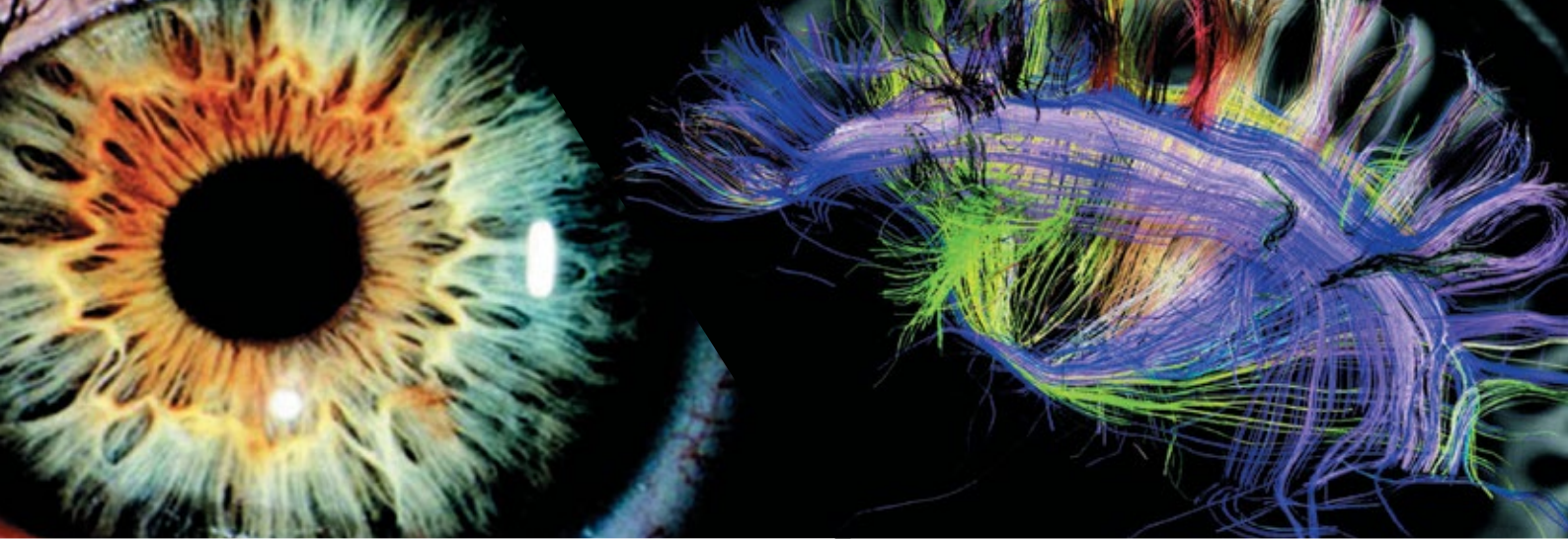
Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

This is not a vocational course. In the course of one year we cover a very broad range of material, thus greatly increasing the breadth of academic exposure of our students. Historically, about half of the students go on to do PhD studies, and many others look for work in research. This course will not make a psychologist out of a non-psychologist, or an IT specialist out of someone who is not an IT specialist upon entry. It will enable students to tackle research issues they might not have been able for before, and to do PhDs in areas that would not have been possible before.

It also has the potential to enrich one's engagement with a very broad range of challenging material.

Many students pursue this course because of a passionate interest in our scientific understanding of what it is to be human. Please note that a cognitive science degree is not part of an accredited programme towards a clinical degree.

Graduate Profile



Eileen Wahl
Kentucky USA, Graduate

Eileen Wahl is from Kentucky, USA, and gained her BSc in Biological Sciences from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. She likes the interdisciplinary approach of the UCD Masters in Cognitive Science. Her favourite class was Advances in Neuroscience where every week the class read a couple of papers to read and discuss in class.

"I felt that I really grew as a scientist by being able to critique other people's papers and to think about those issues when I am doing my own science work. I would certainly recommend this programme to international students as you get to meet people from all different countries."

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for students with a primary degree in Computer Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Linguistics, Neuroscience or a cognate discipline; an upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Candidates with an upper second class honours in a postgraduate conversion course such as a Higher Diploma in Philosophy may be considered. MA students may be required to attend an interview either via Zoom or in person.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- MA Philosophy of Mind & Embodied Cognition
- MSc Computer Science (Negotiated Learning)
- MA Philosophy
- Grad Dip Cognitive Science

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