







# Welcome from our CEO



**Padraig Hourigan** CEO

As President of Independent College Dublin, I am delighted that you are considering furthering your academic studies with our college. As one of Ireland's leading private colleges, Independent College Dublin has one clear, primary goal; to guide our students through learning programmes that are relevant to you and result in qualifications that are highly respected in your chosen field.

Upon completion, your undergraduate, postgraduate or professional award in the various disciplines will be recognised wherever you go, both in Ireland and overseas. We are a goal-focused, careerorientated college. We pride ourselves on our personalised tuition, delivered to the highest academic standards in an interactive learning environment by highly qualified and friendly teaching staff.

Your time at Independent College Dublin, should you enrol with us, will be an enjoyable and academically rewarding one as you prepare for the next chapter in your life. You will learn from some of the most industry experienced and respected lecturers in your field in what is an intellectually vibrant academic community. It will provide you not just with the stepping stone to your chosen career but also with life lessons and friendships and connections that will last well into the future. We look forward to welcoming you as part of our next intake of students

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- Certificate in Digital Media & Entrepreneurship



# Why Independent

# College Dublin?

Before you decide where to go to complete your undergraduate, postgraduate or professional qualification, here are some of the reasons why you should choose Independent College Dublin:

# **Because** we are committed to academic excellence

We are determined to provide all of our students with a rewarding, professional, and career-focused education of the very highest quality. Our faculty members are committed to maintaining academic excellence not just through great teaching but through personal individual support.

# **Because** our tuition is second-to-none

Our lecturers and tutors are amongst the most-respected in their fields. Our lecturers are people with real experience and industry insight. Class sizes are small so that everyone can contribute to debate and discussion and nobody gets left behind.

# **Because** we are career focused

You are encouraged to develop your transferable skills and undertake projects which will assist you in real-life situations. Career plans and advice are set in place by the time you leave here with your desired qualification.

# **Because** our results are some of the best in the country

Students at Independent College Dublin have achieved some outstanding results. For example, our Law Society FE1 Prep course has become the largest and most successful in Ireland, producing 11 individual first placed prizes and winners of the Overend Scholar for highest marks for 3 years in row (2008, 2009 and 2010).



# **Because** this is an ideal learning environment

Our lecture theatres are purpose-built to offer the best in comfort, style and technology. They are all air conditioned and have wireless high speed internet and networking access together with the latest presentation and video conferencing equipment.

# **Because** your qualification will be internationally recognised

Independent College Dublin programmes are validated to the highest standards both nationally and internationally. Your new qualification stands for academic achievement but also a deeper understanding of your subject in practical terms.

# **Because** you will enjoy your time here

Whatever subject and qualification you choose, we promise you will have an interesting and thought-provoking learning experience and look forward to every class. Your student life will be enriched not just by the college and the course, but by new friends, colleagues and a wonderful city.

# **Because** we are in the heart of a vibrant city centre

Independent College Dublin has the perfect location for student life in Dublin: We are right in the very centre of the city, surrounded with cultural, academic and leisure attractions. The college campus has 22 lecture rooms across 28,000 sq feet of teaching space.





# The entire city is

# your campus

Dublin's rich history can be seen on practically every street, from the Viking foundations of a thousand years ago to the War of Independence in the early 1900s.

The city is alive with young people and students, culture, music, history, art, sport, business, innovation and academic excellence. It's an incredible place in which to study and live.

The sidewalks and alleys overflow with Dubliners and visitors alike, colourfully discussing art, politics, business, sport to the ever-present backdrop of music spilling from foggy pub doors, laughing, painting in a lively, bubbly, interesting city that seem to have been built for young academia and fun.

It has an incredible literary and academic reputation and is a thriving, effervescent capital with thousands of traditional and contemporary pubs, restaurants, clubs, museums, galleries, sports stadia, theatres, music venues and nightclubs.

And ideally located is Independent College Dublin, just one block from the city's main thoroughfare, Grafton Street. You cannot get closer to the heart of our amazing city than this.





The city has over 120 miles of cycle tracks and Dublin's Bike scheme has 450 bikes for public use and 40 bike stations around the city.





# DID YOU KNOW?

10 million pints of Guinness are produced in Dublin EVERY DAY.

Dublin boasts no less than FOUR Nobel Prize for Literature — that's more than any other city in the world — William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett and Seamus Heaney. However two of our most famous writers were not winners: James Joyce and Oscar Wilde.

Bram Stoker wrote Dracula here and the name comes from the Irish words "Droch Ola" which means bad blood.

Dublin has more gyms and sports clubs than almost every other European city.

Dublin was designated a UNESCO City of Literature in 2010 in "recognition of its cultural profile and international standing as a city of literary excellence". It is one of four cities in the world with the UNESCO City of Literature designation.

Dublin's O'Connell Bridge near the college is the only bridge in Europe that has the same width as length.

Famous Hollywood actors from Dublin include Maureen O'Hara, Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne and Colin Farrell.

Dublin's Phoenix Park is the largest walled park in Europe and means you can feel lost in the countryside just minutes from the college.

# Dublin has a **rich** and **thriving** art scene.

Music is EVERYWHERE in Dublin, from unplanned traditional musical sessions in pubs to some of the biggest acts in the world in the city's stadia.



# Accrediting bodies at Independent College Dublin

Degrees awarded by

# The University of the West of England and Quality and Qualifications Ireland





Diplomas and professional courses awarded and endorsed accredited by









# European students final year transfer

If you are a European student studying business studies, you can transfer to Independent College Dublin to complete our final year in BA (Hons) Business Studies.

Every year we welcome a number of suitably qualified students who want to experience life in the vibrant Dublin city as they participate in our full time one-year course.

It leads to the state recognised award of BA (Hons) Business Studies - Level 8 - and the course covers a wide range of business areas. You can choose from one of the following specialised streams:

- Accounting & Finance
- Marketing
- Management & Human Resources Management



# The Admissions Office

The Independent College Dublin admissions office deals with applications for the College's academic undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

It is our aim to ensure that students applying to the College are dealt with in a professional, courteous and efficient manner. The Admissions Office is happy to offer advice to students who:

- Are sitting their Leaving Certificate and hope to continue their studies to third
- Wish to transfer to one of the courses at Independent College Dublin from another institution;
- Are returning to education as a mature student:
- Have queries on any programme offered by the College;

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- Would like advice on the admissions process.

# **Application Procedures**

The method of application to Independent College Dublin is dependent on a number of factors including what course you are applying to and whether or not you are a mature applicant.

Applications can be made online at www.independentcolleges.ie/apply Alternatively you can send your application by email to admissions@independentcolleges.ie or by post to:

The Admissions Office Independent College Dublin, 60-63 Dawson Street, Dublin 2 Tel: +353 1 635 1184 Fax: +353 1 635 1120

## Master's Programmes

The entry requirements for Masters degrees as specified by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) stipulate that applicants must have obtained a Level 8 primary degree or have accredited experiential learning. Students who have completed a Higher Diploma or an equivalent postgraduate qualification are also eligible to apply for entry onto the Master's degrees. Additional entry requirements specific to certain courses can be found on the relevant programme page.

## Undergraduate Honours Degree Programmes

Leaving Certificate – Students applying for any QQI level 8 degree programme at Independent College Dublin must have obtained a minimum of grade C3 in at least two higher level papers, together with a minimum of four D3s in ordinary level subjects to include a language.

A Level/GCSE – Students applying for any QQI level 8 degree programme at Independent College Dublin must have obtained a minimum of grade C or higher in at least two A Level papers, together with a minimum of four GCSEs to include Maths and a language.

# University of the West of England (UWE)

LL.B (Hons) in Irish Law LL.B (Hons) in Irish Law with Accounting

Students applying for the LL.B (Hons) in Irish Law and the LL.B (Hons) in Irish Law with Accounting must have obtained a minimum of 300 points in the Leaving Certificate (or equivalent). However mature applicants who are 21 years of age by the 1st of January of the

year of entry may be admitted although they do not meet these minimum entrance requirements.

## **Mature Applicants**

A mature applicant is one who, when applying for a QQI undergraduate programme, is 23 years of age by January 1st of the year of entry or, when applying for a programme validated by the University of the West of England (UWE), is 21 years of age by January 1st of the year of entry to the College.

Applicants should attach a brief summary of their past educational and work experience with a copy of relevant documentation to their application form.

## Transfer Applications

The College welcomes applications from students holding qualifications from other accredited institutions and universities. In addition, the College welcomes applications from students who are currently studying a relevant programme in another institution and wish to transfer with subject exemptions.

Depending on the nature and duration of their studies, such students may join the second or third year of the College's Level 8 degree programmes.

Students who wish to transfer to Independent College Dublin should return a completed direct entry application form to the College with a copy of their academic transcripts and a full course syllabus. The Admissions Office will endeavour to issue a decision regarding transfer within 10 working days of the receipt of the application.

one made by a person who is either permanently resident in one of the member-states of the European Union and/or who will have received full-time second-level education for three of the five years immediately before the date of proposed admission in a member-state of the European Union or in a combination of member-states. All other applications are considered to be Non-European Union (Non-EU) Applications (see international application section).

# Students with Disabilities

Independent College Dublin is committed to providing equal access educational opportunities to learners with disabilities. Learners with disabilities are encouraged to disclose information on their disability or learning difficulty as part of the application process, or at any time subsequently. Such disclosure is encouraged so that the Learning Support Officer can work with the student to ensure that any reasonable accommodation required is identified and facilitated in conjunction with their individual needs.

#### Tax Relief

Most courses of two or more years duration have been approved for tax relief. Applicants should note that the qualifying conditions for relief may differ for full and part time students. Relief is granted at the standard rate of tax. www.revenue.ie

#### Fees

Independent College Dublin is an independent, fee paying third level educational institution. A full list of tuition fees is available on the college website www.independentcolleges.ie or directly from the Admissions Office.

# School

# Liaison

# Office

Students are welcome to visit Independent College Dublin at anytime and we are more than happy to facilitate any enquiries you may have during your visit.

#### Visits to Schools

The Schools Liaison Officer is available to visit your school to speak to students on a number of different areas including college courses, study techniques, completing application forms and the application process. If you would like to speak with us regarding a specific course area, our faculty are happy to oblige.

#### 'Taster' Sessions

These sessions are designed to give students the opportunity to experience a college lecture in their course or area of interest. These unique sessions can be organised with a current class to allow prospective students to experience the classroom and may be available to both individuals and groups.

#### College Tours

Students are welcome to visit Independent College Dublin at anytime by appointment and we are happy to facilitate any enquiries you may have during your visit. For groups, it is necessary to book your tour in advance.

## Open Days/Evenings

The College holds a number of Open Days and Evenings throughout the year. Please visit www.independentcolleges.ie/news/ open-days or www.qualifax.ie for a list of dates and times.



# Joshua Dawson Library

Research provision extends far beyond the College walls. As a modern research centre, the Joshua Dawson Library has invested heavily in online resources, carefully chosen to support learning and research.

The suite of subscribed online resources includes: Westlaw.IE., Firstlaw.IE., Westlaw.UK., LexisNexis, Nexis, PEPS, and Dawson books for access to textbooks online.

These resources provide access within the subject areas of law, journalism and psychotherapy. Training in the use of these databases is provided by library staff at the beginning of each academic year and more informally, on request, throughout the year.

Library staff at the Joshua Dawson are always on hand to provide on-the-spot support in using online resources, sourcing material and general computer and research problems. The research student at Independent College Dublin has access to the resources of Trinity College Dublin and the British Library via the Inter Library Loan service.

The Joshua Dawson Library provides generous computing facilities, with brand new and hi-spec PCs and Apple Macs. Printing and photocopying facilities are also provided.

The Joshua Dawson Library is furnished in a modern style, with comfortable furniture and a quiet atmosphere conducive to study is maintained. A large study room is connected to the library for the busy times surrounding examinations.

## Library Hours

Monday – Friday 9am-9pm Saturday 12-6pm Sundays extended opening hours during examination weeks.



## Academic Induction

Attending college for the first time can be an exciting prospect. However many also find the prospect of moving from second level to a third level institution to be a daunting experience. At Independent College Dublin we want to ensure that this transition is as easy as possible. For this reason, we organise student inductions before the commencement of each undergraduate programme. This allows all students the opportunity to meet staff and their fellow students.

## Academic Support

Each academic programme has a dedicated staff member who deals with any academic issues which students may encounter. The faculty administrative staff have an open office policy from 09::30 to 17:30 Monday to Friday.

# Student Life and Services

# Computing Services

Access to services such as Moodle, online resources and journals, wireless internet access, and online storage are provided to all registered students.

# International Student Services

Specific services are available for international students before they travel to Ireland and after arrival.

## Student Welfare

Our student services section offers advice and support to all students in the College. Whether it is concerns about examinations, assignments, accommodation or finances, the college staff are available to help with your concerns. If you require additional assistance and wish to speak to the someone, you will be provided with a referral.



# The School of Law

The School of Law at Independent College Dublin represents a vibrant learning environment, supported by staff with a reputation for academic and teaching excellence. Set on a campus in Dublin city centre, the School of Law presents a diverse and innovative range of programmes in law from certificate and diploma level, through to degree, postgraduate and professional levels.



The Undergraduate School of Law offers a three year LL.B programme in Irish law which is awarded by the University of the West of England

in Bristol. This programme is additionally accredited by both regulatory bodies of the solicitors' and barristers' professions. We also have a four year LL.B with Accounting. The School also delivers a number of programmes. In particular the MA Dispute Resolution is an innovative programme which involves the study of the developing and critically important are of alternative dispute resolution.

The School of Law also comprises a number of professional level programmes. In particular, the School of Law is the largest provider in the State for the delivery of

preparation programmes for the entrance examinations to the Law Society of Ireland. Since our establishment in 2007, no other provider can match our prize-winning success in preparing students for these examinations with 26 1st place prizewinning students. The School's preparation programmes for the Entrance Examinations to the King's Inns has proven to be highly successful.

The Independent College Dublin School of Law has created an atmosphere where the student learning experience is to the fore and where inquisitive, questioning minds are welcomed, encouraged and nurtured. I invite you to visit the College to learn more about us.

#### Val Corbett Head of The School of Law

# LL.B (Hons) in Irish Law

#### What is this?

The LL.B degree at Independent College Dublin benefits is supported by the Bristol Law School, which is one of the United Kingdom's leading law schools. The course is delivered by a team of enthusiastic and experienced teachers and the smaller class sizes encourages an interactive and fully inclusive approach towards the study of law.

With this degree you will be qualified to sit the Final Examination – First Part (FE1) to qualify as a solicitor in Ireland. This degree is also approved by the Honorable Society of the King's Inns making the students eligible to sit the Entrance Examinations to the Barristerat-Law degree. If you'd like to practice to apply to sit the Legal Practice Course (LPC) in the UK.

# How long is the course?

3 vears full time

#### Start Date

September

# Who is the awarding body?

The University of the West of England



# What can I do with this degree?

This degree will help you to develop a career in either the fields of Business or Law.



# LL.B (Hons) in Irish Law with Accounting

#### What is this?

This is a four year honours degree course that will give you a broad but comprehensive knowledge of accounting and legal principles, theories and practices in order to give you the widest possible career choices worldwide. It does this by formalising the close relationship that exists between business and law so that should you go into finance or business, you'll understand the legal implications. If you decide to go the other way, into law, you'll have gained a valuable business expertise.

# How long is the course?

4 years full time

#### Start Date

September

# Who is the awarding body?

The University of the West of England



# What can I do with this degree?

This degree will help you to develop a career in corporate law, business law, accountancy law or as general legal practitioner.





## **MA** Dispute Resolution

#### What is this?

Dispute Resolution is one of the fastest-growing fields and academic disciplines both in Ireland and internationally, offering professional opportunities in the corporate, legal, educational, political, HR, health as well as may others with the introduction of the Mediation Bill. A heightened demand for dispute resolution services is predicted.

# How long is the course?

l year full time Modularised evening programme.

#### Start Date

September

# Who is the awarding body?

Quality and Qualifications Ireland



# What can I do with this MA?

Dispute Resolution is one of the fastest-growing fields and academic disciplines both in Ireland and internationally, offering professional opportunities in the corporate, legal, educational, political, HR, health and community settings, as well as others.



# LL.M Comparative Media Law

#### What is this?

This course is a specialised programme that examines the regulation of media in Ireland and internationally. In particular, Irish and international developments relating to restriction on the media ranging from the laws on privacy, defamation, contempt of court and freedom of information are examined in depth. This course is ideal for those with an interest in the legal and ethical issues surrounding freedom of expression worldwide.

# How long is the course?

One year full-time and part-time

#### **Start Date**

September

# Who is the awarding body?

The University of the West of England



# What can I do with this LL.M?

Modern technology and social media brings an increased need for regulation. This LLM provides students with an opportunity to specialise in this emerging area of law.

Full course details, costs, requirements and application forms are available online at www.independentcolleges.ie

# **Law Society Of Ireland Entrance Exam Prep Course** (FE1)

#### What is this?

The purpose of Independent Colleges' FE1 Preparatory Course is to provide students with the necessary skills to successfully negotiate the eight entrance examinations of the Law Society of Ireland.

The course provides examination focused tuition in each of the core subjects which form the FE1 Entrance Examinations.

All lectures are recorded and uploaded to our intranet system. Students may then access the lectures at their own convenience from their own computer.

Course lectures and manuals are specifically designed for the needs of students facing the FE1 exams. Our lecturers focus on explaining the key principles and fundamental issues contained in the syllabi of each of the

subjects as prescribed by the Law Society of Ireland.

Each class includes consideration of key principles and practical advice on how those principles can be applied to the examination papers. Our lecturers are experts in focusing students' minds on the areas which are most likely to appear on examination papers.

# How long is the course?

14 weeks

#### Start Date

June & November

#### Assesment

These examinations are assessed externally by the Law Society of Ireland.

Students have a facility to attempt questions from past examination papers, submit them to the College and have them corrected by the lecturers who will provide the class with general feedback on performance.

# **FE1 Intense Revision Course**

#### What is this?

Ireland's most successful Professional School of Law now offers intensive revision seminars for the Law Society Entrance Examinations.

These seminars are designed for students who are FE1 re-takers, or for first time candidates who seek a concise and expert tutorial in the key components of each FE1 subject module. Students will

receive a complete set of lecture notes for each subject.

The lecturers, who are undisputed experts in FE1 exam preparation, will focus on the most examinable (and examined) topics in these most challenging of professional entrance examinations.

# How long is the course?

4 hour tutorial per subject

#### **Start Date**

September & March

# **Honorable Society Of Kings Inn** Entrance Exam Preparatory Course

#### What is this?

Independent Colleges' King's Inns Entrance Examination preparatory course is delivered annually in Dublin and online. This course, which boasts an exceptional lecturing team and the most up-to-date study manuals, has been specifically designed in order to maximise the likelihood of excelling in the Kings Inns Exams.

## Studying at the Honorable Society Of King's Inns

The King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law degree has been revised to incorporate a new vocational approach. The aim of the course is to enable students to acquire and develop the skills, knowledge and values needed to become an effective member of the Bar. It is a practical, interactive course which bridges the gap between the academic study of law and the practice of law.

On successful completion of the degree course, students are conferred with the degree of Barrister-at-Law. Only holders of the degree may be called to the Bar by the Chief Justice and admitted to practice in the Courts of Ireland as a member of the Bar of Ireland (elements extracted from the Honorable Society of King's Inns' website).

# How long is the course?

9 weeks

#### **Start Date**

June

# Who is the awarding body?

The exams are delivered and assessed externally by the Honorable Society of King's Inns.

Full course details, costs, requirements and application forms are available online at www.independentcolleges.ie



# Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (full-time)

#### What is this?

This programme of study is relevant to the needs of the modern legal executive. This diploma is specifically designed with the Irish Legal Executive in mind.

The Diploma in Professional Legal studies is divided into theory-based modules each of which is accompanied by practical examples. While the theoretical aspects of the lawyer's work are covered, the course will also take into consideration the practical aspects. This programme is ideal for those already working in the legal field as legal secretaries or legal executives who wish to deepen their understanding of the law.

#### Semester One

- Introduction to the Irish Legal System & Legal Research
- Civil Litigation
- Contract & Torts
- Land Law & Conveyancing

#### Semester Two

- Law of Wills & Succession, Probate Practice
- Family Law & Practice
- Employment Law & Practice
- Criminal Law & Procedure \*
- Company & Partnership Law & Practice \*
- \* Elective choose one

The programme is delivered over two 12 week semesters.

#### Assessment

This course is assessed by examination in each topic. Electives are offered subject to demand.

# How long is the course?

l year full-time

#### **Start Date**

February / October

#### **Endorsed** by

The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX).





# Certificate & Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (part-time)

#### What is this?

These programmes of study are relevant to the needs of the modern legal executive. They are specifically designed with the Irish Legal Executive in mind.

Each programme is divided into theory-based modules each of which is accompanied by practical examples. While the theoretical aspects of the lawyer's work are covered, the course will also take into consideration the practical aspects. This programme is ideal for those already working in the legal field as legal secretaries or legal executives who wish to deepen their understanding of the law.

- Introduction to the Irish Legal System & Legal Research
- Civil Litigation
- Contract & Torts
- Land Law & Conveyancing

- Law of Wills & Succession, Probate Practice
- Family Law & Practice
- Employment Law & Practice
- Criminal Law & Procedure \*
- Company & Partnership Law & Practice \*
- \* Elective choose one

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most relevant course materials to facilitate discussion. There are 3 workshops which take place on Saturdays from 9-12pm.

#### **Assessment**

This course is assessed by examination in each topic. Electives are offered subject to demand.

# How long is the course?

One night per week (3 hours). The course takes place over 2 stages of 20 weeks per stage. Candidates will be awarded a Certificate on successful completion of the first year, and a Diploma upon successful completion of the second year.

#### Start Date

February / October

#### **Endorsed** by

The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx).





# New York Bar **Programme** (Attorneys)

#### What is this?

Independent College Dublin offers a fully taught bar review programme for the New York State Bar Examinations. Students who register for this programme have the benefit of exceptional lecturers and the renowned MicroMash suite of texts and software. This is the only taught programme involving live lectures in the country.

Independent College Dublin's Professional School of Law offers a fully taught Bar review programme for the New York State Bar Examination's. Experienced Attorney's provide in-class instruction on preparation for the federal and state portions of the New York Bar exam.

Practice examinations and mock examinations questions are set and graded throughout the course with feedback provided directly to each student and mock examinations. Students also receive detailed outlines on all subjects, important 'Bar Exam Alerts' which highlight the most popular topics, a list of mandatory reading assignments and practice essay questions with sample answers.

All lectures are recorded and uploaded to our intranet system. Students may then access the lectures at their own convenience from their own computer.

# How long is the course?

12 weeks

#### **Start Date**

October



# Diploma in **Advanced Negotiation Skills**

#### What is this?

The Diploma in Advanced Negotiation skills will cover negotiations in a crosssector of fields including: Legal, Business, Management, and Workplace and HR. The Diploma is designed to teach candidates to be able to negotiate to resolve disputes as well as creating solutions providing for mutual gains for both parties. The teachings are derived from the Harvard Negotiation Project.

The practical based course will be highly interactive, with a joint emphasis on negotiation theory and practical negotiation skills. Students will engage in a series of hands-on simulations, ranging from two-party encounters to complex multi-party scenarios. The '7 Elements of Negotiation' will be taught to provide students with a framework to forensically prepare, conduct and analyse negotiation performance.

#### Syllabus

- An Introduction to Negotiation
- The 7 Elements of Negotiation
- Creating Mutual Gains and Value in Negotiation
- Management Styles in Negotiation
- Empathy and Assertiveness in Negotiation
- Active Listening and Constructing Trust in Negotiation
- The Hard Bargainer & Difficult Tactics in Negotiation
- Gender, Culture and Ethics in Negotiation
- Multi-party and Team Negotiation

The programme will be assessed by the completion of a written project.

# How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

February / October

# Who is the awarding body?





# Diploma in Employment Law

#### What is this?

On completion of the programme students will be able to identify the essential terms of the employment contract. Distinguish fair dismissals from unfair dismissals. Detail the grounds of illegal discrimination in relation to employment. Identify the obligations owed by employers towards employees regarding health and safety. Demonstrate an understanding of the applicability of employment legislation.

# **Indicative Course Content**

- The Employment Relationship
- Termination of the Employment Relationship
- Health and Safety at Work
- Equality in the Workplace
- Industrial Relations
- Protective Legislation

elaborate course materials to facilitate discussion. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies.

#### Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment.

## How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

February / October

# Who is the awarding body?





# Diploma in Conflict Coaching

#### What is this?

The Diploma in Conflict Coaching will cover the relatively new concept of preparing people for entrance into an alternative dispute resolution process. It encompasses preparation for all areas of resolution effort and is aimed at those who frequently deal with people in conflict situations. These include those in the legal, business, management, therapeutic and HR professions. The Diploma is designed to teach candidates to be able to effectively coach others to resolve disputes in a constructive and realistic manner whereby matters can be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of all parties involved.

This course is both theoretical and practical. It is highly interactive and there will be a strong concentration on the development of conflict coaching skills. Students will be expected to practice and develop the skills to a high standard. The course includes practical examples of conflict coaching and lively discussion on case studies.

This course gives the edge to students in that it a new and innovative approach to the evolution of conflict coaching. The course has been written based on extensive research and hands-on

experience. It introduces the 4 essential elements of conflict coaching, an effective communication model and the 7 stages of conflict coaching. It also concentrates on the grounding of both the coach and the client which can be paramount to the success of the process.

## **Learning Outcomes**

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

- Identify the essential terms of the cycle of conflict
- Have a broad understanding of the alternative
  - Dispute resolution process
- Have an in-depth understanding of effective communication
- Identify the core strengths they themselves bring to the process
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of conflict coaching
- Demonstrate, to a high standard, the skills of conflict coaching

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided, through email, with the up to date course materials to facilitate discussion. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies and practical experience.

# How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

February / October

# Who is the awarding body?



# Diploma in Family Mediation

#### What is this?

The Family Mediation Diploma offers a comprehensive curriculum on the theory, process and skills essential for family mediation practice. The Diploma programme will analyse the role of mediation and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) within the context of family disputes. The programme will begin by exploring the mediation process and practical skill-set before tracing the development of family dispute resolution in Ireland and internationally.

The Diploma programme strikes a balance between the academic teachings and practical training of family mediation. The interaction-based course is designed to equip students with the theoretical underpinnings and legal framework of the discipline, while simultaneously developing the necessary skill set through the use of family mediation roleplays and exercises.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the programme students will have achieved

- An in-depth knowledge of the key principles and practices underpinning family mediation
- A broad knowledge of the relevant family legislation and mediation
- A working knowledge of the various stages involved in a comprehensive family mediation process.
- The ability to demonstrate proficiency in the family mediation process and skill-set through performance-based role-play assessment

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the up to date course materials to facilitate discussion. The programme will also involve inter-active class discussion in addition to mediation role-play assessment.

# How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

February / October



# Who is the awarding body?



# Diploma in Personal Insolvency (PIP)

#### What is this?

With the enactment of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012, Irish personal insolvency has been radically reformed. The Act provides for the establishment of the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) www.isi.gov.ie. One of the aims of the Act is to ameliorate the difficulties experienced by debtors in discharging their indebtedness due to insolvency while balancing that with the need to ensure creditors can recover debts due to them to the extent that the means of those debtors reasonably permits.

To assist debtors and creditors in this process, the legislation provides for the appointment of personal insolvency practitioners (PIPs) who are suitably qualified in this field. A debtor who wishes to enter into an insolvency arrangement under the Act must engage a PIP as part of that process. The PIP will advise the debtor on whether he or she is eligible for any such arrangement, which arrangement is most appropriate and will then advise him or her throughout the process.

This Insolvency Diploma is specifically designed to prepare students for qualification as personal insolvency practitioners and is approved accordingly by the Insolvency Service of Ireland.

This personal insolvency course will provide students with:

- Comprehensive knowledge of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012
- Critical insight into the various insolvency arrangements available under the Act

- Detailed knowledge of the tax and other financial implications of the Act
- Necessary negotiation and mediation
- The ability to manage a relationship with clients undergoing stress related to financial issues
- The course is divided into the following themes:

The Legal & Regulatory Environment -(approximately 12 contact hours) Financial Aspects of Personal Insolvency – (approximately 6 contact hours) Communication Skills – (approximately 7 contact hours)

Approval This programme of study has been approved by the Insolvency Service of Ireland:

"In the opinion of the Insolvency Service an individual who completes this course of study and passes the exam will have met relevant knowledge criterion for submitting an application for authorisation as a personal insolvency practitioner"

Upon successful completion of this programme of study an individual may make an application in the prescribed form to the Insolvency Service for authorisation to carry on practice as a personal insolvency practitioner subject to the provisions of the legislation.

# How long is the course?

4 full days

#### **Start Date**

February / October

# Financial Services Dispute Resolution

#### What is this?

This Diploma has been specifically designed for professionals working in the financial services sector. The Diploma delivers theoretical and practical training in dispute resolution processes with a particular emphasis on negotiation, facilitation and mediation for financial services disputes including debt restructuring. The Diploma will also provide students with a comprehensive overview of the implications of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 and the Mortgage Arrears and Resolution Process.

The Diploma is designed to teach candidates how to negotiate effectively to resolve disputes as well as creating solutions providing for mutual gains for both parties. The teachings are derived from the Harvard Negotiation Project. The Diploma will also focus on how to effectively handle difficult conversations, managing emotion in financial disputes and how to overcome impasse in negotiations.

Module 1: Recent Developments in the Financial Services Sector (Week 1-3)

Module 2: Advanced Negotiation Skills for the Professional (Week 4-8)

Module 3: The Emerging Role of Mediation in the Financial Services Sector (Week 9-12)

Delivered over three modules, through weekly seminars. Students will be provided with the up to date course

materials to facilitate discussion. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies and practical experience.

# How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

February / October

# Who is the awarding body?





# Diploma in **Mediation Theory & Skills**

#### What is this?

Mediation is one of the fastest-growing fields and academic disciplines both in Ireland and internationally, offering professional opportunities in the corporate, legal, educational, political, HR, health, and community settings, as well as many others. This Diploma will provide professionals from all disciplines with a comprehensive theoretical understanding of these efficient and innovative emerging processes of mediation, coupled with a practical command of the skills and techniques used in this process.

The Diploma is both academic and skills oriented. Students will learn the key theory underpinning the mediation process as well as the recent legislative developments relating to mediation including the Irish Mediation Bill 2012 which is expected to be enacted at the end of 2013. Students will explore the growth of mediation across a number of sectors in Ireland: commercial, medical

negligence, employment, family, debt and property mediation. Guest lecturers will include leading mediators in Ireland who will speak of their experiences mediating in different fields such as commercial mediation, workplace mediation, family mediation and community mediation.

#### Syllabus

- Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) & Access to Justice
- Legal Principles of Mediation & Recent Case-Law
- Draft Mediation Bill 2012: Implications for the Legal Profession & the Civil Justice System
- Core Mediator Skills Training
- Sector Developments: commercial ADR, family ADR, employment ADR, construction ADR, medical ADR, sports
- Comparative Review of International Developments in MediationFuture of Mediation in Ireland
- Understanding the Mediation Process

#### Assessment

The programme will be assessed by the completion of a written project.

# How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

February / October

# Who is the awarding body?





# Diploma in **Workplace Dispute Resolution**

#### What is this?

Conflict in the workplace has a significant impact on organisational performance. Best practices emphasise the importance of early and informal resolution of workplace disputes. This short term diploma will provide Human Resources Professionals and Managers with a comprehensive theoretical understanding and application of alternative dispute resolution in the workplace. Students will also learn key skills and techniques of mediation and apply these to effectively arranging and running a formal mediation process for parties in a dispute.

## Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the of workplace conflict and interest-based approaches to dealing and managing conflict.
- Evaluate the process, principles, techniques, of mediation be able to apply these to a case study.
- Compare and contrast the various statutory bodies which provide dispute resolution services for workplace disputes and the impact of upcoming

- Critically assess the application of a systemic approach to organisational conflict management.
- Critically assess the nature of bullying and harassment in the workplace and identify strategies for prevention and management in the workplace.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of emotional intelligence in organisational interactions and workplace conflict how to deal with and manage it effectively.

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars as well as two full days focusing on skills and role play practices. Each student will be provided with the up to date course materials to facilitate discussion.

## How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### **Start Date**

February / October

# Who is the awarding body?







# The School of Business

The School of Business at Independent College Dublin is dedicated to the provision of the highest quality education and training to enable students to meet the challenges of the rapidly-changing and ever more globalised world of business. Students are offered an expanding range of accredited world of business are continuing professional development programmes. Undergraduate and continuing professional development and career which are designed to meet the current and future academic and career needs of the contemporary business professional.



These programmes are designed to provide flexible access to students and to professional business people who wish to establish a firm foundation in business studies areas, or who

wish to enhance their career development opportunities and specific business skills through accessing the most up-to-date theory and practice in their chosen areas of business.

Our programmes are largely offered at our well-appointed premises in the centre of Dublin, in a vibrant, friendly, progressive and cosmopolitan environment. In addition to high academic standards and relevance, we place great emphasis on student wellbeing, and ensuring at a personal level that all who study with us obtain maximum value from the learning experience. A number of our programmes are benchmarked against professional accreditation and exemption requirements.

While our learning and teaching emphasises the importance of understanding the theory of Business Studies as a discipline, our programmes underpin this with substantial use of action-centred experiential learning, "real-life" case studies, team learning projects, and individual "live" research projects tailored to individual career development.

The programmes listed in this prospectus are supplemented by a range of additional tailored programmes which are designed to accommodate the needs of particular business and commercial sectors SMEs, and others in the private or the public sector. We are happy to discuss particular areas of special-purpose provision directly with commissioning clients.

Thank you for your interest in our programmes, and best wishes in whichever choices you exercise.

**Professor Andrew Deegan**Dean of The School of Business

# **BA** (Hons) in Business Studies

# How long is the course?

3 years full-time 3-5 years flexible part-time option by agreement with the college

#### **Start Date**

September

# Who is the awarding body?

Quality and Qualifications Ireland



#### Applications

All applications should be directly to the Admissions Office. The Admissions Office Independent College Dublin 60-63 Dawson Street, Dublin 2 Tel: +353 1 635 1184 admissions@independentcolleges.ie

## **Entry Requirements**

Applicants must hold a minimum of 2 Higher C3s and 4 Ordinary Level D3s (to include Maths) or equivalent.

#### **Mature Students**

Applicants who are over 23 years of age by January 1st of the year of entry are eligible for entry onto the programme as mature students.

#### What is this?

The BABS suite of programmes equips students with critical thinking skills and contemporary action-centred education on key business functions and the range of core skills which are required in order to succeed in the demanding and everchanging world of business.

The BABS programme provides each student with a comprehensive business education, and an appropriate knowledge and understanding of modern business studies subjects. It focuses on providing each student with a firm understanding and knowledge of contemporary business theories, ideas and practice which will enable them to lay the foundations for their professional career in the business world or for their future academic career at post graduate level. The programme is structured in a way which provides each student with the opportunity to study for a specialist Honours degree in Business Studies. Three specialist pathway award options are offered for the completion of the Honours Degree. These pathways are effective in Stage 3.

These pathway study options are:

- Marketing
- Accounting & Finance
- Management and HR

## Who is this course for?

The **Accounting and Finance** study pathway prepares students for a career in Accounting and Finance. The programme provides a comprehensive education in the quantitative and analytical skills required in business and in a range of accounting practices.

The role of the accountant is placed within the broader business context that is delivered through a range of businessrelevant electives.

The **Marketing** study pathway provides the knowledge and skills that provide a solid foundation in Marketing within the broader business function and as a specialist Marketer within the international, regional, and local environments. The skills and thinking required to operate as a successful

marketer are integrated within a practice focused programme aimed at developing professional excellence in addition to academic know how. The programme aims to introduce students to the key foundations of Marketing as a professional career as well as providing firm understanding of the economic, psychological and strategic principles of marketing.

The Management/HRM study pathway provides the knowledge and understanding necessary to operate in both a strategic and operational management and HR environment in the private and public sectors in the Irish and wider international environments. Programme content covers the study of the theoretical and practical aspects of HRM and management within the contexts of business, finance and government.

#### Course Outline

#### Stage 1

- Accounting
- Economics
- Business Law
- Data Analysis and Statistics
- Marketing
- Management
- Business Communications and ICT
- Corporate Culture

#### Stage 2

- Operations Management
- Management Accounting
- Financial Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- Digital Marketing
- Market Research
- Organisational Behaviour
- Contemporary issues in Management
- Business Information Systems and Data Analytics

#### Stage 3

Core Subjects

- Business Strategy
- Change Management
- Business Project

## **Accounting Pathway**

- Financial Reporting
- Audit and Assurance
- Taxation

## **Marketing Pathway**

- Services Marketing
- Brand Management
- International Marketing

#### Management and Human Resources Pathway

- Entrepreneurship
- Managing HR and Information Technology
- Project Management
- \* All modules in Stage 3 carry a double ECTS weighting

All content in this programme is subject to ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) standard weighting. This is an essential issue in relation to transferability and recognition of academic qualifications.

# What can I do with this degree?

This degree will help you to develop a career in general business, entrepreneurship, management, accounting, marketing, HR, finance or banking.



# **BA** (Hons) in Marketing

#### What is this?

This programme covers all aspects of marketing and sales functions in business and the major changes taking place in their theory and practice. Marketing has changed radically in recent years thanks to new technology, analysis, media channels and theories, including viral marketing and social networking. This course will inspire you, providing a vision of the possibilities open to businesses through an understanding of the principles of contemporary integrated marketing concepts and strategies.

# How long is the course?

3 years full-time

#### **Start Date**

September

# Who is the awarding body?

Quality and Qualifications Ireland



# What can I do with this degree?

This degree will help you to develop a career in marketing, advertising, media, market research, graphic design, business, entrepreneurship, management, public relations, sales and digital marketing.

Full course details, costs, requirements and application forms are available online at www.independentcolleges.ie



# BA (Hons) in Accounting & Finance

#### What is this?

This degree provides a high-quality education for those seeking a career in accounting and finance, financial services and business in general. You will study the practical techniques of accounting and finance and analyse the theory behind these techniques. It will also help you to develop your career in a wider choice of roles in the public and private sectors, within industry and commerce, all over the world.

## How long is the course?

3 years full time

#### Start Date

September

# Who is the awarding body?

Quality and Qualifications Ireland



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# What can I do with this degree?

This degree will be most relevant to those who wish to pursue a career in the areas of accounting and finance, and wish to qualify as professional accountants working in practice, or to work in specialist accounting and finance roles in corporate organisations.

Full course details, costs, requirements and application forms are available online at www.independentcolleges.ie

## Diploma in Financial Trading

#### What is this?

This financial trading course has been exclusively designed and developed by professional traders to provide a unique approach and insight into the world of financial trading. The program is specifically designed for participants both new to the world of financial trading as well as those who want to improve their trading skills. You will learn techniques of how to make money in both up and down markets directly from financial trader professionals with strong attention to risk control.

#### **Key Benefits**

- This course is ideal for individuals who wish to explore the development of an additional income or who might be considering working at day trading on a part/full time basis.
- The course aims to benefit the individuals who have invested with 3rd parties such as brokers and financial advisors and have suffered poor returns and now want to trade independently.
- This course is suitable for beginners and those who have some experience trading independently but are looking to develop and increase their knowledge and improve performance.

## Who should attend this course?

- Those interested in learning techniques to make money in both up and down markets
- Beginners interested in the financial markets and want to develop a low risk
- Existing part time traders who want to improve their knowledge and provide an income

- Property Investors who want to diversify and form an active trading plan
- Persons already trading financial instruments such as Spread Betting, CFDs or other leveraged items, where their capital is at risk

### How long is the course?

10 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





## Diploma in **Project Management**

#### What is this?

This course is designed to provide students with practical instruction in project management. It presents an integrated view of the concepts, skills, tools and techniques involved in the management of projects. Participants will focus on the phases of project management: Initiating, Planning, Execution, Controlling and Closing.

They will also focus on the topics of Project Integration, Scope, Time, Cost, Human Resources, Quality, Risk and Procurement. Each section on Project Management will be delivered in an interactive environment through a combination of theory; class activities, group discussions on the theory and its application in different industries as well as assignment preparation.

#### Syllabus

- Introduction to Project Management
- Strategy/Project Quality Management
- Project Time / Cost Management
- Project Human Resource Management
- Project Communication Management/ Teamwork
- Project Risk Management
- Project Scope Management
- Project Procurement Management
- Project Integration Management
- Project Management Process Groups & Knowledge Areas
- Project Manager Responsibilities/ Summary

#### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015



## Who is the awarding body?



## Diploma in Event Management

#### What is this?

This event management course introduces students to the fundamentals of event management and gives them the practical skills and confidence to professionally organise an event from start to finish. The Public Relations module introduces students to the role of PR within the events industry today.

This Diploma will provide students with the necessary skills to work in the event management industry and to foster a clear understanding of the elements that go into planning, designing, executing and managing an event from start to finish. The Diploma in Event Management is one of the most sought after and acclaimed event management courses in Ireland.

#### Who is the Course for?

This course will be of interest to those who want to make a career change to event management, or will also benefit anyone who has event management as part of their job specification. It will also be useful for those in the industry who wish to broaden their knowledge and understanding of event management.

## **Indicative Course Content**

- Planning
- Event Management Marketing
- Charity Events and Award Ceremonies
- PR in Event Management
- Corporate Event Management
- Exhibition Management
- Sponsorship
- Sports Event Manangement
- Outdoor Events, Concerts, Logistics, Risk Management
- Celebrity Events
- Wedding Planning
- Conferences

#### How long is the course?

18 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?

PRII – Public Relations Institute of Ireland





## Diploma in Economics with Jim Power

#### What is this?

The Diploma in Economics with Jim Power will explain how economics relate to the real world in which people live and in which companies operate. It is aimed at students who have a basic grasp of economics, but who are interested in gaining a better understanding of economic concepts and theories. As well as explaining the theoretical backdrop to economics, it will examine the key economic issues that are influencing all of our lives at the moment and more importantly in the future. It will be taught in a user-friendly and interactive manner.

At the end of the Diploma, students will have an informed view and understanding of key current economic issues and be in a position to discuss these topics in an informed manner with work colleagues, customers or in a social setting. It will also provide a better understanding of complex issues and allow participants make judgments on economic commentary from different sources. In a very uncertain world that is experiencing unprecedented crises and change, an understanding of the

economic factors that are influencing our lives was never more essential.

#### Jim Power

Jim Power is owner manager of Jim Power Economics Limited and conducts economic and financial consultancy projects both in Ireland and overseas. Areas of interest include Housing, Health, Tourism, the Retail Trade, Planning, Regional Economic Development and Agri-Food.

He has taught on the Executive and Full-Time MBA at the Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business, University College Dublin and at Dublin City University. He was previously Chief Economist at Bank of Ireland Treasury up to 2000, when he joined Friends First. He writes a weekly column in the Irish Examiner and contributes to numerous other newspapers and magazines on an occasional basis.

He is a board member of Agri-aware, the food awareness body and is Chairperson of Love Irish Food. He is editor of the Friends First 'Quarterly Economic Outlook', which has become established as one of Ireland's leading economic commentaries on the Irish economy.

His first book 'Picking up the Pieces' was published by Blackhall Publishing in November 2009.

### How long is the course?

10 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





# The best evening diploma courses



## Diploma in Social Care

This engaging course provides a practical and relevant introduction to the field of Social Care. Learning is achieved via two modules: Lifespan Psychology and Social Care Services. The Lifespan Psychology Module is designed to enable the learner to provide a body of theoretical knowledge in psychology and human development from birth to old age in a social care context. The Social Care Services Module introduces students to the primary areas of care work and to the key policies, principles and approaches that underpin professional practice in the social care sector.

#### Who is the Course for?

This course will appeal to those seeking to work in a social care setting or those already in employment and seeking a route to formal qualification. It also acts as an ideal introduction to those wishing to pursue further study in the fields of social care, psychology and human

#### **Indicative Course Content**

- Introduction to Psychology
- Cognitive Development
- Social Moral and Emotional Development
- Personality & the Development of Self
- Applications to Care Practice.
- Historical Context
- Child Care
- Disability Services
- F.Ider Care
- Other Social Care Services

### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





## Diploma in **Counselling and Psychotherapy**

#### What is this?

The course is a relevant, accessible and practical introduction to counselling and psychotherapy.

The course will be of particular interest to those who are intrigued by questions about how the mind works, how people interact and relate to each other, and how and why people experience difficulties in their lives. The aim of the course is to provide a basic foundation in the knowledge and understanding of counselling and psychotherapy.

#### Who is the Course for?

This programme is aimed at those who would like to acquire a solid understanding of the major approaches in Counselling & Psychotherapy, those who are hoping to work in the growing theraputic arena or those who have recently begun careers in this field.

#### Indicative Course Content

- Introduction to the area of counselling and psychotherapy
- Embodiment and the experiencing self
- The unconcsious and the conflicting self
- The cognitive and interpretive perspective
- Defences and beliefs
- Transference and repetition
- The therapeutic relationship (key assumptions)
- Language, social representation and culture
- Agency and choice
- Unconscious desire

#### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### **Start Date**

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





## Diploma in Criminal & Forensic Psychology

#### What is this?

Forensic psychology involves understanding both the field of psychology and the criminal justice system. Psychology and criminology are interrelated disciplines due to the fact that psychology and psychological practices, have entered the legal system in the areas of criminal investigation, insanity defenses, competency hearings, sexual abuse and offender treatment, eyewitness identification, interrogations and confessions. This course examines the interaction of the two disciplines in the legal and clinical settings. We will explore practical applications with 'real-life' examples, and learn some of the theories that drive this fascinating area of study.

#### Who is the Course for?

The course is designed for a variety of applications, and appeals to a multitude of different students. For law enforcement

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personnel, court and legal sector aligned occupations, for present and concurrent students in psychology, counselling, police and legal studies, and for those with a keen interest in the nature and function of psychology in the criminal setting, the course fosters further enquiry in the subject fields which students find most interesting.

#### **Indicative Course Content**

- Introduction to Forensic and Criminal Psychology
- Theories and Approaches to Forensic Psychology and Crime
- Mental Disorder and Criminality
- Mental Disorder and Criminality-Focus on Psychopathy
- · Criminal Profiling
- Competency; Guilty, Insane...Both?
- Sexual Offenders; Treatment and
- Dangerousness and Risk Assessment
- Investigative Psychology; Deception, Malingering, False Witness, Pathological Liar?
- Psychometrics; Are YOU the 'type'?
- Psychology in the Corrections Setting
- Contemporary Issues in Forensic and Criminal Psychology

### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?



## Diploma in Family History - Genealogy

#### What is this?

Genealogy (or family history research) has long been a growing leisure activity internationally. Recent years have seen a marked increase in its popularity among Irish people. Television programmes, internet databases and DNA testing have brought increased awareness of this quest for personal and cultural identity.

This course is delivered in conjunction with the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland, which was founded in 1986 and acts as a regulating body to maintain high standards amongst its members and to protect the interests of clients. Its members are drawn from every part of Ireland and represent a wide variety of interests and expertise.

### Who is the Course for?

This course is suitable for anyone beginning to explore family history research, whether as a hobby or with a view to developing a career in the field. The records and skills would also be applicable to those interested in local or house history.

## **Indicative Course Content**

- Beginning Irish genealogical research – family records and family stories as sources
- Understanding the administrative divisions of Ireland
- Introduction to the record repositories
- Introduction to online research materials
- Avoiding the pitfalls
- Research skills, with practical application to the various classes of

vital records, census returns, church records, land records, probate records, etc.

- Application of oral history, folklore and local history
- Sources for the Irish who went abroad
- Record-keeping including citation, family tree formats and writing family
- Orientation trips to record repositories

## How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





## Diploma in Wine & Wine Culture

#### What is this?

This is a course that will bring you on the journey to find the story behind every major wine region on the planet, with some of the best, the wisest and the wittiest wine and food experts, journalists and writers in Ireland.

The overall aim of the course is to bring you to an increased level of insight, understanding and deepening pleasure about this most ancient and fascinating of human civilisation's creations.

It is a 7000 year old tale that moves from an ancient work of man and nature or the

gods, in ancient Iran, to a fast moving, planet crossing, global business worth hundreds of billions of euro a year that wine has become today, by way of every major wine region and nation on earth.

## How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





## Diploma in Radio Production



#### What is this?

The Today FM School of Radio, in association with Independent Colleges Dublin, is a dynamic and highly practical training unit, designed to equip aspiring radio professionals with everything they need to know about how the radio industry works. The course is designed for people who want to learn all about radio, but who don't have the time to dedicate to a full time programme.

Delivered by highly experience radio professionals, all of whom currently work in Ireland's leading national commercial broadcaster, the course will bring students face to face with some of the country's top presenters, producers, engineers and marketeers.

The course is designed to be as practical as possible, combining highly practical class exercises that mirror everyday radio scenarios, and guest speaker presentations. Students will also receive their own Zoom digital recorder to use throughout the course and keep afterwards.

#### Syllabus

- Course introduction & overview
- Operating your digital recorder
- Basic interview technique
- Tour of Today FM studios
- Essential research skills
- Producing a talk show
- Digital Editing
- Presenting a talk show
- Presenting a music show
- The newsroom
- Radio sales, marketing & promotions

- Next steps: getting your foot in the door of the radio industry
- 'The Live Show' course participants record 'as live' radio shows in Today FM studios

### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?





## Diploma in Journalism

#### What is this?

This course supplies an inside track on the news trade, equipping you with the practical skills and spiky outlook needed to start making your mark in the media. It will show you how to identify a particular target readership – from a high-brow broadsheet to a red-top tabloid or a glossy magazine - and then inform, educate and entertain that audience with compelling prose.

The programme will develop participants' sceptical and investigative abilities which are essential in both newsgathering and in-depth features. Students will also learn how to map out and write-up columns and reviews for magazines and assorted supplements.

The principles of good editing, design and print production will be highlighted. Written assignments will form a core element on the course so that participants can improve their own writing style which is essential for publication.

The curriculum also critically explores the role of the media in modern society with the aim of making you reflective as well as effective practitioners.

#### Who is the Course for?

The course will suit those with no previous experience in journalism and will also appeal to individuals working in journalism, public relations, marketing or communications who wish to gain a broader appreciation of the principles and practice of journalism.

## **Indicative Course Content**

- Introduction to Journalism
- The varying roles of journalists
- The Irish magazine, newspaper and webzine market
- Journalism and society
- Story styles news, features, op-ed, the
- How to structure and write news stories
- How to structure and write features
- Interview skills
- Surviving as a freelancer
- Writing skills
- Feature writing
- News writing
- Writing for the internet
- Comment, leaders, and opinion

### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?



## Diploma in Sports Journalism

#### What is this?

This course is aimed at aspiring sports reporters and general sports fans. The diploma takes students through all aspects of sports journalism, covering feature writing to interviewing to match reporting and working in other media platforms such as TV and radio.

This programme will make those in attendance become more than just 'fans with typewriters' and give a proven introduction to the first steps in working in the Irish sports media.

#### Who is the Course for?

This course is aimed at anyone interested in working in the dynamic world of Sports Journalism. It is also aimed at those who are just interested in finding out more about what goes on behind the scenes in major newspaper, radio and television

### **Indicative Course Content**

- Introduction to Sports Journalism
- Sports Feature Writing
- Match Reporting
- Sports Interviewing
- Working in Sports Journalism Print
- Working in Sports Journalism Radio
- Working in Sports Journalism TV
- Case Study: How the Sports Media Covers a Story
- Guest lecture from a prominent Irish Sports Journalist
- The Future of Sports Journalism in the Digital Age

#### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?



## Diploma in Multimedia & Web Design

#### What is this?

The Certificate in Multimedia and Web Design is a professional development award drawn from the wider Bachelor's of the Arts (Hons) in Journalism and Digital Media. Comprised of three sequential modules, Web Presentation & Production, Multimedia & Web Design and Multimedia & Web Design II, the short course focuses on developing and honing the specific skills necessary to effectively design and communicate participants' digital identities, products and brands across the Web.

From content and information flow management to the fundamentals of coding, this course takes individuals with no software or design background to the point where they can build multimediacentred websites for themselves as well as employers or clients - whether in the communications, retail or service sector.

The Certificate in Multimedia and Web Design (Level 7) provides learners grounding in digital design and presentation of information for the online world. Participants will learn how to create websites from a blank slate on up. Learning content management and information flows, crucially they will also be able to go in and fix their own products if and when they break. The course is taught by professionals with decades of experience building and managing websites and online identities for brands across Ireland, and beyond.

#### Syllabus

- Web Presentation and Production
- Multimedia and Web Design I
- Multimedia and Web Design II

#### How long is the course?

24 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### Start Date

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?

Quality and Qualifications Ireland



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## Digital Media Skills and Entrepreneurship

#### What is this?

The Certificate in Digital Media Skills and Entrepreneurship is a professional development award drawn from the wider Bachelor's of the Arts (Hons) in Journalism and Digital Media. Intended for participants who already hold an Ordinary degree, for those who have at least two years' experience in the field of media, journalism or business or creative and motivated individuals looking to develop their own ideas as self-employed entrepreneurs, this course provides practical and experiential learning in the areas of marketing and publicising participants' identities, their products and their brands to wider audiences. Comprised of two modules, Media Business & Entrepreneurship and Social Media for Journalism the short course brings contemporary skills and mindsets to those already embedded in their professional lives.

From the effective harnessing of social media and building online marketing

campaigns to identifying and securing funding opportunities and strategies, this course is designed for those in both the public and private sectors who looking to update their existing skills in digital and social media either as continuing professional development or as part of a change in career path.

#### Syllabus

Modules:

- Media Business and Entrepreneurship
- Social Media for Journalism

#### How long is the course?

12 Weeks (one evening per week)

#### **Start Date**

October 2015

## Who is the awarding body?

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