



GRIFFITH COLLEGE

Limerick Campus

Full Time Academic Prospectus 2015 - 2016



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE PRESIDENT, PROFESSOR DIARMUID HEGARTY

I am delighted to introduce you to Griffith College. The academic year 2015/16 is an important milestone for Griffith College as we have recently marked the 40th anniversary of the College's founding. Over the past forty years, from its original inception as Business & Accountancy Training through to its current standing as Ireland's largest independent third level college, Griffith College has put the needs of its students at the forefront.

As we expanded our Limerick and Cork campuses to large new premises on O'Connell Avenue and Wellington Street respectively, 2013 was the year we marked the 200th anniversary of our Dublin campus buildings. While we celebrate our history, as a college we are always looking towards our future, consistently developing new courses which respond to current and future industry needs. Our lecturers and staff remain dedicated to assisting students reach their potential both academically and professionally.

We take great pride in our students who achieve excellent pass rates and win many prizes in the examinations of independent Irish and International professional bodies. Many former students have risen to senior positions in prestigious national and International firms in business, accountancy, computing, drama, design, journalism and law amongst others. These chief executives, senior partners and prominent media figures are the people who have helped to shape our world. Their success is a testament to the value of this College and its place in the wider community. We would be delighted to rejoice in the same way in your success.

Ó bunaíodh an Coláiste, bhí an tacaíocht bhfoireann teagaisc do na mic léinn le sonrú i gcónaí. Pé athraithe a chuirfear i bhfeidhm sna blianta romhainn, beidh an culture fáilteach céanna i réim chun na mic léinn a spreagadh chun barr feabhais a bhaint amach.

Professor Diarmuid Hegarty

President

40 *Years*  
*of Excellence*  
1974-2014

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## HISTORY OF GRIFFITH COLLEGE

Established in 1974, Griffith College is Ireland's largest independent 3rd level institution with locations in Dublin, Cork and Limerick. The main campus is situated on seven acres within a mile of St. Stephen's Green on Dublin's South Circular Road.

Griffith College enjoys national and a growing International reputation for student success. The College has gained an enviable, award winning reputation for providing students with first class lectures and excellent

study material. Griffith College offers Internationally recognised postgraduate and undergraduate degree programmes, complemented by a wide range of professional, short term and corporate training educational solutions - in Griffith College, there is something for everyone.

Today there are over 7,000 students studying in the College, which is a designated educational institute of the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (QQI / HETAC).



## THE LIMERICK CAMPUS

Griffith College has had a presence in Limerick since 1974. In 2006 the College acquired the Mid West Business Institute and a permanent base was established in the Mid West region.

The Limerick Campus is based on O'Connell Avenue in the heart of Limerick City, the capital city of the Midwest region. The city is the College's urban campus, with a myriad of amenities and activities available for both full and part-time students.

The Campus, comprising the Richmond and Nora McNamara buildings (pictured above), is the centre of learning for full-time, part time and distance learning students undertaking academic and professional courses in Business, Finance, Hospitality, Computing, Accounting, Engineering, Law and Humanities

A video of the campus is available at [www.griffith.ie](http://www.griffith.ie). Full details of the campus and its courses are covered in this prospectus.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

- Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) Degree in Accounting & Finance
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) Degree in Business Studies
- Bachelor of Arts (Ord.) Degree in Business Studies
- Bachelor of Arts (Ord.) Degree in Marketing
- Higher Certificate in Business
- Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA)





# Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Accounting & Finance

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 8 Degree
CAO Code	GC301
Requirements	2 C3s (Hons) & 4 D3s (Ord) to include a Language and Maths
Duration	3 years full-time.
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

This honours degree programme prepares students for a career in accounting and finance. The course subjects are taught by highly qualified lecturing staff who are also experienced accountants. Their continued experience of accounting and finance, in the real commercial world, ensures the delivery of a relevant and up to date syllabus that will include interesting and pertinent case studies. In particular, students will study the impact of EU Law on accountancy.

In first year, students take subjects that are common to the BA (Hons) in Business Studies. This model gives students the flexibility to adjust their career choices if necessary.

Once completed, graduates will have all the necessary skills to pursue a dynamic and rewarding career in accounting and finance. Griffith College has designed this degree programme with the help and considerable expertise of its full-time and external lecturing staff, as well as a wide range of people in industry. As a result, the programme reflects the multiple requirements of today's business and finance world.

## COURSE CONTENT:

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
Micro Economics	Management Accounting	Strategic Management
Information and Communications Technology	Financial Reporting - Concepts and Practice	Taxation
Quantitative Analysis for Business Decisions	Business Management	Advanced Financial Reporting
Business Accounting	Managing Human Resources	Auditing and Internal Review
Macro Economics	Financial Management	Advanced Management Accounting
Legal Aspects of Business	Business Information Systems	Strategic Financial Management
Management and Marketing Principles	Company and Partnership Law	Information Systems Management

*Programme modules and content are subject to on-going quality assurance reviews and evolve to reflect educational and industry developments. Learner protection for all QQI / HETAC programmes is provided in accordance with Section 43 of the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999.*

## ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

This programme can also be completed over four years via the two-plus-two year route. Students complete the Higher Certificate in Business (HCB) over the first two years. Successful completion of the HCB qualifies students for entry to the last two years of this Honours Degree. This route is recommended for students who are not confident of finishing the programme through the intensive three-year route and students whose first language is not English.

The two-plus-two year route offers students an opt-out qualification after two-years and two qualifications if they successfully complete the four years.

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

Graduates of this programme may wish to pursue postgraduate studies on our MBA programme. They can also gain substantial examination exemptions from the following professional accountancy bodies:

Professional Body	Exempt From	To be attempted	Duration
ACCA	Fundamental Level (nine papers)	All of Professional Level (five papers)	1 Year
CPA	Up to nine subjects across Formation 1, Formation 2 and Professional 1	Remaining subjects from 1 & 2, Professional 1 and four subjects from Professional 2	1 Year
ACA	Contact Faculty		1 Year

## APPLICATION:

- Full time Applicants under 23 years of age should apply through CAO.
- Mature applicants for full time or part time and applicants under 23 years of age for part time should apply directly to Griffith College.
- International applicants should also apply directly.
- For further information on the correct application procedure for you, please contact the Admissions Office for more details.

## DIRECT ENTRY STEPS:

Fill out the online application form at [www.griffith.ie](http://www.griffith.ie) or download the application form. Complete and send to our Admissions Office.

## FEES:

See fee list enclosed

# Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Business Studies

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 8 Degree
CAO Code	GC 300
Requirements	2 C3s(Hons) & 4 D3s(Ord) to include a Language and Maths
Duration	3 years full-time
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

This honours degree programme will help students to appreciate fully the vital business roles played by finance, accounting, marketing, human resource management and information technology. For many companies these disciplines are the driving force behind their success. In addition, graduates will be shown how the ever-changing business environment is influenced by political, legal, economic, social and technological factors on both a national and International scale.

The purpose of the course is to give students the skills that are in demand by companies today. In a complex and dynamic environment they will be able to identify changes in business requirements, and have the confidence to develop and implement new procedures to satisfy them. Students will be able to recognise the key characteristics governing a particular company and then identify the factors that are critical to its success. The participation and support of fulltime and external lecturing staff, and a wide range of industries has made a vital contribution to the degree's content.

In first year, students take subjects that are common to the BA (Honours) in Accounting and Finance. This model gives students the flexibility to adjust their career choices if necessary. Students who complete the Higher Certificate in Business can transfer into Year 3 of either course.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management &amp; Marketing Principles</li> <li>Information &amp; Communications Technology</li> <li>Micro Economics</li> <li>Macro Economics</li> <li>Quantitative Analysis for Business Decisions</li> <li>Business Accounting</li> <li>Legal Aspects of Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-Business Development</li> <li>Market Research</li> <li>Management Accounting</li> <li>Managing Human Resources</li> <li>Business Operations Management</li> <li>Business Information Systems</li> <li>Marketing Strategy</li> <li>Economic / Industry Analysis</li> <li>Employee Relations</li> <li>Enterprise Development Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Management</li> <li>Financial Management</li> <li>International Business Management</li> <li>Business Plan</li> </ul>

### Electives (three must be chosen)

International Marketing / Services Marketing / Buyer Behaviour / Audit and Internal Review / Taxation / Strategic Financial Management / International HRM, Comparative Employee Relations / Strategic HRM / E-Business Strategy / Business Systems Modelling / Information Systems Management

### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

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The two-plus-two year route offers students an opt-out qualification after two-years and two qualifications if they successfully complete the four years.

### CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

Graduates can consider the Masters in Business or any other Masters programme, on completion of this course.

Griffith College Limerick offer an MBA in association with Edinburgh Business School on a full-time, part-time and blended learning option. Contact the College for full details.

The Griffith College Graduate Business School offers a portfolio of programmes in International Business Management, each of which provides a route to the award of MBA. The varied and in-depth content of this course means that graduate prospects and opportunities are virtually endless.

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### DIRECT ENTRY STEPS:

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### FEES:

See fee list enclosed



# Bachelor of Arts (Ord.) in Business Studies

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 7
CAO Code	GC311
Requirements	5 D3s (Ord) to include a Language and Maths
Duration	Full Time: 3 Academic Years or 1 year top up for the Higher Certificate in Business
Apply	directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

This ordinary (Level 7) degree programme is designed to develop the student's knowledge and skills to resolve business problems and opportunities through studying the various modules.

The programme is ideal for students who either wish to pursue further studies or move into the world of business. The programme provides students with a sound knowledge of essential business principles and functions which reflect the breadth and depth of business operations including marketing, accounting, human resource management and information technology, among others. It provides an appreciation of the broader environment in which all businesses operate (e.g. economics, law, politics) and it develops student's competences in a range of personal qualities such as emotional intelligence, initiative, learning to learn, self-awareness and confidence.

The first two years of the programme are common taught with the Higher Certificate in Business. The third year can be used as a top up for students who hold a level 6 qualification in business such as the Higher Certificate in Business.

## ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed through examinations, coursework and projects.

## VALIDATION / PROFESSIONAL BODY RECOGNITION

The course is validated by the Higher Education & Training Awards Council (QQI / HETAC), the Irish Government's qualifications awarding body for third-level educational and training institutions outside the university sector.

“In Griffith College you are not just a number. Lecturers are very helpful and approachable and their doors are always open. This is my third year here. I am doing the BA in Business Studies. I hope to continue next year and get my honours BA in Business. I don't think other colleges can give as much attention to students. All lectures are like tutorials. I really like the personal touch here.”

Ciara Lyons, BA in Business Studies

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Business Management</li><li>• Communications and Customer Service</li><li>• Small Business Development</li><li>• Maths for Business Decisions</li><li>• Business Computing</li><li>• Fundamentals of Accounting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Micro Economics</li><li>• Macro Economics</li><li>• Financial &amp; Cost Accounting</li><li>• Legal Aspects of Business</li><li>• Managing People &amp; Operations</li><li>• Enterprise &amp; Innovation Planning</li><li>• Electronic Marketing &amp; Security</li><li>• Marketing &amp; Sales Management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Management</li><li>• Business Operations &amp; Project Management</li><li>• International Marketing</li><li>• E-Business Development</li><li>• Strategic Management</li><li>• Business Plan</li></ul>

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

Graduates who see an opportunity to make themselves more attractive to employers may want to consider the Level 8 programme in business. Alternatively graduates have the opportunity to enter the workplace in a wide variety of roles afforded by this generic business qualification. These sectors include but are not limited to Insurance, Banking, Retail, Industry and Public Service. The programme is the perfect platform for students who wish to pursue further studies or move straight into the workplace. The broad scope of the course means that students gain an understanding of the many aspects of the world of business, allowing them to choose the area which appeals to them most.

## APPLICATION:

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## FEES:

See fee list enclosed

# Bachelor of Arts (Ord.) in Marketing

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 7
CAO Code	GC310
Requirements	5 D3s (Ord) to include a Language and Maths
Duration	Full Time: 3 Academic Years or 1 year top up for the Higher Certificate in Business
Apply	directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

This ordinary (Level 7) degree programme is designed to develop the student's knowledge and skills to resolve business problems and opportunities through studying the various modules.

The programme is ideal for students who either wish to pursue further studies or move into the world of business. The programme provides students with a sound knowledge of essential business principles and functions which reflect the breadth and depth of business operations including marketing, accounting, human resource management and information technology, among others. It provides an appreciation of the broader environment in which all businesses operate (e.g. economics, law, politics) and it develops student's competences in a range of personal qualities such as emotional intelligence, initiative, learning to learn, self-awareness and confidence.

The first two years of the programme are common taught with the Higher Certificate in Business. The third year can be used as a top up for students who hold a level 6 qualification in business such as the Higher Certificate in Business.

## ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed through examinations, coursework and projects.

## VALIDATION / PROFESSIONAL BODY RECOGNITION

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**Sector:** Marketing & Business

## COURSE CONTENT:

### Year 1

- Introduction to Business Management
- Communications and Customer Service
- Small Business Development
- Maths for Business Decisions
- Business Computing
- Fundamentals of Accounting

### Year 2

- Micro Economics
- Macro Economics
- Financial & Cost Accounting
- Legal Aspects of Business
- Managing People & Operations
- Enterprise & Innovation Planning
- Electronic Marketing & Security
- Marketing & Sales Management

### Year 3

- Financial Management
- Services Marketing
- Marketing Communications
- Strategic Management
- Business Plan
- International Marketing

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

This programme is the perfect platform for students who wish to pursue further studies or move straight into the workplace. The broad scope of the course means that students gain an understanding of the many aspects of the world of marketing and business, opening many possibilities in the field of marketing.

### Progression Paths:

On successful completion of this BA (Ord) in Marketing, students may elect to transfer to year three of the BA (Hons) in Business Studies.

## APPLICATION:

- Full time Applicants under 23 years of age should apply through CAO.
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- International applicants should also apply directly.
- For further information on the correct application procedure for you, please contact the Admissions Office for more details.

## DIRECT ENTRY STEPS:

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## FEES:

See fee list enclosed



# Higher Certificate in Business

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 6
CAO Code	GC 316
Requirements	5 D3s (Ord) to include a language and Maths
Duration	2 years Full time.
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The Higher Certificate in Business is a two-year full-time programme, designed to give students a rich perspective of business. marketing, finance, accounting, human resources and information technology are all addressed as you are prepared for the world of business and its countless opportunities.

On completion you will have the confidence and knowledge to succeed within a range of business functions. You will also be equipped to select and apply appropriate techniques to business problems and opportunities as they arise.

### Progress to Further Studies

Students who pass the Higher Certificate Course at Merit or Distinction level may proceed to Diploma/Degree studies at Universities or other degree awarding bodies. Generous exemptions are given from the examinations and/or entry requirements of relevant professional bodies.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Business Management</li> <li>• Communications and Customer Service</li> <li>• Small Business Development</li> <li>• Maths for Business Decisions</li> <li>• Business Computing</li> <li>• Fundamentals of Accounting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micro Economics</li> <li>• Macro Economics</li> <li>• Financial &amp; Cost Accounting</li> <li>• Legal Aspects of Business</li> <li>• Managing People &amp; Operations</li> <li>• Enterprise &amp; Innovation Planning</li> <li>• Electronic Marketing &amp; Security</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; Sales Management</li> </ul>

“I love how the lecturers and students get on so well in Griffith College. I have always been able to talk directly with my lecturers when needed. They are so approachable in Griffith. I love that the classes are small size. It means that every student gets the attention they need. The lecturers themselves are brilliant and have wide experience in business. “

Geniviva Gyamfi, Higher Cert in Business

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

### Progression

On successful completion of this certificate you may gain exemptions from all of Year 1 of the Faculty's degree programmes.

### Progress to Further Studies

Students who pass the Higher Certificate Course at Merit or Distinction level may proceed to Diploma/Degree studies at Universities or other degree awarding bodies. Generous exemptions are given from the examinations and/or entry requirements of relevant professional bodies.

### Careers

This programme is the perfect platform for students who wish to pursue further studies or move straight into the workplace. The broad scope of the course invites students to explore the many aspects of the world of business, allowing them to find the area which appeals to them most. Graduates will typically find employment in Insurance, Banking, Customer Service and Marketing. Students who choose to seek employment immediately after the course may complete further studies on a part-time basis.

## APPLICATION:

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## FEES:

See fee list enclosed



# Master of Business Administration

Validation	Edinburgh Business School - Heriot Watt University
Framework Level	Level 9 Masters of Business Administration
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	A recognised Honours undergraduate degree or equivalent
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full time: 2 years</li> <li>• Part-time: 2 years. (Tuesday &amp; Thursday 6.30pm - 9.45pm and selected Saturdays)</li> <li>• Distance Learning: 2 years</li> </ul>
Start Date	Contact College
Apply	directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

Participants undertaking the Master of Business Administration programme will complete 9 modules (7 Core courses and 2 Elective courses) over two years.

The MBA is broken down into 3 major awards:

- 1: Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration  
Students who complete 3 courses will be eligible for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration, at least one of which must be a core course. A maximum of one exemption will be permitted for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate.
- 2: Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration  
Students who complete 6 courses will be eligible for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration, at least one of which must be a core course. A maximum of two exemptions will be permitted for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.
- 3: Master of Business Administration  
After successfully completing 9 courses including all core courses and two electives students will be eligible for the award of Master of Business Administration.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Students complete seven core courses:		Students complete two elective courses:
Economics	Organisational Behaviour	Human Resource Management
Marketing	Accounting	International Marketing
Finance	Project Management	
Strategic Planning		

## EXAMINATIONS

Each course is assessed by formal examination. The assessment of each course is derived entirely from your performance in a single examination lasting 3 hours. To complete a course successfully you must obtain at least 50% in the examination.

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

A postgraduate qualification is a proven asset for anybody who wishes to move from middle management to senior management, or for the person who desires to get a foothold on the path to becoming a senior executive. The Master of Business Administration programme is the first step in this process and can play a pivotal role in such development.

## APPLICATION:

### Direct Entry Steps

- Step 1: Fill out the online application form or download the application form, complete and send to our Admissions Office.
- Step 2: Send a copy of prior qualifications by email.
- Step 3: Our Admissions Team will endeavour to contact you within 5 working days if you are successful in gaining a place.

### For Postgraduate courses:

Postgraduate applicants may apply directly to Griffith College. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of their undergraduate degree final results for entry. Griffith College welcomes applications from those who do not meet the academic requirements but who have extensive industry experience. For such applications, an additional interview will be required. Contact the Admissions Office for more details.

## FEES:

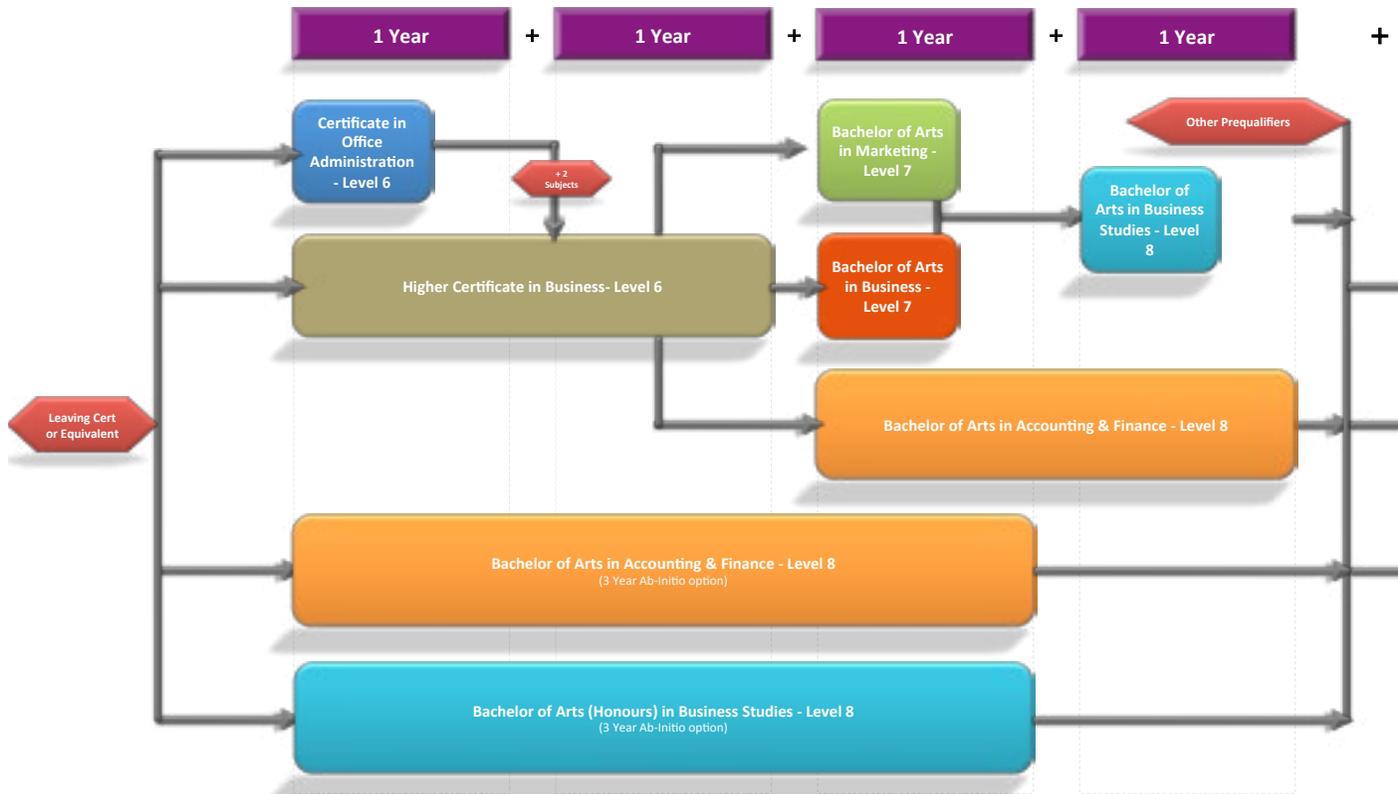
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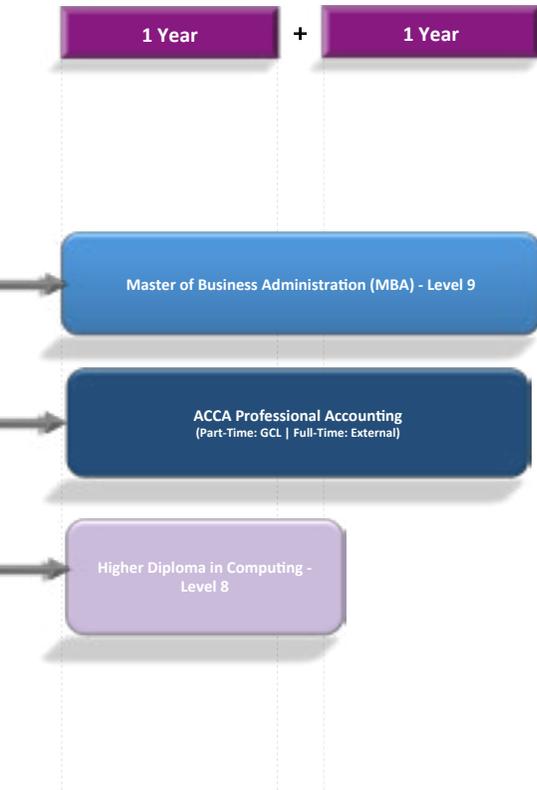
NOTE: THIS COURSE IS NOT OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL STUDY VISA-REQUIRED APPLICANTS



# ACADEMIC PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

## BUSINESS COURSES





# HOSPITALITY

- Diploma in International Hospitality Management





# Diploma in International Hospitality Management

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 7
CAO Code	GC306
Requirements	5 D3s (Ord) to include a Language and Maths. International Applicants: IELTS minimum of 5.5 or Equivalent. Recognition for prior learning (RPL) is applied and work experience is taken into account.
Duration	2 years Full time
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The Diploma in International Hospitality Management offers learners the prospect of gaining a level seven award and gaining practical work experience in the International hospitality industry. The skills, knowledge and competencies gained while participating on this course are important for prospective graduates in attaining jobs and meeting current industry trends.

The learners who register on this programme study hospitality specific modules such as hospitality Operations, The International Hospitality Industry, Food and Beverage Management, Accommodation and Facilities Management, Hospitality Law and Tourism Studies along with general business studies subject areas. These modules give the learner a detailed insight and understanding of the International hospitality industry both through their practical skills training sessions in tandem with their management studies. This style of programme delivery supports and highlights the diverse range of career opportunities open to successful graduates.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality Operations 1</li> <li>Introduction to the International Hospitality Industry</li> <li>Quantitative Methods for Business</li> <li>Business Communications &amp; IT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitality Operations 2</li> <li>International Hospitality Industry</li> <li>Principles of Services Marketing</li> <li>Financial Accounting</li> <li>Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food &amp; Beverage Management</li> <li>Accommodation &amp; Facilities Management</li> <li>Hospitality Law</li> <li>Tourism Studies</li> <li>Professional Development</li> </ul>

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENT STAGE (1,000 HOURS)

The Industry Placement module affords the learners an opportunity to develop their practical skills training in a working environment.

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

### Careers

This qualification prepares students for a range of careers in hospitality, licensed retail, leisure and tourism sectors. The skills developed can be transferred to any of the above sectors through the effective use and combination of the practical skills and knowledge gained through the programme.

### Progression

Graduates of the Diploma in International Hospitality Management, who at a later date wish to return to complete the Bachelor of Arts programme will be required to study semesters 4, 5 and 6 of the programme. Should any such application come after any programme changes have occurred, e.g. through programmatic review, then all such applications will be assessed on a case by case basis.

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## FEES:

See fee list enclosed



“I found this module to be very worthwhile. It is a course that runs from Monday to Wednesday and it is very intensive but if you have a weekend job then it is beneficial to you. I am currently a Manager in the Limerick Greyhound Stadium and by doing the course during the week and job at the weekend; I feel that is the best way to be one step ahead of other individuals who would be going for the same job you are going for. The lecturer for this module has a keen interest in hospitality and experience to back it up. I found it very easy to work with her and she will help you as much as possible in every way to make sure you hit the deadline with the assignments. This course is an assignment driven course which I personally think will stand to you more than exams. While studying this module we visited The Castletroy Park Hotel and The Radisson Blu Hotel to learn something about the hotel industry first hand. I learned how vital it is to keep your staff motivated while ensuring that you treat the customers the same way you want to be treated. I am just finished the course and I just got offered a Management Internship in Fitzpatrick’s Hotel in New York. I am really looking forward to it. I will miss Limerick and will certainly visit not only the greyhound track but also Griffith College because they have been so helpful and generous to me which I will never forget. I am in the catering industry 15 years due to the fact my mother has a catering business but by far this is the best decision I made to get my career off to a good start.”

Kieran O’Sullivan – HND Hospitality Management (forerunner of DIHM)

# Humanities

- Early Childhood Care & Education
- Certificate in Applied Social Studies





# Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education

Validation:	QQI / FETAC
Framework Level:	Level 5
CAO Code:	Not applicable
Entry Requirements:	<p>ONE or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The learner should have reached the standards of knowledge, skill and competence associated with Level 4 on the National Framework of Qualifications.</li> <li>• OR The learner should have a minimum of a pass Leaving Certificate or Equivalent. Learners do not have to have passed Mathematics or Irish for this course.</li> <li>• OR Mature students should be able to demonstrate an interest in the areas of psychology, sociology and social studies. This will be assessed in their supporting statement accompanying their application form and/or in an interview.</li> <li>• Learners should demonstrate an interest in children and their overall well-being. The learner should be interested in how children develop physically, intellectually, linguistically, emotionally and socially.</li> <li>• A good standard of English.</li> </ul>
Duration:	1 Year Full-Time
Apply:	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE

This programme has been designed to introduce learners to the principles, practices and policies related to the delivery of early childhood care and education in Ireland. The overall aim of this programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to develop the required knowledge, skills and competence in Early Childhood Care and Education.

The full-time programme is aimed at school leavers with a leaving certificate or mature students who wish to up-skill or change career direction. It is aimed at those who wish to work with children in areas such as child care or early childhood education.

In addition to the above, the part-time programme is also aimed at those who may be working in an environment where childcare skills are needed and who wish to up-skill.

### The objectives of the programme include:

- Enabling the learner to explore Early Childhood Care and Education with a view to upskilling or reskilling and exploring concepts and subject areas that may interest the learner in future programmes or employment.
- Supporting the learner to demonstrate a broad range of practice, interpersonal and communication skills in providing for the holistic needs of individuals in a childhood care and education environment.
- Enabling the learner to exercise judgement in selecting appropriate procedural responses to routine, varied and unfamiliar situations and challenges within a childhood care and education setting.

## COURSE OUTLINE:

- Child Development
- Child Health & Well Being
- Communications
- Early Care & Education Practice
- Early Childhood Education & Play
- Equality & Disability
- Human Growth & Development
- Occupational First Aid
- Research & Study Skills
- Social Studies
- Team-working
- Work Experience\*

Learners are responsible for arranging their own work experience placement. This may be completed on a part-time basis over the duration of the course or may be completed “en bloc” during holiday periods.

Candidates completing work experience must themselves obtain Garda Clearance.

## TRANSFER & PROGRESSION

On completion of the programme, the learner will have a number of transfer and progression options available to them. The learner may progress to other programmes leading to a FETAC Level 6 award either with Griffith College or with other FETAC providers. The learner may also progress to the next or higher levels of the National Framework of Qualifications with a Higher Education Provider either through the Central Applications Office or through direct entry through a Higher Education Provider. Career prospects for graduates of this programme include working in an Early Childhood Care and Education setting. Graduates from the programme may progress directly to other related programmes such as the FETAC Level 6 Certificate in Early Childhood care & Education. This follow-on programme is provided widely throughout the country. Graduates from the College’s programmes also regularly progress to related programmes in Irish Universities and Institutes of Technology.

NOTE: THIS COURSE IS NOT OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL VISA-REQUIRED APPLICANTS

## FEES:

See fee list enclosed



# Certificate in Applied Social Studies

Validation:	QQI / FETAC
Framework Level:	Level 5
CAO Code:	Not applicable
Entry Requirements:	<p>A good standard of English.</p> <p>ONE or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The learner should have reached the standards of knowledge, skill and competence associated with Level 4 on the National Framework of Qualifications</li><li>• OR The learner should have a minimum of a pass Leaving Certificate or Equivalent. Learners do not require a pass in Mathematics or Irish for this course.</li><li>• OR Mature students should be able to demonstrate an interest in the areas of psychology, sociology and social studies. This will be assessed in their supporting statement accompanying their application form and/or in an interview.</li></ul>
Duration:	1 Year Full-Time
Apply:	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE

This programme has been designed to introduce learners to the principles, practices and policies related to the delivery of social care in Ireland. The overall aim of this programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to develop the required knowledge, skills and competence in Applied Social Studies.

The Certificate in Applied Social Studies is an excellent introduction to the theory and practice of social studies and social care. It incorporates psychology, sociology and group work.

The syllabus is designed to help students enhance their understanding of diverse groups, to gain deeper understanding of organisations and the group dynamics within organisations.

The programme is aimed at school leavers with a leaving certificate or mature students who wish to up-skill or change career direction. It is aimed at those who wish to enter the caring professions such as social work or social care.

In addition to the above, the programme is also aimed at those who may be working in an environment where social care skills are needed and who wish to up-skill.

### Course Outline:

- Communications
- Equality & Disability
- Human Growth & Development
- Intercultural Studies
- Occupational First Aid
- Psychology
- Social Studies
- Team-working
- Work Experience\*

\*Learners are responsible for arranging their own work experience placement. This may be completed on a part-time basis over the duration of the course or may be completed “en bloc” during holiday periods.

Candidates completing work experience must themselves obtain Garda Clearance.

### TRANSFER & PROGRESSION ●

On completion of the programme, the learner will have a number of transfer and progression options available to them. The learner may transfer to other programmes either with Griffith College or with other FETAC providers or they may progress to other programmes leading to a FETAC Level 6 award. The learner may also progress to the next or higher levels of the National Framework of Qualifications with a Higher Education Provider either through the Central Applications Office or through direct entry through a Higher Education Provider. Graduates from the College’s programmes also regularly progress to related programmes in Irish universities and Institutes of Technology

### FEES: ●

See fee list enclosed

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“I completed the FETAC Level 5 Certificate in Applied Social Studies in 2011/2012 and really enjoyed it. The class size was much smaller than in Secondary School so there was more one to one time with the lecturer. I found the staff in Griffith College really friendly and would help with any problem you had. I really enjoyed it overall.”

Aoife O’Dwyer, Applied Social Studies 2011/2012



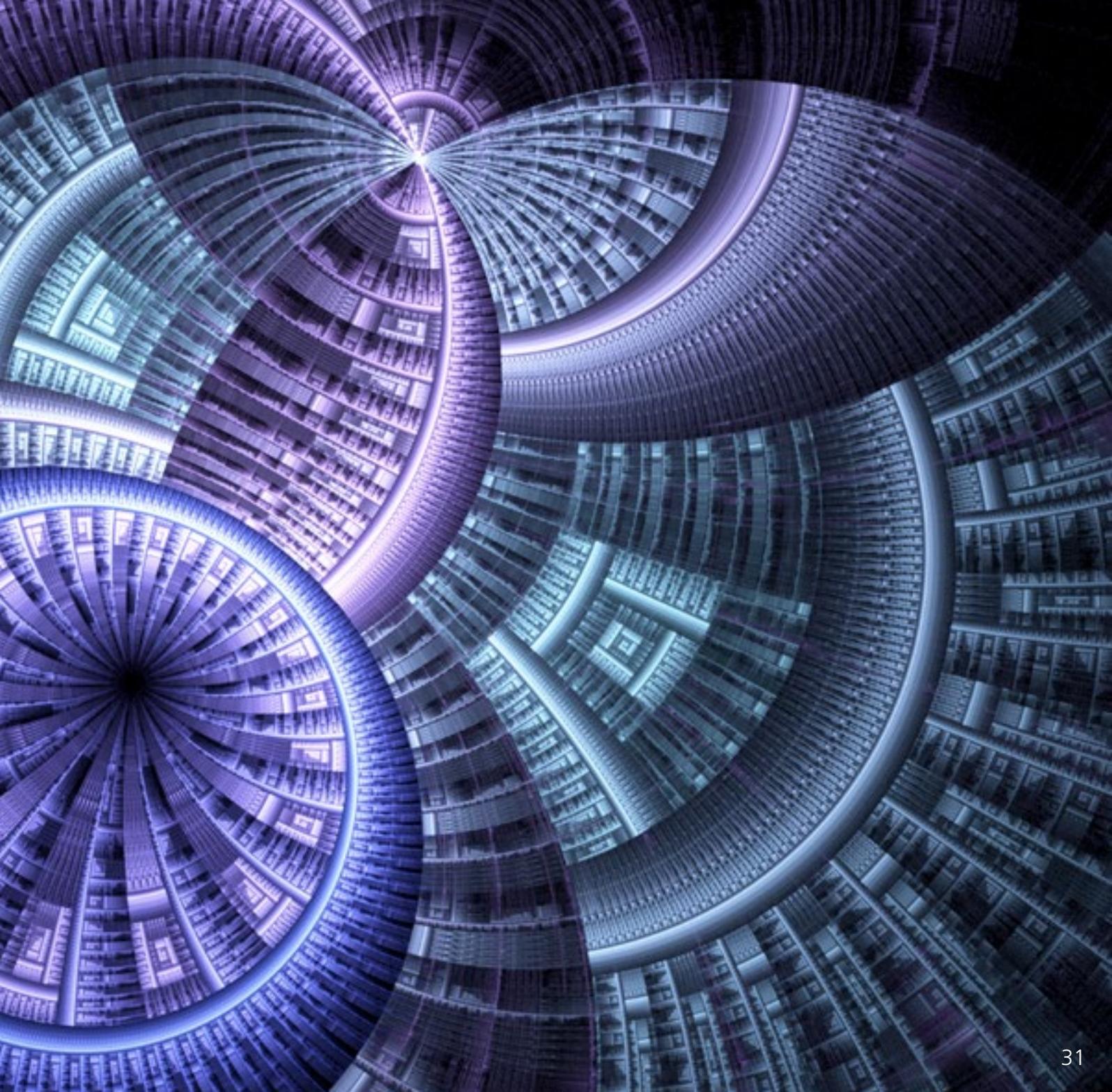
“I knew that I wanted to study in the area of Humanities but I was unsure of the course I wanted to do as this area is so broad. I wanted to have a taste of Social Studies and what it contained before I planned on dedicating the next four years of my life to it. I found this course online and I researched it thoroughly, I also called members of staff to get more information about the course which I found to be very helpful as they gave me a clearer view of the Applied Social Studies course. I found the course to be more than I expected as the help and support I received throughout the year from members of staff and my lecturers in Griffith College was amazing and to a very high standard, the course also offered me hands on experience in this area of social work through my work placement which I found outstanding. This course was a great stepping stone to help me receive a place in third level college, due to this course I now have a place on a Level 8 course in Sligo IT continuing my studies in this area of social studies as I enjoyed it so much. I look forward to the coming year in Sligo IT and hope it will be as good as my past year in Griffith College”

Mairead Popplewell, Applied Social Studies, 2011/2012

# Engineering

- Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Higher National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering





# Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Validation	Pearson BTEC
Framework Level	NFQ Level 6 Equivalent
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	IELTS minimum of 5.5 or Equivalent for International applicants. Recognition for prior learning (RPL) is applied and work experience is taken into account.
Duration	2 years full time
Apply	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The Higher National Diploma has been designed to provide technical training in the areas of electrical and electronic engineering. It provides specialised studies for those currently working in an electronics environment or one in which they intend to seek employment. The programme provides the flexibility, knowledge, skills and motivation as a basis for progression to further study. The BTEC Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering has also been developed with career progression and recognition by professional bodies in mind.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Management Techniques</li> <li>• Analytical Methods for Engineering</li> <li>• Engineering Science</li> <li>• Engineering Design</li> <li>• Electrical and Electronic Principles</li> <li>• Microprocessors Systems</li> <li>• Quality Assurance and Management</li> <li>• Programmable Logic Controllers</li> <li>• Research Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing Processes</li> <li>• Project Design &amp; Implementation</li> <li>• Statistical Process Control</li> <li>• Data Communication &amp; Networks</li> <li>• Combinational and Sequential Logic</li> <li>• Electrical &amp; Electronic &amp; Digital Principals</li> <li>• Utilisation of Electrical Energy</li> </ul>

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION: ●

The BTEC Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering has also been developed with career progression and recognition by professional bodies in mind.

This programme has been designed to improve the career prospects of candidates who are working or wish to work in the field of engineering technicians. Candidates typically take up post as test, or research and development technicians, technical representatives, engineering plant technicians, junior engineers and / or production technicians. It provides them with work-related skills, an appreciation of industry requirements and broad knowledge and understanding of engineering. Those people who are presently employed as manufacturing team members or qualified through apprenticeships as fitters or electricians can use this programme to update their skill and qualifications.

## AWARD ●

The course is awarded by Pearson BTEC (Business & Technology Education Council). The BTEC Advanced Professional Qualifications are Level 5 qualifications on the UK National Qualifications Framework. This equates to Level 6 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

## APPLICATION: ●

- Directly to Griffith College.

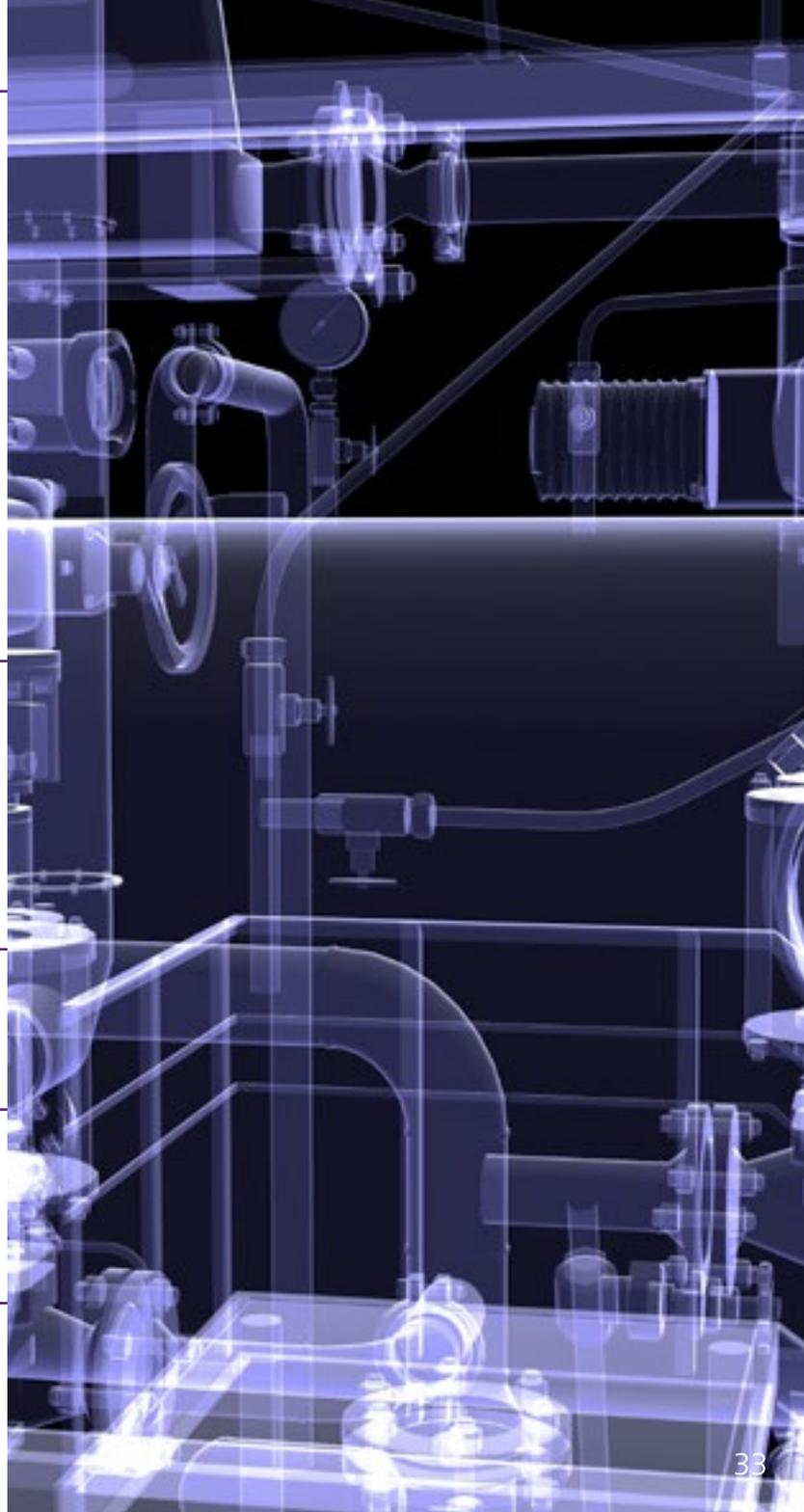
## DIRECT ENTRY STEPS: ●

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## FEES: ●

See fee list enclosed

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# Higher National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering

Validation	Pearson BTEC
Framework Level	NFQ Level 6 Equivalent
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	IELTS minimum of 5.5 or Equivalent for International applicants. Recognition for prior learning (RPL) is applied and work experience is taken into account.
Duration	2 years full time
Apply	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The Higher National Diploma has been designed to provide technical training in the area of manufacturing engineering. It provides specialised studies for those currently working in a manufacturing environment or one in which they intend to seek employment. The programme provides the flexibility, knowledge, skills and motivation as a basis for progression to further study. The BTEC Higher National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering has also been developed with career progression and recognition by professional bodies in mind.

It provides students with work-related skills, an appreciation of industry requirements and broad knowledge and understanding of engineering. Those presently employed as manufacturing team members or qualified through apprenticeships as fitters or electricians can use this programme to update their skill and qualifications.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Management Techniques</li> <li>• Analytical Methods for Engineering</li> <li>• Engineering Science</li> <li>• Engineering Design</li> <li>• Electrical &amp; Electronic Principles</li> <li>• Quality Assurance &amp; Management</li> <li>• Programmable Logic Controllers</li> <li>• Research Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing Electronic Products</li> <li>• Management of Projects</li> <li>• Statistical Process Control</li> <li>• Project Design &amp; Implementation</li> <li>• Planning and Scheduling Principles</li> <li>• Health, Safety and Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Supply Chain Management</li> <li>• Manufacturing Processes</li> </ul>

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

The BTEC Higher National Diploma in manufacturing Engineering has also been developed with career progression and recognition by professional bodies in mind.

This programme has been designed to improve the career prospects of candidates who are working or wish to work in the field of engineering. Candidates typically take up post as test, or research and development technicians, technical representatives, engineering plant technicians, junior engineers and / or production technicians. It provides them with work-related skills, an appreciation of industry requirements and broad knowledge and understanding of engineering.

## APPLICATION:

- Directly to Griffith College.

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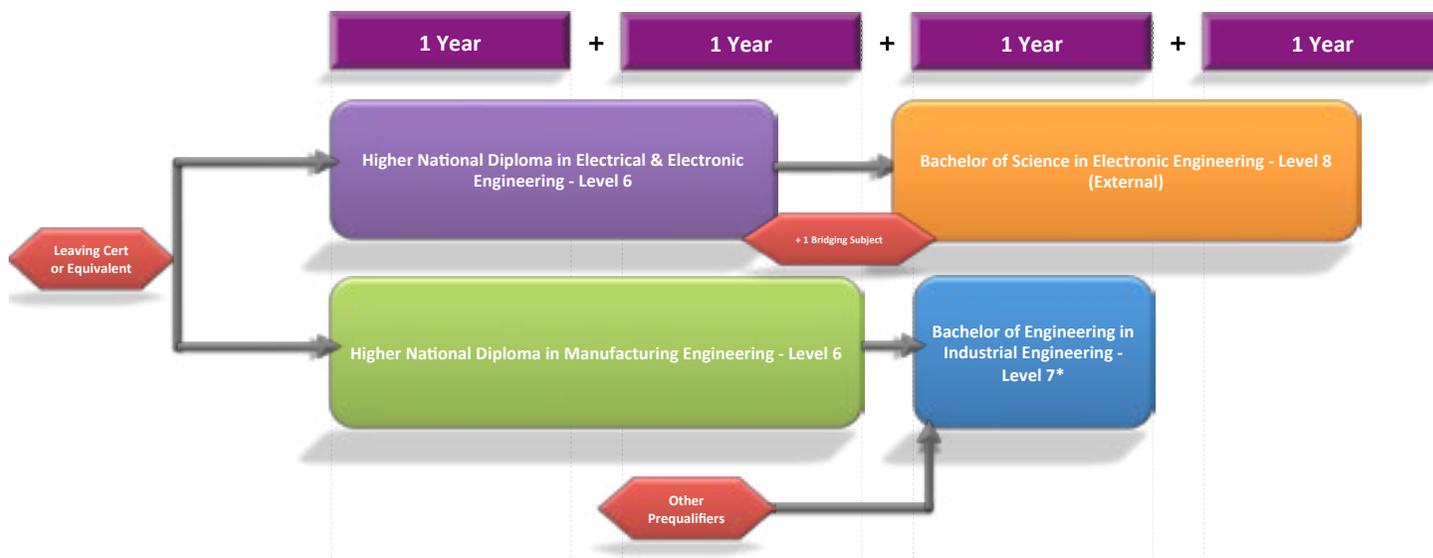
## FEES:

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## ACADEMIC PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

# ENGINEERING COURSES



\*Pending validation

# Computing

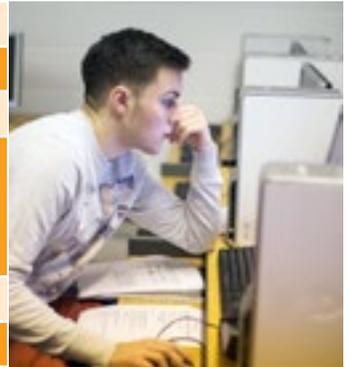
- Higher Diploma in Computing
- Bachelor of Science (Ord.) in Computing
- Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Computing
- Higher Certificate in Computing
- Master of Science Degree in Network Information Security
- Master of Science Degree in Cloud Computing
- Master of Science Degree in Big Data Management & Analytics





# Higher Diploma in Computing

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 8 Higher Diploma
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	Level 8 honours degree in any discipline or International equivalent and/or relevant work experience. Griffith College welcome applicants who do not meet the requirements set out above but who have extensive industry experience.
Duration	1 Year full time
Apply	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The primary reason why students choose this course is to change the focus of their careers. The widespread impact that computing science has on our daily lives cannot be underestimated; neither can the job prospects on completion of this course.

This course is ideal for non-computing graduates who want to compete favourably against computing science graduates for the broad range of computing opportunities available.

The course is designed to meet the on-going industry demand for computer professionals. With three themes focusing on current and future growth areas in computing, this higher diploma programme bridges the gap between non-computing disciplines and computing science. Its specific aim is to provide rigorous and stimulating classes for students who wish to acquire theoretical and practical training in computing and, particularly, in software development.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Programming</li> <li>• Computer Architecture and Organisation</li> <li>• Data Communications and Networks</li> <li>• Discrete Mathematics</li> <li>• Relational Databases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programming and Data Structures</li> <li>• Object Oriented Development</li> <li>• Operating System Design</li> <li>• HCI and GUI Programming</li> <li>• Software Engineering for Web Applications</li> </ul>

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION: ●

On completion of the Level 8 Higher Diploma postgraduate qualification, students may progress onto a range of Level 9 programmes on the National Qualifications Framework.

Students will find opportunities as IT Managers, technical applications developers and consultants, systems analysts, database administrators, network managers and other leading computing science roles, in academia and also in industry research and development roles.

## APPLICATION: ●

- Step 1: Fill out the online application form or download the application form, complete and send to our Admissions Office.
- Step 2: Send a copy of prior qualifications by email.
- Step 3: Our Admissions Team will endeavour to contact you within 5 working days if you are successful in gaining a place.

## FOR POSTGRADUATE COURSES: ●

Postgraduate applicants may apply directly to Griffith College. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of their undergraduate degree final results for entry. Griffith College welcomes applications from those who do not meet the academic requirements but who have extensive industry experience. For such applications, an additional interview will be required. Contact the Admissions Office for more details.



# Bachelor of Science (Ord.) in Computing

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 7 Degree
CAO Code	GC 335
Requirements	5D3s (Ord) to include a language and Maths.
Duration	3 years Full time
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The BSc in Computing Science course prepares students for a wide range of software development opportunities in both Irish and multinational companies.

This degree programme aims to develop the skills and competencies required for the effective design of software systems. The course introduces students to a broad range of problem-solving techniques, all of which are directly applicable to the range of IT problems that arise in commercial settings. Students have the opportunity to work in teams as well as on solo projects.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Programming</li> <li>• Effective Learning &amp; Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Object Oriented Development</li> <li>• Data Structures, Algorithms and Complexity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programming Paradigms</li> <li>• Emerging Technologies</li> </ul>
<b>COMPUTER SYSTEMS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Hardware</li> <li>• Systems Software</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relational Databases</li> <li>• Operating System Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks &amp; Data Communications</li> <li>• Practical Networking</li> </ul>
<b>BUSINESS SOLUTIONS &amp; DESIGN</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Client-side Web Development,</li> <li>• Business Information Systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems Analysis and Design</li> <li>• Server-side Web Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCI &amp; GUI Programming</li> <li>• New Enterprise Development, Group Project</li> </ul>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of Computing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probability and Statistics</li> <li>• Linear Algebra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> </ul>

*Learner protection for all QQI / HETAC programmes is provided in accordance with Section 43 of the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999*

### CAREERS / PROGRESSION: ●

On completion of the Level 7 degree, students may progress onto a range of Level 8 programmes on the National Qualifications Framework.

Further study options at Griffith College include transfer onto the final year of the Level 8 BSc in Computing Science (QQI / HETAC) where, on completion of work experience, students are required to complete a number of significant software development projects which have a strong industry focus and help consolidate and reinforce knowledge acquired from taught modules.

Our graduates work as assistant software project leaders, computer technology consultants, MIS (Management Information Systems) personnel, software engineers, systems analysts, applications programmers etc. across a wide range of industry sectors.

### APPLICATION: ●

Full time Applicants under 23 years of age should apply through CAO. Mature applicants for full time or part time and applicants under 23 years of age for part time should apply directly to Griffith College. International applicants should also apply directly.

For further information on the correct application procedure for you, please contact the Admissions Office for more details.

### DIRECT ENTRY STEPS: ●

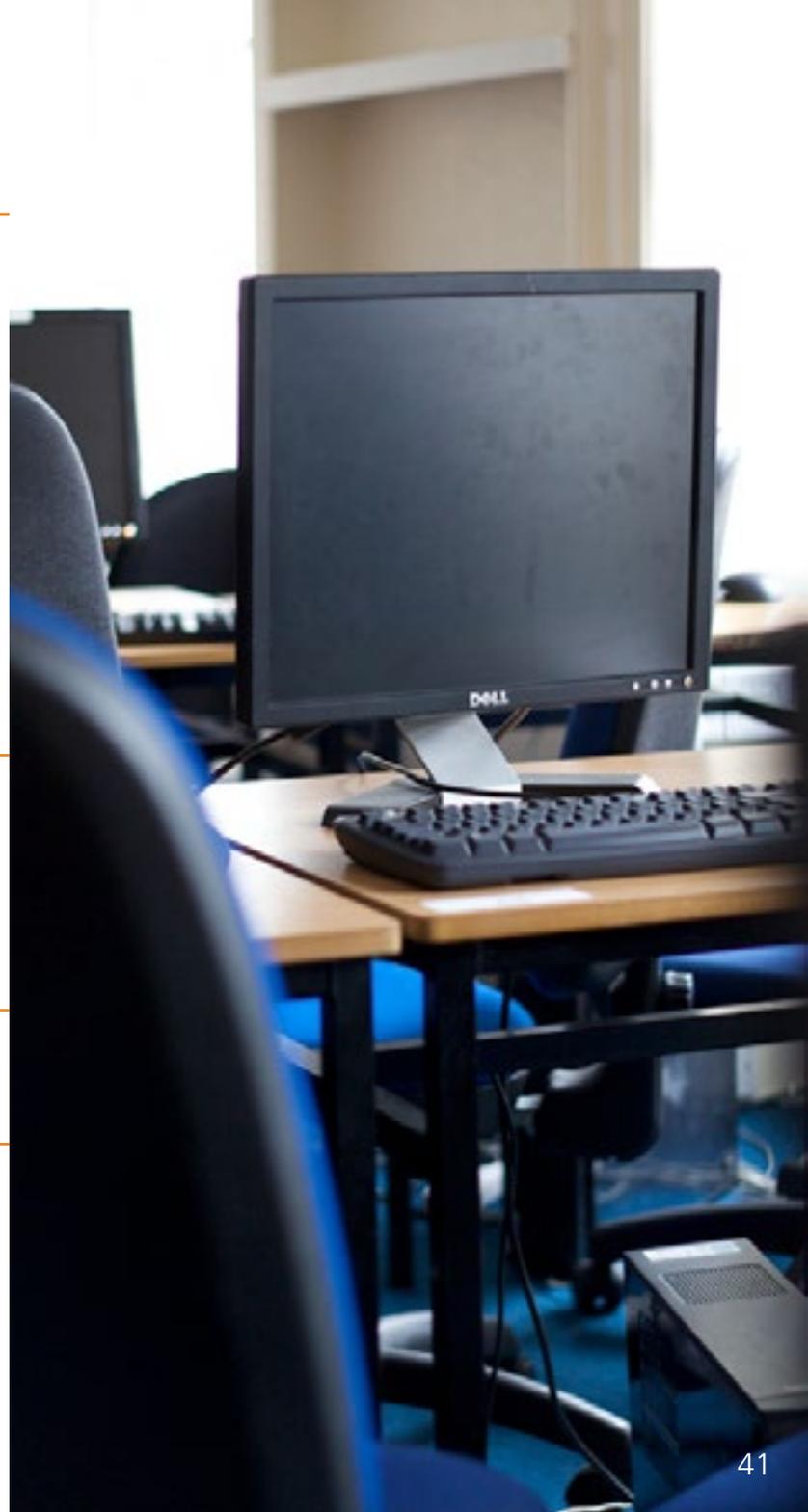
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### FEES: ●

See fee list enclosed

*'I choose Griffith College Limerick because of the small class sizes and the city centre location. The lecturers here are excellent and are very easy to approach. I have met students from all over the world and have made many new friends'*

Mary Walsh, Bachelor of Science in Computing



# Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Computing

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 8 Degree
CAO Code	GC 330
Requirements	215 points / 2C3s (Hons) + 4D3s (Ord) to include a language and Maths
Duration	4 years
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The BSc (Hons) in Computing Science course prepares students for a wide range of software development opportunities in both Irish and multinational companies.

On successful completion, students will be experts in the application of computing science with the ability to reflect and adapt to both technical and market developments. The content and skills learned are relevant to current and emerging job opportunities in the industry, including aspects of cloud computing and web development.

Students are required to complete a number of significant software development projects which have a strong industry focus and help consolidate and reinforce knowledge acquired from taught modules.



## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer Programming</li><li>• Effective Learning &amp; Development</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Object Oriented Development</li><li>• Data Structures &amp; Algorithms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programming Paradigms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concurrent Programming (C)</li><li>• Emerging Technologies (E)</li><li>• Games Development (E)</li></ul>
<b>COMPUTER SYSTEMS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer Hardware</li><li>• Systems Software</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relational Databases</li><li>• Operating System Design</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Networks &amp; Data Communications</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced Network Theory (C)</li><li>• Database Management (E)</li><li>• Distributed Systems (E)</li><li>• Practical Networking (E)</li></ul>
<b>BUSINESS SOLUTIONS &amp; DESIGN</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Client-side Web Development</li><li>• Business Information Systems</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Systems Analysis and Design</li><li>• Server-side Web Development</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HCI &amp; GUI Programming</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Software Development Project (C)</li><li>• Artificial Intelligence (E)</li></ul>
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foundations of Computing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Probability and Statistics</li><li>• Linear Algebra</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Formal Design</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer Graphics (E)</li><li>• Formal Specifications (C)</li></ul>

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## WORK PLACEMENT: ●

Will take place in second semester of year 3.

## ELECTIVES: ●

3 electives(E) will be taken in year 4 along with all core(C) modules.

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION: ●

On completion of the Level 8 honours degree, students may progress onto a range of Level 9 programmes on the National Qualifications Framework.

Further study options at Griffith College include a range of Postgraduate Diplomas in Networking, Software Development and Information Management, an MSc in Computing Science (QQI / HETAC) and an MSc in Applied Digital Media (QQI / HETAC). Selected module content covers professional course material (granted by CISCO, Microsoft, Sun Microsystems Inc., etc.) which also provides students with sufficient knowledge to undertake professional qualifications.

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## APPLICATION: ●

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## DIRECT ENTRY STEPS: ●

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## FEES: ●

See fee list enclosed

# Higher Certificate in Computing

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 6
CAO Code	GC 340
Requirements	5 D3s (Ord) to include a language and Maths
Duration	2 years Full time
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## ABOUT THE COURSE:

The Higher Certificate in Computing is a two year full-time/part-time programme that prepares you for a wide range of software development opportunities in both Irish and multinational companies.

The course, spread over four semesters, covers the full range of both software and hardware topics, highly relevant in today's growing IT industry. You will have an opportunity to use what you learn by developing software systems in individual and group-based learning situations.

## COURSE CONTENT:

Year 1	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Programming</li> <li>• Computer Hardware</li> <li>• Systems Software</li> <li>• Foundations of Computing</li> <li>• Client-side Web Development</li> <li>• Business Information Systems</li> <li>• Effective Learning &amp; Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Object-Oriented Development</li> <li>• Data Structures &amp; Algorithms</li> <li>• Relational Databases</li> <li>• Systems Analysis and Design</li> <li>• Operating System Design</li> <li>• Linear Algebra</li> <li>• Probability and Statistics</li> <li>• Server-side Web Development</li> </ul>

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

### Progression

On successful completion of this certificate students may progress to the third year of the Level 7 BSc (Ordinary) in Computing and the Level 8 BSc (Honours) in Computing.

### Careers

Students will be ideally positioned to succeed as part of a business software development team or in the management of IT departments. You will be able to select and apply appropriate techniques to specific development projects and identify a wide range of techniques for software development.

## APPLICATION:

Full time Applicants under 23 years of age should apply through CAO. Mature applicants for full time or part time and applicants under 23 years of age for part time should apply directly to Griffith College. International applicants should also apply directly. For further information on the correct application procedure for you, please contact the Admissions Office for more details.

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## FEES:

See fee list enclosed

# Master of Science in Network Information Security

Validation	QQI (QQI / HETAC)
Framework Level	Level 9
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	Candidates are required to have at least a 2.2 level 8 honours degree in Computing or related discipline, or at least a 2.2 Higher Diploma in Computing or related discipline, or the International equivalent.
Duration	1 Year Full time
Apply	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## COURSE OVERVIEW:

There is a tangible speed of development in the area of Network Security and the domain of protecting digital assets in industry. This programme is beneficial to graduates who are already working in industry and are looking to return to education to up-skill, and also, to graduates who are new to the field and are keen to take advantage in the current pace of activity in the job market.

## INTERIM AWARD:

Postgraduate Diploma in Network Security

## COURSE CONTENT:

Research Methods	Telecommunication Networks and Services
Managing Information Security	Computer Forensics
Cryptography	IT Infrastructure Protection & Ethical Hacking
Legal and Ethical Aspects of Information Security	Network Security Technologies
Dissertation / Dissertation by Practice	

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

Academic: Candidates can progress to cognate MSc programmes or PhD level

## EMPLOYMENT:

The pace of change in industry makes this course an attractive proposition for candidates;

All industries (both technology industries and industries that rely heavily on technology) are embracing new information systems that can be built to empower employees in all areas of function within an organisation. Computer security teams, and particularly those concerned with the advancement in new networked systems face a potential roadblock in provisioning secure systems that meet organisational goals. Ambition to build powerful decision making systems is currently being disrupted by a lack of skills to protect the systems appropriately. As a result, the job market is progressively becoming more active in attracting candidates with a formal background in the area of digital security in general, and the focus areas delivered through this programme.

This programme is directly relevant for graduates in the job market in that the delivery and learning of the core topics are directly transferable to many different domains. For instance, the modules on this programme prepare candidates with the necessary skillset and foundation for jobs in eDiscovery, digital forensics, network engineering and security project management.

# Master of Science in Cloud Computing

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 9
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	Candidates are required to have at least a 2.2 level 8 honours degree in Computing or related discipline, or at least a 2.2 Higher Diploma in Computing or related discipline, or the International equivalent.
Duration	1 Year
Apply	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## COURSE OVERVIEW:

Since the first major platforms for cloud computing were released in 2005 there has been continuously growing interest in the development and use of such platforms. This programme is aimed at those who already work in industry but are looking to specialise in cloud computing, or graduates who have completed a degree in computing science and intend to specialise in Cloud Computing. Web facing companies are switching to the cloud computing paradigm either publicly (by using a cloud such as Amazon EC2, Google Cloud or Windows Azure) or privately (by building their own in-house cloud) as a method of consolidating and maximising use of resources. This shift in paradigm requires graduates who are well versed in the construction and use of cloud systems. In order for companies to effectively leverage the use of cloud platforms they need candidates with the knowledge to build fully function cloud applications that are efficient, such that costs are reduced to a minimum, secure from attacks from malicious outsiders but also insiders if a public cloud is used, but most importantly scalable such that there is no modification required when demand increases. These focus areas are delivered through this programme.

## INTERIM AWARD:

Postgraduate Diploma in Cloud Computing

## COURSE CONTENT:

Research Methods	New and Emerging Technologies	Cloud Computing
Concurrent and Parallel Programming	Algorithm Design and Analysis	Cloud Application Architectures
Cloud Security and Privacy	Core Cloud Technologies	Dissertation / Dissertation by Practice

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

Academic: Graduates of the MSc in Cloud Computing will be eligible to apply for entry to cognate MSc programmes, or for PhD programmes.

## EMPLOYMENT:

The number of cloud computing jobs available in the market is still increasing and graduates of this programme will be in high demand upon graduation.

This programme is also compelling for graduates in the job market as skill sets are directly transferable to other areas. Security is required in all application development, the parallel nature of the cloud and the techniques used to exploit parallelism are applicable to all computing devices that have been recently developed.

NOTE: THIS COURSE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE LIMERICK CAMPUS TO STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE A STUDY VISA

# Master of Science in Big Data Management & Analytics

Validation	QQI / HETAC
Framework Level	Level 9
CAO Code	Not applicable
Requirements	Candidates are required to have at least a 2.2 Level 8 honours degree in Computing or related discipline, or at least a 2.2 Higher Diploma in Computing or related discipline, or the International equivalent.
Duration	1 Year Full time
Apply	Directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## COURSE OVERVIEW:

Technology advancements in the area of communications, computing and data have been occurring, driven by industry, over the past 15 years. As the Internet has become more pervasive in the business community, and more and more industries rely on and depend on Internet operations, huge volumes of data have become commonplace. This course is designed to equip graduates with a skillset created through the study of core foundation modules, through introductory modules to cutting edge technology and master skill development on carefully chosen industry requirement topics. This programme provides candidates with the right skillset to start (or formally enhance) a career in the exciting area of big data and analytics by preparing them in the formal foundations of data analysis, algorithm design applied in latest cloud environments using the latest big data technologies.

## INTERIM AWARD:

Postgraduate Diploma in Big Data Management and Analytics

## COURSE CONTENT:

Research Methods	Big Data Analytics	Information Retrieval and Web Search
Concurrent and Parallel Programming	Cloud Computing	Big Data Management
Data Mining Algorithms and Techniques	Applied Data Science	Dissertation / Dissertation by Practice

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

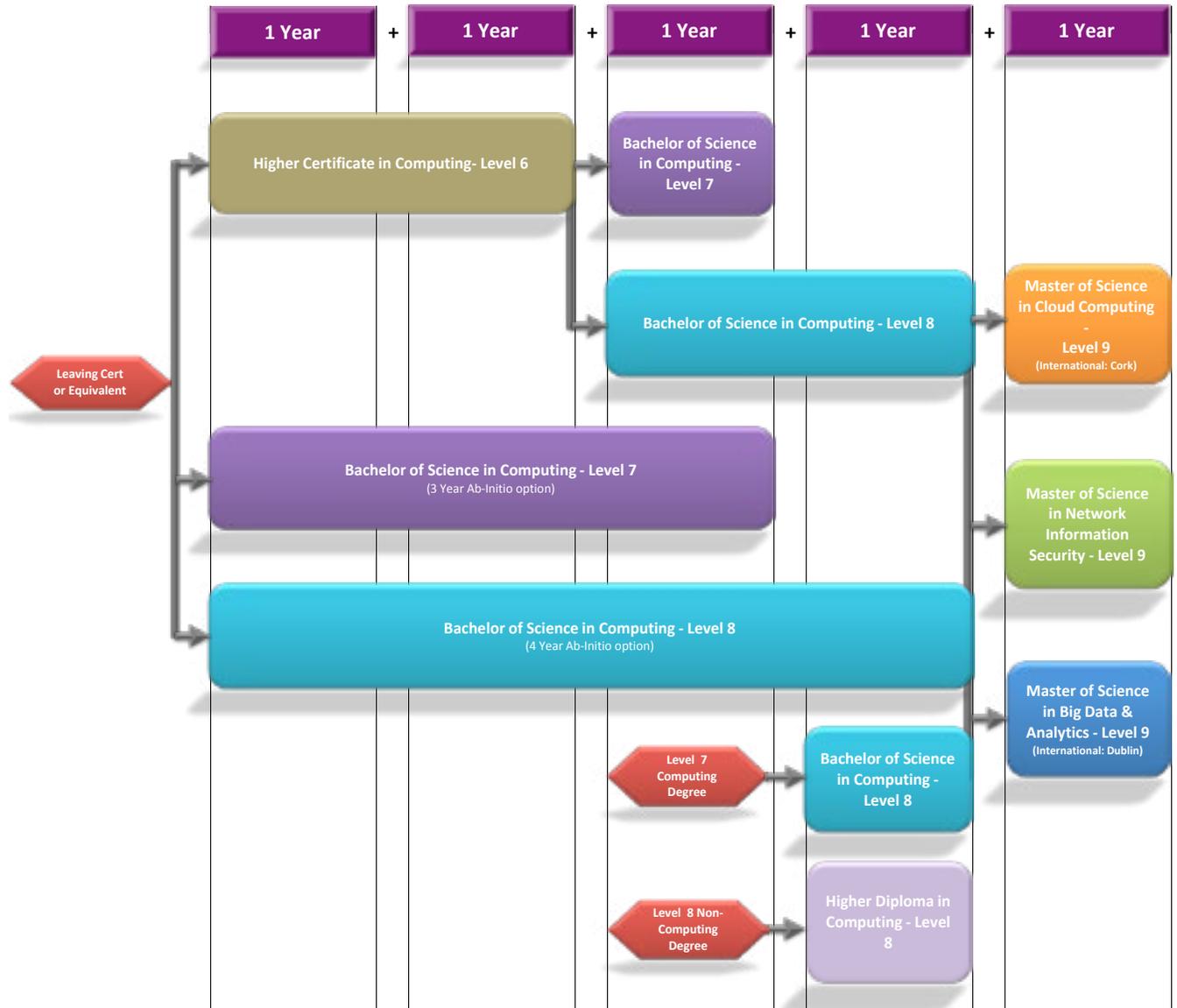
Academic: Candidates can progress to cognate MSc programmes or PhD Level.

## EMPLOYMENT:

This programme is ideally suited to candidates who are preparing for a career in Analytics, Big Data, Cloud Computing or a combination of all three. As industry reacts to the need for embracing these new paradigms, there is a demand for suitable candidates. The skillsets gained through this qualification allow candidates to operate successfully in environments where high volumes of data are normal.

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# COMPUTER COURSES



# LAW

- Certificate in Legal Studies



# Certificate in Legal Studies

Validation	QQI / HETAC / QQI
Framework Level	Level 6
CAO Code	GC 325
Requirements	5 passes (Grade D3) in the Leaving Certificate, to include English or, four GCSE passes at grade C to include English plus one pass at A-level
Duration	1 year
Apply	Through the CAO or directly at <a href="https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online">https://www.griffith.ie/apply-online</a>



## COURSE CONTENT:

Semester One	Semester two
Introduction to Legal System 1 Introduction to the Law of Tort Introduction to the Law of Contract I.T Skills Learning and Research Skills 1 Personal and Career Development	Introductions to the Irish Legal System 2 Introduction to Criminal Law Introduction to Constitutional Law Learning and Research Skills 2 Work Placement

## CAREERS / PROGRESSION:

Once the Certificate in Legal Studies and Practice is complete the student can go on to immediate entry in to Diploma in Legal Studies and Practice or the LLB (Hons) Degree in Irish Law or the BA in Business and Law.

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# THE LIMERICK CAMPUS



# WHY CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK

## OUR TEACHING

- You will not be lost in the crowd. Highly experienced and qualified lecturers and trainers, dedicated to providing personal attention to each student. Small class sizes ensure that all learners are assisted and supported in achieving an optimum learning experience.

## REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

- 40th Anniversary in 2014. Thousands of successful graduates over forty years.
- Reputation for excellence in education provision and employment placement. A Griffith degree means something of value to industry professionals. Our qualifications are delivered to the highest academic standards.
- Our students regularly achieve world-class recognition from validating partners

## PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

- Wide range of programmes from Level 5 up to Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Internal and / or external progression is available on all QQI courses.

## CONTINUED GROWTH

- Relocation to a state of the art, larger premises on O'Connell Avenue. Ongoing development of employment-focused courses.

## LOCATION

- The campus is located in Limerick city centre. Limerick is a medieval city, standing where the River Shannon, the longest river in the British Isles, becomes tidal. As an historic place it has many interesting features as well as being an important port and industrial centre. The city itself dates from at least the Viking settlement in 812.
- Limerick, European City of Culture in 2014 and tourist capital of the Midwest Region, is a University City and home to many centres of learning. The many cafes,

restaurants, cinemas, music venues, pubs and clubs to choose from makes it an exciting place for students. There are few better cities in which to enjoy your time at college. The city's mix of cultural and sporting success, along with the variety of social and activity-based entertainment available to students, makes Limerick an ideal place to study. At Griffith College Limerick you will be in the heart of it, just a few minutes' walk from the city centre itself.

## SUPPORTIVE AND FRIENDLY CAMPUS

- Friendly and welcoming campus created by our students and staff. There is a great diversity of backgrounds and cultures among our student body.
- Free maths tuition sessions for Leaving Certificate students
- Maths tests for entry / failed maths / no need to repeat.

## VALIDATING PARTNERS

Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI / HETAC)



Edinburgh Business School / Heriot-Watt University



Business & Technology Education Council (Pearson BTEC)



Accreditation & Co-ordination of English Language Services ]



## STUDENT SERVICES

### Library

- The College provides access to a wide range of reading materials in our library. The College Intranet (Moodle) offers information and guidelines required by students, staff and lecturers. Students can log on to the system – either from home or from one of the many campus network points – and access lecture notes, examination material, library resources, along with a host of additional information to make student life easier.

### Computing & Information Services

- All students have access to an extensive range of computing facilities.
- WIFI internet access is available throughout the College with free web access.

### Equipment

- IT equipment is checked on a regular basis by our IT Manager. However, the College cannot always ensure that all of the equipment will function correctly each and every day. For this reason, the IT Manager is on-site for examinations as a precaution should any technical issue arise that impedes on an examination. Should a technical issue arise, learners will be offered additional time to complete an examination in order to compensate for time lost.

### Careers & Appointments Service

- Preparation for Work.
- Curriculum Vitae & Cover Letter preparation.
- Interview Preparation & Interview Skills.
- “Mock” Interviews.
- Assistance in securing employment.
- The 2015 / 2016 offering of full and part-time programmes have been designed to meet the needs of students and potential employers alike.
- At Griffith College, our commitment to our students does not cease after graduation.
- All of our graduates are welcomed and encouraged to avail of our free Recruitment Service which has assisted graduates in securing employment within the Mid-West region.

## OTHER SERVICES

### Student Handbook

Our Student Handbook is available to you when you register for your course. It will guide you through everything from lecture room locations to College regulations. Faculty Guidelines will also be issued to you, providing important contact details and information specific to your course.

We also arrange an induction for all our new students. Induction will introduce students to key staff members and student services. Faculty Heads and Lecturers will present students with an overview of their chosen course.

### Students with Disabilities and Special Needs

For applicants with disabilities wishing to pursue an academic programme at the College, we recommend that you contact the College in writing with details of the nature and extent of your disability. This will allow us to give you the best advice prior to application. Applicants will be given ample opportunity to advise the College of any specific requirements and can be assured that this disclosure will not adversely affect their application or legal rights in any way.

### Common Room

A Common Room is provided for students where they can relax, study or watch television. Fridges, a microwave oven and vending of soft drinks / snacks are available in the Common Room.

## FEES INFORMATION

Course fees on certain programmes cover the cost of tuition only. Registration and examination fees may be extra and are payable directly to the awarding body. Contact the College administration team for further detailed information.

### Free Fees Option!

Griffith College has launched a new Student Exchange Initiative, which will allow Irish families to receive a subvention for providing accommodation and board to an International student from the College; this will be offset against Griffith College tuition fees, resulting effectively in free fees.

In response to feedback from its students, the current difficult economic climate and with the need for Ireland to develop stronger links with key overseas markets, Griffith College is introducing this scheme to encourage Irish students to develop a more global outlook, whilst offsetting the cost of their college fees for a year.

### Scholarship

Griffith College Scholarship Scheme Established in 2001, the Griffith College Scholarship Scheme is designed for students who wish to enter a programme of study at the College but are unable to do so due to financial constraints or social circumstances. The scheme is open to students interested in applying for our full-time undergraduate programmes and who are presently attending an approved second level institution. It is envisaged that students who would not otherwise have access to the course of their choice at Griffith College Limerick could do so under this initiative. Application forms and details can be obtained from your school or from the Administration Office at Griffith College Limerick. The closing date for applications is April 30th each year and a decision will be made by May 31st regarding successful applications. In 2008, the scholarship scheme was extended to include one scholarship for a FETAC student.

### Refund Policy – EU Students

All courses run subject to demand and the formation of a viable class cohort. A refund will be given to all applicants in the event that a course does not commence. A refund of the deposit, less an administration fee of €100 will be given to candidates who withdraw their application up to two weeks before course commencement.

Once a student has enrolled on and commenced a programme of study, no part of any course fee is refundable. No refund will be made under any circumstances to students who fail to attend classes or who do not complete a course.

## STUDENT INTAKES

There are two opportunities to commence study at Griffith during the academic year. As follows:

September / October	January / February
Autumn Intake	Spring Intake

*The following full-time courses commence in spring, subject to sufficient numbers applying:*

### Business

- Bachelor of Arts (Ord.) in Business (BABO)
- Higher Certificate in Business (HCB)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Professional Diploma in Management & Leadership (PDML)\*

### Computing

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCO)
- Higher Certificate in Computing (HCC)
- Higher Diploma in Computing (HDC)
- Master of Science in Network Information Security
- Master of Science in Cloud Computing\*
- Master of Science in Big Data Management & Analytics\*

### Hospitality

- Diploma in International Hospitality Management (DIHM)

### Engineering

- Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering (HND E&EE)\*
- Higher National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering (HND ME)\*

\*NOT AVAILABLE TO STUDY-VISA APPLICANTS

## PART-TIME COURSES

A full range of part-time courses is also available at Griffith College Limerick including:

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- QQI | HETAC Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) Degree in Business Studies
- QQI | HETAC Bachelor of Science (Ord.) Degree in Computing Science
- QQI | HETAC Bachelor of Engineering (Ord.) Degree in Industrial Engineering (pending validation)
- MSc in Network Information Security
- MSc in Cloud Computing
- MSc in Big Data Management and Analytics
- Diploma in Project Management
- ACCA Qualification
- ACCA Diploma in Accounting & Business
- ATI Accounting Technician
- QQI | FETAC Early Childhood Care & Education
- QQI | FETAC Certificate in Applied Social Studies
- BTEC Professional Diploma in Management & Leadership
- BTEC Higher National Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- BTEC Higher National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
- ICM Diploma in Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations & Sales
- ICM Diploma in Business Management
- ICM Diploma in Human Resource Management
- ICM Certificate | Diploma in Online Marketing & Digital Strategy

Visit [www.griffith.ie](http://www.griffith.ie) for more information



## GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Graduations take place in the month of November each year. Since 2006 Griffith College Limerick graduations have taken place in the magnificent one-thousand year-old St Mary's Cathedral on Bridge Street in Limerick City Centre. The ceremony marks an end and a beginning. The end of study is an opportunity for graduates to celebrate their accomplishments in the company of family and friends. It is also an opportunity for the academic and administrative staff to celebrate the culmination of their work and encouragement over the years. As a beginning it marks the transition from the world of education into the world of work for the graduates.

Each year the College rewards outstanding achievements of our students in various categories including the Student of the Year Award. This award is presented for outstanding academic achievement or successes gained in the face of personal adversity.

Graduation gowns are available for hire for the formal part of the ceremony and professional photographers are available on the day to capture graduation photographs as a memento of the day.





## IRISH NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS (NFQ)

All of Griffith College’s full-time courses are aligned to the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). The NFQ is the single Internationally accepted body through which all learning attainments in Ireland can be measured and related to each other. It defines the relationship between all education and training awards. It was developed by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI).

### Ten-level system

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is a ten-level system (1–10) giving an academic or vocational value to qualifications obtained in Ireland.

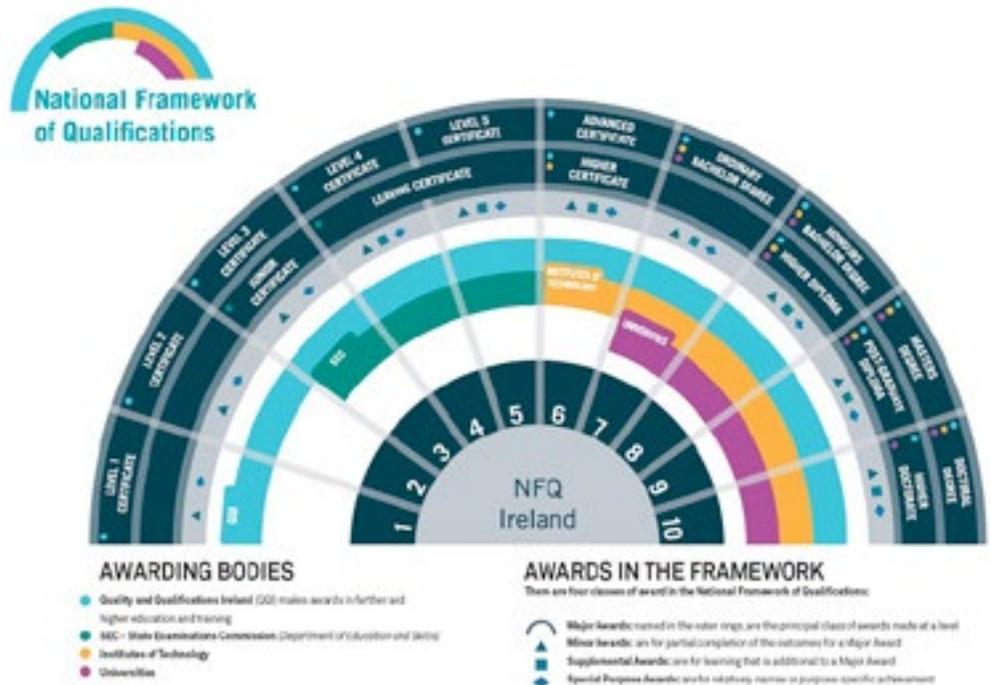
NFQ levels help indicate how an award can be used for training, education and employment opportunities (see fan diagram).

Each level is based on nationally agreed standards of what a learner is expected to know and be able to do after receiving an award.

QQI is Ireland’s guardian of the NFQ system. We are responsible for the quality assurance of providers of education and training. We also have responsibility for the validation of qualifications and also make some awards ourselves.

NFQ serves several purposes.

- It ensures awards obtained in Ireland are quality-assured and recognised Internationally
- It is part of a system for comparing Irish and International awards
- It supports lifelong learning by recognising knowledge and skills within a comparative framework even if they are not recognised by a formal award
- It provides a system of establishing eligibility in learning processes for access, transfer and progression
- It recognises awards made by professional bodies





# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Griffith College has the privilege of welcoming students from all over the world. Students currently studying in our Limerick campus come from Asia, Africa and Europe, as well as Ireland. We are proud to say that our campus is truly multi-cultural. We welcome the social and academic contribution that International students bring to the learning environment of the College. Courses available to International students are recognised worldwide and are listed on the Internationalisation Register.

## LIVING IN IRELAND

Ireland in the 21st century is an exciting place to live and study. Our blend of tradition and contemporary life is unique. We are proud and protective of our ancient culture, yet we have embraced our role as a centre for the digital revolution and International trade. Over 4.1 million people enjoy our mild, oceanic climate and a landscape that stretches across lakes and mountains, and more than 2,000 miles of coastline which attracts over 8 million tourists to our shores yearly.

In recent years Ireland has become a global centre for the banking, telecommunications, pharmaceutical and software industries. With an impressively high quality of life and a well-educated workforce, many International companies have set up their European headquarters in the country. Ireland has one of the highest economic growth rates in the EU and much of this success can be attributed to our educational system. Our long and impressive academic tradition has been established over many years and, today, the country offers one of the highest standards of education in the world.

## APPLICATION

Students from visa required countries must apply for a study visa for Ireland. Generally the following documentation is required to support a visa application:

1. Visa application form.
2. Student visa declaration form.
3. Education documents from high school and University where applicable.
4. English proficiency certificate such as IELTS or TOEFL.
5. Evidence of finances - you should be able to demonstrate that you (or your sponsor) have sufficient funds to support your living expenses while in Ireland and be able to meet the cost of the programme. The Immigration office recommends student to have access to €7,000 per year for living expenses.
6. Proof of Medical Insurance - GCL will provide medical insurance for all students.
7. Proof of payment.
8. Proof of enrolment on the stated course.
9. Evidence of previous immigration and travel history, if any.
10. Evidence of previous work experience, if any.

## FREE ACCOMMODATION

The College offers two weeks free accommodation to new students on arrival in Limerick. Students have the opportunity to acclimatise to their new environment, extend their permission to remain in Ireland, open a bank account, request College letters, secure a student card and medical insurance during this time. Students can remain in the student accommodation provided after the free two week period or secure alternative accommodation.



This offer is void where students fail to comply with the rules and regulations of the free accommodation providers. Where this occurs students will pay for the period in question.

Should a student require the free accommodation option it is his or her responsibility to ensure that the College is aware of this requirement in sufficient time for it to be arranged well ahead of the student's arrival.

### FREE AIRPORT PICK-UP

A bus service, paid for by the College, is available for students who fly into Dublin Airport. The procedure for availing of this service is available from the student's agent or country representative. Students who fly into Shannon Airport can avail of our taxi service.

In all cases it is the student's responsibility to ensure that the College has exact details of their arrival date, time, airline name and flight number. Otherwise an airport pickup cannot be guaranteed. Students are advised not to travel at weekends or during the Christmas period.

### COURSE TRANSFERS

Applicants must fully familiarise themselves with courses available at Griffith College Limerick prior to coming to Ireland. Course changes are not permitted on arrival, except on a rare occasion where the College requests a student to change courses where the original course is not running. Students cannot transfer to a course at a lower level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) than the course for which they received a visa.

### CAMPUS TRANSFERS

Applicants must fully familiarise themselves with courses, facilities and amenities available at Griffith College Limerick and with the city itself. Campus changes are not permitted on arrival or during the first year of study. Students may request a change after one year.

Note that in the context of course and campus transfer requests that visas are issued by the Department of Justice for a specific course at a specific campus on the basis of the student profile.

### REFUND POLICY

Refunds are made where an applicant is refused a visa for a Non-Approval in Principal course. Once a visa has been issued no refunds will be made except where the College requests a student to change course. In this case where the value of the second course is lower a refund of the difference will be made. Where the course onto which the student is transferring is of higher value,

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

All students are tested for their English language proficiency on arrival in Ireland regardless of their formal English language test score. Those who come to Ireland with a score less than the permitted entry minimum are required to undertake English language classes for a minimum of three months, which they are required to pay for in advance. At the end of this period they are retested and if passed will proceed to the academic course. If failed will continue on English until the requisite level is achieved.

If a student comes to Ireland with a score less than the permitted entry minimum and passes the entry test the payment made will be credited off of the second year tuition fees. In the case of a one-year course being undertaken the English language fee will be refunded to the student.

If a student comes to Ireland with a score equal to or more than the permitted entry minimum and fails the English test they will be required to undertake English language classes for a minimum of three months, which they are required to pay. At the end of this period they are retested and if passed will proceed to the academic course. If failed will continue on English until the requisite level is achieved

See Griffith School of Languages section of this prospectus

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

International students are free to avail of all of the services listed in Section 6. Additional support services are available to assist in the transition to a new country. These include, online letter requests,

arranging of medical insurance, a student liaison service to assist with orientation or other pastoral issues, assistance with job search, and assistance with accommodation sourcing.

## WORKING IN IRELAND

While we understand that International students will wish to work while in Limerick we would remind all incoming students that they are in Ireland on a study visa and study must at all times take precedence over work commitments. For those students who wish to work the following applies:

Students are allowed to work under their study visa for 20 hours per week during College term and full-time during College vacations.

The current minimum wage rate in Ireland is €8.65. Students are advised that this is the legal minimum an employer can pay an employee.

Students will receive assistance in finding local job opportunities, how to apply, preparation of their CV's, interview skills and the employer's expectations of them.

In most cases the employers offer work to coincide with the student's timetables.

Finding work may take time and students must take this into account when planning their time in Ireland. It is vital that students must have access to sufficient funds to support themselves. Access to subsistence fund of €7,000 per year – a condition of the visa application process – must be available in full to students.

## GRADUATE SCHEME

Students can remain in Ireland after graduation under the Third Level Graduate Scheme for students from outside the EEA.

The following information is from the Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) website:

As of 10th April 2007, legally resident non-EEA third level graduates have been allowed to remain in Ireland for the purpose of seeking employment and applying for a green card or work permit.

## CAN I WORK IN IRELAND AFTER I GRADUATE?

Graduates who have studied for a primary, masters or doctorate degree from an Irish third level educational institution are entitled to avail of this scheme if the award is granted by a recognised Irish awarding body (overseas accreditation will not be accepted).

A person who qualifies will be granted one non-renewable extension to their current student permission for a maximum twelve month period starting on the day upon which they received their exam results. This scheme allows the person to work for up to 40 hours a week under student visa arrangements (Stamp 2) and/or to seek employment and apply for further permission to remain in the state under green card or work permit arrangements.

To apply graduates should present at their local Garda Siochána registration office, or at the Garda National Immigration Bureau, 13/14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2 with relevant supporting documentation.

For more information of the conditions and requirements of this scheme please visit the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) website.

Also check out the ICOS leaflet Employment of International Graduates in Ireland

*Note: The period for the Graduate Employment Scheme was extended from 6 to 12 months, with effect from 28th October 2010, for students whose degree is at a minimum of level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Students on level 7 will only be offered the 6 month scheme, as before.*

Students can return to education after availing of the Graduate Scheme if they re-enter at a higher level and can finish the new course within the overall 7 year limit on studies for non-EEA students.

A video of the region, Limerick city and the campus is available at [www.griffith.ie](http://www.griffith.ie) International student section



# GRIFFITH INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE



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## LIMERICK



Situated in the South West of Ireland, Limerick is an interesting and attractive place to study English. It is a compact and friendly city with a population of over 90,000. Griffith Institute of

Language, Limerick, is located only a short walk away from the main shopping area.

One of the most attractive features of Griffith Institute of Language, Limerick, as a place to study is its location in the heart of Limerick. Surrounded by the best entertainment venues, you can be sure of access to great student nights in the city. If your taste in leisure activities is more adventurous, Limerick provides excellent opportunities for the student who likes sport and leisure - golf, horse riding and water-sports are all available at a reasonable cost. Griffith Institute of Language organises a variety of social and cultural activities in Limerick and throughout Ireland. For example, trips to the Rock of Cashel, Killarney, Cliffs of Moher, Belfast and the Giant's Causeway. Students can participate in excursions, weekend trips, parties, Irish dancing lessons and major sports events.

Limerick is also the sports capital of Ireland. Known as the spiritual home of Irish rugby it is also renowned for its hurling, gaelic football, rowing and just about every other sporting activity.



Most importantly, the exceptional friendliness of the people ensures that students feel welcome and get maximum benefit from their course.

## ACCESS

Shannon Airport International is less than twenty kilometres from Limerick City allowing for ease of access to and from the home countries of our multinational student population. The bus/train station is located a mere 800m from Griffith College.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Host Family Accommodation

Arriving in a new country can be a daunting experience, but getting a true Irish welcome from one of our Host Families will make you feel like you are in a home from home. It is a great way to improve your English and learn about Irish culture and life



### Residential Apartments

We offer self-catering apartments close to Griffith College. These apartments are shared with either Irish or other International students. Students have their own room and bathroom with private study facilities and an internet point.



## PROGRAMME OFFERINGS

Griffith Institute of Language offer a diverse variety of programmes including, General English, Intensive English, Pathway Programme (English + Degree) and an option of electives – Business English, Conversational English, Exam training and English for Academic Purposes.

# CAMPUS MAP





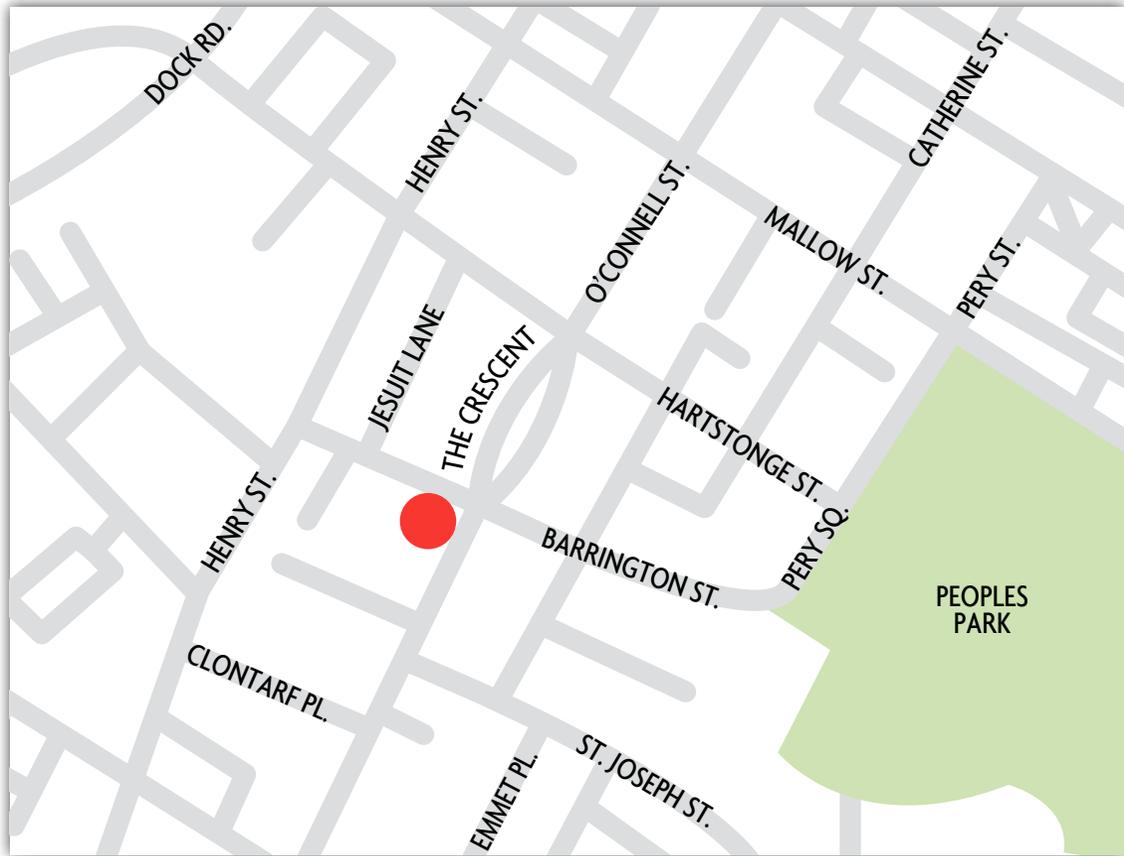












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