FAQ's

Master of Science Leadership, Innovation and Technology

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1. What is the time commitment / programme schedule?

Provisional Schedule 2021/2022

Date	Module
May 6, 2021	Programme Orientation (5-6pm)
May 7, 2021	Innovation Management and Creativity (1)
May 21, 2021	Problem Solving and Critical Thinking in Management Practice (1)
June 4, 2021	Innovation Management and Creativity (2)
June 18, 2021	Problem Solving and Critical Thinking in Management Practice (2)
September 17, 2021	Change Management and Team Leadership (1)
October 8, 2021	Strategy for Competitive Positioning (1)
October 29, 2021	Change Management and Team Leadership (2)
November 19, 2021	Strategy for Competitive Positioning (2)
December 10, 2021	Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation (1)
January 7, 2022	Personality and Leadership (1)
January 28, 2022	Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation (2)
February 18, 2022	Personality and Leadership (2)

The content in both years requires a significant time commitment. I say this to ensure that you are aware of the workload required. Each module has 2 assignments, and all assessments are conducted as continuous assessments through those assignments during the year. Work on those assessments, both group and individual, are ongoing in your own time. In year 2 the thesis requires regular work also.

Essentially, the programme is delivered by a **blended learning process which is made up of a mix of online and face to face lectures. There will be a total of 12 face to face workshops (2 per module).

There will also be on average 3 online webinars for each module most of them pre-recorded so you can watch at your convenience. These webinars will take place in the evening.

The time commitment for this programme is much less than that of a regular MSc in that there is really only one year of lectures - the 2nd year (research project) is set out to be much more flexible so you can build it around your work and personal life.

Everything you do in this MSc is work related, so you are actually carrying our "real work" while undergoing the programme. Furthermore, there are no exams which means no study time.

**DEPENDING ON COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS, CLASSES WILL EITHER BE ONLINE OR TAKE PLACE AT THE TU DUBLIN CITY CAMPUS AT AUNGIER STREET FROM 9.00AM TO 5.00PM. IT IS NOT ENVISAGED THAT THERE WILL BE IN PERSON CLASSES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2021.

2. **Are there any group assignments to be completed?**

There are only a couple of group assessments. They are there to promote peer learning as well as being graded. These assignments can easily be conducted online or remotely and the grading for these types of assessments attract smaller marks.

3. **What happens if I leave after the first year?**

Completing Year 1 successfully will mean you leave with Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership, Innovation and Technology.

You must successfully complete Year 2 (which is the research project) in order to obtain the master's degree.

4. **Does the college have a MINIMUM attendance requirement?**

There are only two days per module for students to attend. This is twelve in total. In a few modules some of the assessment takes place during these classes so it can be a problem where people do not attend. Also, if the student wants to do well on the programme it is important that they attend as the assessments will be set out and explained and there will also be some follow up on learning in the class. Candidates do not attend classes at least on a regular basis would be doing so at their own risk in terms of how well they progress on the programme.

5. **Can you pay in instalments?**

It is possible to pay in instalments up until 5 days before the course is due to commence. All outstanding fees must be paid before the course starts.

6. **Is there tax relief if so, can you claim back any tax?**

Regarding the tax relief, I believe that you may apply for a tax relief however it is the responsibility of each applicant to contact the tax office regarding this. We can provide a receipt for fees paid if needed.

7. **When are exams held?**

The assessment strategy for each of the six modules in Phase 1 will be exclusively linked to work-based project assignments and reflective learning submissions. There will be no examinations. The final award of the Master's Degree will be linked to the assessment of the research project undertaken by the participant with the support of the College.

8. What is the fee?

Those working in a private or commercial semi state organisation can avail of the grant aided fee of €2,950 per person per annum (subject to approval).

9. What study time is required?

Roughly 45 hours study per module would be required (this includes study, project work, exam prep etc) and obviously will differ from person to person.

10. What happens if I do not have the minimum educational requirements?

There is an allowance for a certain number of non-standard candidates to be accepted onto the programme without a primary degree. The decision in each case is exclusively that of the Academic Council in TU Dublin. They will look to see some level of educational attainment. This will include but cannot be limited to purely technical qualifications obtained. They will also take into account both length of service and the present job of the candidate.

Its important to note that making an application does not mean guarantee of selection, the college has the final say who is awarded a place on the programme.

11. For Phase-2 of this programme, should I identify the problem inside my current company, and do my research on that problem and then implement my solution?

Yes, the research question is identified by the student in their company. That research question is investigated through a rigorous., managed process over the second year of the MSc. That process involves researching current literature, gathering data, data analysis and obtaining conclusions. It is envisaged that the research should have an impact within the organisation following the MSc.

   a. If so, should I produce an acceptance letter from my current employer before starting this course so that I can do such research inside the company?

   In general, your company should be supporting your research and you should also have a point of contact within your company to discuss your progress at regular intervals.

12. I have a disability (dyslexia), what are the resources?

Dyslexia qualifies for allowances when you register with the Disability Services in TU Dublin. https://www.dit.ie/campuslife/disability/ Allowances differ depending on the assessment method (e.g., more time in a written exam) but as the assessments in the MSc Leadership, Innovation and Technology are 100% continuous assessments and therefore have completion times of approximately 3-4 weeks, allowances are not generally applied (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation Waivers are not applied to continuous assessment assignments or theses, as students should have sufficient time to proofread and spell-check their work prior to submission). The Disability Service would need to confirm this for you and they have most information on their FAQ here https://www.dit.ie/campuslife/disability/about/faqs/ and they have all the information on supports that would be available to you.