

Frequently Asked Questions

Masters In DevOps

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1. What is DevOps?

The advantages of Development Teams and Operations Teams collaborating to improve the delivery of technology solutions has meant a rapid adoption of DevOps approaches to the Software Development Lifecycle. Closely associated with Lean and Agile concepts in enhancing the delivery of technology solutions, the DevOps approach has impacted very rapidly on the Technology industry.

Most existing DevOps 'specialists' grow or develop into their role with no formal standards or certification, and a modicum of training in the actual practice of cross functional DevOps practices. They may already be experienced, highly skilled, competent and high performers in their own field of Software Development, Computing, IT Management, or Quality Assurance but they can lack the knowledge and understanding of the other cross functional disciplines they now find themselves working with daily.

This Masters programme provides participants the opportunity to understand not only the technical, but also the business and human factors at play during the high pressure demands of modern software delivery processes, which is essential in the modern discipline of DevOps.

2. What is the structure of the programme?

The program runs approx. as follows (this is not set in stone but is typical of how we have run it for the last 2 years)

You study 2 modules per semester for 3 semesters, and then you do a dissertation on a Research subject

Typically there is a mandatory 3 day full day session onsite in Tallaght at start of semester (students find this very useful as it reduces the online weekly load during the semester) e.g. this year for semester 1, it may be Thurs 23, Fri 24, Sat 25th January 2020 (subject to change at present)

During this 3 day camp you will cover most of the material for one of the 2 modules in semester1, leaving approx. 3 nights to be covered online

The second module will be covered 100% online

Online lectures are held Tuesday and Thursdays

There are also typically 2 mandatory days you must attend onsite in Tallaght during the semester for presentations, typically mid semester and end semester.

Therefore in summary each semester it is:

- Attend 3 days in Tallaght at start semester (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- Attend 1 day in Tallaght mid semester (a Friday)
- Attend 1 day in Tallaght end semester (a Friday)
- Attend approx. 15 online lectures during the semester (held Tuesdays and Thursdays, e.g. 3 on Tuesdays, 12 on Thursdays)

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3. Will it state in the diploma that this course is online?

The Diploma will state that the programmes is a Masters In DevOps will not state that it is online on the diploma.

4. What is the fee?

Those working in a private or commercial semi state organisation can avail of the grant aided fee of €1,495 per person per annum subject to approval.

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. For applicants, whose first language is not English are they required to provide evidence of English language proficiency?

Yes, follow the link for further information.

<https://www.tudublin.ie/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements/>

8. How many on-campus days are there per semester?

Online programme with 2 days per semester in TU Dublin - Tallaght campus

9. What are the career opportunities?

With most technology organisations moving their delivery platforms to a DevOps approach the shortage of people with cross sectional skills in DevOps is now acute. Developed by industry as a direct response to this need this first-ever Master's degree in DevOps aims to fill these important talent gaps and give credit, recognition and credibility to technologists working in this field.

The programme will help to develop the DevOps professional who can balance the trade-offs between requirements and costs, understands the business needs and the importance of effective communication to stakeholders. In addition the DevOps professional will have an advanced understanding of:

- Security and how it must be pervasive

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- ‘Ileitis’ and how Systems Design choices across all thinking about systems can impact on quality, deliverability and maintainability of systems
- The particular requirements of different verticals such as Banking, Trading, Security, Healthcare and so on.
- Best Practice in the Area
- New and Emerging technologies in the area

**If I want to opt out at Level 9 Postgraduate Diploma (60 credits), how much does it cost?
When/Where do I specify that i would like to opt out at level 9?**

We are subsidising the entire Year 2 for you, If you decide to leave after the third semester that would be a matter for you and the college. We will have paid your fees in full for year 2 to the college at that point. Furthermore, leaving after semester 3 requires you to let the college know in advance so they can see if you are eligible for an exit award.