Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What would be the recommended time commitment / hours required per week?

A. This course is fully online and designed so you can study in your own time. You will be expected to take 3 modules every semester (2 semesters per year) and a final year project in year 2. You will need to be on campus for one day (maybe a half day) per semester only. Each semester runs for 12 weeks and there are exams at the end - with a gap between the end of the semester and the exam period.

In terms of workload, each module is worth 5 ECTS (credits) and typically a 5 ECTS module is supposed to take about 100 hours of work, including engaging with lectures, online discussions, reading, carrying out assignments and study time. 100 hours is an estimation - and some students successfully complete modules with less time commitment.

Q. Will the weightage be given more to students who do MSc from on campus over the ONLINE MSc.?

A. the online and classroom version of the MSc in Artificial Intelligence meet exactly the same standards. They share almost all modules, though a few option modules are different as they are tailored to the cohort. In all cases, when a module exists on both versions, it is taught by the same faculty, and generally uses exactly the same continuous assessments and exams.

Q. What would be the main computer languages(Python, R, SAS…) on the course

A.The main languages are Python, R, and Java in that order. We teach Python from scratch (but very fast, assuming students already know at least one language), and it is used in some other modules. We teach a little R, and develop it more in some other modules. We do not teach Java, but we assume that students have used/studied it, or can self-study some basics, for one module.

Q.Are Exams held on campus?

A. Exams are on-campus in normal non-COVID times. This coming semester they will be on-campus unless there is a big change in Covid conditions.

Q. What fees do I need to pay?

A. The fees are subsidised by Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet for eligible participants, which brings the cost of the MSc down to €2,950 per annum. All fees in each year are payable prior to the commencement date in that year.

Q.How long does the programme take to complete?

A. The MSc programme takes a two-year part time commitment to complete.

Q. How do I apply?

A. All candidates must send their CV to Skillnet in the first instance to info@ictskillnet.ie for initial eligibility screening. If you are deemed eligible, you will be asked to formally apply to the programme through the NUIG application portal. At this point, candidates will be advised about what documents are needed to apply, i.e transcripts, degree parchment, translation into English if required, photo, CV etc.