



ST. NICHOLAS MONTESSORI
COLLEGE



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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) LEVEL 8

PSYCHOLOGY

NM802



Why Choose St. Nicholas

We are accredited by **QQI** and we are a founder member of the Higher Education College Association (HECA). We have been delivering education programmes since 1970 and all of our programmes are underpinned by our underlying philosophy which values the unique learning potential of every human being. Our College is compact and accessible, offering learners a true sense of belonging. But more importantly:

- We are located in the seaside town of **Dún Laoghaire**, Co. Dublin, St. Nicholas students are embedded in the ideal mix of beautiful coastline, cafe culture, warm and welcoming community and some of the best social life in Ireland. And all so easy to access via DART, bus or car.
- Our **small class sizes** ensure that each learner receives individualised attention which respects the traditions of Montessori's person-centred approach.
- Our programmes are accredited by the **Psychological Society of Ireland** giving graduates a solid foundation for further career development. In addition we have several opportunities for students to study abroad via Erasmus+ programmes

Employment Opportunities

The St. Nicholas Montessori B.A (Hons) in Psychology is one of Ireland's newest psychology degree, combining core psychology subjects with an additional focus on educational psychology and mental wellbeing. A degree in Psychology can lead to **wide range of careers**, both psychology based and in other areas. For graduates seeking a career as a professional psychologist, this **Psychological Society of Ireland accredited** degree represents a necessary step and a precursor for post-graduate study in the chosen specialist area of Psychology in the following roles:

- Clinical Psychologists
- Forensic Psychologists
- Health Psychologist
- Occupational Psychologists
- Private practitioners in counselling and psychotherapy
- Marketing
- Human resources
- Consultancy
- Academia
- Finance
- Health and wellbeing



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (LEVEL 8) PSYCHOLOGY



Overview

The B.A. in Psychology offers a broad introduction to the field of Psychology and its major sub-disciplines. Over 3 years (or 4 year part-time) learners engage with the core areas in psychology including developmental, social, cognitive and abnormal psychology, psychotherapy and neuropsychology. A significant component of the programme is also dedicated to equipping learners with a strong capability in research methods, culminating in an independent research project. The B.A. (Hons) in Psychology has been approved for validation by QQI and the programme has been accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland* for the purposes of professional recognition.

*See <https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/>



Core Modules

- Biological Basis of Human Behaviour
- Developmental and Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Personality and Individual Differences
- Research Methods and Ethics
- Historical and Philosophical Foundations
- Academic and Professional Development
- Adulthood and Ageing
- Statistics and Psychological Laboratories
- Social Psychology
- Educational Psychology
- The Creative Mind
- Neuropsychology
- Mental Health and Psychopathology
- Independent Research Project
- Counselling and Applied Psychological Therapies
- Special Education: Inclusion and Diversity
- Education Across a Lifespan

Erasmus+

St Nicholas students have the possibility of applying to Erasmus+ programmes in our partner countries, to study abroad for a semester.

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate - H5 or above in 2 higher level subjects AND a minimum of 4 O6s at ordinary level which must include maths and English.

Fetac Level 5 or 6: 5 Distinctions and a pass in a maths related module

Duration: 3 Years F/T and 4 Years P/T

Full-time: Dún Laoghaire

Part-time: Two evenings a week online, with 5 Saturdays per semester in person.

How to Apply

Via the CAO, Code NM802

DIRECT (<https://smsi.ie/college/apply/>)

Fees

F/T: €5,990 per year

P/T: €3,990 per year

4 TOP REASONS TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY

1. Understand people better

Many people are attracted to and choose to study Psychology in order to gain insight into their own and other people's behaviours, perceptions and motivations. Psychology offers students the chance to explore the human mind and discover why we think and act the way we do.

2. Progress into varied career possibilities

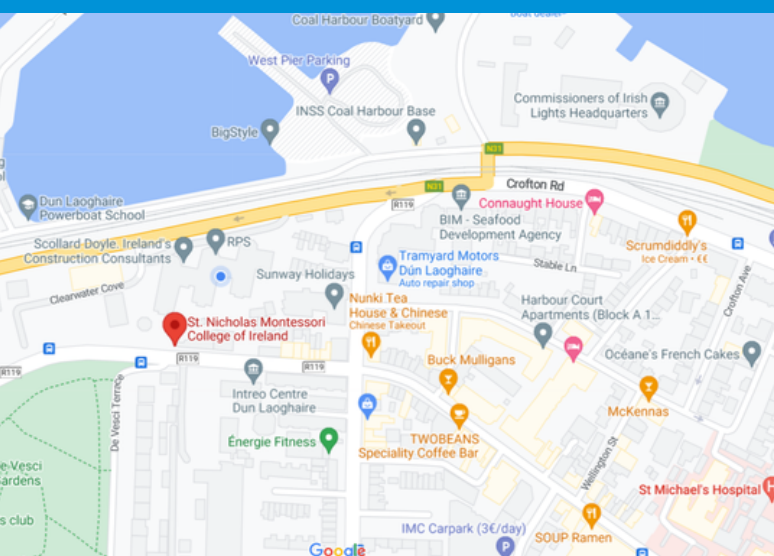
Professional recognition through the Psychological Society of Ireland is your gateway to further study leading to recognition as a professional psychologist. Many graduates enter the profession as clinical psychologists, educational psychologists, forensic psychologists, occupational and health psychologists across a range of industries. A significant number of graduates continue their research and become academics while others pursue careers in areas such as business, marketing, neuroscience and consulting.

3. Improve wellbeing in society

The many and varied sub-disciplines in Psychology all have one objective in common: to improve the lives and wellbeing of people and society. This might be in schools and colleges, in the workplace, in therapeutic settings or in the wider community. As a psychologist, you could work towards improving people's wellbeing.

4. Enhance your transferable skills

You will gain many transferable skills during your studies, including teamwork, critical thinking, project management and research. These qualities are highly sought after by many employers across different sectors. You will also learn how to engage with people effectively and be able to discuss topics clearly. Communication is a critical element of our daily lives, and good interpersonal skills are beneficial for job interviews and workplace relationships.



Study Psychology with us in the heart of Dún Laoghaire

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