FAQs
Arts (Psychology) | Certificate

How do I apply for the Course?
Please contact the Course Administrator, Deborah Kerrisk, at deborah.kerrisk@ucc.ie or the Course Coordinator, Natasha Dromey, natasha.dromey@ucc.ie
They will send you the application instructions to help guide you through the application procedure for this course.

Who should I contact if I run into any issues while applying?
If you run into any issues while applying, please contact deborah.kerrisk@ucc.ie for assistance.

Who should I contact with any course content, timetable, or other course specific queries?
Please contact the Course Coordinator, Natasha Dromey, natasha.dromey@ucc.ie

What does it cost?
The course costs €1,000 per year. Half of course fee is due during application. This is fully refundable if you are not accepted onto the course, the course doesn't proceed, or you withdraw your application before acceptance. Please contact acefinance@ucc.ie with any fee queries or refund requests. Refunds are not automatic.
The remaining €500 is due before January 31st. For further information on fees and financial supports, please click here.

Who is the Certificate best suited to?
This Certificate will be of interest both to those who wish to pursue careers in psychology, and to those who are motivated by an interest in the area. It provides prerequisites for all modules of year 1 of the Higher Diploma in Psychology (although completion of the Certificate course does not guarantee entry to the H Dip). The course will provide students with a general introduction to the discipline of psychology. Students will be introduced to key domains of academic psychology, along with having exposure to research and analytic techniques. Students completing the Certificate course should have a good basic understanding of the fundamentals of academic psychology.

This Certificate is suited to anyone who is interested in the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. The course provides a comprehensive introduction to all of the key topics within the discipline of psychology. Students will be introduced to key domains of academic psychology, along with having exposure to research and analytic techniques. Students will develop a thorough understanding of the fundamentals of the field psychology and the work of professional psychologists.

What topics will I be studying?
Students take 20 credits in this one year course.
The Modules for the Certificate are as follows:

- AD1063: Science and the Practice of Psychology
- AD1064: Introduction to Biological and Cognitive Perspectives on Psychology
- AD1065: Introduction to Developmental and Social Perspectives on Psychology
- AD1066: Introduction to Research and Statistical Analysis

When will I have to attend lectures?
This course takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm - 10.00pm from September/October to December and January to April. Tutorials will be held on Tuesday evening from 7.00pm -8.00pm.

What is the course timetable?
The full course timetable shall be shared with you upon acceptance to the course

How will the course be assessed?
Students on the Certificate in Arts Psychology will engage in a range of diverse and interesting assignments which demonstrate that the expected learning outcomes of various modules have been achieved. There shall be an assessment at the end of each module.

Who teaches the course?
The programme will be jointly co-ordinated and delivered by staff and doctoral students from the UCC School of Applied Psychology.

What is a Special Purpose Award?
There are four QQI Award types - Major, Minor, Special Purpose and Supplemental. A special purpose award is an award type developed for specific areas of learning that have a narrow scope. All special purpose awards comprise one or more components. An example of this type of award is the Special Purpose Award in Training and Development 6S3372. This 30-credit special purpose award is a specific award in training and development and consists of two mandatory components or modules at level 6 each with a credit value of 15.