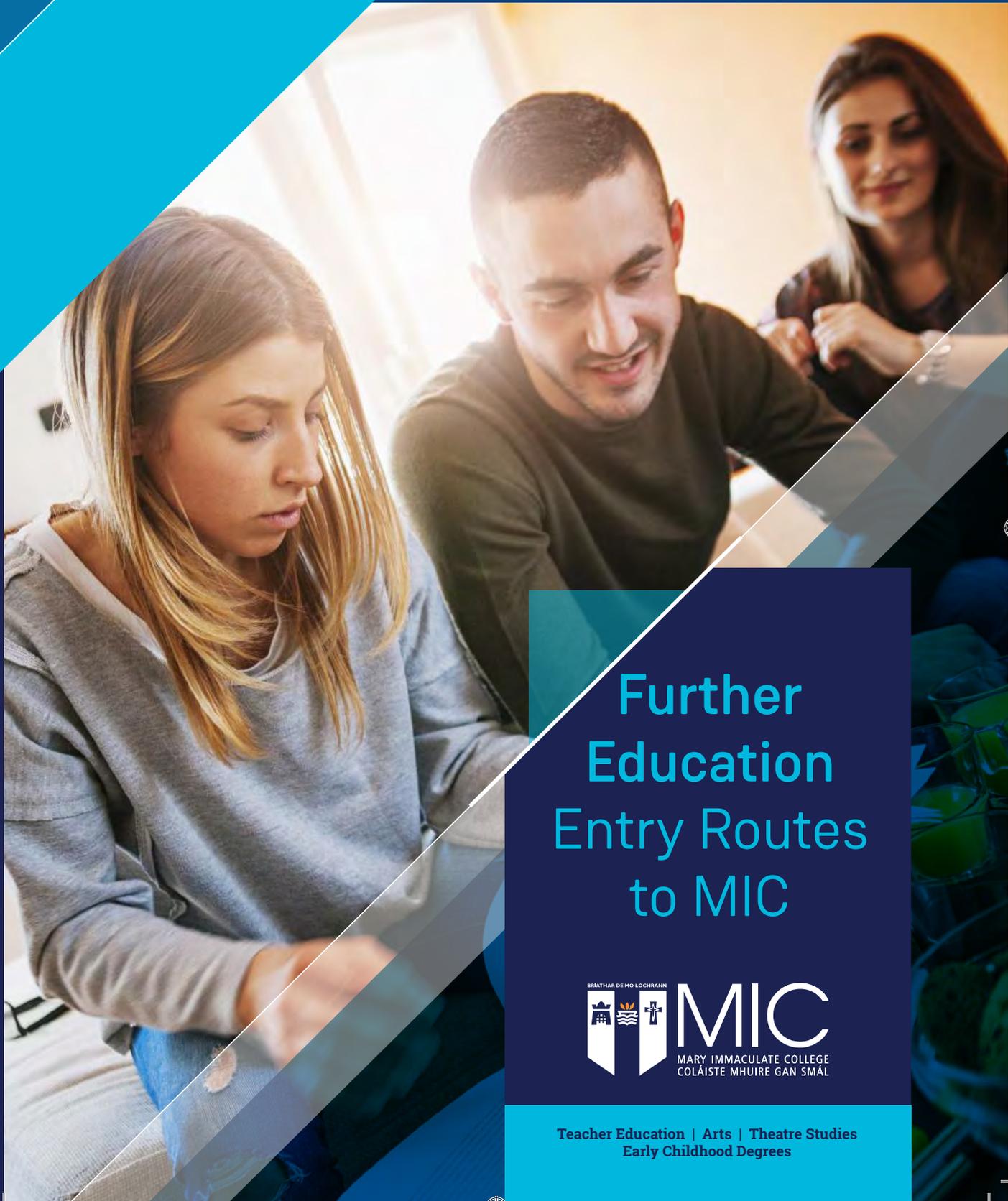


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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The academic programme is semesterised and modularised. Each semester is comprised of 15 weeks: 12 weeks of lectures followed by one study week and two weeks of examinations. Each course module lasts one semester and usually involves three hours of lectures/tutorials per week. Each course module is equal to six European Credit Transfer System (ECT)

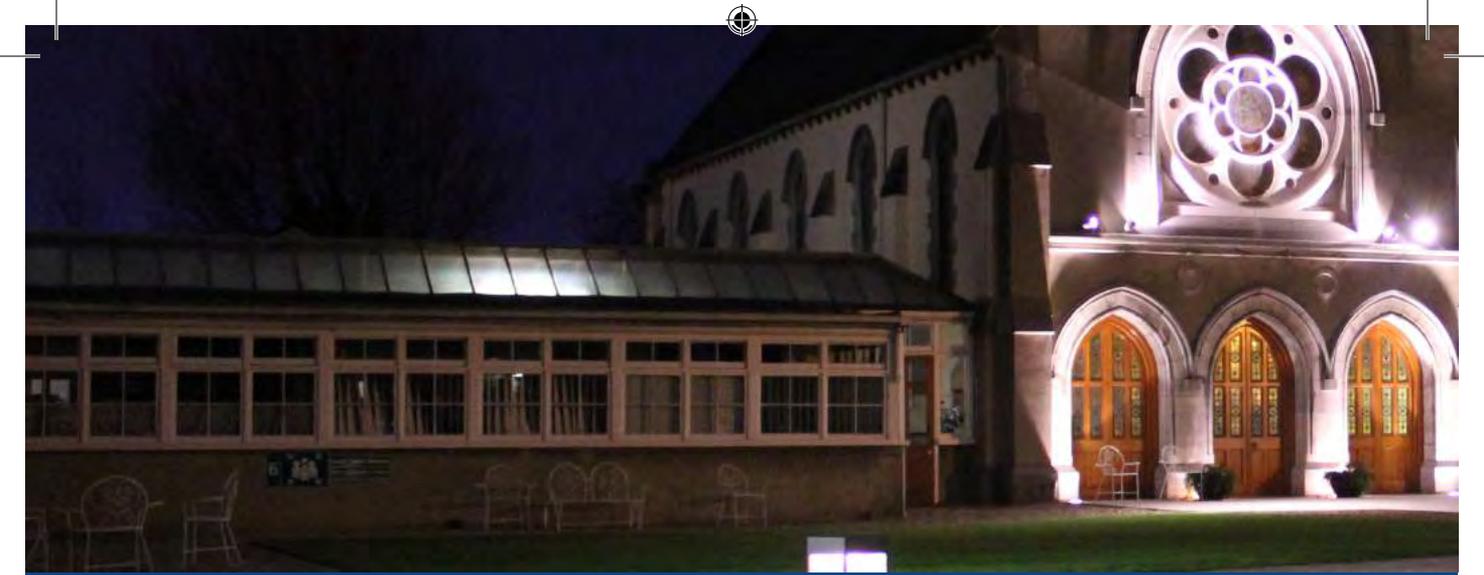
credits. A full year's academic programme is assigned 60 academic ECTS credits and one semester's academic programme is assigned 30 ECTS credits in total.

ACCREDITATION

The University of Limerick accredits BA, BEd, Graduate Diploma and Postgraduate Degree programmes.



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Welcome to MIC

Mary Immaculate College, founded in 1898, is a University-level College of Education and the Liberal Arts, academically linked with the University of Limerick. The College is a multi-campus institution, with campuses in Limerick and Thurles, and a student population of close to 5,000 students enrolled in undergraduate programmes in Primary and Post-Primary Education, Liberal Arts and Early Childhood Care and Education, as well as a range of postgraduate programmes at Diploma, MA and PhD levels.



Mission Statement

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, founded in 1898, is a third level Catholic College of Education and the Liberal Arts. The College community promotes excellence in teaching, learning and research at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It seeks to foster the intellectual, spiritual, personal and professional development of students within a supportive and challenging environment that guarantees the intellectual freedom of staff and students. In particular, the college seeks to foster in its students a spirit of justice and compassion in the service of others, together with an openness to the religious tradition and values of each individual. The College promotes a sense of identity enriched by an awareness of its Catholic tradition, the cultures, languages and traditions of Ireland, and its special commitment to the Irish language. Mary Immaculate College respects cultural diversity. It strives to promote equity in society and to provide an environment where all have freedom and opportunity to achieve their full potential.

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Is Coláiste Caitliceach tríú leibhéal Oideachais agus Saorealaíon é Coláiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach, a bunaíodh in 1898. Cuireann pobal an Choláiste ardchaighdeán feabhais chun cinn ó thaobh múinteoireachta, foghlama agus taighde ag an leibhéal céime agus iarchéime. Déantar iarracht forbairt intleachtúil, spioradálta, phearsanta agus ghairmiúil na mac léinn a chothú laistigh de thimpeallacht chabhreach agus dúshlánach a chuireann saoirse intleachtúil na foirne agus na mac léinn chun tosaigh. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an gColáiste, go háirithe, cothrom na féinne agus ómós a chothú ina chuid mac léinn, agus iad ag freastal ar dhaoine eile, chomh maith le bheith oscailte do na traidisiúin agus do na luachanna reiligiúnacha a bhíonn ag gach duine aonair. Cuireann an Coláiste féinaithe chun cinn a bhfuil traidisiún Caithliceach an Choláiste mar chuid shaibhir di, chomh maith le cultúr, teangacha agus traidisiúin na hÉireann agus tiomanatas speisialta an Choláiste don Ghaeilge. Tá omós ag Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál d'éagsúlacht cultúir. Oibríonn an Coláiste chun cothromaíocht a chur chun cinn sa tsochaí agus chun timpeallacht a chur ar fáil ina mbeidh an tsaoirse agus an deis ag gach duine a gcumas iomlán a bhaint amach.



LIMERICK

MIC Campus, Limerick is situated in the southern suburbs of Limerick City, the third largest city in the Republic of Ireland with a population of over 80,000. Our leafy campus with state-of-the-art facilities is within 10 minutes walking distance of the city centre, providing easy access to all cultural and social amenities, as well as the main rail and bus terminus.

With three institutions of higher education and a combined student population of almost 20,000, Limerick is a bustling, vibrant and exciting city. There are cinemas, nightclubs and a range of bars and restaurants to enjoy with friends. Limerick will provide you with plenty of opportunities for a great social life.

In 2014 Limerick was designated Ireland's first 'National City of Culture' and in 2016 was a short-listed Irish candidate city for European Capital of Culture 2020. The city offers a variety of historical, artistic and theatrical activities.

Indeed, the magnificent Lime Tree Theatre, in the College's TARA building, hosts a range of performances from national and international theatre, dance, opera and ballet companies, to live musical and comedy performances.

Limerick is also the sporting capital of the Munster region and is unique in having a strong tradition and success in both Gaelic games and rugby. Fans can tour the spectacular Thomond Park Stadium, which includes an interactive museum that showcases the proud history and heritage of Munster rugby.

Limerick City will provide you with the complete student experience.
www.limerick.ie

THURLES

MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles is located in the heart of Thurles town – a vibrant and prosperous town on the River Suir nestled in the heart of the beautiful Suir Valley. Our Thurles Campus offers undergraduate post-primary teacher education programmes, great facilities with onsite accommodation and sports grounds.

With a population of over 8,000 people, Thurles is a thriving hub of shops, businesses and cultural attractions with great transport links.

Thurles town offers a wide variety of facilities, including two historic museums - the Thurles Famine and War Museum and Lár na Páirce Museum of the GAA and Gaelic Games. Thurles is the birthplace of the Gaelic Athletic

Association, founded in 1884 in Hayes Hotel. Local Semple Stadium is Ireland's second largest sports arena with a capacity for 60,000 people, second only to Croke Park Stadium, Dublin. Thurles boasts many excellent cultural and recreational facilities including The Source Arts Centre, Tipperary's most exciting cultural and entertainment venue presenting music, dance, comedy, film, children's events, visual art and more. Horse and greyhound racing, soccer, rugby, cycling, golf, angling, hockey and swimming are all catered for.

Live and learn in this great town in the heart of Tipperary that offers students a unique college experience.
www.tipperary.com



COME AND MEET US



For more information in relation to Open Days, Taster Sessions and Student Teacher Experience Days at MIC, please visit www.micopenday.ie

Campus Tours

Guided tours of the campus are available to groups and individuals. To arrange a campus tour, please contact our Student Recruitment Officer:

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HOW TO APPLY AS A QQI/ FET/FETAC APPLICANT FOR A FULL-TIME DEGREE

In order to be considered for a place on a full-time degree, students are required to have completed the requisite Level 5 or Level 6 course. Entry requirements vary for each degree programme. Please see the Quick Guide for more information on the entry requirements for each of MIC's programmes (page 14-25).

Award codes begin with 5M (for example 5M2102 Business Studies) for level 5 awards and 6M (for example 6M5013 Administration) for level 6 awards. Older awards have a different naming convention but many have been updated to this new 5M and 6M convention.

Please note that places are limited for QQI/FET/FETAC applicants on degree programmes.

Some degree programmes have additional entry requirements. These usually take the form of distinctions (80% or greater) in specific modules which prospective students are required to hold in order to be eligible to apply. Please pay particular attention to these additional entry requirements, if they apply to your desired programme of study.

Successful applicants may only be admitted on a competitive basis to Year 1 of a degree programme. With the exception of MI007 (Early Childhood Care and Education), which offers entry to year 2 of the programme for those who meet the entry requirements (please see page 21 for more information).

QQI/FET/FETAC applicants should apply online through the Central Applications Office (www.cao.ie) for all MIC full-time undergraduate degrees.

The cost of applying through the CAO is approximately €45. There is an online discounted rate of €30 if you apply before January 20.

ACCESS PROGRAMMES

An access programme is a one year full-time/part-time programme that aims to provide students with the opportunity to gain academic and social skills that will enable them to succeed in a full-time undergraduate degree programme.

Pre-University Programme

The Pre-University Programme (PUP) is a 40 hour certificate programme that is being delivered in conjunction with Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group. The Pre-University Programme is delivered in the community and is aimed at adult learners from disadvantaged backgrounds, over the age of 22, whose educational experiences and opportunities in their earlier years may have been limited, and who wish to continue their education, possibly with a view to going to third level. It aims to create a progressive access pathway into university level education. For many it may also serve as a stepping-stone to an access or foundation programme such as MIC's Foundation Certificate.

Further information: Brian Clancy, T: +353 61 204951, E: Brian.Clancy@mic.ul.ie

Foundation Certificate for Mature Learners

The Foundation Certificate for Mature Learners is a programme offered by the Academic Learning Centre (ALC) in Mary Immaculate College and is designed for mature learners who wish to continue their education. The course is aimed at anyone over the age of 22 by 1 January on the year of application, who is interested in progressing to full-time third level study. The course takes place two evenings a week, Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9pm and runs from October to April.

Further Information: Geraldine Brosnan, T: +353 61 204917, E: Geraldine.Brosnan@mic.ul.ie

Teacher Education Access Programme for Mature Learners (TEAP)

The Teacher Education Access Programme for Mature Learners is a programme offered by Mary Immaculate College in Partnership with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB). It is designed for mature learners who wish to gain entry to the Bachelor of Education (primary teaching) at the college. The course is aimed at anyone over the age of 22 by 1 January on the year of application, who is interested in applying to the Bachelor of Education (primary teaching programme) and who does not hold the minimum entry requirements. The course takes place on Friday evenings (6pm-9pm) and Saturdays (9.30am-5.30pm) and runs from the beginning of September to the end of May every year.

Further information:

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SCHOLARSHIPS

1916 Bursary

The 1916 Bursary Fund, funded by the Department of Education and Skills, commemorates the centenary of 1916 as part of an overall series of measures to encourage participation and success by students from sections of society that are significantly under-represented in higher education. The 1916 Bursary Fund will provide financial support to students identified by higher education institutions as being the most socio-economically disadvantaged from specified target groups, and it will complement existing student supports and access initiatives.

GAA Scholarships

The Munster Council of the GAA awards a limited number of bursaries to students who have achieved county-level standard from minor grade upwards. Bursaries are awarded when students have registered in the College. A limited number of GAA Bursaries are also provided by MIC to such students. For further information contact Joe Redington, E: Joe.Redington@mic.ul.ie T: +353 61 204375

Awards of Excellence

Mary Immaculate College Foundation confers a number of 'Awards for Excellence' upon students who are registered in the College and who have achieved excellence in any field of endeavour such as music, arts and sport (with the exception of GAA sports, which already receive College and Munster Bursaries).

Other Scholarships

Easter Week Commemoration Scholarships, Gaeltacht University Scholarships and Irish Language Third-Level Scholarships have been replaced with a new single scheme of bursaries based on merit. Details of the new scheme are available from Higher Education - Equity of Access Unit, Department of Education & Skills, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, T: +353 57 9325317



STUDENT SUPPORTS AT MIC

Academic Learning Centre (ALC)

The ALC was established in 1997 under the department title of the Learner Support Unit. Its aim is to provide academic support to all undergraduate students undertaking a degree programme at MIC. Indeed, its focus is on helping undergraduate students adapt to the academic demands of a third-level institution. This is primarily achieved through the provision of one-to-one appointments with one of the ALC staff, whereby any aspect of learning can be addressed. The ALC offers the following services:

- One-to-one academic support and tutoring
- Pre-exam planning
- Foundation studies
- The study skills handbook

Access & Disability Service

The Access and Disability Office coordinates the services available for access students and students with disabilities. Prospective students from under-represented groups in third-level, including socio-economically disadvantaged students, students with a disability, and mature students are encouraged to contact the Access/Disability Officer to become familiar with the supports available.

Overview of the Access and Disability Service:

- Pre-entry advice and information on access issues
- Daily drop in support
- Needs assessments
- Financial assistance

An Seomra Caidrimh

Is spás é seo inar féidir le pobal uile an Choláiste teacht le chéile Chun an Ghaeilge a úsáid ar bhonn neamhfhoirmeáilte; is féidir teacht isteach agus cupán tae/caifé a dhéanamh, labhairt le do chairead, éisteacht le ceol, agus mar sin de. Tá an Seomra Caidrimh i bhFoirgneamh na Leabharlainne ar champas an Choláiste.

Chaplaincy

The College has a full-time Chaplaincy Service, which works in close cooperation with other student support services on the college campus. The chaplaincy team is here to help any member of the College community to survive, develop their full potential and enjoy their years in college. The chaplaincy service is available to and welcomes all students and staff of all faiths and none. If you wish for some help and you ask, the team is willing to help you with the ups and downs of college life.

Counselling Service

MIC provides a professional, on-campus Counselling Service available to all students, free of charge. This service provides all students with the opportunity to talk in a confidential setting about any issues which she or he may not feel comfortable discussing with anyone else. A counselling relationship is one of warmth and safety, where a student feels supported and listened to. Support is provided for many issues, such as: stress, panic/anxiety attacks, crisis pregnancy, eating disorders, bereavement,



exam stress, post abortion, depression, relationships, sexual/emotional/physical abuse, gender issues, bullying, confidence/self-esteem issues, feeling suicidal, family issues, addictive behaviours, and others.

Curriculum Development Unit

The Curriculum Development Unit (CDU), which was established in 1986, is a nationally recognised centre of excellence in terms of curricular design and innovation. It promotes high standards in teaching and learning by undertaking research into curriculum and methodology in Education. This research informs the development of resource materials that are embedded in the latest thinking and ideas about education. There are a wide range of educational resources for sale in the CDU.

Health Promotion Service

MIC is the first third-level institution in Ireland to be designated a 'Health Promoting College' and has had this service in place since 1996. The service aims to promote the health and well-being of all members of the College community through policy development, the provision of programmes and activities and the implementation of specific health promotion strategies. The team includes a student Health Promotion Officer and we work together with many of the other services and departments to highlight health-related issues and events.

Library

MIC Library, Limerick is situated centrally on campus in the Áras an Phiarsaigh building and is the focus of academic life on campus. MIC Library, Thurles is situated on the Thurles campus. Both libraries provide a comprehensive range of information services and resources to support student learning and research. Library staff members are on hand to provide students with high quality on-demand help, and training in finding and using the information that they need to succeed at college and into their future careers, in a friendly, student centred environment.

Mary Immaculate College Students' Union (MISU)

Students are represented by the elected MIC Students' Union Executive Committee Officers.

MISU aims to:

- Give students a say in their own student/ college life
- Protect and represent in academic and non-academic matters
- Create a positive college experience for students
- Help new students integrate into college life
- facilitate extra-curricular activities for students

Medical Centre

The Medical Centre provides an emergency triage service for MIC students on-campus. We offer a private and confidential service weekdays during term time. It is a triage service for acute illnesses only. Students are advised to register with a local GP for the duration of their stay in Limerick.



Student Parent Support Service

Funded by the HSE Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme since 2007, this is dedicated support service for the following students:

- Students experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- Students returning or continuing College after having a baby and adjusting to being a student parent
- Student parents experiencing unforeseen circumstances or dealing with crisis

In addition, the service offers the following practical supports to student parents:

- Confidential one-to-one support weekly student parent drop-in hour
- Weekly student parent group drop in space/ peer support
- Workshops and information sessions
- Resources

Orientation

MIC runs an orientation week for all new first year students in early September with an opportunity to hear college talks, learn about academic and personal supports, take campus and library tours, receive timetables and attend social events.

ELIGIBLE QQI/FET/ FETAC COURSES

General Progression Opportunities

Award	QQI/ FET/ FETAC Course	Eligible Course
	Any Major QQI Award	MI001, M1002

Award Specific Progression Opportunities

Award	QQI/ FET/ FETAC Course	Eligible Course
EMPXX	Media Production	MI002
ERPXX	Radio Production	MI002
5M4511	Radio Production	MI002
EPJXX	Print Journalism	MI002
5M2464	Journalism	MI002
ETFPX	TV & Film Production	MI002
5M5158	Film and Television Production	MI002
5M18519	Film and Television Production	MI002
EMPRO	Media Production	MI002
6M5130	Media Production	MI002
6M18534	Film and Television Production	MI002
5M2009	Early Childhood Care and Education	MI007
DCHSC	Childcare	MI007
6M2007	Early Childhood care and Education	MI007
DCXXX	Supervision in Childcare	MI007
5M2468	Business Administration	MI009, MI010
5M2102	Business Studies	MI009, MI010
5M2069	Marketing	MI009, MI010
5M2111	International Trade	MI009, MI010
5M0828	e-Business	MI009, MI010
6M5013	Administration	MI009, MI010

QUICK GUIDE FOR QQI/FET/FETAC APPLICANTS

Degree Code	Degree Name	Additional Requirements
MI001	BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies	No
MI002	Bachelor of Arts	Yes (for students wishing to take an advanced language option)
MI007	BA in Early Childhood Care and Education	No
MI009	BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting	Yes
MI010	BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies	Yes



Programmes

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BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies (MI001)

Léann na hAmharclannaíochta Feidhmeach agus Comhaimseartha

Degree Code: MI001

Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

The BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre studies is an innovative four-year, full-time, honours degree in drama and theatre studies. Launched in 2015, it is the first programme of its type in Ireland.

The BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies will give students a diverse, sophisticated and vocational experience of contemporary and applied forms of drama and theatre practice. Students will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic skills and specialise in particular areas of interest to them, gain a broad academic knowledge in drama and theatre studies, and will encounter an extensive range of the practices of the field. Upon graduation, students will be employable in general artistic or administrative positions within drama and theatre, will be well-equipped for further specialist vocational training or academic study, but may also work independently as drama practitioners.

Further Information

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Annie Brown

BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies

The BA CATS programme is perfect for someone who wants to pursue a career in theatre without being restricted to any one particular specialism. The broad nature of the programme allows students to become well-rounded theatre practitioners with a wide skill set. The lecturers are friendly and are truly concerned with the welfare of each student, which creates such a warm and welcoming environment. Everyone is accommodated on this programme, whether you have prior theatre experience or not. I have enjoyed every minute of my time on the BA CATS programme!

BA IN CONTEMPORARY AND APPLIED THEATRE STUDIES (MI001)

Accepted Major Awards:

Essential Component Awards:

Level 5

Any major award

Any Major Award: Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification awards, candidates must present a full award with a minimum credit value of 120 which must include a distinction (i.e. 80% or greater) in at least 5 component awards.

Level 6

Any major award

Any Major Award: Within the context of the named major QQI level 6 qualification awards, candidates must present a full award with a minimum credit value of 120 which must include a distinction (i.e. 80% or greater) in at least 4 component awards.



Bachelor of Arts (MI002)

Baitsiléir Sna Dána

Degree Code: MI002

Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

The Bachelor of Arts is a four year, full-time, honours degree. At MIC the programme is flexible and wide-ranging. Students study four different major subjects in First Year and focus on two of these in Second Year, which they will then continue to study to degree level as joint honours.

You can study a combination of subjects from familiar Arts subjects such as English, French, German or History, to newer subjects such as Drama & Theatre Studies, Media and Communication Studies or Psychology. You can choose from a set of thirteen subjects taught at Mary Immaculate College and if you wish, you can choose one of your subjects from a choice of six from the University of Limerick. In Year 3, you will have opportunities to work, to travel, and to study abroad as part of the Off-Campus Programme.

With an MIC Bachelor of Arts degree, you will be a sought-after graduate with a range of knowledge and transferable skills. Whether you want to pursue further study or just be a highly employable person, the Bachelor of Arts is an excellent choice.

Further Information

Arts Faculty Office

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Tina O'Dwyer

BA in Music and Mathematics

Choosing MIC for my undergraduate degree was one of the best decisions I have ever made. During the third year of the BA programme I got to go to Loyola University in Chicago and study for a full semester as part of the off-campus placement programme. It is experiences like this that makes MIC such a diverse college as you are constantly given chances to broaden your horizons and allow yourself to grow as a person.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (MI002)

Accepted Major Awards:**Essential Component Awards:****Level 5****Any major award**

Any major award: Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 modules.

EMPXX (Media Production)**EMPXX / ERPXX / 5M4511 / EPJXX / 5M2464 / ETFPX / 5M5158 / 5M18519**

Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 4 modules. The four distinctions must be gained from the following list:

ERPXX (Radio Production)**5M4511 (Radio Production)**

E20008 (Media analysis) or 5N1298 (Media Analysis)
E20137 (Radio Programme Production) or 5N1379 (Radio Programme Production)
E20123 (Music Industry Studies) or 5N1458 (Music Industry Studies)

EPJXX (Print Journalism)

E20149 (TV & Video Production) or 5N0637 (Film Production)

5M2464 (Journalism)

E20136 (Sound Engineering and Production) or 5N1900 (Sound Engineering and Production) or 5N1590 (Cinematography Camera Operations)

ETFPX (TV & Film Production)

E20131 (Image Processing) or 5N1292 (Image Processing) or E20003 (Desktop Publishing) or 5N0785 (Desktop Publishing)

5M5158 (Film and Television Production)

E20151 (Editing for TV & Film) or 5N0540 (Television and Film Editing)

5M18519 (Film and Television Production)

E20013 (Print Journalism) or 5N2152 (Print Journalism) or E20078 (Writing Skills for Journalism) or 5N2435 (Writing Skills for Journalism)

B20132 (Legal Studies) or 5N1394 (Legal Practice and Procedures) or N32751 (Ethical and Legal Issues in Media) or 5N1837 (Political Studies)

E20077 (Technical Skills for Journalism) or 5N2463 (Technical Skills for Journalism) or E20076 (Research Skills for Journalism) or 5N2443 (Research Skills for Journalism)

Level 6**Any major award**

Any major award: Within the context of the named major QQI level 6 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 modules.

EMPRO (Media Production)**EMPRO / 6M5130 / 6M18534**

Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 3 modules. The three distinctions must be gained from the following list:

6M5130 (Media Production)**6M18534 (Film and Television Production)**

N32750 (Media Industry Awareness) or 6N5505 (Media Industry Awareness)
N32751 (Ethical and Legal Issues in Media) or 6N5453 (Media Ethics and Legal Framework)
N32754 (Radio Techniques) or 6N5455 (Radio Techniques) or 6N18514 (Documentary Production)
N32755 (Radio News Broadcasting) or 6N5454 (Radio News Broadcasting) or 6N18515 (Directing Film)
N32863 (Studio and Location Sound Production) or 6N4981 (Studio and Location Sound Production)
N32949 (Radio Documentary Production) or 6N5433 (Radio Documentary Production) or 6N18517 (Script Writing for Film and Television) or 6N5427 (Editing Practice and Techniques)
N32969 (Broadcasting Presentation Skills) or 6N5425 or 6N18516 (Film and Television Camera and Lighting)
N33014 (Digital Audio Processing)

Additional Requirements: Students wishing to take an advanced language option, distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) must include a distinction in a language component/module. A Grade H4 in the required language from Leaving Certificate will also satisfy the language requirement.

Students wishing to study Spanish (advanced) must meet the University of Limerick's entrance requirements for this subject. For further information please refer to the UL website: www.ul.ie/courses/spanish.php

For students wishing to study Music, there is no formal entrance examination but prospective students must have a satisfactory standard of music literacy and the ability to play an instrument and/or sing.

For further information in relation to the Bachelor of Arts (MI002) please refer to both the MIC and UL website.



BA in Early Childhood Care and Education (MI007)

BA i gCúram agus in Oideachas na Luath-Óige

Degree Code: MI007

Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

The BA in Early Childhood Care and Education is a full-time, four-year, honours degree, designed to provide an exciting and challenging programme for those interested in working with young children in a range of educational settings. Mary Immaculate College, with its long tradition of excellence in teaching and learning in the early years, has designed this honours degree programme in Early Childhood Care and Education in response to contemporary developments in the field of early years education both in Ireland and internationally. The programme is multi-disciplinary in design and offers students the opportunity to become specialists in the care and education of young children from birth to six years of age.

There is a growing awareness in Ireland of the need for high calibre professionals to provide young children with the best possible care and education. Graduates may pursue leadership roles in both the private and public sector where high quality childcare provision is required. As specialists in Early Childhood Care and Education, graduates of this programme may find employment as managers, directors, coordinators, or facilitators in a wide range of early years settings.

Registration will be conditional upon successful completion of the Garda Vetting/CRB checking process.

Further Information

Admissions Office

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Matty Moran

BA in Early Childhood Care & Education

I found the BA in Early Childhood Care and Education to be engaging, challenging and thought-provoking. You will have the opportunity to learn about every aspect of early childhood, from child development to sociology and from child health and well-being to the role of play in early childhood. With small class sizes group work is encouraged and professional development is always to the fore. Mary Immaculate College is a one of a kind campus that will quickly become your home. If you are willing to work hard and put yourself forward in this institution you will find yourself growing personally and professionally.

BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION (MI007)

Accepted Major Awards:

Essential Component Awards:

Level 5

5M2009 (Early Childhood Care and Education)

Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification award, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 modules, which must include:

DCHSC (Childcare)

D20005 (Child Development) or 5N1764 (Child Development)
 D20007 (Early Childhood Education) or 5N1773 (Early Childhood Education and Play)
 D20153 (Working in Childcare) or 5N1770 (Early Childhood Care and Education Practice)
 D20159 (Caring for Children 0-6) or 5N1765 (Child Health and Wellbeing)

Level 6

6M2007 (Early Childhood care and Education)

Within the context of the named major QQI level 6 qualification award, 6M007 (Early Childhood care and Education), students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in:

DCXXX (Advanced Supervision in Childcare)

EACH of the following modules: 6N1942 (Child Development) and 6N1944 (Early Childhood Curriculum) and 6N1945 (Childhood Social Legal and Health Studies)
ONE of the following modules: 6N1946 (Work Experience) or 6N1947 (Work Practice)
ONE of the following modules: 6N1948 (Team Leadership) or 6N1949 (Personal and Professional Development) or 6N1950 (Communications)

*Places are available for eligible QQI applicants who wish to apply for entry to year 2 of the BA in Early Childhood Care and Education. **Please note that all applications for entry to year 2 of this programme must be made directly to the MIC Admissions Office.**
 T: +353 61 204348
 E: admissions@mic.ul.ie

OR

Within the context of the named FETAC advanced certificate, DCXXX (Advanced Supervision in Childcare), students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in all of the following modules:

Core Modules

D30005 (Child Development) and D30176 (Early Childhood Programmes) and D30177 (Social and Legal Issues) and D30178 (Supervision in Childcare)
 Electives



BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting (MI009)

BA san Oideachas, Staidéar Gnó & Cuntasaíocht

Degree Code: MI009

Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

The BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting programme (post-primary) is a four-year, full-time, undergraduate concurrent teacher education degree, currently offered at MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles. Graduates are qualified to teach Business Studies and Accounting to honours Leaving Certificate level.

Students are educated in the most current methodologies and technologies available to enhance the teaching of their subject areas at post-primary level. The degree programme includes four years of modules in Business Studies and Accounting. These are taken concurrently with education modules which include theoretical, pedagogical and professional studies along with a number of school placement experiences.

This programme is accredited by the Teaching Council and has been developed in response to the growing need for excellence in teaching at post-primary level. The programme prepares graduates for their roles in all areas of professional life in education.

Registration will be conditional upon successful completion of the Garda vetting process.

Further Information

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E: Paula.Hourigan@mic.ul.ie



Evan Gorrell

BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting

Choosing MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles, was the best decision I have ever made. The staff and students on this campus are both approachable and friendly with a willingness to help you settle in as best as possible. There is a huge emphasis on continuous assessment which takes a lot of pressure off you before you sit your semester exams. Throughout your time here you are given the opportunity to go on School Placement which helps to put the theory you have learned into practice. A major advantage of the programme is that by the end of your degree you are a fully qualified post-primary school teacher.



BA IN EDUCATION, BUSINESS STUDIES AND ACCOUNTING (MI009)

Accepted Major Awards:

Essential Component Awards:

Level 5

5M2468 (Business Administration)

5M2102 (Business Studies)

5M2069 (Marketing)

5M2111 (International Trade)

5M0828 (e-Business)

Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 modules.

Level 6

6M5013 (Administration)

Within the context of the named major QQI level 6 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 4 modules.

Additional Requirements: H7/O6 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent e.g. 5N2066 (Statistics) or 5N1833 (Mathematics)



BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies (MI010)

BA san Oideachas, Staidéar Gnó & Léann Reiligiúnach

Degree Code: MI009

Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

The BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies is a four-year, full-time, undergraduate concurrent teacher education degree, currently offered at MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles. Graduates are qualified to teach Business Studies and Religious Studies to honours Leaving Certificate level.

Students are educated in the most current methodologies and technologies available to enhance the teaching of their subject areas at post-primary level. The degree programme includes four years of modules in Business Studies and Religious Studies. These are taken concurrently with education modules which include theoretical, pedagogical and professional studies along with a number of school placement experiences.

This programme is accredited by the Teaching Council and has been developed in response to the growing need for excellence in teaching at post-primary level. The programme prepares graduates for their roles in all areas of professional life in education.

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Further Information

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Daniel Kelly

BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies

Choosing to study a BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies at MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles, has been the best decision I have ever made. The most noticeable thing about the campus is its size. Every lecturer is very approachable and they get to know you on a personal level. Each module is designed to help you in the classroom environment. MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles, has an excellent reputation for post-primary school teaching and when you attend a programme here it is very easy to understand why. I would highly recommend this programme and College to anybody who is thinking of pursuing their dream of becoming a post-primary teacher as well as making life-long friends.

BA IN EDUCATION, BUSINESS STUDIES AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES (MI010)

Accepted Major Awards:

Essential Component Awards:

Level 5

5M2468 (Business Administration)

Within the context of the named major QQI level 5 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 modules.

5M2102 (Business Studies)

5M2069 (Marketing)

5M2111 (International Trade)

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Level 6

6M5013 (Administration)

Within the context of the named major QQI level 6 qualification awards, students must possess distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 4 modules.

Additional Requirements: H7/06 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or equivalent e.g. 5N2066 (Statistics) or 5N1833 (Mathematics)

FEES & GRANTS

There are three elements to fees:

- Tuition fees
- Student Contribution charge
- College Levies

1. Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are paid by the Irish Government in respect of full-time undergraduate students who are EU nationals ordinarily resident in an EU Member State, subject to certain conditions. Tuition Fees may not be paid for students who are pursuing a second undergraduate programme, repeating a year of study or hold a postgraduate qualification. Students are advised to read the Eligibility for Free Tuition Fees, which can be found on the following site: www.studentfinance.ie

2. Student Contribution Charge

This is the annual fee (subject to change) and must be paid by all students. Students in receipt of a grant will have this paid directly by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). Please refer to www.susi.ie to determine your eligibility for a grant and instructions on how to apply. For further information in relation to the Student Contribution Charge please see the MIC Fees Web Page: www.mic.ul.ie/fees

3. College Levies

College levies are payable by all students and are not covered by the SUSI grant. Levies vary per programme and per year of programme registered for. For a full listing of levies per programme please see the MIC Fees Web Page: www.mic.ul.ie/fees

Grants

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) www.susi.ie is Ireland's single national awarding authority for all higher and further education grants. SUSI offers funding to eligible students in approved full-time third-level education in Ireland and in some cases funding for students studying outside the state.

SUSI offers support to all types of students, from school leavers to mature students returning to education. Before applying for your grant however, we would encourage you to review the eligibility criteria by using the Eligibility Reckoner on the SUSI website www.susi.ie where you can quickly and easily self-assess whether you may be entitled to a full or partial grant depending on your circumstances. You must have an online account with SUSI before you can make your grant application.

Please ensure that you provide complete and accurate information (e.g. on dates of birth and PPS numbers) as failure to do this will delay processing of your application. Supply the documentation requested of you, correctly and on time. Make your application as early as possible after the April opening date.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When do you apply?

Applications for admission to all full-time undergraduate degree programmes are made through the CAO. Applications can be made online, or alternatively, please contact the CAO office to request a hard copy application form. Using a single application form, you may choose from the entire range of programmes listed in this guide. You may apply for up to 10 programmes in the Level 8 category and 10 programmes in the Level 7 category. Please note that all undergraduate degrees taught at MIC are Level 8 degrees. For more information, contact:

Central Applications Office, Tower House,
Eglinton Street, Galway City, Ireland.
T: +353 (0)91 509 800
E: info@cao.ie
W: www.cao.ie

How are applicants assessed?

MIC recognises certain QQI/FET/FETAC Level 5 and 6 qualifications as pathways to a number of its undergraduate programmes. In order to be considered for a place on these programmes, students are required to have completed the requisite Level 5 or Level 6 course and hold the minimum number of distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in the requisite modules. For more on the kind of QQI/FET/FETAC level 5/6 awards recognised by MIC, see the 'Eligible QQI/FET/FETAC Courses' page of this guidebook. For more on the specific QQI/FET/FETAC scoring scheme used by all HEI's, see www.cao.ie

Can I make a late application to MIC after February 1?

Yes. Late applications from QQI/FET/FETAC applicants are accepted up until the closing date of 1 May.

Can I use the change of mind option for MIC's programmes?

Yes. The CAO online Change of Mind facility opens in early May and closes on 1 July at 5:15pm.

When will I know if my application has been successful?

If you are offered a place at MIC you will receive official notification of this from the CAO, usually in early August. The date by which you must accept your offer will be clearly stated on the CAO notification. It is essential that you are aware of the date for accepting your offer. You may accept your offer online (www.cao.ie) in the event that you are away from your address.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR APPLICANTS

CAO	Deadline	Fee & Application Type
Closing Date	1 February, 5.15pm	€45 online or paper
Late applications	1 May, 5.15pm	€60 online, €90 paper
Change of Mind	Until 31 January, 5.15pm	Free
Change of Mind	5 February - 1 March, 5.15pm	€10
Change of Mind	4 May - 1 July, 5.15pm	Free
Offers	Early August	Free



USEFUL CONTACTS

Access and Disability Office

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E: access@mic.ul.ie

Students at MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles are encouraged to contact Paula Hourigan in the first instance:

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E: admissions@mic.ul.ie

Fees Office

E: studentfees@mic.ul.ie

Accommodation Office

T: +353 61 302500

E: courtbrack@mic.ul.ie

Grants Office

E: studentgrants@mic.ul.ie

Mary Immaculate College

South Circular Road

Limerick

T: +353 61 204300

www.mic.ul.ie

Central Applications Office (CAO)

Tower house

Eglington Street

Galway

T: +353 91 509 800

E: info@cao.ie

www.cao.ie

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

26/27 Denzille Lane,

Dublin 2, D02 P266

Ireland

T: +353 1 905 8100

www.qqi.ie/Pages/Home.aspx

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Further Education Entry Routes to MIC

(Limerick and Thurles)



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