

# MSc Co-operative and Social Enterprise

CKL42 / CKL10











## **CO-OPERATIVE AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

The MSc Co-operative and Social Enterprise programme is designed for students interested in pursuing or developing a professional or voluntary career in the co-operative and / or social enterprise field.

This is a part-time programme offered through distance learning and can be taken over 1 or 2 calendar years.

It provides students with the knowledge and skills required to participate meaningfully and effectively at leadership level in the decision-making, management and entrepreneurial processes of co-operative and social enterprises.

Students of the MSc Co-operative and Social Enterprise programme will develop the capacity to respond creatively to the needs and problems of the wider community and society.



#### PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The main aims of the programme are:

- To equip students for management careers and/or voluntary service at senior level in a wide range of co-operative and social enterprises
- To prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed to participate meaningfully and effectively at leadership level in the decision-making, management and entrepreneurial processes of co-operative and social enterprises
- To develop student capacity to respond creatively to the needs and problems of the wider community and society, if students are either a voluntary or a salaried practitioner in a co-operative and social enterprise
- To provide students with access to postgraduate and personal development opportunities whilst allowing them to combine family responsibilities and employment

#### **UNIQUE ASPECTS**

 Graded by continuous assessment with no written end-of-year examinations

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#### **CAREER INFORMATION**

This course is designed for those who are interested in pursuing or developing a professional or voluntary career in the co-operative or social enterprise field.

Whether in a voluntary or a salaried practitioner, this course will develop your capacity to respond creatively to the needs and problems of the wider community and society.

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Communicate and work effectively to a high professional standard
- Demonstrate advanced analytical and problem solving skills associated with effective practice
- Engage in advanced application of frameworks and techniques in organisational settings
- Reflect on self-practice
- Propose and conduct empirical research for organisational and academic audiences

## **PRACTICALITIES & ASSESSMENT**

## **Practicalities**

The MSc is a taught master's course, with a research-based dissertation.

Each module / course is delivered using a combination of text-based modules, academic text books, academic readings, web-based discussion and on-line lectures.

## Assessment

Students will be assessed by way of continuous assessment, e.g. essays, group work, virtual contributions, etc.

This means that there are no end-of-year written examinations for this course.

Programme Code: CKL42 (Full-Time),

CKL10 (Part-Time)

Duration: 1 year (Full-Time),

2 years (Part-Time)

Teaching Mode: Online

Qualification: MSc NFQ Level: Level 9





#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2020**

## Irish/EU Students and International Students

## To apply for this programme you must:

- Be at least 23 at time of enrolment
- Be able to access and use the Internet
- Possess two years' experience in a voluntary or professional capacity in a co-operative or social enterprise, and either
- Hold at least a 2H2 primary degree or an equivalent academic qualification OR
- Have at least five years' extensive practical, professional or scholarly experience in the co-operative and social enterprise field as approved by the Cork University Business School, have sat the MSc (Co-operative and Social enterprise) Qualifying Examination and attained at least a Second Class Honours Grade II therein, and present for interview (if required) by the Department of Food Business and Development

## **English Language Requirement:**

Applicants from non-native English-speaking countries will be required to undertake a recognised English language test.

Please see accepted tests and minimum requirements below.

## IELTS: 6.5

With no individual section lower than 5.5

#### **TOEFL**: 90

With minimum scores as follows:

- Listening: 17 Reading: 18
- Speaking: 20 Writing: 17

Cambridge Proficiency Exam: Grade C Cambridge Advanced Exam: Grade B

**Pearson PTE**: Minimum Score of 63 With no section score below 59

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Application for this programme is online at the Postgraduate Application Centre <u>www.pac.ie/ucc</u> (PAC Code: CKL42 full time or CKL10 part time)

For more information on the Programme:



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