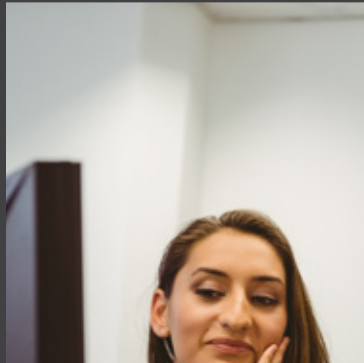




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PhD Business Information Systems

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The PhD Business Information Systems (BIS) is a full-time programme taken over four years (48 months) from the date of first registration for the programme.

At Business Information Systems, we are a dynamic research community with established research clusters in FinTech, Compliance and Regulation, Health Information Systems, Resilience and Business Continuity, Openness and Collaboration, Technology Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Digital Transformation.

We value our doctoral researchers and we aim to attract students from around the world who aspire to meaningfully engage in academic debate, challenge regulation and policy, and tackle relevant business problems in the Information Systems field.

Our programme aims to support students to develop an in-depth knowledge of a specific research area in the IS domain, as well as the problem solving and analysis skills that will enable them make significant innovative contributions to the Information Systems field as academics and practitioners.



UNIQUE ASPECTS

PhD Business Information Systems is a structured doctoral programme which includes a curriculum of modules focused in the IS research area.

These modules will advance your skills not only in academic and scientific methods, they will also support you to develop and enhance your soft skills such as communication and presentation techniques.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Critically discuss both seminal and emerging Information Systems research issues and topics;
- Critically analyse research literature in the Information Systems field in order to identify and articulate gaps in current knowledge;
- Identify and synthesise relevant literature to effectively theorise Information Systems phenomena;
- Select, articulate and justify methodological choices for achieving particular research objectives in the Information Systems field;
- Conduct empirical research through the gathering and analysis of data in a fashion commensurate with the highest international academic standards of methodological rigour and transparency;
- Effectively document and communicate the context, objectives, methodology, findings and implications of original research;
- Make an original and significant contribution to the Information Systems research literature based on empirical research;
- Clearly describe the academic and practical contributions and implications of their research, the limitations of their research, and appropriate directions for future research.

PRACTICALITIES & ASSESSMENT

Practicalities

Our PhD programme combines highly relevant and structured tuition in the first year with close mentorship from a team of supervisors to help students develop and deepen their chosen area of research.

Year 1

- Develop Research Skills – 70 Credits
- Build Research Proposal – 20 Credits

Candidates must have a complete Research Proposal to progress to PhD Year 2

Year 2-4

- Complete Thesis Research

Assessment

Part I and II

PhD Year 1 students are required to complete and pass a number of continuous assessments directly relating to modules taken in Part I and II, culminating in the presentation and defence of their thesis proposal.

Part III

Part III (Year 2-4) focuses on conducting the thesis research and on the writing of the thesis. The primary determinant for the award of PhD (Business Information Systems) is the submission, successful examination and defence of a satisfactory thesis.

Programme Code: **CKN18**

Duration: **48 months (4 years)**

Teaching Mode: **Year 1 Seminar (90 credits), Year 2-4 Supervised Thesis Research and Writing**

Qualification: **PhD**

NFQ Level: **Level 10**





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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2019

Irish/EU Students and International Students

To apply for this programme:

A candidate must have obtained a standard of at least Second Class Honours, Grade I, in an approved primary or Master's degree to gain entry to the programme. This is a minimum requirement and does not guarantee admission to this programme.

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

These are minimum language requirements. Applicants may be required to provide writing samples as part of the application process. A very strong command of the English language is essential on entry to this doctoral programme.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for this programme is online at the Postgraduate Application Centre www.pac.ie/ucc (PAC Code: CKN18)

You will need to apply at least three months in advance of your estimated start date. There is a single start date each year for PhD BIS students: September (start of teaching semester 1).

For more information on the Programme:



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