School of Computer Science

M.Sc Software Design and Development

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Q1. What is this course about?

This two-year MSc is aimed at candidates with little or no information technology (IT) experience who want to pursue a career in the IT industry. The skills developed in this programme include the core software development tools and techniques as well as a solid grounding in research and its application in a specific information and communications technology (ICT) domain. The first year follows the normal academic cycle of lectures and laboratory sessions/tutorials, and provides students with a thorough foundation in IT skills. Time will also be spent on developing research interests/skills to prepare students for their second year, during which they will conduct a research project and submit a thesis on their findings.

Q2. What is the duration of this course?

The M.Sc is a full-time two year programme.

Q3. What is the application process?

Applicants for the programme apply through the CRM application system. The direct link is: https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login

Applicants are required to have an active email account to use this website and applicants are guided through the system until the online application form is completed. A FAQ is also provided on this website to assist with the application process. Applicants are also requested to provide each of the following documents, a birth certificate and transcript of results and a personal statement.

- ***Official qualifications and exam results (transcripts) to date:*** required for all non-NUI Galway applicants and for NUI Galway graduates who did not receive their undergraduate degrees from NUI Galway. Copies of originals must be certified as true copies - CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES may be obtained by bringing the original document and a photocopy to the University/College that you graduated from, Garda Station (Local Police Station), Solicitor, Courthouse, or Commissioner of Oaths, and having the photocopy certified and officially stamped as a true copy of the original. Photocopies that are not certified will not suffice. Please note that these documents will not be returned. Applicants who have still to graduate must send these in on receipt.

- ***Personal Statement (Essential for All Applicants)***: - The personal statement of approximately 1 A4 page should detail why applicants wish to undertake the programme, how it fits into career objectives and specifically what makes applicants most suitable for a career in software development.

- **Birth Certificate – non-NUIG applicants only** – a copy of your birth certificate must be submitted.

- **English Competency.** All applicants whose first language is not English, or who have not been educated through the medium of English language during their two most recent eras of study, must attach your English competency examination transcript as evidence of English competency. For more information please see: https://www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad-admissions/faqs/.

Q4. Is there an interview?

No, applicants will be not be called for an interview.

Q5. What are the eligibility criteria?

Candidates must have a minimum 2.1 honours (Level 8) undergraduate degree (or equivalent international qualification). An IELTS score of 6.5 (or equivalent international qualification) is required.

Q6. Are there language competency requirements?

If necessary, evidence of English language competency should be provided. This refers to all applicants whose first language is not English or who have not been educated through the medium of English language during their two most recent years of study. Details are available on: http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/entry-requirements/

Q7. Will I need references?

Applicants must supply the names and contact details of two referees when they submit their application. References can be from an academic reference and an employer in the case of applicants currently in employment.

Q8. I do not have all my documentation such as exam transcripts yet.

Applicants can upload these any time, however, applications will not be processed until all required documentation has been received.

Q9. When will I know if I have been accepted into the course?

The Postgraduate Admissions office notify applicants as quickly as possible once an application has been reviewed and a recommendation made.

Q10. What do I need to do in order to register for this course?

On being offered a place on the course, registration information will be sent via e:mail to all incoming students for 2021/22 who have accepted their offer. Further information can be found at http://www.nuigalway.ie/registration/

Q11. What are the course fees?

For specific details of course fees applicants should contact the Fees Office at fees@nuigalway.ie. Fee details are available on: http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/fees-and-funding/fees.html#tab2

Q12. Am I eligible for social welfare or other forms of funding?

This would be determined on a case by case basis and you will have to examine these options yourself. You may be eligible for some schemes such as:

County Council Grants (contact your local Authority).
Back to Education allowances or other social welfare payments (Contact the Department of Social Welfare).

Further information can be found on http://www.citizensinformation.ie/

Q13. Where will I find information for international applicants?

The International Office (http://www.nuigalway.ie/international/) have a detailed website with information for international students. Entry requirements for your country are available also on this webpage.

Q14. Do I require a visa?

Study visa application and guidelines can be found on:
http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/prearrival.html.