APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES

Post Leaving Certificate QQI Level 5
(QQI Code: 5M2181)

This one year full-time programme offers an introduction to the theory and practice of Social Studies and Psychology aiming to increase awareness of the practical applications of social and psychological theory.

This programme will interest students wishing to explore and develop their knowledge and practical experience of social and psychological issues. It also introduces students to the tenets of Psychology and Sociology as sciences while introducing the area of Youthwork.

> "Once I complete my Applied Social Studies course, I plan to obtain my degree in Community & Youthwork in Maynooth University. My PLC course has really prepared me for college and taught me how to manage my time and do assignments correctly."
>
> – Emma Hughes

Duration:
September to May | Full-Time

Entry requirements:
Leaving Certificate or QQI Level 4 or equivalent standard of education.
All applicants must attend for interview and online assessment to determine suitability for the programme. Garda Vetting is required to complete Work Experience.

Modules*:
1. Psychology
2. Intercultural Studies
3. Social Studies
4. Young People & Society
5. Understanding Special Needs
6. Human Growth & Development
7. Personal Effectiveness
8. Work Experience

Modules subject to change

Fees:
€200   Registration Fee (payable by all students, non-refundable)
€200   PLC Government Levy (some exemptions apply)
€50   QQI Certification Fee (some exemptions apply)

Employment Opportunities:
This programme equips the student with the basic skills to work in community agencies such as family resource centres, residential care centres, community, voluntary and youth organisations.

Students may be eligible to apply for the SUSI Grant, or the Back to Education Allowance or VTOS.

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Links to Third Level

Maynooth University (MU)	MH101	Bachelor of Arts (Level 8)
	MH116	Community and Youth Work (Level 8)
Galway-Mayo IT (GMIT)	GA879	Applied Social Care (Level 7)
	GA889	Applied Social Care (Level 8)
National University of Ireland Galway (NUI Galway)	GY101	Bachelor of Arts (Level 8)
	GY120	Bachelor of Arts (Child, Youth and Family: Policy & Practice) (Level 8)
	GY123	Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences (Level 8)
Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)	DT571	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Social Care (Level 8)
Athlone Institute of Technology (AIT)	AL764	Early Years Care and Education (Level 7)
	AL765	Applied Social Studies in Social Care (Level 7)
	AL860	Social Care Practice (Level 8)
	*AL870	Psychology
Carlow Institute of Technology (Carlow IT)	CW717	Applied Social Studies – Professional Social Care (Level 7)
	CW758	Applied Social Studies – Professional Social Care (Level 8)
	CW788	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Youth and Community Work (Level 8)

Students must obtain Distinctions in 3 modules and Merit in Maths module (5N1833) or Leaving Certificate Maths at O5 or H7.

How to apply:

Contact us directly for an application form at:

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