



## Maynooth University School of Business Management, Strategy & Innovation MSc Strategy and Innovation

### Why study Strategy & Innovation?

If you are a recent graduate seeking to build a career in management; mid-career specialist looking to move into management; or a senior manager wondering how to build effective, efficient, and innovative solutions for the operational and strategic problems of your organisation; then this is the degree for you. Managers face a constant tension between managing the operational challenges of today and ensuring that they can lead their organisation to success in the longer term. How do you lead people? How can you find the resources needed to build a more successful organisation? How do you choose to focus your team's energies between competing opportunities and challenges? The MSc in Strategy and Innovation **provides you with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and solve operational and strategic problems that real organisations face.** Successful managers need to be able to analyse problems, make decisions, work in and lead teams, communicate solutions, and find innovative and effective ways to translate strategies into action. Our approach to learning is to blend the development of advanced specialist knowledge and capabilities with practical application. Our programme is focused on your career success. We develop skills that you need to be an effective manager.

### Why this programme?

In Semester 1 you will come to understand the process of strategy formulation and implementation, innovation, and how technology can be used to create operational and strategic value and develop your career plan to achieve your ambitions. In Semester 2 you will learn how to put this knowledge into practice through Strategy Live, where you work both in

teams and individually on current strategy problems faced by organisations. Through our modules on Leadership and Financial Management, you gain insights into how to be both a follower and a leader and how to analyse the potential of an organisation to create financial value. In the third (summer) months you will apply your knowledge and skills in a real-world context, choosing between a Work Placement, Dissertation, or Business Consulting Project. Part-time students will develop these capabilities over two years.

### How will this help my career?

The course develops you as a manager who can create value for private and public organisations with analytic, personal, and decision-making capabilities to be an effective contributor in teams that identify and solve complex operational and strategic problems faced by organisations. For recent graduates, this master's gives you the skills necessary for a career in consultancy, general management, and business analysis. For those with work experience, this degree helps you transition from a role as a technical specialist into a managerial role, or to develop the skills needed to advance to senior management. The Work Placement and Business Consulting Project options are particularly valuable to employers as they demonstrate your ability to apply your learning in the world of work. All students on this MSc are entitled to free Graduate membership of the IMCA (Institute of Management Consultants & Advisers) for the duration of the programme and for the 12 months following completion.



## What do our graduates say?

“One of the highlights of the Masters was the Strategy Live module. Strategy Live worked well as it brought together the knowledge gained from other modules and combined it with the ranging level of work experience from students in the class. The module gave students an opportunity work with reputable companies from different industries, on real life problems that they were facing whereby the students had to build a strategic solution. The value in this project was that it was over 3 months whereby the solution got built over time and the groups were thoughtfully put together, consisting of students with different levels of work experience and from different Masters streams.”

**Riedwaan Fakier** – Graduate

## Module Themes

- > Career Planning and Development
- > Digital Business
- > Innovation
- > Strategic Management: Tools and Concepts
- > Leadership
- > Financial Management
- > Strategy Live
- > Evidence Based Management
- > Introduction to Sustainability in Business

Summer Semester Options: Business Consulting Project / Dissertation / Work Placement.

## What are the entry requirements?

You must hold a Business, Management, or Marketing degree, or a Business related degree, having achieved a minimum of a 2.2 honours (or equivalent) overall. Alternatively, you may hold a non-Business degree (minimum 2.2 overall) with at least five years' work experience. Exceptionally, consideration will be given to candidates who do not hold a primary degree, but who do have at least 10 years' relevant work experience, at least three of which are in a management position.

## Course Structure

A key innovation is the concept of **Strategy Live**, which gives you the opportunity to put your knowledge of strategy into practice with a live client on a real strategic challenge. This is an intensive and fast-paced programme over 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time, in which knowledge areas define the module foci and progression, and skill areas are overlaid across the programme. We have two semesters of taught modules, during which each module is taught over four days. These four days will be time-tabled three to four weeks apart so that learning can occur between the individual teaching days and permits reflection on content and the completion of projects and tasks. Part-time students attend their sessions over two years, completing the Business Consulting Project in the second year. Themes may include:

## Course Fees

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## How to apply?

See [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/how-apply](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/how-apply) for more information.

## Where can I find more information?

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