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CTYI

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Youth Ireland

Online Correspondence Courses

2025

Online course for students
aged 13 - 17 years old.

About Correspondence Courses

CTY Ireland's Older Student Correspondence Courses offer students an opportunity to experience third level subjects in a supportive and encouraging learning environment. Over the course of six assignments, students will gain a deeper insight into their chosen subject, dealing first-hand with some of its core topics.

CTYI Correspondence Courses are open to any secondary school student who has taken part in a programme previously, or any interested TY students. The course is open to all TY students, with no entry criteria. This course may be of particular interest to TY students, as it is a chance to try out subjects you may be considering for university.

This year we will run one Correspondence Course term, which is open to any students that are interested.

The courses are also designed to help develop the skills in academic writing necessary in third level study. Students will learn to research, to handle difficult topics and to formulate their own opinions to construct their own piece of work.

Over the course of the six assignments, these skills will advance and develop with the help and guidance of the tutors and course organiser. By the final assignment, participants should have a good feel for their chosen subject, which should assist in future educational planning.

Course Format

The course consists of six assignments, running from January to May. Assignments are due every three weeks or so. Once signed up, students receive a course handbook by email, and follow the assignments outlined, submitting their assignments to a Google Classroom page for their subject on or before the given deadline. Feedback is given on Google Classroom no later than ten days after the deadline.

Prior to each assignment, students will have a chance to meet their tutor with the group via Google Meet. The tutor will use this time to discuss general feedback on the previous assignment and answer any questions students have about the next assignment.

Course details will be emailed to applicants after the closing date, **December 13th 2024**. The first course online meeting will take place on the 11th January. The full schedule of online meetings and assignment due dates will be included in the course details sent out after the closing date.

Tutors

Our course tutors are each working or studying professionals in their own field. They understand that tackling these assignments can be daunting, but they are very encouraging. Many have tutored on these courses for a number of years, and so know how to effectively guide your learning and writing.

Requirements

Students must have access to the internet and the means of accessing Google Classroom (i.e. computer, tablet, smartphone).



Course Descriptions

Legal Studies

This practical course highlights different aspects of the law. Students will be challenged to come up with arguments to defend their position, and solve complex questions. Weighing up the merits of each case, students must decide on the fairest ruling. Legal arguments are often complex and very confusing, but they are always very interesting. Assignments examples are; the case of the Speluncean Explorers, the court system in Ireland, miscarriages of justice, precedent, capital punishment, the Irish Constitution and human rights.

Medicine

This course aims to introduce the student to the broad knowledge base that is required to study Medicine. It will give the student a chance to understand the normal functioning of the human body and learn through their own research how disease can come about. It will cover a broad range of topics from current medical knowledge to potential future developments. Through the assignments the student will learn not just the pathophysiology behind the disease but should also learn to recognise the signs and symptoms of common diseases and be able to understand the steps involved in making a diagnosis and managing a patient.

Psychology

This course aims to introduce students to some of the basic theoretical and applied areas of psychology. It involves analysing the value of psychological theories and explanations of human behaviour and thinking processes. It will also involve identifying the contribution of a psychological approach to current social issues. One of the main objectives of the course is to encourage students to adopt a critical thinking approach to their writing. Assignment topics include; an introduction to psychology, child development, memory, human intelligence, prejudice and perception.

Writing

This course will help you develop thinking and writing skills, desirable for upper secondary school and first year, university level. Through a series of assignments, students will gain an invaluable insight into the writing process. Assignment topics include; rewriting a fairy-tale, writing thesis statements, poetry and ghost writing.

Application Information

Course Fee €200

If you are interested in applying for one of these courses, please follow the link provided in the email, or below, which will take you to our online application form.

Choose Just One Subject

We recommend that students take only one course over the year. In the past, students participating in more than one subject struggle to meet assignment deadlines.

Please do not choose a Correspondence Course you have taken previously.

Online Payment

The application form also contains a link to our payment portal which you will need to access in order to pay for the course.

Under "Programme" select:
Older Students

Under "Payment Item" select:
Correspondence Courses

Enter your Receipt Confirmation Number, then click Submit.

Please Note

An online payment does not constitute an application on its own, and does not guarantee a place on any programme. You must complete the application form to register for these courses.

Refund Policy

Please read the information carefully.

We cannot offer refunds or credit notes due to incorrect course sign ups, signing up for a course twice or errors which occur as a lack of reading the application instructions.

No Refund will be made to any student who is assigned one of their course choices but decides not to participate. Students who start a course but do not complete it are not eligible for a refund. Fees are non-transferable. Please note that refund requests must be made in writing.

Click Here to Apply!

or go to:

<https://forms.gle/rXH5akdqFVKGTy5R6>

Contact Us

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Closing Date

Friday 13th December 2024