MPhil in Psychoanalytic Studies

2016/2017

Course Outline

The MPhil in Psychoanalytic Studies is a One-Year Full-Time course that explores the broad field of psychoanalysis and its applications to our understanding of individuals and groups. We are particularly interested in looking at its relevance for our everyday lives and how it can help us to develop a deeper and broader appreciation of unconscious mental life or our inner worlds. On this course, we are particularly concerned with those approaches that are relational in nature – that closely consider the idea that experience develops in the relationship between the person and those around him/her, from the beginning of life and across infancy, childhood and adulthood.

We see psychoanalysis responding to our human curiosity about what lies underneath our conscious experience.

What is it that motivates us?

How does sexuality influence our lives?

How do early experiences impact on us?

Why do we get caught in patterns?

Why do we damage our own growth?

Course Modules

We currently have seven compulsory modules (see below) including a series of research tutorials in the second term to address the needs of students undertaking the course dissertation.

- Basic Psychoanalytic Concepts *(First Term)*
- Dreams, Dreaming and Symbolic Life *(First Term)*
- The Emotional World of the Child *(First Term)*
- Clinical States of Mind *(Second Term)*
- Object Relations Theory *(Second Term)*
- Psychoanalysis and the Arts *(Second Term)*
- Thesis/Dissertation *(First and Second Terms, Summer following terms)*

Teaching Times

Our students attend Tuesdays and Wednesdays in term from 10 a.m. to 12.p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

First Term, Michaelmas Term

12 Weeks Michaelmas Term 2016 (last week in September – second week in December)

Second Term, Hilary Term

12 Weeks Hilary Term 2017 (third week in January to first week in April)

If you have any questions you would like to ask us about the course, please contact us at the following emails addresses: Luisa Byrne, Course Administrator: byrnelu@tcd.ie or Dr. John O' Connor, Course Director: joconno8@tcd.ie