

# **Transition Year Correspondence Courses**

*A variety of university-style subjects offered by CTY Ireland, Dublin City University*



**2014-2015 Academic Year**



CTY Ireland's Transition Year 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.

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 their future educational planning.

### Course Format

Upon application, we will email the course handbook. Each assignment is detailed, with lots of assistance in terms of useful websites and guidelines on how to approach answering the question posed.

### 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 an accessible email address, as most of our correspondence is conducted in this manner.

### Upon Application

Course details will be emailed to applicants in December. The first assignment is due in early January, 2015. Assignments are submitted by email every 3-4 weeks.

### Five Courses Available:

*Writing - Cutting Edge Science - Psychology - Legal Studies - Medicine*



### Course Organisation

The courses are organised by *Danielle Broomfield*, Academic Coordinator, at the Centre for Talented Youth, Ireland. **Please contact**



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<http://www.dcu.ie/ctyi/correspondence.shtml>

### Talent Search 2015 - FREE place

This year we are offering all students who partake in the TY correspondence programme a free place on our 2015 Talent Search. The Talent Search is an annual assessment which CTYI run to discover gifted youth around Ireland and it is used as an entry test for the CTYI Summer programmes. If you are interested receiving more information please tick the box on the application form.

### Choose Just One Subject

We recommend that students undertake just one subject. Typically, the transition year timetable becomes very congested in the new year, and we have seen past students of these courses struggle to meet assignment deadlines.

**Course fee**

**€200**

## Writing

This course will help you develop thinking and writing skills, desirable for upper secondary school and first year, university level. Through a graded series of highly effective and enjoyable writing assignments, students will gain an invaluable insight into the writing process. The course is tutored by a professional writer. Assignments topics include; rewriting a fairytale, writing thesis statements, poetry, creating a symbol out of a narrative and, ghost writing.

## Cutting Edge Science

This course considers exciting scientific discoveries that have had major implications to animals and humans in recent times. Raising many ethical and health questions these new fields of study have led to much debate amongst society in general. On this course students will explore some of the most topical scientific discoveries in the last decade. Through guided research and study they will gain a solid understanding of the issues allowing them to properly argue their opinion. Assignment topics include; artificial intelligence, DNA and genetics, cloning, robotics, GM food and the Hadron Collider.

*"I enjoyed the challenge of processing information and making it your own."*

## 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 include; the case of the Speluncean Explorers, the court system in Ireland, miscarriages of justice, precedent, capital punishment, the Irish Constitution and human rights.

*"This course has helped me a lot. I now vary my vocabulary as much as I can and try to structure my essays too. The course has introduced me to referencing my work and now I do it without thinking for school!"*

## Medicine

This correspondence 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 develop-

ments. 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 will be to encourage students to adopt a critical thinking approach to their writing. Assignments include; an introduction to psychology, child development, memory, human intelligence, stereotyping, racism and prejudice and perception.

*"I learned a number of valuable essay writing skills that will help me next year as I start my Leaving Cert. I have become skilled at referencing throughout this course and am very happy about this."*

# TY Correspondence Course Application Form

Name

Address

Email

Home Phone #

School Name

School Address

TY Coordinator

CTYI accepts cheques, bank drafts, Laser, Visa and MasterCard. **We don't accept cash.**

## Payment by Cheque or Postal Order

Please make the €200 cheque payable to CTYI and cross with the words *account payee only*.

Write the student's name on the back of the cheque, with the words *TY Correspondence*.

## Payment by Visa Debit, Visa or MasterCard

Name of Card Holder

Card type: Visa Debit   Visa   MasterCard   (please circle)

Card No.

Card Expiry

I authorize €200 to be charged to my card.

Signed

Please select your chosen course

- Creative Writing
- Cutting Edge Science
- Legal Studies
- Medicine
- Psychology

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please tick this box if wish to receive details of the **CTYI 2015 Talent Search.**

Please post your application to:  
TY Correspondence Courses, CTY Ireland,  
Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

**Closing Date for receipt of applications**  
**Friday, November 21st, 2014**