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# MCAST INTERNATIONAL



# WELCOME MESSAGE



**MCAST Principal & CEO**  
**Prof Joachim James Calleja**

*When the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology was set up 20 years ago, its mission statement contained an international dimension which the College had to pursue.*

As a matter of fact the mission statement proclaimed that MCAST had to provide universally accessible vocational, professional education and training with an international dimension, responsive to the needs of the individual and the economy. Twenty years since that proclamation, MCAST today is increasingly becoming an international hub for students, researchers and lecturing staff. Recent statistics indicate that today over 90 nationalities are represented on campus. This year we experienced a record of international enrolments for our full-time regular courses of over 1100 students.

The subsidiary company of the College MCAST Gateway to Industry (MG2i) is our bridge that provides the link between local and international students and our over 300 part-time courses. Our overarching value is to increase the employability of whoever makes MCAST a first choice. The increase in numbers of part-time learners is indicative of a culture of learning which goes beyond the shores of our small Island in the Mediterranean Region.

Our geographical position has various benefits and advantages. One of which is our yearlong mild climate, English as one of the two official languages in Malta as well as the robust and quality assured system of education and training. In addition, learners can take advantage of our Mediterranean cuisine, our religious and popular traditions, the beautiful rocky and sandy beaches and the overall hospitality of which Maltese are renowned for all over the world.

At MCAST we take good care of our learners. Our services range from those related to well-being, library resources, counselling and guidance, canteen, bookshop and other ancillary amenities that students normally look for when studying abroad. Our infrastructure is also conducive to modern learning with several workshops, laboratories, air-conditioned lecture rooms and halls for activities of larger groups. This booklet gives a snapshot of what Malta and MCAST can offer you. We are here to provide you with the best education and training programme which you can find on our web portal and social media. An experience at MCAST and in Malta will certainly entice you to study and work here.

***This is the place of your future. And your future is our core business.***

Welcome to Malta's leading creative, enterprising and international vocational college. The Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology is made up of a diverse community of students from all over the world. At MCAST we have gone from strength to strength. In recent years, we have seen our academic provision and student numbers continue to grow, along with the success of our graduates.

***“We hope to welcome you to our shores, at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology***

Our network has expanded far beyond our shores as we have partnered with colleges and institutions from all across the world. Our excellent relationships with businesses and the professions mean that over 90% of our students are employed soon after they graduate, many with job offers even before they complete their courses.

This is facilitated through numerous apprenticeships with leading employers, which form an integral part of our MCAST programmes. Our strength lies within our diversity, with over 190 full time courses and over 300 part time options. Our provision extends to training for industries, as we tailor make courses to suit specific employers all over the world.

We are an ambitious international community college that puts our students first with inspiring teaching and excellent course designs fit to suit the industry's needs. Our students benefit from a staff-student ratio that guarantees personal attention and encouragement to achieve their potential, while learning from experts in their field.



**Deputy Principal, Business  
Development & Quality  
Assurance, Stephen Vella**



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## WELCOME TO MCAST

Established in 2001, the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) is the country's leading Vocational and Professional Education and Training institution. The College, through its Institutes, is driving forward the development of courses and more focused methodologies and pedagogies for the respective levels falling under their remit. Recent developments include, more new courses on Apprenticeship mode, Apprenticeship Degrees and Master Degrees amongst others. Our students are prepared for careers in different sectors as we collaborate closely with local industry to ensure that the knowledge, skills and competences within our programmes are appropriate and relevant to a dynamic economy. This relationship enhances the College's programmes that are flexible, relevant and responsive to the aspirations of our students and the needs of industry, which are constantly evolving.

# WHY MALTA?

## Your gateway to Europe

- Malta is a **beautiful island** set in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, bathed in 300 days of sunshine each year, boasting a unique millennial history, many world heritage sites and plenty of sporting and social activities.
- Malta is only around **100 km away from mainland Europe**, to which it is linked via air and sea. The Malta International Airport offers easy and affordable access through connections to most major cities across Europe and beyond.
- With **English as one of its official languages** and its place within the EU community, Malta attracts countless students, business people, and tourists from around the globe every year.
- Malta is one of Europe's best performing economies, offering plenty of graduate **employment opportunities**. MCAST's specialised graduates are quick to find employment even whilst undergoing their studies.
- The attractions of studying in the heart of Europe, together with the value of **high quality education and excellent career prospects**, make Malta a truly exciting and unique experience for all students.



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## WHY MCAST?

*Studying at MCAST will give you access to internationally recognised high quality degrees that are in line with the European Qualifications Framework.*

The Malta College of Art, Science and Technology equips you with the skills that global employers need. Through a broad array of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, you will be provided with the practical skills and knowledge required to prepare you for competitiveness of the international job market. You will be trained by academic experts and industry leaders, who will help you succeed in your career with the knowledge, skills and capabilities required by your chosen industry.

Every year, we provide training opportunities to over 6,500 full-time students. New programmes are constantly being added to our list of courses to give you options to choose from. If you are determined to advance in your career, we have the right training programme for you. As a higher education institution, MCAST has been awarded self-accrediting status by the Malta National Commission for Higher and Further Education.

## OUR VALUES

### Inclusion

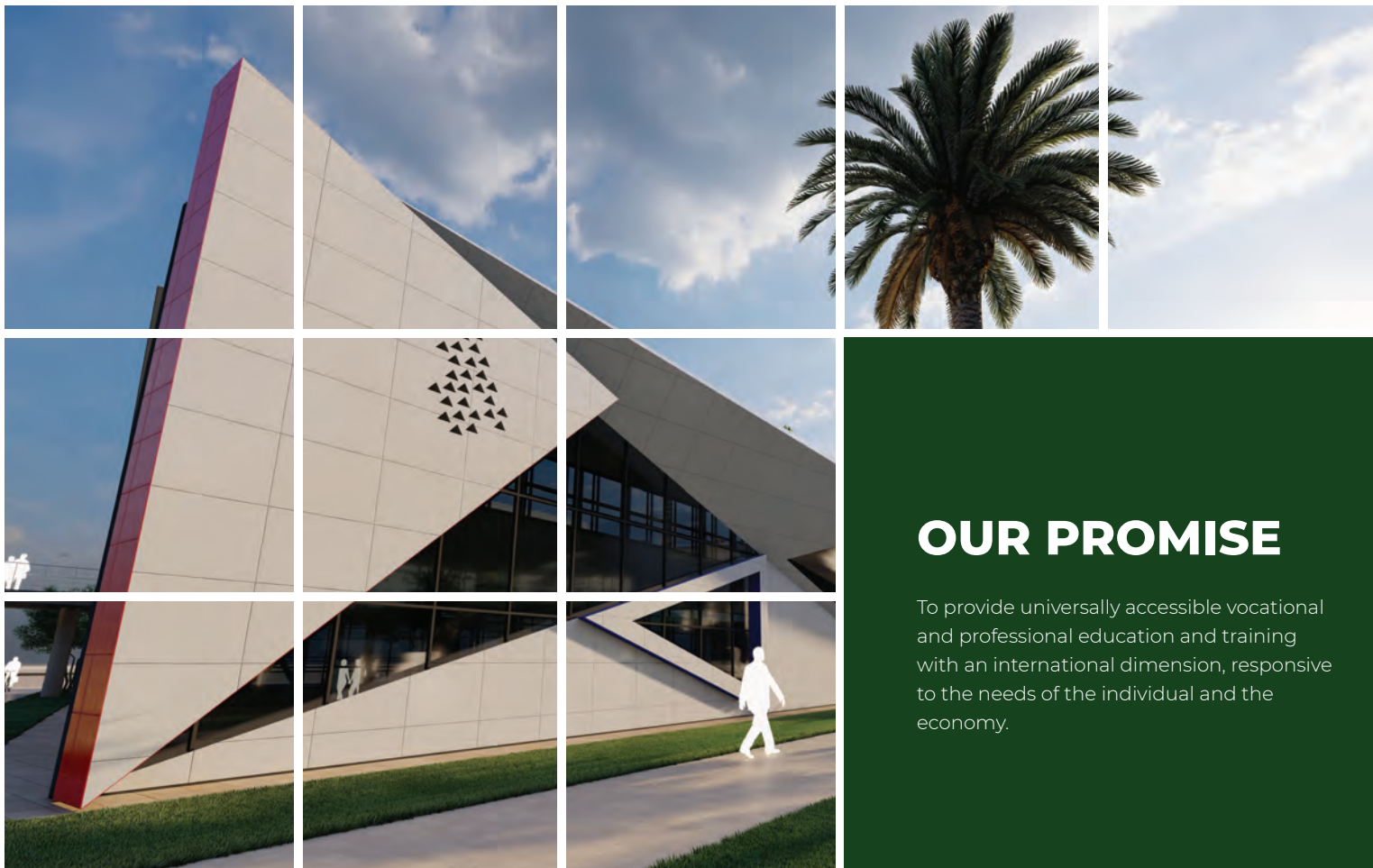
Emphasise diversity and allow for the opportunity for all people to have meaningful learning working experiences.

### Equity

Create an educational institution where personal and educational potential is achieved irrespective of personal and social obstacles.

### Excellence

Promote the highest standards of intellectual inquiry and rigour, address complex, real-world problems in the partnership with our communities; embracing continuous improvement while celebrating the success of our staff and students.



## OUR PROMISE

To provide universally accessible vocational and professional education and training with an international dimension, responsive to the needs of the individual and the economy.

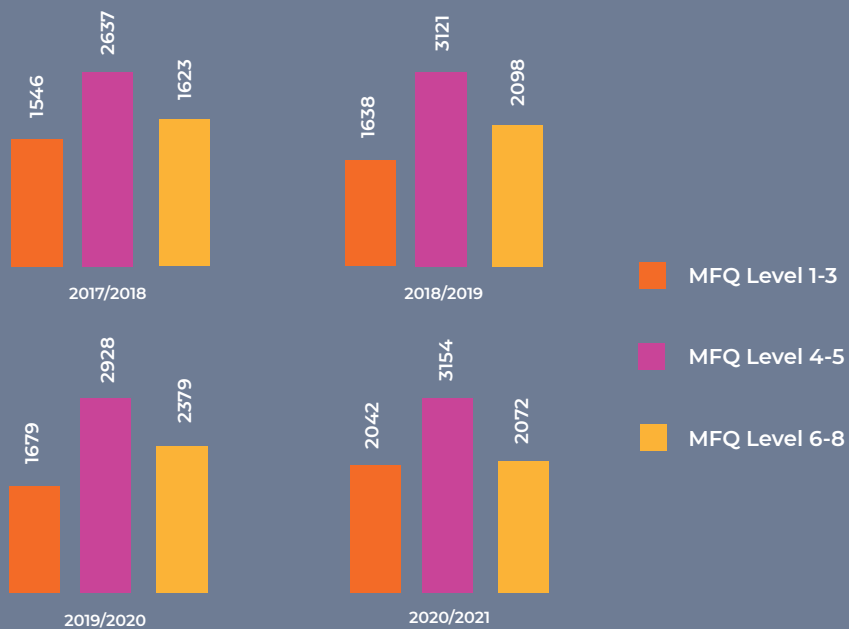
# OUR INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

*MCAST offers its students the added benefits of making their study programme truly international: through exchange options with our Erasmus+ partners, and dual degree opportunities, through our partnerships with Universities such as Northumbria.*

- Our research sphere has also pushed the geographical boundaries with collaborations on international projects in recent years. The Malta College of Arts Science and Technology has built **a vast network of international partners** from all over the world including; China, India, Japan, Ghana, Vietnam, Norway and many more. Our international outreach helps ensure that we stay at the forefront of academic innovation and diversity.
- The college also offers a range of **custom-made programmes** of study with multiple entry points throughout the year. This allows greater flexibility in terms of course delivery and timeframes.
- Studying in a foreign country is an exciting and challenging experience. That is why we provide **professional and friendly support** at each stage of the students' journey, helping them prepare for their arrival at our campus in Malta. With a growing international student community from all over the world following a diverse range of study programmes, all of which are delivered in English, our alumni join a growing international network of knowledge, enquiry and entrepreneurship.

# OUR STUDENTS

Registered students over the past years



## OUR STRATEGIC VISION

*Over the last decade, MCAST has seen rapid developments in its infrastructure, in the programmes that it delivers, in the quality of the staff it recruits and in the positive appraisals, it receives from employers and social partners.*

In the post-COVID19 period, we expect the College to open its doors even wider to the community. We look forward to closer cooperation with public and private entities in order to build a more dynamic workforce system, and with the individual citizen to encourage a more structured use of resources while empowering active citizenship and lifelong learning.

Every qualification offered by MCAST Community College will continue to have labour market value, and learning in industry will be convertible into College credits. A community college will also ensure that all barriers to learning are removed, with student support and community

outreach services increasing and becoming more personalized. The links with the community will be richer, continuous and more meaningful and relevant.

MCAST is a 21st century College born out of the needs of Malta's economic growth in the late 20th century. The unexpected pandemic has disrupted the workforce, has brought unexpected and rapid changes to business models and consumer behavior, and the ripple effect of these changes has hit the shores of education and training. Our college has withstood these changes and is ready to continue with the provision of first-class qualifications that will make our country an attractive place to live in and to visit.



***MCAST will move towards the type of educational Institution known as an international community college***

**1034**  
academic staff



**300**  
different part  
time courses



**190**  
full time  
courses

**2350**  
graduates in 2021



**18%**  
International



**1204**  
international students

**82%**  
Local

**90**  
different nationalities  
on campus

## STUDENT LIFE

Malta is the perfect location to study – with a diverse mix of cultures, activities on your doorstep, and 7,000 years of history to explore, you will never be bored.



The island is blessed by over 300 days of sunshine and offers an enviable climate along with a unique lifestyle. Close to the campus you will find clubs and live music events, as well as beautiful open spaces; and a swim in the clear, blue Mediterranean Sea is only a short walk away.



A cultural melting point, Malta has a proud history spanning over 7,000 years. Home to the oldest stone structures in the world as well as architectural gems of the Knights of Malta, we can offer the discerning visitor a unique opportunity to experience an intense historical journey in across the short and easy distances of our little island.

## COST OF LIVING



### Food, utilities & house hold items

€300- €350 per month



### Transport\*, leisure & entertainment

€100- €150 per month

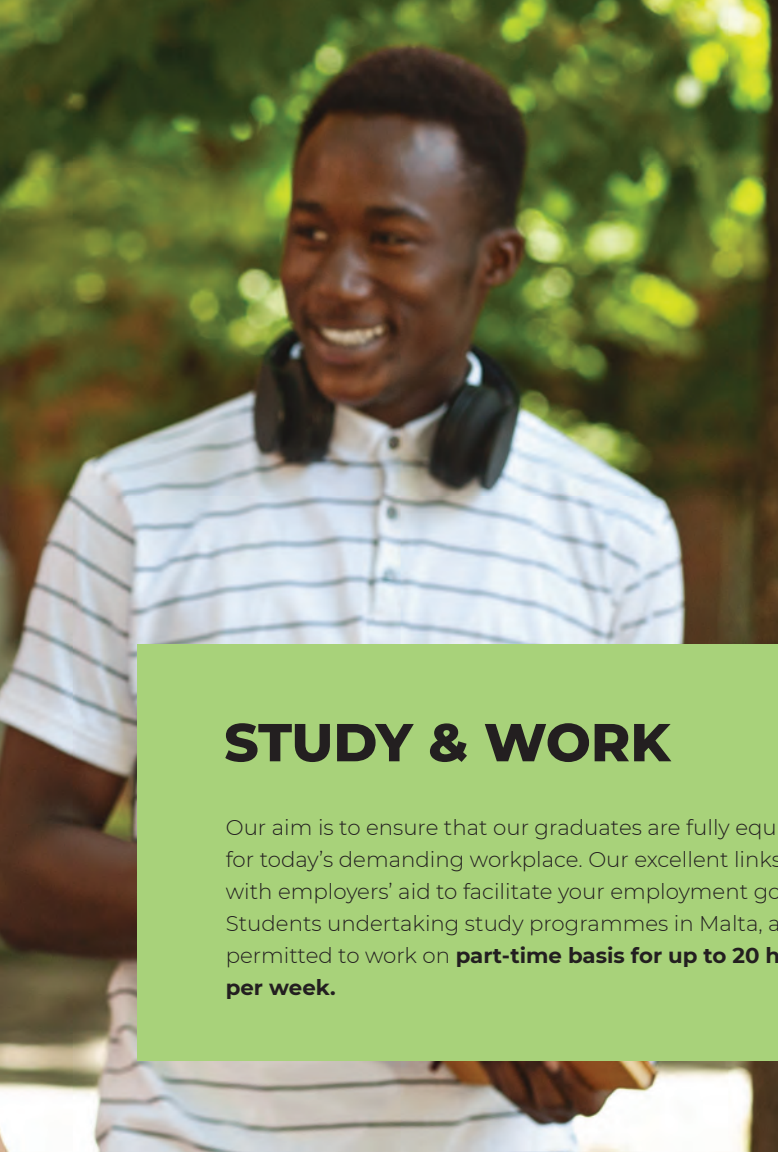


### One off costs

Flights to the rest of the EU start from €20

\*Public Transport is free as from October, 2022





## STUDY & WORK

Our aim is to ensure that our graduates are fully equipped for today's demanding workplace. Our excellent links with employers' aid to facilitate your employment goals. Students undertaking study programmes in Malta, are permitted to work on **part-time basis for up to 20 hours per week.**

## STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

Whether you want to join an existent organisation or start up your own, we encourage our students to participate in ongoing activities and form part of the various organisations we have on campus.

The college's main and largest student organisation is KSM. The KSM (Kunsill Studenti MCAST) is an independent, unaffiliated body at the heart of the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology campuses in Malta and Gozo, whose sole purpose is to represent and safeguard the rights of each and every MCAST student.

The KSM executive is composed of members who are directly elected by the students themselves in the yearly council election. Student organisations and independent candidates contest this election and present candidates for each role within the executive. KSM encourages each and every student to lead an active campus life and participate in activities and events organised by both the council and the college itself.

# OUR CAMPUSES



## MCAST Main Campus

MCAST's Main Campus is situated in the centre of the Maltese island, Paola, and close to the capital Valletta. It is a modern campus with cutting-edge facilities and open spaces. The campus includes an impressive library, fitness centre, state of the art labs, training simulators, and various amenities. The campus is vibrant and continues to grow. Student support services can be found here, including the office for international students. MCAST's Main Campus neighbours a beautiful church and a marvelous mosque.



## Gozo Campus

Our Gozo campus offers all the services of the Main Campus against the background of Gozitan Island's beauty. A variety of computer labs, engineering workshops and hair-dressing salons have been established to further vocational education and foster interactions with the local industry. The Gozo Campus is within walking distance of the ferry to the main island of Malta.



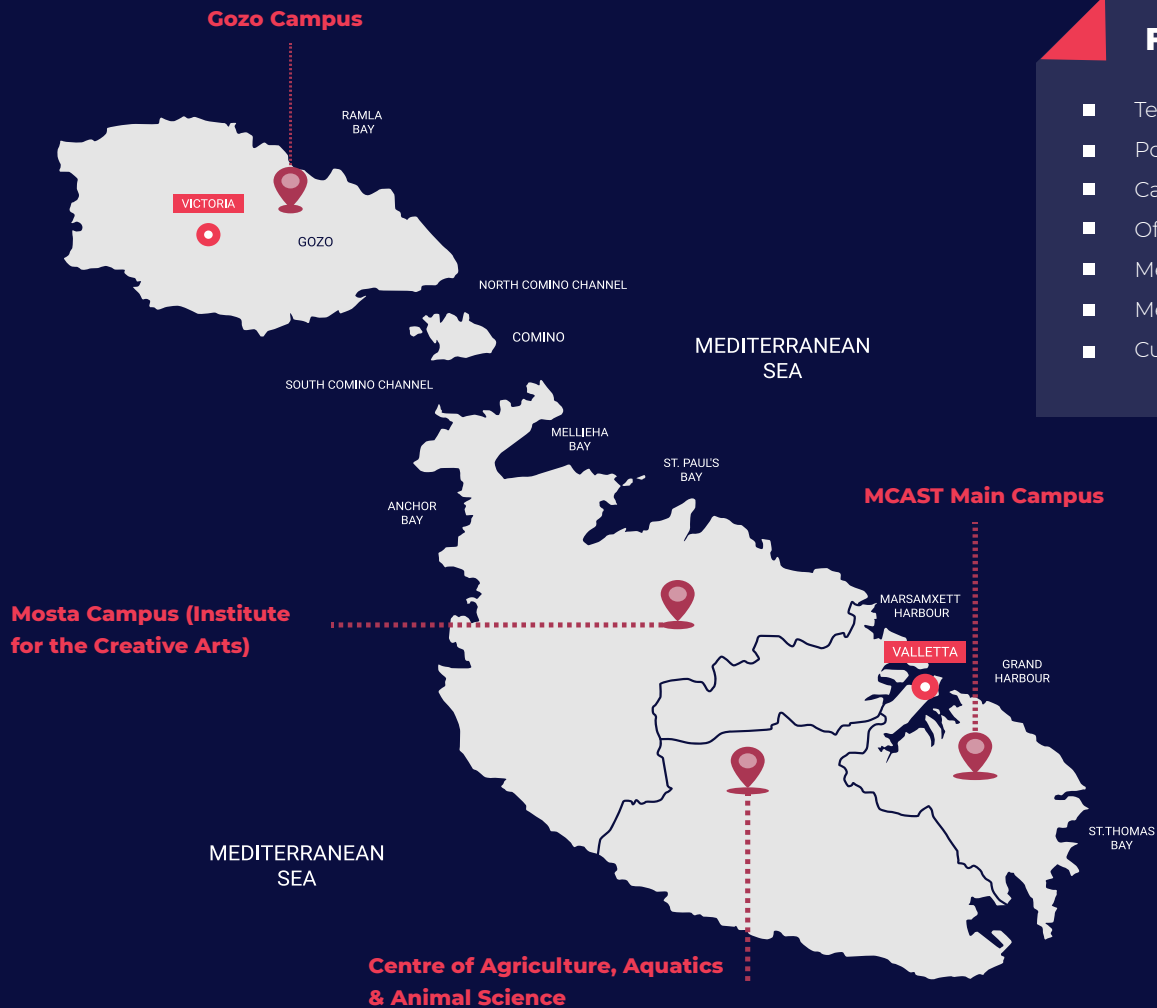
## Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences

Our Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences in the town of Qormi, offers all the facilities required to deliver our high standard of education for the agribusiness sector, veterinary sciences and aquaculture studies. MCAST is continually investing in the machinery and tools available for its students, whilst increasing the number of aquaria and vivaria at hand. A range of animals at the animal husbandry unit and crops in the centre's fields are maintained in order to provide the targeted range of experiences to students.



## Mosta Campus (Institute for the Creative Arts)

Located in the North of the Island at a well-connected area. The campus offers a stunning view of the northern shores of Malta. The campus provides spaces for workshops in the variety of arts instruction available at MCAST, along with arts and media production studios. The campus is also surrounded by the beautiful Gharusa Garden.



## FACTS

- Territory | 316 km<sup>2</sup>
- Population | 500,000
- Capital City | Valletta
- Official languages | Maltese & English
- Member of the European Union
- Member of the Shengen Area
- Currency | Euro

# OUR INSTITUTES



## Institute of Applied Sciences

The Institute comprising also of the Centre for Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences boasts of various programmes across different sectors, including applied sciences, environment, food technology, pharmacy technicians, health sciences, nursing and agribusiness - horticulture, fish management, animal management and veterinary nursing. All courses from the Advanced Diploma level upwards have work placements and/or internships, and all courses have practical sessions.



## Institute of Business Management and Commerce

IBMC offers several courses ranging from introductory to master's levels. The institute offers courses in accounting, marketing, retail, management, financial services, insurance, procurement and hospitality. A selected number of study programmes offer the learners various forms of industry experience. We make sure that the learning reflects real-life work experience and provides students with the opportunity to work, train, and interact with their future colleagues across different sectors. As learners progress to different levels, the institute helps them attain a better focus on the career path they would like to embark upon.



## Institute of Community Services

Courses offered at ICS carry the responsibility of ensuring a better quality of life for the vulnerable members of society; these constitute children, youths, the elderly, etc. The institute offers courses in sports, health and social care, early years, beauty, hairdressing, inclusive education, security and enforcement. All programmes all have an element of industry experience, mainly through organised placements. This ensures that the lecturing provision reflects industry requirements. It follows that graduating students make the leap into employment seamlessly. We believe that positive learning and hands-on practical experiences ensure that we can effectively assist in shaping a workforce with community services at heart.



### Institute of Creative Arts

The Institute of Creative Arts offers a broad variety of courses ranging from art and design, to graphic design, interactive media, creative media production, photography and journalism, and recently, fashion design and performing arts as well as cultural heritage skills. All programmes have some connection with industry and the working world. Courses see learners do placements or apprenticeships with employers with whom they have the opportunity to learn how things are done outside the formal educational context. Other opportunities include doing real projects with clients through live cases in which such projects are integrated into the learning process at ICA.



### Institute of Engineering and Transport

We are proud to be a leading educational institution offering courses in mechanical engineering, aviation, construction engineering, maritime, automotive technology, electrical engineering and electronics engineering. The Institute offers courses ranging from Level 1 to Level 7, all of which are designed and conducted in close collaboration with industry. The facilities include laboratories and workshops set up with state-of-the-art equipment. Prospective employers constantly seek MCAST alumni to take up prestigious positions within their organisation.



### Institute of Information Communication Technology

The ICT industry requires specialists to build systems that involve software development, multimedia-based applications, computer systems and networks. Our vision is to provide opportunities to students to enhance their skills and employability in the ICT field by working in close collaboration with local and foreign ICT Industry. Our ICT institute strives to provide a holistic and vocational education aimed at meeting industry demands.

# OUR ALUMNI



**Ancy Kurian, Nurse, St Thomas Hospital**

I am a graduated nurse from India, with ten years working experience in various levels of nursing. **My dream has always been to become a registered nurse within the European Union.** As with all medical professions, the most important task is to understand the patients which we need to serve. So I discovered the way to my dream was through MCAST by studying the Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing Studies (Bridging Programme). The fact that English is spoken in Malta was the main reason that I chose Malta.

My journey with MCAST was a successful one. Even though I was studying during the Covid-19 pandemic, I still successfully completed my course thanks to the dedication of the highly talented lecturers and the use of online classes. Moreover, the lecturers also provided me the practical sessions to boost my self-esteem, knowledge and technical skills. As a foreign student, this institution gave me the chance to learn the importance of health care settings in Malta as well as the cultural and social values of the Maltese people.

***“I am truly grateful to MCAST for this opportunity to make my dream come true*”**



**Dylan Tonna, Analyst, Malta  
Financial Services Authority**

I always dreamt of working in the financial services sector, and my career aspirations eventually led me to enroll in the Diploma in Financial Services course. This course has laid a solid foundation for my career, which led me to achieve a first class Bachelor's degree in Financial Services Management. During my time at MCAST, I had the opportunity to experience the Erasmus+ programme. **In addition to this unique experience, I also had the chance to participate in a work placement in a well-established commercial bank in Malta.** The work placement served as a stepping-stone to my full-time employment, providing me with the opportunity to implement the knowledge I gained during my studies.

For the past two years, I have been working as an Analyst within the Financial Crime Compliance unit of the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA). From a former student perspective, I believe that the hands-on nature of the MCAST programme promotes career development. I am proud to say that MCAST determined the path to my successful career.

***“The years spent as a student at MCAST were very challenging, yet extremely rewarding***

# PART TIME COURSES & TRAINING FOR INDUSTRY

*MCAST Gateway to Industry Ltd has been the catalyst for a wide variety of MCAST tailor-made and accredited level-rated part-time courses. MCAST part-time courses have a solid reputation, based on thousands of satisfied customers.*

Our interest is to continue offering a wider range of specialist and hobby courses which suit our customers' needs, as well as the needs of industry. We understand that many people are constrained by commitments and time. We are always seeking ways to offer the most flexible, supportive and high-quality learning experiences possible, all wrapped up into affordable options. MCAST seeks to unlock the potential in everyone, through the wide range of part-time courses which help students develop new skills or progress in their career. Our specialist staff and expertise enable us to deliver a broad range of part-time courses, mostly project-led, which allow students to deepen their understanding of the subject and develop as practitioners.

MG2i is also committed to assisting companies' needs in constant upskilling and continuous professional development, by building tailor-made courses for existing employees.

Having trained companies and work forces from all over the world, our team caters for diverse range requirements, from overseas on the job training, to local in-house training and even dedicated training at our own campus. Our team can provide a tailor-made solution to fit your organisations specific requirements. Our courses guarantee support from enrolment to graduation. Several MQF rated and accredited courses on offer are entitled to a Tax Rebate under the 'Get Qualified' scheme.

**Part-time courses: [shortcourses@mcast.edu.mt](mailto:shortcourses@mcast.edu.mt)**

**Training for Industry: [t4i@mcast.edu.com](mailto:t4i@mcast.edu.com)**



# WORK-BASED LEARNING & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## What is work-based Learning?

Work-based learning prepares students for real-world careers through a combination of work experience and college-based learning.

- Work-based learning provides learners with the skills needed to be employable and progress in their professional development.
- A placement offers students up till MQF Level 4 the opportunity to gain basic work experience and skills leading to a vocational qualification or award. These can be paid or unpaid at the discretion of the sponsor.
- Through an apprenticeship programme, students can obtain paid, workplace experience, combined with college-based learning in preparation for a career in different industry areas. Apprenticeships are offered in selected courses at Levels 3-6.





- An internship offers students following certain programmes at Level 5 or higher the opportunity to gain practical work experience leading to a vocational qualification or award. These can be paid or unpaid at the discretion of the sponsor.
- Live cases use the units of the creative arts programme as a vehicle through which industry experience can be gained. They enable the student to work directly with a client to produce a tangible creative concept.
- The MCAST Entrepreneurship Centre (MEC) is a non-profit centre created to help MCAST students and alumni. MEC aims at providing MCAST students and alumni with the opportunity of transforming their creative and innovative ideas into profitable and sustainable business ventures.

# WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

## Toly Products Limited

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I have been working closely with MCAST for a number of years and feel that a number of pathways have been opened for both students as well as employers thanks to the creation of a multitude of courses that were not readily available in Malta before.

**Danica Ann Vella**, Training & HR Coordinator

## Lufthansa Technik Malta

 **Lufthansa**

The aviation courses provided by MCAST are organised professionally and address our requirements. By the organisation of these training courses, MCAST regularly provides us with a pool of students to carry out on the job training. These students are then offered employment with us. Thank you MCAST!

**Mark Galea**, Head of HR

We have found the MCAST apprenticeship scheme very attractive with candidates being very well prepared technically, but more importantly with an attitude to learn on the job. This scheme gives us the insight to understand our potential future employees.

**Kevin Chircop**, Executive Chairman

**Enemed Company Ltd**



The Company not only engages MCAST students who successfully complete their technician and engineering studies as new recruits, but also liaises with MCAST to develop its existing workforce through customised courses to achieve the skills of the future. The relationship between MCAST and ST Malta is a long standing one, being very beneficial to both parties.

**Jonathan Ferrito**, Director, Site General Administration

**STMicroelectronics  
(Malta) Ltd.**





# 1800+ INDUSTRY PARTNERS





Full time prospectus



Part time prospectus



Bespoke Courses

# 1650+ STUDENTS ON APPRENTICESHIP





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