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OF GALWAY

Undergraduate Prospectus ²⁰²⁶





Top 2% of Universities Worldwide



1st in Ireland for Sustainable Development



3rd in EU for Sustainable Development and **64th** in the World



17th in the World for Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG12)



Ranked in Top 100 Universities in Europe (QS Europe 2025)

At University of Galway,
we have been **shaping ideas,**
inspiring change, and **pushing**
boundaries since 1845.

The world needs bold thinkers and fresh perspectives. With curiosity as your compass, you'll successfully tackle global challenges in a university rooted in research and driven by innovation.

University of Galway
Where will it take you?



Explore Our
Quick Guide to SDGs

References:
QS World University Rankings 2025
and THE Impact Rankings 2025

Where the Atlantic *Inspires* Ambition

Study in a city shaped by **culture**,
creativity, and **connection**.



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Galway— Where Tradition *Meets Tomorrow*

Your **City**, Your **Canvas**.



Welcome to Galway, Ireland's **cultural heartbeat** and your **future home**.

A city of **festivals, music, and creativity**, Galway blends medieval charm with modern energy. From cobbled streets to cutting-edge tech hubs, it's a place where ideas thrive and friendships flourish.

Over 25% of the city's population are students, so you'll feel right at home.

From the Galway International Arts Festival to live trad sessions in every corner, there's **always something happening**.

Breathe in the sea air, swim in Salthill, or hike up the Connemara hills, **all within reach**.



Aoife Boyle
Final Year Student

Galway itself played a huge role in my decision. It's a vibrant, welcoming city with a strong sense of community. The student life here is amazing and there's always something going on.

What really made the University of Galway stand out was its strong reputation in science, research, and the emphasis on practical learning. Throughout my studies I've had many opportunities to build hands-on skills in labs and to work on real projects.

Overall, studying at the University of Galway has been a rewarding experience that's helped me grow both academically and personally.

Our Home, Our History

At University of Galway, you're not just joining a campus. You're stepping into over **180 years** of history.

Founded in 1845 during the Famine, the University began as a relief project, paying workers with food. Four years later, 68 students walked through the doors.

Today, we're home to over 19,000. We've been breaking ground ever since, such as having one of the first women in Europe to graduate with an engineering degree as an alumnus.

The iconic limestone Quadrangle still stands at the heart of campus, now surrounded by award-winning, state-of-the-art facilities. It's where heritage meets innovation.

Distinguished Alumni: Leading the Way

From Nobel laureates and pioneering scientists to human rights champions and a President of Ireland, our graduates have shaped ideas, policy, and progress across the globe. In medicine, technology, literature, and beyond, University of Galway alumni are advancing knowledge and transforming lives.

Follow in the footsteps of those who have made a difference and discover where your path can lead.



Watch Our Story
University of Galway —
Over 175 Years of History





Friendship *Starts Here*

Moving to university isn't just about lectures and libraries — it's about **finding your people**.

At University of Galway, you'll join a community where friendships form fast, whether in kitchens, clubs, or corridors. Sharing a flat, joining a society, or just grabbing coffee between classes, you'll find your circle here, there, and everywhere.

University of Galway offer an amazing range of different clubs and societies from the football team to the Taylor Swift society! There is something for everyone. This is an excellent way to connect with others and make new friends, which can make settling in a little bit easier.

Abbie Gough
GY301 Bachelor of Science



Stay at
University of Galway

Your Home in Galway

Starting university is a big step,
and where you live can **shape
your whole experience.**

At University of Galway, we offer a
variety of accommodation options to
help you settle in, feel supported, and
make lifelong friends.

On-Campus Living

Choose from three student villages
right on campus: **Corrib Village**,
Goldcrest Village, and **Dunlin Village**.

Each offers self-catering apartments
with private study bedrooms and
shared kitchen/living spaces. You'll
also find shops, a laundry, and a full
calendar of social events to help you
feel at home.



Take a Tour
Dunlin Village




Take a Tour
Goldcrest Village




Take a Tour
Corrib Village






Over **1,800** students live on campus




Enjoy movie nights, fitness classes, and more




Accommodation within **walking distance**




Free bus




Dedicated team



Wireless network



Car parking and bike-storage facilities



Accessible accommodation



Galway is Ireland's Cheapest University City*

■ Goldcrest Village

Off-Campus Residences

Prefer a bit more independence? There are several privately run student residences near campus, all designed with student life in mind.

Owner-Occupied and Private Rentals

Looking for a quieter start or a family-style setting? Owner-occupied homes offer a warm welcome, often with meals included. Or explore private rentals with friends via StudentPad.



Worried About Waiting Lists?

Don't panic; there's always support available.

It's completely normal to feel anxious about accommodation. We are here to guide you through your options and help you find a place that feels like home.

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Accommodation and
Financial Aid Officer

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■ Shared Kitchen, Dunlin Village



■ Shared Kitchen, Goldcrest Village



■ Double En-suite Bedroom, Goldcrest Village

Close to 800 new student beds are coming to Galway next year**

Join our **Accommodation Webinar**

Wednesday, 28th January 2026

Scan the QR code to register.



** There are several new accommodation developments in the pipeline for Galway City. A forecast delivery of close to 800 student beds in 2026.

A City *That Feels Like Home*

Galway is known for its warmth. It's a place where people say hello, where music spills out of venues, and where **students are part of the heartbeat of the city.**

From movie nights and beach walks to céilís and comedy gigs, there's always something happening. Orientation Week is just the beginning, and the friendships formed last far beyond graduation.





Beyond the City

Explore the **wild beauty** of the West.

■ Kylemore Abbey, Connemara



■ Diamond Hill, Connemara National Park





■ Inishmore, Aran Islands



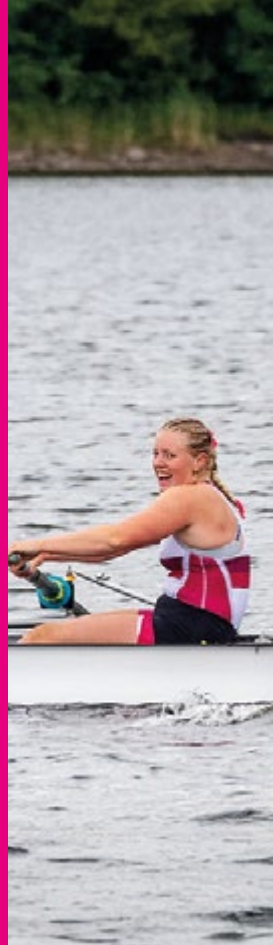
■ Cliffs of Moher

Day trips to the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Aran Islands**, or **Kylemore Abbey** are just the beginning.

Discover the Burren, a surreal limestone landscape teeming with rare flora, ancient tombs, and hidden caves – a must-see for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

Between the amazing facilities, lovely people and incredible city to call your home away from home, I have no regrets from putting the University of Galway as my number one choice on my CAO back in 2024.

Grace Lally
GY101 BSc (Psychology)



Sport at Galway

For All For Excellence

Whether you're chasing gold or just want to move more, sport at University of Galway is **for everyone**.

Get Involved

With over 45 sports clubs, there's something for every interest and ability. From total beginner to seasoned athlete, this is your chance to try something new, stay active, and make friends for life.

Gaelic games, rugby, and rowing. Mountaineering, surfing, sub-aqua, and kayaking. Fencing, frisbee, pickle ball, and snooker. Yoga, dance, and over 100 fitness classes weekly.



Train where **Champions** train



High-performance gym and multi-sport arena



Floodlit pitches



International-standard athletics track



25m swimming pool, sauna and steam room



Explore Our
Sport Scholarships



Elite Athlete Support

We're proud to support high-performance athletes through our Sports Scholarship Programme. Our scholars have represented Ireland in athletics, rowing, soccer, basketball, and more. We have a strong heritage in Gaelic Games, and we're here to help you balance your sport and studies at the highest level.

Whether you're here to win championships or just want to try something new, sport at Galway is about belonging, growing, having fun and pushing your limits.

Des Ryan

Director of Sport and Physical Wellbeing





University of California, Berkeley

A powerful and life-changing experience for my personal and professional development.

Shane Carr

Bachelor of Commerce
(Global Experience)



Notre Dame, Indiana

I returned home as a better journalist with a whole heart and friends all across the world. The memories I made will last a lifetime.

Fionn Murray

Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)

Study Abroad

Galway Goes Global

Studying abroad is more than just a semester away from home – it's a life-changing experience. At University of Galway, we make it easy to explore the world while earning credit toward your degree.

Whether you're heading to Europe through Erasmus, or further afield to North America, Asia, or Australia, you'll gain new perspectives, build global friendships, and boost your career prospects.



Explore Our
Partner Universities



Leuven, Belgium

Erasmus is a great way of immersing yourself into new cultures and making new friends around the globe. It is an experience I would recommend anyone to do as it has only changed me for the better.

Nicole Griffin

Bachelor of Commerce
(Global Experience)



Hong Kong Baptist University

My study abroad experience was probably the highlight of my university time so far. It broadened my worldview incredibly.

Selma Reby

Bachelor of Arts (English and Creative Writing)



Malta

Being dropped into a completely new country also allows you to re-discover yourself, and to really determine what paths you want to take.

Pablo Lorenzo Esteve

Bachelor of Arts (Geography & Sociological and Political Studies)

Over 600 places
across 350+ Global
Partner Universities



Breaking Barriers *and* Widening Participation

We believe in the **transformative power of education**. We're committed to widening access to higher education and supporting students from all backgrounds to thrive.

We know that not everyone has the same opportunity to meet traditional entry requirements – that's why we offer a range of alternative entry routes for the most underrepresented to progress to higher education, including:

- HEAR (Higher Education Access Route)
- DARE (Disability Access Route to Education)
- Access and Foundation Programmes
- Further Education and Training (FET) pathways
- Mature Student entry routes

And if you want more support, our Access Centre offers pre-entry advice, transition support, and ongoing support and guidance to help you succeed at every stage of your university journey.



Access to higher education is about potential, not privilege. We're here to support students in taking that first step – and each step thereafter.

Imelda Byrne
Head of Access Centre

Supporting Your Journey

Wellbeing *and* Success Start Here

Student Health Unit

On-campus medical care provided in a confidential, professional and courteous manner.

Counselling Service

Free, confidential support in English and Irish.

Chaplaincy

A welcoming space for all faiths and none.

Access Centre

Support for under-represented students.

Career Development Centre

Guidance on careers and internships.

Disability Support

For students needing support or accommodations related to a disability, health condition, or learning difficulty.

Support Wheel

A quick way to find the right support, tailored to how you're feeling and what you need.

Cara

Your 24/7 virtual chatbot for questions on day-to-day university life.

Student Enquiry Centre

Located in the heart of campus, you can drop in to meet the team for help with any aspect of student life.

Student Support Officers

Support for personal, academic, financial, or other issues that arise.

Financial Aid Fund

Available to assist students who are unable to meet costs associated with day-to-day participation in higher education.

Accommodation Advisory Service

Assistance with housing queries and on-campus accommodation support.

Social Worker

One-to-one support for students to build resilience and foster positive change.

Need Help?

Contact Student Services

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Scholarships

Explore a wide range of scholarships designed to support your academic journey. From academic excellence to creative arts, civic engagement, sports, and more, we offer numerous opportunities to help you succeed. For full details and application information, visit our scholarships webpage.



Explore Our
Scholarships



What Sets Us Apart?

We believe your education should be as unique as your ambitions. With over 60 undergraduate degrees across Arts, Business, Science, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and more, you'll find the freedom to explore, the flexibility to adapt, and the support to thrive.

Whether you already know where you're headed or you're still figuring it out, this is a place where you can follow your curiosity, grow your confidence, and shape a future that's right for you.



Explore Our
UG Courses

Your future is wide open
and **full of possibilities!**

Arts, Culture and Creativity

At University of Galway, arts, culture, and creativity are at the heart of who we are. From our vibrant campus in a city known globally for its festivals and artistic energy, we offer a place to explore, express, and innovate. Whether you're drawn to literature, performance, or digital creativity, you'll find a thriving community and endless opportunities to get involved, both inside and beyond the classroom.

Why University of Galway

- **A City of Culture:** Study in Galway, a UNESCO City of Film, celebrated globally for its artistic spirit, festivals, and vibrant creative scene.
- **Festival Central:** Be part of world-renowned events like the Galway International Arts Festival and the Galway Film Fleadh, right on your doorstep.
- **Incredible Industry Links:** Gain experience with leading cultural organisations such as Druid Theatre, TG4, and the Galway International Arts Festival, opening doors to creative careers.
- **World-Class Facilities:** Learn in inspiring spaces like the O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance and the Huston School of Film & Digital Media.
- **Innovative Programmes:** Choose from dynamic degrees in Music, Drama, Film & Digital Media, Global Media, Creative Writing, and more – where theory meets real-world practice.
- **A Creative Community:** Join a welcoming, supportive network of students, artists, and thinkers passionate about expression, performance, and storytelling.

Careers

Writer, Journalist, Filmmaker, Museum Curator, Digital Content Creator, Theatre Director, Actor, Music Producer, Playwright, Musician, Editor, Copywriter, Creative Director, Festival Producer.

Sample Employers

BBC, Brown Bag Films, Creative Ireland, Digital marketing agencies, Druid Theatre, Galway International Arts Festival, Independent film and theatre companies, Local and national radio stations, Penguin Random House, RTÉ, Spotify, The Abbey Theatre, The Irish Times, TG4.

Postgraduate Study Options

MA (Writing), MA (Journalism), MA (Literature and Publishing), MA (Drama and Theatre Studies), MA (English), MA (Global Media and Communication), MA (Film Studies: Theory and Practice).



Study in Galway, a
UNESCO City of Film



World-renowned events
right on your doorstep



Learn in inspiring
world-class facilities

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours)
- GY111 Bachelor of Arts (English and Creative Writing)
- GY118 Bachelor of Arts (Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies)
- GY119 Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)
- GY122 Bachelor of Arts (Cumersáid agus Gaeilge)
- GY127 Bachelor of Arts (Film and Digital Media)
- GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)
- GY130 Bachelor of Arts (Music)
- GY135 Bachelor of Arts (Global Media)

Medtech, Innovation *and* Impact

Galway is a world leader in medtech and health innovation, making it an exciting place to study and shape the future of healthcare. The region is home to a thriving cluster of global and home-grown companies driving breakthroughs in medical technology. At University of Galway, you'll be part of a dynamic ecosystem where research, industry, and education come together. Our strong industry partnerships open real-world opportunities for students. Innovation is in our DNA and your idea could be next.

Why University of Galway

- Galway is one of six global hubs for medical technologies.
- 9 of the world's top 10 medtech companies are based here.
- Strong tradition of growing homegrown health innovation enterprises.
- Signature partnership with Medtronic is advancing research and STEM education.
- The University is at the heart of Galway's innovation ecosystem.
- Collaboration spans researchers, clinicians, data scientists, and industry.
- Since 2020: 21 spin-out companies launched. 199 new inventions identified.
- Our Innovation Centres have supported 100+ start-ups, raising €796m and creating 3,365 jobs.

Careers

Biomedical Engineer, Clinical Researcher, Medtech Product Designer, Regulatory Affairs Specialist, Health Data Analyst, Quality Assurance Officer, Medical Device Sales Specialist, Research Scientist, Biomechanics Specialist, Innovation Manager, Manufacturing Engineer, R&D Engineer, Healthcare Technology Consultant, Start-up Founder, Usability and Human Factors Engineer.

Sample Employers

Abbott, Aerogen, AER Therapeutics, Aran Biomedical, Avaya, Beckman Coulter, Biomerics, Boston Scientific, Cerenovus, Cisco Systems, Creganna Medical (TE Connectivity), Diligent Corporation, Endotronix, Integer Holdings, J&J Vision (Johnson & Johnson), Lake Region Medical (Medtronic), Medtronic, Merit Medical, M&M Qualtech, Neurent Medical, ONK Therapeutics, Perseus Biomics, ResMed, SAP, Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Postgraduate Study Options

ME (Biomedical Engineering), MSc (Biomedical Engineering), MSc (Medical Physics), MSc (Occupational and Environmental Health), MSc (Biomedical Science), MSc (Techinnovation), MSc (Medical Technology and Regulatory Affairs), MSc (Medical Electronics and Digital Health).



Galway is one of six global hubs for **medical technologies**



9 of the world's top 10 medtech companies are based here



Signature partnership with Medtronic

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY301 Bachelor of Science
- GY303 Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)
- GY304 Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology)
- GY313 Bachelor of Science (Occupational Health and Safety)
- GY318 Bachelor of Science (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)
- GY320 Bachelor of Science (Physics)
- GY321 Bachelor of Science (Genetics and Genomics)
- GY401 Undenominated Engineering
- GY405 Bachelor and Masters (Mechanical Engineering)
- GY408 Bachelor and Masters (Biomedical Engineering)
- GY501 (5 Year) Bachelor of Medicine (MB), of Surgery (BCh), and of Obstetrics (BAO)



A Changing Economy

The world of work is evolving faster than ever. New industries are emerging, technology is transforming every sector, and the skills needed for tomorrow's business leaders are changing rapidly. In this changing economy, one thing is certain: adaptability, creativity, and a willingness to learn are more important than ever. At University of Galway, we prepare you not just for a job, but for a lifetime of possibilities, helping you build the skills, mindset, and confidence to thrive as an agile business professional.

Why University of Galway

- **Industry-Led Learning:** Study business, economics, finance, and entrepreneurship with input from industry experts and real-world case studies.
- **Future-Ready Skills:** Build the critical thinking, digital literacy, and leadership skills needed to adapt to economic change and drive innovation.
- **Global Experience:** Take advantage of our Erasmus and Study Abroad programme, giving you an international edge in global markets.
- **Entrepreneurial Focus:** Learn in a university that champions innovation, with access to start-up supports, accelerators, and enterprise programmes.
- **Research that Drives Policy:** Contribute to research that informs national and international economic strategy, sustainable finance, and regional development.
- **Accredited:** J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics is triple accredited and has excellent global recognition.

Careers

Business Consultant, Entrepreneur, Corporate Strategist, Chartered Accountant, Financial Analyst, Investment Banker, Tax Advisor, Auditor, Risk Analyst, Financial Controller, Marketing Manager, Digital Marketing Specialist, Brand Strategist, PR & Communications Officer, Market Research Analyst, Social Media Manager, Content Strategist, Economist, Policy Advisor, Business Analyst, Data Analyst, Financial Technology (FinTech) Consultant.

Sample Employers

AIB, Bank of Ireland, Boston Scientific, Central Bank, Deloitte, Dexacom, Diligent, EY, Fexaco, Fidelity, Geneseys, Google, Grant Thornton, Medtronic, Merit Medical, Meta, Novartis, PWC, Roche, Signify Health.

Postgraduate Study Options

MSc Fintech (Economics and Financial Technology), MSc (Global Environmental Economics), MSc (Health Economics), MAcc (Accounting), MSc (Corporate Finance), MSc (Marketing Management), MSc (Marketing Practice), MSc (Digital Marketing).



Excellent **study abroad opportunities**
in Europe, USA and beyond



Access to **start-up support**,
and **enterprise programmes**



Contribute to research that
informs economic strategy



Many of our courses offer
paid **work placement**

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)
- GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)
- GY132 Bachelor of Arts Government (Politics, Economics and Law)
- GY201 Bachelor of Commerce
- GY202 Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)
- GY203 Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)
- GY204 Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)
- GY206 Bachelor of Science (Business Information Systems)
- GY207 Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
- GY208 Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)
- GY209 Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)
- GY250 Bachelor of Law and Business
- GY309 Bachelor of Science (Financial Mathematics and Economics)

Medicine, Health and Biosciences

We empower future doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives, medical scientists, and therapists to lead with knowledge, compassion, and purpose. Through world-class education, hands-on clinical training, and a spirit of innovation and research, you'll be equipped not only to care but to change the future of healthcare and medical research. Join a community where science meets humanity, and where your journey to making a real difference begins.

Why University of Galway

- **World-Class Teaching:** Learn from expert clinicians, researchers, and healthcare leaders at a university ranked among the Top 2% globally.
- **Real-World Experience:** Gain hands-on clinical placements in hospitals and community settings across Ireland through our academies in Letterkenny, Sligo, and Ballinasloe, preparing you to make an immediate impact.
- **Global Opportunities:** Broaden your horizons through the largest Erasmus and Study Abroad programme of any Irish university for medical students, with options to study and train across Europe and beyond.
- **Supportive Community:** Join a close-knit, student-focused campus that values compassion, diversity, and your personal and professional growth.
- **Pathways to Meaningful Careers:** From doctor to therapist, pharmacist to mental health nurse, our graduates go on to transform lives across every corner of healthcare.
- **Research with Impact:** Get involved in ground-breaking health research that addresses real-world challenges, from cancer and regenerative medicine to mental health and digital health innovation.

Careers

Doctor, Surgeon, GP, Pharmacist, Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist, Podiatrist, Nurse, Midwife, Mental Health Nurse, Clinical Specialist, Healthcare Leader, Clinical Researcher, Biomedical Scientist, Psychologist, Teacher.

Sample Employers

Abbott, Boston Scientific, Dexacom, Doctors without Borders, HSE, Johnson and Johnson, Medtronic, Merit Medical, National Breast Cancer Research Institute (NBCRI), Optum Ireland, Signify Health, World Health Organisation.

Postgraduate Study Options

MCh (Surgery), MSc (Obesity), MSc (Preventive Cardiology), MSc (Applied Behaviour Analysis), MSc (Clinical Neuroscience), MSc (Health Psychology), MSc (Clinical Research), MSc (Nursing), MSc (Midwifery), MSc (Healthcare Management), PhD (Health Sciences), MSc (Medical Technology Regulatory Affairs and Quality), MSc (Toxicology), MSc (BioInnovation), PME (Professional Master of Education).



Learn from **expert clinicians, researchers, and healthcare leaders**



Gain **hands-on clinical placements** in hospitals and community settings



World class **medical simulation facilities**



Home to the **Institute for Clinical Trials**



Home to the **Irish Centre for Human Rights**



Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY104 Bachelor of Science (Psychology)
- GY301 BSc (Science)
- GY303 BSc (Biomedical Science)
- GY304 BSc (Biotechnology)
- GY313 BSc (Occupational Health and Safety)
- GY318 BSc (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)
- GY321 BSc (Genetics and Genomics)
- GY404 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Biomedical)
- GY501 (5 Year) Bachelor of Medicine (MB), of Surgery (BCh), and of Obstetrics (BAO)
- GY502 BSc (Occupational Therapy)
- GY503 BSc (Speech and Language Therapy)
- GY504 BSc (Podiatric Medicine)
- GY505 BSc (Pharmacy)
- GY515 BSc Nursing Science (General)
- GY516 BSc Nursing Science (Mental Health)
- GY517 BSc Midwifery Science

Law, Equality and Society

We believe in using the law, policy, and advocacy as forces for good. Whether you're passionate about human rights, climate justice, equality, or social policy, our programmes equip you with the knowledge, skills, and real-world experience to advocate for change and lead with purpose. We offer unique programmes in Children's Studies and Child, Youth, and Family Policy and Practice, designed for students who want to understand the systems and structures that shape young people's lives.

Why University of Galway

- **World-Leading Expertise:** Learn from globally recognised scholars in law, human rights, climate justice, government policy, and equality.
- **Research with Real Impact:** Be part of cutting-edge research tackling urgent issues like migration, gender equality, environmental protection, and access to justice.
- **Irish Centre for Human Rights:** Study at one of the world's leading human rights institutions, based right on our campus.
- **UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre:** Based on campus, the Centre is dedicated to improving the lives, rights, and wellbeing of children, young people, and families through impactful research, education, and policy-informed practice.
- **Global Study Opportunities:** Take part in the Erasmus and Study Abroad programme with placements across Europe and beyond.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Engage in law clinics, advocacy workshops, and internships that connect theory to real-world practice.

Careers

Solicitor, Barrister, Human Rights Lawyer, Policy Advisor, UN Legal Officer, NGO Leader, Legal Researcher, Climate Justice Advocate, Equality Officer, Legal Aid Worker, Academic, Government Advisor, Politician, Social Worker, Youth Worker, Diplomat.

Sample Employers

Attorney General, Charities, Civil Service, Concern, Court Services, Deloitte, Department of Education, European Commission, Goal, HSE, International NGOs, Maples Group, United Nations.

Postgraduate Study Options

LLM (Criminology), LLB (Criminal Justice and Human Rights), LLB (Bachelors of Law), LLM (Gender and Human Rights Law), LLM (International Human Rights), MA (International Development), MA (Public Policy), MA (Social Work), MA (Gender, Globalisation and Rights).



Study at one of the **world's leading human rights institutions**



UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre based on campus



Contribute to research that informs economic strategy

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)
- GY104 Bachelor of Science (Psychology)
- GY110 Bachelor of Arts (Children's Studies)
- GY113 Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights
- GY123 Bachelor of Science (Social Sciences and Sustainability)
- GY132 Bachelor of Arts Government (Politics, Economics, and Law)
- GY137 Bachelor of Arts (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)
- GY250 Law and Business
- GY251 Law (BCL)
- GY252 Law and Human Rights
- GY254 Law, Criminology, and Criminal Justice



Sustainability and the Natural Environment

The future of our planet depends on bold thinking, innovative research, and a deep respect for the natural world. At University of Galway, sustainability is woven into everything we do from teaching and research to campus operations and community partnerships. Surrounded by one of Europe's richest natural environments, you'll be inspired to learn, explore, and lead change for a more sustainable future.

Why University of Galway

- **University with Purpose:** Ranked among the top universities in the world for sustainability and a proud signatory of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). No.1 University in Ireland for Sustainable Development, and ranked 64th globally for UN Sustainable Development Goals and 17th in the world for Responsible Consumption & Production.
- **Location Matters:** Study in a living laboratory – Galway Bay, the Burren, Connemara, and the Wild Atlantic Way are right on our doorstep.
- **Research that Protects the Planet:** Join world-leading research in areas like renewable energy, climate resilience, marine ecosystems, and environmental law.
- **The Martin Ryan Institute:** This is a world-renowned centre for marine and environmental research, advancing sustainability through science and innovation.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Fieldwork, sustainability projects, and real-world placements give you practical skills to tackle global environmental challenges.
- **Global Study Options:** Take your learning international with our Erasmus and Study Abroad programme.

Careers

Environmental Scientist, Ecologist, Marine Biologist, Sustainability Consultant, Conservation Officer, Climate Policy Advisor, Environmental Engineer, Renewable Energy Analyst, Environmental Educator, Biodiversity Specialist, Forestry Manager, Wildlife Conservationist, Environmental Planner, Waste Management Specialist, Climate Change Analyst, Researcher, Environment Protection Officer, Marine Scientist.

Sample Employers

Coillte, County Councils, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), ESB, Glanbia, Hygeia, Marine Institute, MKO, National Parks and Wildlife, Teagasc, Tobin Engineering, Transport Ireland, UniPhar, Valeo.

Postgraduate Study Options

MSc (Agrifood Sustainability and Technology), MSc (Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security), MSc (Environmental Leadership), MSc (Environmental Management), MA (Planning and Development), MSc (Coastal and Marine Environments: Physical Processes, Policy and Practice), MSc (Global Environmental Economics), MSc (Sustainable Environments), MSc (Marine and Freshwater Resources).



Surrounded by **one of Europe's richest natural environments**



Ranked among the **top universities in the world for sustainability**



World-renowned centre for marine and environmental research

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY123 Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences)
- GY135 Bachelor of Science (Geography and Geosystems)
- GY301 Bachelor of Science
- GY308 Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)
- GY310 Bachelor of Science (Marine Science)
- GY314 Bachelor of Science (Earth and Ocean Sciences)
- GY322 Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Science)
- GY323 BSc (Zoology) **NEW**
- GY413 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Energy Systems)

Engineering *and* the Built Environment

As the world faces growing environmental and urban challenges, the future depends on innovation, sustainability, and resilience. At University of Galway, we prepare future engineers and environmental specialists to design and build the infrastructure and spaces needed for a modern, low-carbon world. Here, you'll combine cutting-edge technology with sustainable thinking to shape the built environment, responsibly and creatively.

Why University of Galway

- **No.1 University in Ireland for Sustainable Development:** Ranked 64th globally for UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Designing for the Future:** Learn how to create safe, sustainable, and energy-efficient buildings and infrastructure for a changing world.
- **Research Excellence:** Engage with pioneering research in areas like green construction, renewable materials, urban planning, and climate-resilient design.
- **State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Access high-tech labs, digital modelling tools, and the University's 'maker space' to bring your designs to life.
- **Real-World Learning:** Gain practical skills through industry projects, site visits, and placements with leaders in construction, engineering, and sustainability.
- **Work Placement:** Students undertake a 5–8 month paid professional work placement organised by the university.
- **Home to Ireland's National Research Centre for Construction Technology and Innovation.**

Careers

Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Energy Systems Engineer, Structural Engineer, Construction Project Manager, Building Services Engineer, Environmental Engineer, Sustainability Consultant, Urban Planner, Green Building Advisor, Energy Auditor, Infrastructure Designer, Site Engineer, Smart City Developer, Planning Officer.

Sample Employers

Bord na Móna, County Councils, Cunningham Civil & Marine Ltd (CCM), Eirgrid, ESB, Galway Wind Park, MKO, National and International Construction Firms, Oweninny Wind Farm, SSE Airtricity, Tobin Engineering, Valeo.

Postgraduate Study Options

MSc (Wind Energy), ME (Civil Engineering), MSc (Construction Innovation), MSc (Occupational Health and Safety), ME (Mechanical Engineering), MA (Planning and Development), ME (Energy Systems Engineering).



Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY401 Undemoninated Engineering
- GY402 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Civil)
- GY405 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Mechanical)
- GY406 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electronic and Computer)
- GY408 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Biomedical)
- GY410 Bachelor of Science (Project and Construction Management)
- GY413 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Energy Systems)
- GY414 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)



No.1 University in Ireland for Sustainable Development



State-of-the-Art Facilities with access to High-Tech Labs



National Research Centre for Construction Technology and Innovation

Technology, Data and Mathematics

Technology is reshaping every part of our world from how we live and work to how we solve global challenges. At University of Galway, we empower the next generation of innovators, coders, mathematicians, data analysts, and engineers to lead in a digital-first world. Our focus on creativity, collaboration, and ethical innovation prepares you to drive progress in fields like AI, cybersecurity, financial modelling, robotics, and data science, transforming industries and improving lives.

Why University of Galway

- **Future-Focused Learning:** Study cutting-edge topics like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Robotics, and Software Engineering.
- **Innovation at the Core:** Learn in a dynamic environment that fosters entrepreneurship and creativity, including access to our Innovation Hub, Ideaslab, and start-up supports.
- **Solving Real-World Problems:** Work on industry-led projects that tackle real challenges in healthcare, climate, finance, and beyond.
- **Smart Infrastructure:** Be part of developing the digital systems and intelligent infrastructure powering smart cities, automation, and AI.
- **Global Skills, Global Stage:** Gain international experience through our Erasmus and Study Abroad programme.
- **Research that Shapes the Future:** Get involved in world-class research centres including the Insights Centre for Data Analytics and the Irish Centre for High-End Computing (ICHEC), focused on everything from quantum computing to ethical AI.

Careers

Software Developer, Data Analyst, Mathematician, Cybersecurity Specialist, AI Engineer, Cloud Architect, Robotics Developer, Business Intelligence Analyst, IT Project Manager, UX/UI Designer, Systems Engineer, Machine Learning Scientist, Digital Innovation Consultant, Blockchain Developer, DevOps Engineer, Smart Systems Designer.

Sample Employers

Accenture, Cisco, EA Games, Fidelity, Genesys, Google, Intuity, Meta, Oracle, Platform94, Rent The Runway, SAP.

Postgraduate Study Options

Cybersecurity and Software Development (MSc), Software Design and Development (MSc), Computer Science – Artificial Intelligence (MSc), Electric and Computer Engineering (ME), Intelligent Robotics (MSc), Mathematics (MSc).



Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours)
- GY109 Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics and Education)
- GY134 Bachelor of Science (Geography and Geosystems)
- GY206 Bachelor of Science (Business Information Systems)
- GY301 Bachelor of Science
- GY309 Bachelor of Science (Financial Mathematics and Economics)
- GY313 Bachelor of Arts Education (Maths and Computer Science)
- GY319 Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Science)
- GY320 Bachelor of Science (Physics)
- GY350 Bachelor of Science Computer Science and Information Technology
- GY406 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electronic and Computer)
- GY414 Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)



Work on industry-led **projects** that tackle real challenges



Home to **world-class research centres** including Insight and Centre for High-End Computing

Global Perspectives *and* Languages

In today's interconnected world, understanding different cultures, languages, and global systems is more important than ever. We empower you to become a global citizen, equipped with the intercultural awareness, language fluency, and international experience that employers value. Whether you dream of working in diplomacy, education, humanitarian aid, or international business, your journey starts here.

Why University of Galway

- **West Galway has the highest concentration of Irish speakers in the world:** We're the only Irish city and university with official bilingual status. The Irish language and its rich cultural traditions are a unique strength of our community.
- **Study a Range of Languages:** As part of your Arts degree choose from French, Spanish, German, Italian, Gaeilge, often with the option to start as a beginner or advance existing skills.
- **Spend Time Abroad:** Take advantage of Erasmus+ and international exchange opportunities, gaining real-world experience in countries across Europe, the Americas, and Asia.
- **Global-Facing Degrees:** Explore programmes like Global Languages, International Hotel Management, Global Media, and Human Rights that prepare you for an international career.
- **Intercultural Skills:** Build the communication and cultural understanding that are essential in careers across diplomacy, international development, and global business.
- **Cultural Hub:** Galway's diverse, welcoming city is home to international festivals, language cafés, and student societies that bring global cultures to life.

Careers

Diplomat, Translator, International Relations, NGO, Language Teacher, Global Communications Specialist, Journalist, Public Relations, Civil Service, Social Media Manager, Academic, TV Presenter, Radio Host.

Sample Employers

Civil Service, Department of Education, European Commission, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, European Parliament, National and International Hotel Chains, RTÉ, SAP, TG4, Údarás na Gaeltachta, United Nations, Wayfair.

Postgraduate Study Options

MA (Global Media and Communication), MA (History), MA (International Contemporary Literatures and Media), MA (Translation Studies), MA (Public Policy), MSc (International Management), MSc (Digital Marketing), MSc (Global Hospitality Management and Intercultural Communication), Professional Master's of Education/Máistir Gairmiúil san Oideachas.



Erasmus+ and international exchange opportunities



Explore programmes that prepare you for **an international career**



Dedicated facilities for the study of Irish – **Áras na Gaeilge**

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours)
- GY105 Bachelor of Arts (History)
- GY119 Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)
- GY122 Bachelor of Arts (Cumersáid agus Gaeilge)
- GY128 Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)
- GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)
- GY135 Bachelor of Arts (Global Media)
- GY137 Bachelor of Arts (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)
- GY202 Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)
- GY203 Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)
- GY204 Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)
- GY209 Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)
- GY208 Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)
- GY261 Bachelor of Business Studies (International Hotel Management)
- GY262 Bachelor of Commerce (International Hotel Management)

Exploring Our World — Past, Present, *and* Future

At the University of Galway, we invite you to embark on a journey of discovery that crosses boundaries of time, place, and discipline. Our undergraduate programmes explore the complex relationships between people, cultures, environments, and ideas – examining how the past shapes the present and how today's actions influence the future. Through a blend of classroom learning, hands-on experience, and critical inquiry, you will develop the skills to interpret our world in all its diversity, and the confidence to contribute meaningfully to its future.

Why University of Galway

- **Experiential and Field-Based Learning:** Fieldwork, lab training, and practical research are central to your studies, giving you the opportunity to apply theory in real-world contexts.
- **Research Excellence:** Learn from leading scholars with expertise spanning heritage, society, culture, environment, and science – both in Ireland and on the global stage.
- **Global Perspectives:** Study abroad, undertake placements, and engage in independent research to broaden your outlook and adaptability.
- **Heritage and Community Impact:** Work on projects that connect academic study with local, national, and international communities, creating real social and cultural value.

Careers

Archaeologist, Heritage Consultant, Archaeological Surveyor, Archivist, Museum Curator, Planning Officer, Post-Primary Teacher, Journalist, Publisher, Communications Specialist, Researcher, Policy Analyst, Environmental Consultant, Historian, GIS Specialist, Climate Change Analyst, Urban/Rural Development Officer, Museum Education Officer, Cultural Tourism Manager, Science Communicator, Data Analyst, Marine Biologist, Geoscientist, Conservation Officer.

Sample Employers

An Taisce (The National Trust for Ireland), Bord Bia (Food and Sustainability Initiatives), Department of Housing, Education Providers, Local Government and Heritage, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Geological Survey Ireland, Heritage Council, Irish Archaeological Consultancy, Local Authorities, Media Organisations, National Museum of Ireland, Tourism Bodies.

Postgraduate Study Options

MA (History), MA (Planning and Development), MSc (Environmental Leadership), MSc (Sustainable Environments), MSc (Sustainable Resource Management), MSc (Biodiversity and Land Use Planning).



Opportunity to apply theory
in **real-world contexts**



Learn from leading scholars both
in Ireland and on the global stage



Study abroad to broaden
your outlook and adaptability

Our Undergraduate Courses

- GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)
- GY105 Bachelor of Arts (History)
- GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)
- GY134 Bachelor of Arts
(Geography and Geosystems)
- GY301 Bachelor of Science
- GY310 Bachelor of Science (Marine Science)
- GY314 Bachelor of Science
(Earth and Ocean Sciences)
- GY320 Bachelor of Science (Physics)
- GY323 BSc (Zoology) **NEW**

Explore Our Courses





Study Arts

Our Arts courses are designed to inspire your curiosity and to provide you with a flexible pathway to a range of future careers. See below the full list of undergraduate courses available. Our flagship Arts degree which offers unparalleled choice of subject combinations is GY101 BA (Joint-Honours).

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY101	BA (Joint-Honours)	Competitive Basis	
GY104	BSc (Psychology)	Optional	Optional
GY105	BA (History)	Optional	Optional
GY109	BA (Mathematics and Education)		Compulsory
GY110	BA Children's Studies: Arts with Children's Studies (AWC)	Optional	Optional
GY110	BA Children's Studies: Arts (Children's Studies) (ACS)	Optional	Optional
GY111	BA (English and Creative Writing)	Optional	Optional
GY113	BA with Human Rights	Optional	Optional
GY118	BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)	Optional	Optional
GY119	BA (Journalism)	Optional	Optional
GY123	BSc (Social Sciences and Sustainability)	European Field Trip	Compulsory
GY127	BA (Film and Digital Media)	Optional	Optional
GY128	BA (Global Languages)	Compulsory	Optional
GY129	BA (Global Experience)	Compulsory	
GY130	BA (Music)	Optional	Optional
GY132	BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)	Optional	Optional
GY133	BA Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies)		Compulsory
GY134	BSc (Geography and Geosystems)	Optional	Optional
GY135	BA (Global Media)	Optional	Optional
GY137	BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)		Compulsory

**Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint) or agricultural science.

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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●		●		3		3 or 4	850	350
●	●		●		3		4	25	541
●	●		●		3		4	25	367
●	●	●	●		2	H5/O1 Maths Garda Vetting	4	25	423
●	●		●		3	Garda Vetting	4	40	400
●	●		●		3	Garda Vetting	4	100	400
●	●		●		3		4	45	400
●	●		●		3	Garda Vetting	4	25	398
●	●		●		3	Audition not required	4	22	360
●	●		●		3		4	30	381
●	●		●		3	Garda Vetting	4	40	350
●	●		●		3		4	40	390
●	●		●		3	H4 Modern European Language (not Irish or English)	4	40	378
●	●		●		3		4	20	400
●	●		●		3	Audition not required. Music at LC not required	4	20	401
●	●		●		3		4	40	412
●	●	●	●		2	H6 or O2 Maths Garda Vetting	4	25	402
●	●	●		●	2		4	25	350
●	●		●		3		4	50	359
●	●		●		3	Garda Vetting	4	25	409

GY101

BA (Joint-Honours)

This is a highly flexible, subject based course with a structure that enables you to shape your own degree. This makes it an ideal course for a student who wants to pursue their own academic interests in a versatile way. There are 23 exciting subjects that you can choose from and these are structured in seven subject groups. In Year 1, you will select three subjects from the range of subjects. You can only choose one subject from each group. You will choose your subjects when you register for the course in Year 1. After Year 1, you will continue to study two of the three subjects to degree level.

Course Structure

First Year 3 Subjects	Subject A 20 ECTS	Subject B 20 ECTS	Subject C 20 ECTS
Second Year 2 Subjects + 1 Skill	Subject A 25 ECTS	Subject B 25 ECTS	Skills* 10 ECTS
Third Year Optional	Optional Opportunities for Students • Study Abroad (Compulsory with some languages)		
Final Year 2 Subjects	Subject A 30 ECTS	Subject B 30 ECTS	

*Skills modules are integrated within each subject area.

Subject Options

Choose a max of one from each group.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Archaeology	Law	Ancient Classics	English	Information Technology	History	Gaeilge
French	Psychology	Geography	Economics	Léann an Aistriúcháin	Spanish	Italian
Mathematics/ Mathematical Studies	Celtic Civilisation	Léann na Cumarsáide		Sociological and Political Studies		Philosophy
	Performance and Screen Studies	German				
		Modern Irish Culture Studies (Literature and Music)				
		Global Media				

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Reasons to Choose GY101



One of Ireland's most popular degrees, offering a wide choice of two-subject combinations



Opens doors to diverse career paths across sectors and offers a strong foundation for a career in primary or secondary teaching



Option of a three or four year degree

GY101 Subject Selection and Progression

On the BA (Joint-Honours), students select three subjects from an exciting portfolio of subjects in Year 1. After Year 1, students will continue with two of these subjects. When considering what subjects to select, think about what you currently enjoy studying, what you are interested in and what subjects may reflect your future career ambitions. Be curious!

There are a small number of subjects that have specific progression requirements from Year 1 to Year 2. These include:

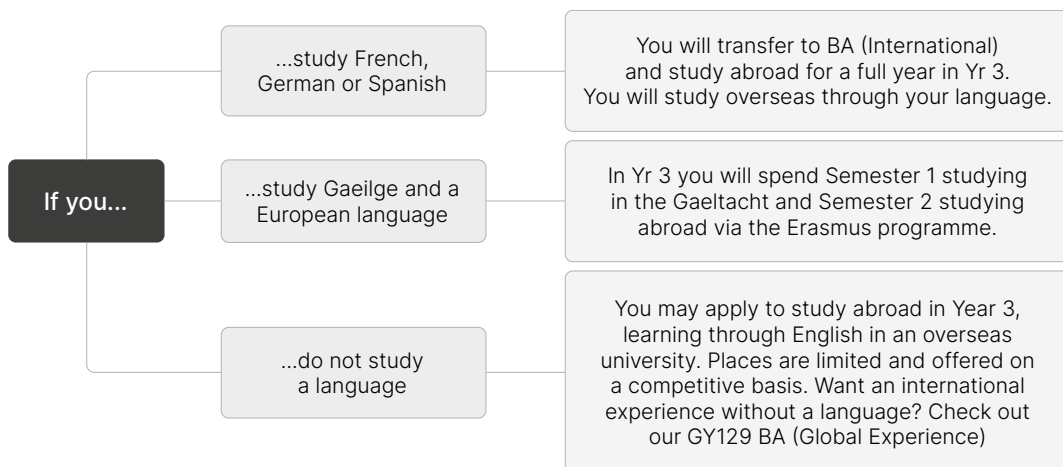
- **Psychology Progression:** Students who complete Psychology in Year 1 may progress to either the GY104 BSc (Psychology) course (15 places available) or continue with Psychological Studies (100 places) on GY101. Selection is based on academic merit from Year 1 results, requiring a minimum average of 40% in each subject.
- **Law Progression:** Entry to Year 2 Law on GY101 is limited to 100 students and is also based on academic performance in Year 1 with students needing to pass the Year 1 exam outright (average of 40% or higher in each subject).
- **Mathematics Progression:** Based on module selection in Year 1, students will progress to either Mathematics or Mathematical Studies in Year 2.
- **Information Technology:** Capped at 120 students in Year 1. Places assigned in the first week of registration.

GY101 Study Abroad

An exciting part of the BA (Joint-Honours) is the opportunity for some students to study abroad. The University has links with partner universities around the world that enable students to experience studying in an overseas university. Students can study in Europe through the Erasmus programme, and the Study Abroad programme gives students the opportunity to study further afield, in Canada, the US, Australia and Hong Kong.

Note: Your subject choice will determine your eligibility to study abroad on GY101 BA (Joint-Honours).

GY101 Study Abroad Options



Subject Options for Specialised Arts Degrees

Many of our denominated (specialised) Arts degrees allow students to choose subjects in Year 1 from the menu of subjects available on GY101. See below the options available, noting that progression into Year 2 and beyond will vary.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Archaeology	Law	Ancient Classics	English	Information Technology	History	Gaeilge
French	Psychology	Geography	Economics	Léann an Aistriúcháin	Spanish	Italian
Mathematics/ Mathematical Studies	Celtic Civilisation	Léann na Cumarsáide		Sociological and Political Studies		Philosophy
	Performance and Screen Studies	German				
		Modern Irish Culture Studies (Literature and Music)				
		Global Media				

Course Code	Course Name	Additional subject choices available in Year 1	
		Number of Subjects	Groups
GY104	BSc (Psychology)	2	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
GY105	BA (History)	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
GY110	Arts with Children's Studies (AWC)	3	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
GY111	BA (English and Creative Writing)	1	1, 2 (excluding Law and Psychology), 3, 6, 7
GY113	BA with Human Rights	3	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
GY118	BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
GY119	BA (Journalism)	2	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
GY127	BA (Film and Digital Media)	2	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
GY129	BA (Global Experience)	3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
GY130	BA (Music)	2	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
GY135	BA (Global Media)	2	Choose from Sociology and Politics, History, Economics, Philosophy, English, French, Spanish, Italian, IT, Gaeilge
GY136	BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7



Katie Curran

GY101 Bachelor of Arts Degree,
(Joint-Honours)

I had no idea what I wanted to do. I had a passion to do well in whatever my path was, but I couldn't find the path. BA (Joint-Honours) in University of Galway stood out to me. I liked the amount of subjects I could choose and that I didn't have to choose one field and stick to it. I decided to put that as my top choice on my CAO and I got in. I didn't realise that I had made a choice which would ignite my passion for success.

As soon as I arrived in Galway, I could tell that I was going to love it. Through societies, volunteering, group work, and passion projects, I formed dozens of connections with like-minded people.

As much as I enjoyed all of my chosen subjects under joint arts, I loved psychology from the get-go. I am now going into my final year of denominated psychology and I couldn't be happier.

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge: Your Courses Through Irish

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe, offers two practical Irish language degrees, building real-world, transferable skills. Graduates credit fluency in the Irish language as providing them with a considerable advantage in today's highly competitive jobs market, with opportunities in translation, proofreading, media, education, and beyond.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY122	BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)	Optional	Compulsory
GY136	BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)		Compulsory

Course	Focus Area	Why this Course?
GY122 BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)	Media and Irish Language	Hands-on experience in journalism, broadcasting, and multimedia, plus deep engagement with Irish language and culture. Ideal for future media professionals.
GY136 BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	Translation and Irish Language Skills	Practical training for careers in translation, with strong job prospects in Ireland and Europe due to a shortage of qualified translators. You'll study Translation Studies alongside Irish, plus one other subject in Year 1

Cúrsa	Limistéar Fócais	Cén fáth an cúrsa seo?
GY122 BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)	Na Meáin agus an Ghaeilge	Taithí phraiticiúil san iriseoireacht, sa chraoltóireacht agus sna hilmhéain, chomh maith le dlúthbhaint le teanga agus cultúr na hÉireann. Oiriúnach dóibh siúd ar mhaith leo oibriú sna meáin amach anseo.
GY136 BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	Scileanna Aistriúcháin agus Gaeilge	Oiliúint phraiticiúil do ghairmeacha in earnáil an aistriúcháin, le deiseanna fostaíochta láidre in Éirinn agus san Eoraip mar gheall ar ghanntanas aistritheoirí cáilithe. Déanfaidh tú staidéar ar Léann an Aistriúcháin in éineacht leis an nGaeilge, chomh maith le hábhar amháin eile i mBliain 1.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Leaving Cert Students

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Íosriachtanais Iontrála do Mhic Léinn Ardteistiméireachta

Chun dul isteach in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe, ní mór do mhic léinn Ardteistiméireachta sé ábhar a bheith acu, lena n-áirítear Grád H5 ar a laghad in dhá ábhar agus Grád O6/H7 ar a laghad i gceithre ábhar eile. Féach an tábla thuas le haghaidh sonraí na gcúrsaí.

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge: Do Chonair Chun Cinn

Tá dhá chéim phraiticiúla i nGaeilge ag Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe a chabhróidh leat scileanna inaistrithe a fhorbairt. Deir céimithe go bhfuil buntáiste suntasach ag baint le líofacht sa Ghaeilge i margadh fostaíochta iomaíoch an lae inniu, agus i measc na ndeiseanna atá an tá earnáil an aistriúcháin, an phrofléitheoireacht, na meáin agus réimse an oideachais.

Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●		●		3	H5 sa Ghaeilge	4	25	368
●	●		●		3	H3 sa Ghaeilge	4	15	368

Áine Ní Dhonnaile

GY122 BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)

What I like most about this course is that it is incredibly creative and you have the freedom to try out a lot of things – live radio broadcasting, TV presenting, written journalism, production – so you have an idea of what exactly you like. You are able to discover your strengths and develop your own style during the course and that really help when entering the jobs market.

An rud is fearr liomsa faoin chúrsa seo ná go bhfuil sé iontach cruthaitheach agus go mbíonn an tsaoirse agat triail a bhaint as an iliomad rudaí – ag craoladh beo ar an raidió, láithreoireacht teilifíse, iriseoireacht scríofa, léiriúchán – agus mar sin go mbíonn tuairim agat cad go díreach a thaitníonn leat. Tá tú in ann do stíl féin a aimsiú agus a láidriú le linn an chúrsa agus cuideoidh sé sin go mór leat post a fháil sna meáin i ndiaidh na céime.



Study Business

Our Business courses are designed to equip students with a strong foundation in core business disciplines, while offering flexibility to specialise in areas such as Accounting, Marketing, Finance, and International Business.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY201	Bachelor of Commerce	Optional 'Global Experience' Year Competitive Basis	
GY202	Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)	Compulsory	
GY203	Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)	Compulsory	
GY204	Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)	Compulsory	
GY206	BSc Business Information Systems	Compulsory	Compulsory
GY207	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	Optional 'Global Experience' Year Competitive Basis	
GY208	Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)	Gaeltacht Semester	Compulsory
GY209	Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)	Compulsory 'Global Experience' Year	

GY201 Bachelor of Commerce

The Bachelor of Commerce is our flagship business programme, providing students with a broad and flexible degree with exciting industry engagement including mentoring from industry experts.

Course Structure

Year 1: Core business modules in economics, accounting, marketing, mathematics, management and business information systems.

Students also choose to study a language or Skills for Success and Business Law.

Year 2: Advanced business modules and a choice of optional modules such as Financial Economics, Marketing and Sustainability, International Financial Reporting and Entrepreneurial Venture Development.

Year 3: Core modules in areas of strategy, economics, CSR and innovation.

Specialise in one of the following areas:

- Accounting and Performance Measurement
- Economics and Public Policy
- Human Resource Management
- Digital Business and Analytics
- Marketing Management
- Finance
- Business Law
- Entrepreneurship
- International Business
- Management

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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●	●		2		3 or 4	270	454
●	●	●	●		2	H3 French	4	15	517
●	●	●	●		2	H4 German	4	15	517
●	●	●	●		2	H4 Spanish	4	15	520
●	●	●	●		2		4	40	507
●	●	●	●		2	H4 Accounting	3 or 4	35	530
●	●	●	●		2	H4 sa Ghaeilge	4	15	474
●	●	●	●		2		4	70	543

GY209 Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)

The BComm (Global Experience) provides the same course structure as the BComm (above) with the addition of a 'Global Experience' year in Year 3, making it a four year degree. Students can choose to spend a full year studying abroad or combine a semester of international study with a six-month work placement. During the study abroad year or semester, students will take business modules taught through English at a partner university in North America, Australia, Asia or Europe.

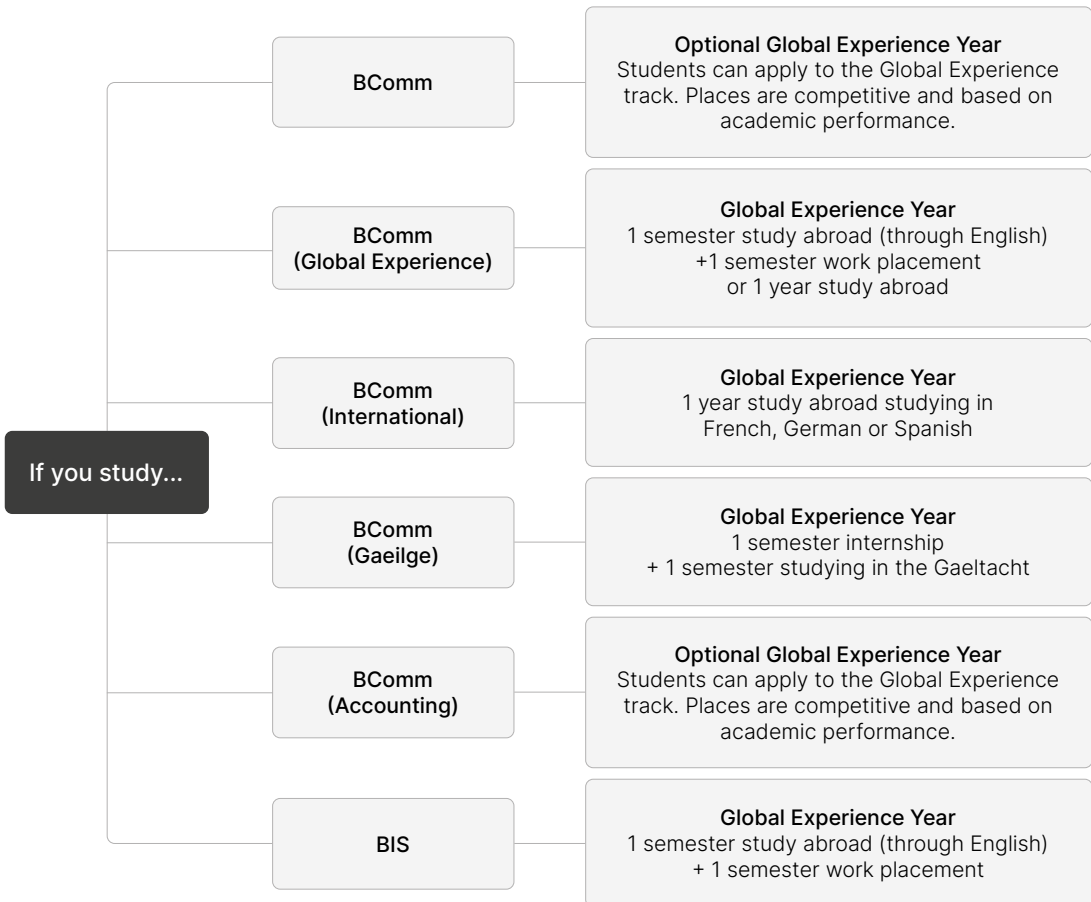
Other Business Degrees

For students with a passion for languages, the BComm is available as a **BComm (International)** with either French, German or Spanish and a **BComm (Gaeilge)** is also available. Graduates with proficiency in a language are highly sought after by employers internationally.

The **BComm (Accounting)** provides broad-based business education alongside specialist studies in accounting. The course is recognised by all professional accounting bodies and grants significant exemptions from their professional examinations.

The **BSc (Business Information Systems)** is designed for students with an interest in business and technology. It focuses on the use and management of technology in business environments, combining technical knowledge with practical business skills.

Global Experiences for Business Students



Luke Boyle

GY204 Bachelor of Commerce
(International with Spanish)

I wanted a course that combined business with a language and offered international opportunities. The chance to study abroad in my third year really stood out to me. It felt like a unique way to strengthen both my language skills and cultural understanding while continuing my business studies in a completely different environment.

What drew me to Galway as a city was its welcoming atmosphere. It is energetic, creative, and full of character. There's a great student buzz here, but it never feels overwhelming. It has that perfect balance of being lively yet comfortable, and I felt at home almost immediately.

The University of Galway stood out for its strong international connections and the support it offers to students pursuing global experiences. The course itself is flexible and opens a lot of doors, and the mix of business subjects in the first year helped me figure out what areas I was most interested in.



Study Hotel Management at Shannon College of Hotel Management

Shannon College of Hotel Management, based in Shannon, Co. Clare offers two hotel management business degrees. Combining academic study with 21 months of paid international work placements, students gain hands-on experience in leading hotels across Europe and beyond, while developing strong skills in business, hospitality, leadership, and languages. Final-year placements often lead directly to global management careers with prestigious hotel groups.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY261	BBS International Hotel Management	21 Months International Work Placement	
GY262	BComm International Hotel Management	21 Months International Work Placement	

Professional Practical Training

Professional practical training is a core component of a Shannon College degree. Particularly in Year 1 (in Shannon College) and in Year 2 (on placement), students develop practical skills and a level of attention to detail to match the professional standard found in the world's top hotels. The training involves 20 hours per week in Year 1 rotating between Culinary Kitchen Practical, Restaurant Services Practical, Accommodation Services, Front Office Operations and Information Technology, Skills for Work Life, HACCP and Food Science.

Professional Ethos

The structured environment at Shannon College empowers students to develop a high level of professionalism and a sense of Hospitality. Shannon College students are easily identified by their college business suit.

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Business Education

Students gain a firm grounding in all key areas of business and management which help students to develop their business skills, commercial awareness, innovation and management skills. This allows students to have a successful career in Hotel Management and many other fast changing global business careers.

Choosing a Course

The BBS and BComm are very similar courses. Both are Level 8 business degrees and students spend Years 1, 2, 3 and Final Year Placement studying and working together. In Year 4, the BBS students study at Shannon College and focus on general business and advanced hospitality modules and developing strategic hotel management skills. In Year 4, the BComm students study on the Galway Campus, specialising in one business discipline. The BComm students do not take any hotel management modules during Year 4.



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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College. Interview as part of selection process.	4 Years 9 Months	85	#474
●	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College. Interview as part of selection process.	4 Years 9 Months	15	#703

Isabella Condon

GY262 BComm International
Hotel Management Graduate

Hospitality has always felt like home. It began as a passion until I realised that actually, this is the career for me. The constant learning, the pursuit of excellence, the finesse of fine dining service styles, and the delight that can be created through the service of exceptional dishes.

When I put my mind to something I strive to do it to the best of my ability and after a short few years into my career, I am now an Assistant Manager at Dinner by Heston Blumenthal in Mandarin Oriental, Hyde Park, London. In addition, I was named Gold Service Scholarship winning scholar 2025. I truly feel this is just the beginning of what can be achieved.



Study Law

Our Law courses are designed to develop critical thinking, legal reasoning, and a deep understanding of justice and legal systems. Students can choose from a range of undergraduate law degrees that combine core legal education with opportunities to specialise in areas including Business, Human Rights, and Criminology and Criminal Justice. All our law degrees provide a strong foundation in Irish and international legal systems. They are full law degrees and graduates will be prepared to pursue professional legal training as a solicitor with the Law Society of Ireland or as a barrister with the Honorable Society of Kings' Inns (for some of the specialised law courses students will need to choose the Legal Professions' stream in the final year).

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY250	Law (BCL) and Business	Study Abroad or Work Placement	
GY251	Law (BCL)	Study Abroad or Work Placement	
GY252	Law (BCL) and Human Rights	Study Abroad or Work Placement	
GY254	Law (BCL) Criminology and Criminal Justice	Study Abroad or Work Placement	
GY101	BA (Joint-Honours) in Law	Optional	

Study Abroad and Work Placement

In Year 3 of our Law courses, students have the option to Study Abroad for an academic year or undertake a year long work placements. Study Abroad students will spend one year at a partner university in Europe through the Erasmus programme or further afield in countries such as the United States, India, Brazil, China and Canada. Study Abroad is highly recommended for students undertaking a European language as part of their law degree. Work placement students will spend a full year working with a firm/agency/organisation and will be fully immersed in a practical legal environment.

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BA (Joint-Honours) in Law

This study route allows students to choose Law as one of their subjects in the Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours) degree, along with two other Arts subjects in Year 1.

- If a student wishes to progress with Law into Year 2 (and Year 3), they must pass all of their subjects in the first sitting of exams in Year 1 and must be in the top 100 students in Law in Year 1.
- Graduates who wish to obtain a full law degree can do so by completing one year of our LLB (Bachelor of Laws). Upon graduation from the LLB, students will have completed the modules examined in the solicitor FE-1 entrance exams at the Law Society of Ireland and the modules required for the barrister entrance exams at the Honorable Society of King's Inns.



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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●	●		2		4	60	517
●	●		●		3		4	40	520
●	●		●		3		4	20	520
●	●		●		3		4	25	520
●	●		●		3		3 or 4	200	350

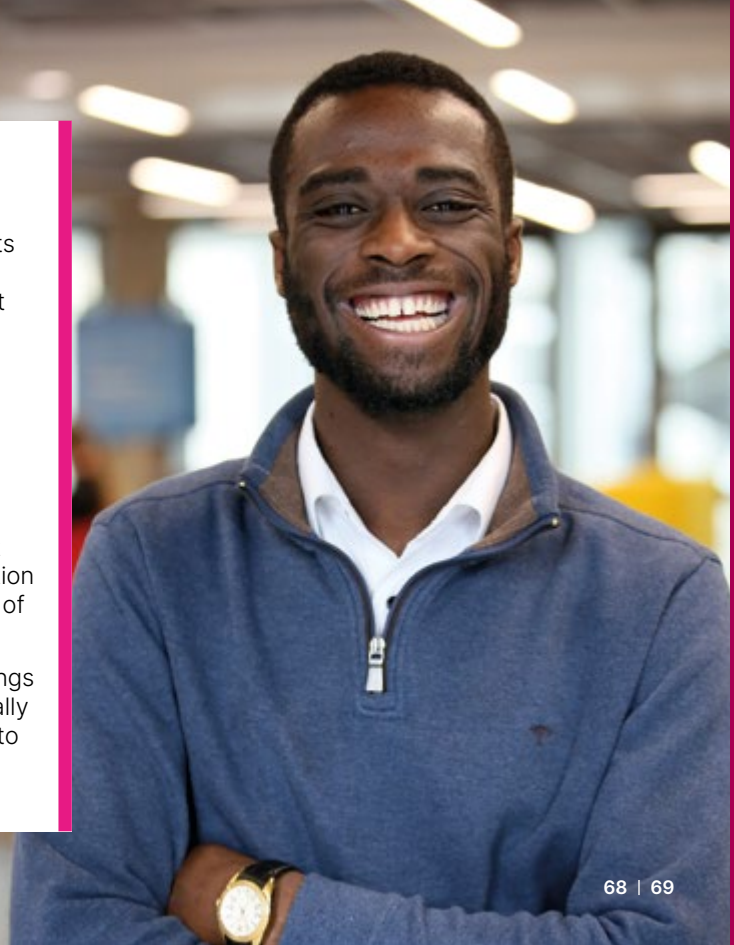
Eric Ehigie

GY250 Law (BCL) and Business

The course is diverse, offering students a comprehensive insight into key legal and business topics, suitable for a 21st century society and economy. It also provides the invaluable opportunity to study abroad, which I gained so much from.

There are many opportunities to participate in skills-enhancing, and enjoyable, extra-curricular activities connected to the course. I had a blast participating in a negotiation competition with a friend and classmate on behalf of the School of Law.

If you are looking for a course that brings out the best from you both academically and in terms of acquiring skills suited to the professional world, I could not recommend the course enough.



Study Science

Our Bachelor of Science degrees span the breadth of the sciences, including biological, chemical, computer, natural and physical sciences as well as mathematics. We offer two ways for you to earn your science degree:

- Our flagship degree (GY301 Bachelor of Science) offers a world of choice across the sciences in the early years of study with opportunities to narrow your focus as you progress and specialise in your discipline of choice in the final year.
- Study one of our thirteen other exciting, denominated BSc programmes which are structured yet flexible.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY301	BSc Science	Optional	
GY303	BSc (Biomedical Science)	Optional	
GY304	BSc (Biotechnology)	Erasmus Research Placement or Biopharma-MedTech industry internship	
GY308	BSc (Environmental Science)	Optional	
GY309	BSc (Financial Mathematics and Economics)	Optional	Optional
GY310	BSc (Marine Science)	Optional	
GY313	BSc (Occupational Health and Safety Management)	Optional	Compulsory
GY314	BSc (Earth and Ocean Sciences)	Optional	
GY318	BSc (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)	Optional	
GY319	BSc (Mathematical Science)	Optional	
GY320	BSc (Physics)	Optional	Summer industry/ research opportunities and paid internships available
GY321	BSc (Genetics and Genomics)	Optional	Summer research studentships available.
GY322	BSc (Agricultural Science)	Optional	Compulsory
GY323	BSc (Zoology) NEW	International Fieldtrip	Competitive Basis
GY350	BSc Computer Science and Information Technology	Optional	Compulsory

* An alternative to the stated Maths requirement in the Leaving Cert is to pass the University's Engineering Maths Qualifying Exam held annually in August. Successful candidates who meet the appropriate standard are deemed to have satisfied the additional Mathematics requirement.

**Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint), agricultural science or computer science.



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Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●		●	2		4	300	440
●	●	●		●	2	Garda Vetting	4	65	566
●	●	●	●	●	1	O2 or H6 Modern European language (not Irish or English)	4	32	498
●	●	●		●	2		4	20	440
●	●	●	● or	●	2	O1 or H5 in Maths	4	40–60	509
●	●	●		●	2		4	33	440
●	●	●		●	2		4	28	422
●	●	●		●	2		4	30	422
●	●	●		●	2		4	20	532
●	●	●			3	O1 or H5 in Maths	4	20	542
●	●	●		●	2		4	30	422
●	●	●		●	2	O1 or H5 in Maths	4	20	474
●	●	●		●	2		4	20–30	420
●	●	●		●	2		4	25	
●	●	●			3	O2 or H6 in Maths*	4	65	440

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GY301 Bachelor of Science

The GY301 Bachelor of Science is one of our most popular and versatile degree – your launchpad into the world of scientific discovery. With access to over 20 cutting-edge specialisms with a flexible structure, this flagship course empowers you to shape your own scientific journey – from molecules to machine learning, ecosystems to equations.

Course Structure

Year 1: Build a strong foundation in science. Choose four subjects from: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science.

Year 2: Explore up to three pathways (drawn from the Final-Year Specialisms) based on your interests. A quota system applies.

Year 3: Narrow your focus to two pathways. Optional study abroad opportunities available (on a competitive basis) in the US or Asia.

Year 4: Specialise in one subject (see Final-Year Specialisms below) and graduate with a Level 8 Honours Degree.

Final-Year Specialisms:


- Anatomy
- Applied Mathematics
- Biochemistry
- Botany and Plant Science
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Data Science
- Earth and Ocean Sciences
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
- Mathematical Studies and Computing
- Mathematics and Computing
- Medicinal Chemistry
- Microbiology
- Pharmacology
- Physics and Applied Physics
- Physics and Climate Physics
- Physiology
- Plant and AgriBiosciences
- Zoology

Research and Industry Experience

While GY301 does not include a formal work placement, students can gain valuable experience through:

- Summer internships
- Erasmus and traineeships
- Final-year research projects

Opportunities span fields such as biotechnology, computer science, genomics, and environmental science, and may involve work in university labs or with external partners across Ireland, Europe, and beyond.



Montserrat Ramírez
GY304 BSc (Biotechnology)

As an international student from Costa Rica, I chose to move to Galway to pursue my passion for biotechnology. Studying in Europe had always been a dream of mine, and Ireland stood out for its excellent education system and its rapidly growing biotechnology industry. University of Galway's biotechnology programme impressed me with its hands-on laboratory experience, language options, and integrated placement opportunities.

The campus is lively and diverse, with students from all over the world, which has helped me feel part of a global community. Transitioning from Costa Rica to Ireland was smoother than I expected, Irish people are incredibly welcoming and warm-hearted. The natural beauty, cultural richness, expanding industry, and academic opportunities have made this journey truly rewarding.

Study Computer Science

GY350 BSc Computer Science and Information Technology

Computer Science and Information Technology is an exciting and challenging course where students tackle interesting problems that require creative solutions. The course focuses on equipping students with the technical and professional skills needed to shape the future of technology and design high-quality solutions for a wide range of application domains.

Why Choose This Course?

- The modern world is increasingly reliant on complex application software, mobile devices, and fast data networks.
- The course is designed to meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in computing and IT.
- Students gain hands-on experience with cutting-edge technologies and methodologies.
- It provides a strong foundation for contributing to exciting future technology developments.

Study Abroad and Work Placement

Students typically undertake an eight-month work placement, offering valuable industry experience and enhancing employability. In the rare case where no external placement is available, students are assigned on-campus projects. This work experience programme gives students an opportunity to work on projects relevant to their study and significantly improves their chances of obtaining employment after graduation.



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Emma Meehan

GY350 BSc Computer Science
and Information Technology

This course set me up well in terms of initially developing my technology skills and career, and finally to found my own startup company. The diversity of skills acquired is fantastic, and are absolutely necessary and relevant as we head into the age of AI.

Along with course content, the lifestyle that the University of Galway provides is second to none, with its proximity to the city, campus facilities and endless options for clubs and societies to join.

My time studying at University of Galway has been a huge highlight in my life so far, and I would recommend this course to anyone with an interested in building a career in technology.



Study Engineering

Our Engineering degrees expose students to the breadth of engineering subjects, before focusing on a chosen engineering specialism.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY401	Undenominated Engineering	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY402	BE and ME (Civil)	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY405	BE and ME (Mechanical)	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY406	BE and ME (Electronic and Computer)	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY408	BE and ME (Biomedical)	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY410	BSc (Project and Construction Management)	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY413	BE and ME (Energy Systems)	Competitive Basis	Paid Work Placement
GY414	BE and ME (Electrical and Electronic)	Competitive Basis	Compulsory

* An alternative to the stated Maths requirement in the Leaving Cert is to pass the University's Engineering Maths Qualifying Exam held annually in August. Successful candidates who meet the appropriate standard are deemed to have satisfied the additional Mathematics requirement.

**Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint), agricultural science, computer science or technology. For GY410 DCG and Construction Studies are also accepted.



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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	1 Year initially and then transfer	170	542
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	4 or 5	40	521
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	4 or 5	70	566
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	4 or 5	20	510
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	4 or 5	60	568
●	●	●		●	2	O3 or H7 in Maths*	4	20	502
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	4 or 5	20	520
●	●	●		●	2	H4 in Maths*	4 or 5	10	510

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Explore Engineering: A Flexible First-Year Pathway at University of Galway

Undenominated Engineering at University of Galway gives you a flexible, accessible way to start your journey in engineering.

In Year 1, you'll follow a broad curriculum that covers the main areas of engineering, including civil, mechanical, electrical, electronic, energy systems, and biomedical engineering. This lets you try out different subjects before choosing the area you want to specialise in for Year 2.

After passing your first-year exams, you can move into the second year of one of these degree programmes (subject to demand):

- Energy Systems Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Project and Construction Management
- Electronic and Computer Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Computer Science and Information Technology

This option is perfect if you know you like engineering but aren't yet sure which branch is right for you.



Molly Hennessy

GY401 Undenominated Engineering

Choosing Undenominated Engineering at the University of Galway was the best decision I could have made. The wide range of pathways meant I could explore my options before specialising in Mechanical Engineering in second year. What really convinced me, though, was meeting the students at the open day, their enthusiasm made me feel like I belonged.

Since then, I've discovered how much I enjoy the design and problem-solving side of engineering. I've always loved figuring out how things work, and now I get to apply that creativity to real projects with real impact.

The course is challenging, but that's what makes it so rewarding. It's preparing me for a career that could take me anywhere in the world and I'm excited for what's ahead.

Study Medicine

GY501 Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics (BAO)

Train in Ireland's most advanced clinical simulation facility and gain hands-on experience across our network of regional medical academies. GY501 offers a modern, research-driven medical education with outstanding teaching infrastructure and interprofessional learning opportunities.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY501	Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics (BAO)	Optional	Clinical Placement

** Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint) or agricultural science.

Minimum Entry Requirements: 6 Year Programme

Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, a laboratory science subject (i.e., Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry [joint] or Agricultural Science), and any other subject recognised for entry purposes.

Minimum Entry Requirements: 5 Year Programme

In addition to the 6 Year requirements, H4 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics/ Chemistry, Agricultural Science. Please note that this is a minimum additional requirement. Allocation of places is divided equally between the 5 Year and 6 Year course on the basis of Leaving Cert results in science subjects in that particular intake.

HPAT

CAO applicants must complete the Health Professions Admission Test (HPAT).

Additional Requirements

Students must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting and Medical Clearance requirements.

Key Features

- State-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Facility on a clinical site – the most advanced in Ireland.
- Interprofessional education with skills labs, ICU, emergency bays, and maternity simulators.
- Regional Medical Academies in Donegal, Sligo, Mayo, and Ballinasloe for immersive clinical training.
- Modern teaching and research facilities with labs, lecture theatres, and collaborative spaces.
- Small class sizes, excellent student-staff ratios, and strong mentoring from clinical experts.
- Opportunities for postgraduate study and discipline-specific training in later years.



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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●	●	●	1	See below	5 or 6	152	#728*

Farhan Iqbal

GY501 Bacheor of Medicine

The human body is infinitely interesting, and that was when I figured out that Medicine was the one field I could never get tired of. Doctors can also prevent the spread of misinformation, carry out research and improve current medical practice, with the noble goal of helping people live longer, happier and healthier.

Ireland attracted me because of its internationally recognised degrees and huge investments on medical research. Galway, a cool place on Ireland's west coast, stood out in particular. I knew I wanted the diverse worldviews and fruitful life that it could offer me.

It was a major transition from secondary school, but what helped me cope best were the incredible friends I made. You learn to find your family away from home, create memories and become a mature individual, capable of handling both work and personal lives.

Would I do it again? – 100%. I'm grateful for the lessons I've learnt here as they've moulded me into someone I aspired to be before.



Study Pharmacy

GY505 MPharm (Pharmacy)

University of Galway is delighted to now offer Pharmacy. Our first cohort of students started in 2025. Pharmacy is more than just dispensing medicines; Pharmacists are trusted healthcare experts who play a vital role in patient care in healthcare settings and in the pharmaceutical industry.

This future-focused Pharmacy degree will equip you with the knowledge and skills to have a real impact on patient care, working with the wider healthcare team.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY505	MPharm (Pharmacy) NEW	Optional	Compulsory

**Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint) or agricultural science.

5 Year MPharm

In order to register as a Pharmacist, one must hold an MPharm (Masters in Pharmacy) degree. This degree is obtained following successful completion of Year 5 of the programme. As Year 5 is technically a postgraduate year, this is not covered by the free fees initiative and is subject to postgraduate fees. Completing the four-year BSc Pharmacy and not progressing to the fifth MPharm year, does not meet the educational requirements for registration as a Pharmacist.

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Accreditation

This programme has been granted accreditation by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI).

Practical Training

Adjacent to the hospital (UCHG), students gain early clinical experience in advanced simulation facilities. There will be two weeks of placement in a patient-facing setting in Year 2, four months of placement in Year 4, which can be in a range of settings including industry or research, and eight months in Year 5, in hospital or community Pharmacy.



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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●		●	2	Min H4 in Lab Science Subject Garda Vetting Medical Clearance Requirements	5	75	601*

John Given

Executive Pharmacy Manager,
Galway University Hospitals

The establishment of a new Pharmacy programme in University of Galway is a much needed education resource in the West and will benefit the community, industry and our hospitals in the West especially as the Department of Health and the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland roll out enhanced Pharmacy roles including Pharmacist prescribing.



Study Nursing and Midwifery

Our undergraduate programmes will provide you with the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges of a changing healthcare environment, nationally and internationally. On successful completion of the programme, graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) and practise as a registered nurse or midwife.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY515	Bachelor of Nursing Science (General) Galway and Portiuncula	Optional	Clinical Placement
GY516	Bachelor of Nursing Science (Mental Health)	Optional	Clinical Placement
GY517	Bachelor of Midwifery Science	Optional	Clinical Placement

** Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint) or agricultural science.

Health Requirements

Nursing and midwifery are physically and emotionally demanding professions that require resilience, good mental health, and physical fitness. Students must be capable of meeting the clinical and academic competencies required for professional practice.

As part of the programme requirements, all students must complete a Pre-Placement Health Assessment Form and, where necessary, undergo a medical assessment and/or health screening. This process ensures that students are fit to undertake clinical placements and meet the expectations outlined by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI).

Vaccination and Screening

All registered students must participate in the School of Nursing and Midwifery Vaccination and Screening Programme, delivered in collaboration with our clinical partners. This programme follows guidance from the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC), specifically the *Immunisation and Health Information for Health Care Workers and Others in At-Risk Occupations*. While vaccinations are not mandatory, students who either decline vaccination or have a

confirmed medical contraindication may be unable to meet core clinical competencies. In such cases, and in agreement with clinical partners, students may be denied access to clinical placements. As clinical placements are an essential component of the programme, this would prevent continuation or completion of the degree.

Statutory and Mandatory Training

Statutory and mandatory training refers to the essential training and skills all nursing and midwifery students must complete and maintain to ensure safe clinical practice and meet national healthcare standards. Please refer to our website for further information.

Garda Vetting

Garda Vetting is required for these programmes. Please refer to our website for further information.

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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●		●	2	All applicants will be required to have medical screening and Garda vetting: this will include medical assessment, and if necessary, vaccination prior to the first clinical placement, in accordance with the policies of University of Galway and the Saolta University Health Care Group, West and North West Health Region.	4	96	441*
●	●	●		●	2		4	20	429
●	●	●		●	2		4	32	455*

Cristina Damian

Bachelor of Midwifery Science

My passion for healthcare began early, but it was the journey of motherhood that inspired me to pursue midwifery. I've always been fascinated by pregnancy and birth, and I find deep joy in connecting with women during this special time.

Starting university as a mature student and a mother of three wasn't easy, but the transition has been incredibly rewarding. I've been met with kindness, encouragement, and a learning environment where I feel seen and valued.

I am proud of how far I have come and excited to carry forward the kindness and support I've experienced into my future career as a midwife.



Study Health Sciences

We aim to provide a learning environment that supports our students to achieve excellence in their chosen field of study and future careers. Our three programmes are highly specialised, with extensive clinical placement and are approved by CORU (the regulatory body for health and social care professionals in Ireland) and other relevant professional bodies.

CAO Course Code	Course Name	Opportunities	
		Study Abroad	Work Placement
GY502	BSc (Occupational Therapy)	Optional	Clinical Placement
GY503	BSc (Speech and Language Therapy)		Clinical Placement
GY504	BSc (Podiatric Medicine)		Clinical Placement

** Accepted lab science subjects: chemistry, physics, biology, physics with chemistry (joint) or agricultural science.

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Entry Requirements							Duration (Years)	Average Intake	CAO Points 2025
Irish	English	Maths	Third Language	Lab Science**	Number of Other Subjects	Additional Requirements			
●	●	●	●	●	1	Meet any professional requirements stipulated. Must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting and medical clearance requirements.	4	50	544
●	●	●	●	●	1		4	45	533
●	●	●	●	●	1		4	35	444

Anna Lynam

GY502 BSc (Occupational Therapy)

The course balanced theory with hands-on experience really well. Placements gave me the chance to apply what I learned in real settings.

The Mental Health modules sparked a real interest for me. Being in a small class meant I got to know my lecturers and classmates, which made a big difference. Their feedback helped me grow. I now feel ready and confident to start my journey as an Occupational Therapist.



How to Apply





Central Applications Office (CAO)

Admission to first-year full-time Undergraduate Degree Courses is competitive and based on the Leaving Certificate points system or a system of equivalent standing. Students apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO) at cao.ie. Every year the CAO releases a CAO Handbook which provides extensive detail of application procedures and closing dates. Please read this handbook very carefully.

Closing Dates

The normal closing date is **1 February 2026 at 5pm**. Late applications are accepted until **1 May** (fee applies). Late applications are not accepted for Medicine or mature applicants.

Who Can Apply?

- Irish Leaving Certificate school-leavers (including those who have applied for the HEAR or DARE access routes)
- EU/EFTA/UK students
- QQI/FET students
- Mature students
- Students from outside EU/EFTA/UK but living in this region and meet certain criteria (check universityofgalway.ie/fees)

If you're a student from outside EU/EFTA/UK you'll be applying directly to the University. Refer to page 93 for more info.

Assessment of Applications

Some applicants may need to submit additional documentation to support their application (e.g. National University of Ireland (NUI) exemptions, exam results [if different to the Leaving Cert]). It's important that this documentation is submitted to the CAO no later than **early August 2026** (exact date TBC) for students of the Irish Leaving Cert. For other school leaver exams, please check the CAO websites for dates (cao.ie).

Deferred Entry

Applicants offered a first-year place may apply to defer entry for one year (except GY501 Medicine, unless on medical grounds).

To defer, do not accept the CAO offer. Instead, apply online at universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/deferrals/ at least two days before the CAO reply deadline.

To take up the deferred place, reapply through CAO by **1 February** the following year, listing the deferred course as your only preference. Note: You must not attend another third-level institution or repeat the Leaving Certificate with the intention of applying for a different third-level programme during the deferral year.

Entry Requirements

To enter an undergraduate degree, you must meet the minimum matriculation requirements of the National University of Ireland (NUI). These vary depending on your school-leaving exams.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Leaving Cert Students

To matriculate at University of Galway, Leaving Certificate students must present six subjects, including a minimum of Grade H5 in two subjects and at least Grade O6/H7 in four others. Results may be combined across different years for matriculation purposes (except for Medicine). This concession does not apply to the calculation of points for admission.

Find out more about acceptable subjects here:



Acceptable Subjects

All current Leaving Certificate subjects are accepted for matriculation, with some exceptions as listed here:

- Gaeilge – Bonnleibhéal (Foundation Level Irish) is not accepted for matriculation.
- Mathematics – Foundation Level is accepted for matriculation purposes only, but not for any course that requires Mathematics as a specific subject requirement. Neither will a score be awarded for a grade in this subject.
- Certain subject combinations are not permitted (e.g. Physics with Chemistry (joint) cannot be combined with either Physics or Chemistry). For full details check universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/school-leavers/leavingcert/
- Recognised lab science subjects are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, and Physics & Chemistry. Computer Science is accepted for Engineering and Science. Technology, Engineering, DCG, or Construction Studies may also be accepted for Engineering.

Irish Language Requirement

Irish is required for most applicants presenting the Irish Leaving Certificate. Exemptions may apply (e.g. born outside the Republic of Ireland).

Third Language Requirement

A third language is required for: Arts, Commerce, Law, Medicine, Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatric Medicine, and Biotechnology courses.

Applying for Exemptions

Some students will be eligible for an exemption from the Irish language requirement (e.g. born outside of the Republic of Ireland, or may be exempt from the Irish language or the third language requirements due to specific learning difficulties affecting language acquisition). Students apply to the National University of Ireland for an exemption.

Find out more:



Mathematics Requirement – Engineering Maths Qualifying Exam

This exam is for students who achieve sufficient CAO entry points and meet all other entry requirements but who do not meet the H4 grade in Mathematics in the Leaving Cert for admission to certain engineering courses. This alternative maths exams takes place in August each year after the release of the Leaving Cert results. Details and application information are available at universityofgalway.ie/science-engineering/engineering.

English Language Requirement

If English is not your first language or you haven't studied through the medium of English during the two most recent years of your study, you must attain an advanced level in English in your final school exam or must present one of the recognised English language qualifications (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL).

Language Requirement for Non-EU Applicants with Leaving Certificate

Students from outside the EU whose first language is not English must present a language other than English for matriculation. If their first language is not available in the Leaving Certificate, an equivalent exam (e.g. GCE/GCSE) may be accepted. Results may be combined across systems for matriculation.

CAO Points

To compete for a place on a course, you must meet the minimum entry requirements as well as any specific subject/additional requirements and then compete based on results obtained (e.g. Leaving Cert points). You'll compete based on the points scheme outlined in the table below, counting your best six subjects (in one sitting).

Grade Paper	Higher Paper	Ordinary
1	100	56
2	88	46
3	77	37
4	66	28
5	56	20
6	46	12
7	37	N/A

Bonus Points

Bonus points are awarded for Higher Level Maths (25 points for H6 or above). These are only counted if Maths is among the six best subjects used for points calculation.

For Medicine applicants, the maximum adjusted score is 565.

LVCP Link Modules points awarded:

Distinction: 66 points

Merit: 46 points

Pass: 28 points

Link Modules may be used for points but not for matriculation.

Other General Entry Requirements

Minimum Age

Applicants must normally be at least 17 years old by 15 January following entry (e.g. born on or before 15 Jan 2010 for 2026 entry). Younger applicants must apply directly to the University President for special consideration.

Garda Vetting

Garda Vetting is required for students enrolled in programmes that involve placements with children or vulnerable adults. This includes the following courses:

- BA Children's Studies
- BA with Human Rights
- BSc Social Sciences
- BA Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice
- BSc Biomedical Science
- Bachelor of Medicine (MB), Surgery (BCh), and Obstetrics (BAO)
- BSc Occupational Therapy
- BSc Speech and Language Therapy
- BSc Nursing (General)
- BSc Nursing (Mental Health)
- BSc Midwifery Science
- MPharm (Pharmacy)

You do not need to complete Garda Vetting at the application stage. At the start of your studies, the University of Galway will contact you directly with instructions and access to our Garda Vetting Application Portal. The process is managed and supported by the University to ensure it is completed correctly and efficiently.

General Entry Requirements

Find out more about general entry requirements:



Medical Clearance

Students enrolling in Medicine and Nursing courses must pass a health assessment, including tests for infectious diseases, at the start of their studies.

More info on selection scheme and allocation of places:



Allocation of Places for GY501 (Medicine)

To compete for a place in Medicine, you must:

1. Achieve a minimum of 480 CAO points.
2. Meet all subject requirements in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate or equivalent examination.
3. Complete the admissions test HPAT-Ireland in 2026 (results valid for one year only).

Selection Scheme for Medicine

To apply for undergraduate Medicine at University of Galway, school leavers must:

- Score at least 480 CAO points
- Meet minimum entry requirements in the same exam sitting
- Sit the HPAT-Ireland in 2026 (valid only for that year)

Applicants with prior medical studies are only considered if:

- They've passed all exams in their previous institution, or
- After at least three years, they show improved readiness

All applicants must meet standard entry requirements.

More info: [universityofgalway.ie/undergradadmissions/school-leavers/medicine](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/undergradadmissions/school-leavers/medicine)

International Entry Requirements

GCE/GCSE A-Level Students

University of Galway welcomes applicants presenting GCE and GCSE qualifications.

Applicants from Northern Ireland and Great Britain are automatically exempt from the Irish language requirement. Applications must be made through the CAO. Please refer to our dedicated A-Level Quick Guide for further information.

EU School-Leavers (Excluding Ireland and the UK)

University of Galway welcomes applications from EU students presenting recognised school-leaving qualifications. Applicants must meet standard matriculation and entry requirements, which vary by country.

Applications must be submitted through the CAO and marked as 'other school exams'. Certified English translations of results are required if the original documents are not in English or Irish. Results must be sent directly to the CAO as soon as available, especially for summer exams, to ensure timely processing before Round One offers.

EU and Non-EU School-Leavers

Students apply through the University of Galway International Affairs Office, except for Medicine, which has a separate process.

Applying for Medicine:



Applying for all other Undergraduate courses:



Am I an EU or Non-EU student?

For the purposes of making an application an EU applicant is a student:

- who has lived in an EU/EEA country for 3 of the 5 years before entry
- whose parents have been in full-time employment in an EU/EEA member state for 3 of the 5 years prior to entry.

Irish and EU nationals whose families have emigrated to non-EU countries and who have received a minimum of five years of schooling in an EU country should also apply through the CAO.

Fees: What You'll Pay

Student Contribution Charge

€3,000 – Payable in full or in two instalments. SUSI grants may cover this.

Student Levy

€140 – Supports student services. Not covered by SUSI.

Tuition Fees

EU/EEA students: Tuition fees (approx. €2,598 per year) are usually covered under the Free Fees Initiative, if you meet eligibility criteria (e.g. residency, nationality, first-time undergraduate).

Non-EU students: Pay full tuition fees, which vary by course. Expect annual increases of 2% to 5%.

Find out more:



Financial Support

SUSI Grant

Means-tested support that may cover your Student Contribution and provide a maintenance grant. Apply online – search 'SUSI Grant' or visit [SUSI.ie](https://www.susi.ie).

Financial Aid Fund

Support for students facing financial hardship.

Budgeting Advice

Tools and guidance available to help manage your money.

For full details on undergraduate tuition fees, visit [universityofgalway.ie/fees](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/fees).

Performance Points

Sports Scholarships: Athletes performing at a high level may be eligible for 40 bonus CAO points (excluding GY501 Medicine and courses under 350 points). Scholars also receive coaching, medical support, and academic mentoring. Apply online in Spring 2026. More info: [universityofgalway.ie/sports/elitesport/](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/sports/elitesport/)

Creative Arts: Students with exceptional talent in areas like writing, music, drama, or film may receive 40 bonus CAO points (excluding GY501 Medicine). Applications open 31 January 2026. More info: [universityofgalway.ie/creativeartspointperformancepoints/](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/creativeartspointperformancepoints/)

Alternative Entry Routes

We believe in the transformative power of education. We're committed to widening access and supporting students from all backgrounds to thrive.

We know not everyone has the same opportunity to meet standard entry requirements. That's why we offer a range of alternative entry routes

HEAR – Higher Education Access Route

For school-leavers from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

- ✓ Reduced points places on offer
- ✓ Additional University Supports available

More info: accesscollege.ie | cao.ie

DARE – Disability Access Route to Education

For school-leavers with a disability or specific learning difficulty.

- ✓ Reduced points places on offer
- ✓ Additional University Supports available

More info: accesscollege.ie

Access and Foundation Programmes

One-year courses to prepare students academically and personally for full-time study.

- ✓ For school-leavers and mature students

Email: access@universityofgalway.ie

More info: universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre

Access is about potential, not privilege. We're here to help students take that first step – and every step after.

Mature Student Entry

Aged 23+ by 1 Jan on year of entry
Apply based on life experience and/or previous educational experience.

- ✓ Apply via CAO by 1 Feb 2026

Email: maturestudents@universityofgalway.ie

More info: universityofgalway.ie/mature

FET/QQI Pathways

Have a Level 5 or 6 award with five distinctions?

- ✓ Apply via CAO

More info: universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre/qqifetac

Access Centre

And the support doesn't stop there.

Our Access Centre offers pre-entry advice, transition support, and ongoing support and guidance to help you succeed at every stage of your university journey.

Find out more:



Important Dates for Applicants

The following dates are the anticipated deadlines for CAO 2026 based on previous years. Please check directly with CAO, HPAT, HEAR/DARE etc. for announcements or updates throughout the year.

September 2025

Central Applications Office (CAO)
2026 applications packs delivered to schools.

October 2025

3–4 October 2025

University of Galway
OPEN DAY

November 2025

5 November, 12.00noon

CAO online application facility opens.
Change of Course Choice (free)
facility opens.

January 2026

20 January, 5pm

Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted application fee of €30.

February 2026

1 February, 5pm

Normal closing date for applications (€45 fee).

7 February

Online facility to amend course choices becomes available (free).

Date TBC

HPAT test window.

March 2026

1 March, 5pm

Closing date for amending course choices.

1 March, 5pm

Closing date for final completion of online HEAR/DARE forms.

5 March

Late application facility open.

15 March, 5pm

Latest date for HEAR/DARE supporting documentation to arrive in CAO.

21 March 2026

University of Galway
OPEN DAY

May 2026

1 May, 5pm

Closing date for late applications.

6 May

Online change of mind facility becomes available.

Before end of May

Statement of Application Record sent to all applicants by CAO.

June 2026

Leaving Certificate examinations.

CAO Change of Mind clinic, University of Galway campus.

Check website for details.

July 2026

1 July, 5pm

Change of mind closing date.

Early July

Round A offers for certain non-standard categories of applicants (matures, deferrals, etc.).

August 2026

Mid August

Leaving Certificate results followed by Round One offers (Dates TBC).

September 2026

Mid September

Results of Leaving Certificate appeals.

Late September

Offer season ends.

Useful Contacts

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Getting to Know University Life

Key Terms Explained

Starting university can feel like learning a new language! At University of Galway, you'll come across terms that might be unfamiliar at first. But once you get the hang of them, they'll help you navigate your course options, understand how things work, and ask the right questions. Here's a handy guide to some of the key terms you'll encounter as you settle into university life.

Course

Another word for the course or degree you will study at university.

Denominated Course

A course with a specific title and focus, such as Bachelor of Arts (History) or Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science). You know your subject area from the start.

Undenominated Course

A general entry course where you choose your specific subject(s) after starting university. For example, Undenominated Engineering lets you explore different engineering disciplines before choosing one.

Module

A unit of study within a course, usually lasting one semester. Each module has a credit value (typically 5 or 10 ECTS credits).

Core Module

A compulsory module that you must take as part of your course.

Elective Module

An optional module you can choose based on your interests, outside your core subject area.

Semester

Universities typically divide the academic year into two semesters, each lasting around 12 weeks.

Assessment

The way your work is evaluated. This can include exams, essays, presentations, group projects, and more.

Degree

The qualification you earn after successfully completing your course. Most undergraduate degrees in Ireland are Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Masters

You can pursue a postgraduate qualification (Level 9) after completing your bachelor's degree.

PhD (Doctorate)

The highest academic qualification (Level 10), awarded after several years of research.

Lectures

Large group teaching sessions led by lecturers or professors, often held in lecture halls.

Tutorials

Smaller group sessions where you can ask questions, discuss topics, and work on assignments.

Orientation Week

A welcome week for first-year students to get familiar with the campus, meet classmates, and prepare for university life.

Study Week

Time given before exams to revise and prepare. Usually occurs at the end of each semester.

Scholarships

Financial or merit-based awards. At University of Galway, some scholarships offer extra CAO points or financial support for academic, sporting, or creative achievements.

SUSI Grant

Financial support for eligible students from Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). Applications are made online.

Open Days

Events where prospective students visit campus, attend sample lectures, meet staff and students, and explore facilities.

Taster Days

Opportunities for secondary school students to experience university life through sample lectures and activities in areas like Arts, Science, and Engineering.

Matriculation

The minimum academic requirements needed to enter university, including Leaving Cert results and subject combinations.

Notes

† Students who are certified to the University by the appropriate professional authority as having a serious hearing impairment are exempt from the 'third language' requirement, and are permitted to matriculate as follows: Irish or English and any other five subjects recognised for Matriculation registration purposes, provided College requirements are otherwise satisfied.

‡ Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science. For the School of Engineering degree programmes, Technology is accepted as a lab Science subject for Engineering courses GY401 to GY414. For GY410 Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics or Construction Studies are also acceptable. Computer Science is accepted as a Lab Science subject for courses in the College of Science and Engineering.

⊠ The University holds an Engineering Maths Qualifying Examination in August each year for entry to the Engineering Programmes. Candidates who reach the appropriate standard are deemed to have satisfied the additional Honours Mathematics requirement.

* Random Selection

¶ First round points 2025

Test, interview etc.

§ Includes HPAT results

Important

This hard copy prospectus lists all programmes on offer, at the time of going to press, for entry in 2026. Details of new programmes on offer subsequent to the printing of this prospectus will be listed online at: www.universityofgalway.ie/newcourses. The information contained in this prospectus is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate at the time of publication. The content of the prospectus is for information purposes only and should not be viewed as the basis of a contract between students and the University.

University of Galway reserves the right to amend programmes or regulations at any time without notice; we may re-open previously closed programmes to accept applications in the event of programme quotas not being met. The University also reserves the right to withdraw programmes periodically for any reason (e.g., insufficient numbers).

The University reserves the right to amend course offerings, syllabuses, course delivery methods, examinations, fees, regulations or rules, or substitute modules in response to any circumstances outside of the reasonable control of the University. Should such an event occur, we will provide you with information in as timely a manner as possible. For further information, please see www.universityofgalway.ie/alert.

Where will it take you?

Open Days

Friday 3 October 2025

Saturday 4 October 2025

Saturday 21 March 2026



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