



NUI Galway
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Undergraduate Courses 2010-11

Information Booklet for Full Degree Students from North America
National University of Ireland, Galway



Welcome to NUI Galway

National University of Ireland, Galway welcomes applications from North American students who wish to pursue their full undergraduate degree abroad. There are many great reasons for choosing to pursue your undergraduate degree at NUI Galway, including;

Inspirational Teaching

Established in 1845, the University has over 160 years' experience of teaching and research excellence across a wide range of academic disciplines.

In recent years, NUI Galway has been extremely successful in developing a number of internationally renowned inter-disciplinary centres of excellence, in areas including Humanities and Social Sciences, Irish Studies, Film and Digital Media, Human Rights, Biomedical Engineering, Semantic Web Technology, Environmental Science and Marine Science.

As a result, today NUI Galway attracts leading academics from around the world whose expertise helps ensure that our teaching programmes continue to respond to the ever changing needs of students, employers and the wider society.

The University places great emphasis on the quality of teaching at undergraduate level. Our academic staff work continuously on maintaining their teaching skills and

our Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) helps make learning as stimulating as possible, by integrating the very latest teaching technologies with traditional lectures and seminars.

A Unique Life Experience

NUI Galway's commitment to excellence embraces both the academic and personal development of each student, covering the intellectual, physical, social and cultural domains. We are proud of our reputation as a student-centred University, with staff who are friendly and approachable and ready to make time for our students. The University also has an excellent reputation for the provision of care and support services to international students.

The International Affairs Office in particular provides a comprehensive advisory, information and support service for students and organises various social and cultural events to help new students adjust and integrate into the life of the University. Our success in this area was demonstrated in the recent International Student Barometer™ study, in which NUI Galway received the highest recommendation score from international students of all the participating Irish universities.

Ireland's Cultural Heart

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful west of Ireland. The campus itself is situated on a picturesque 250 acre site on the banks of the River Corrib, just a short stroll from the centre of Galway city.

Galway is one of Europe's most vibrant cities, with students making up 20% of the population. This youthful energy is reflected in the many internationally renowned literary, arts, and sporting events that are hosted in the city every year.





The University's close proximity to Connemara and the Irish-speaking Gaeltacht region also provides a uniquely Irish dimension to the campus, one of many factors which appeals greatly to our students from the USA and Canada.

Galway also serves as a great base for exploring other parts of Europe, with flights from Galway Airport to Dublin, London, Manchester and Edinburgh. Shannon Airport is a short 90 minute bus trip and offers flights to London, Paris, Barcelona as well as New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Career Prospects

Undertaking your full undergraduate degree at NUI Galway can reap tremendous rewards not only in your personal development but also in your future career prospects.

In an increasingly competitive employment market, employers recognise the value of an international education, both in terms of the global perspectives and experiences you will gain, as well as the maturity that comes with studying and living abroad.

NUI Galway degrees are fully recognised abroad and today our graduates are highly sought after by employers who recognise that they have the right mix of knowledge and social skills to make a real contribution in the workplace.

NUI Galway graduates excel in every professional field including medicine, law, politics, the arts, and business. Our Career Development Centre provides valuable information and advice on a range of areas including career planning, résumé writing, interview techniques, and organising work placements or internships both in Ireland and abroad.

Through the Professional Experience Programme (PEP), students can gain practical experience and the necessary skills to succeed in their chosen specialty. This can be undertaken in a number of undergraduate courses in the College of Engineering and Informatics, College of Science, and the College of Business, Public Policy and Law.

Academic Structure

College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Celtic Studies

- School of Geography and Archaeology
- School of Humanities
- School of Languages, Literatures & Cultures
- School of Education
- School of Psychology
- School of Political Science & Sociology

College of Business, Public Policy & Law

- J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics
- School of Law

College of Engineering & Informatics

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College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences

- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing & Midwifery
- School of Health Sciences

College of Science

- School of Mathematics, Statistics & Applied Mathematics
- School of Natural Sciences
- School of Chemistry
- School of Physics

Research Institutes

- Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities & Social Studies
- Digital Enterprise Research Institute (DERI)
- Environmental Change Institute (ECI)
- Martin Ryan Marine Science Institute
- National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Science (NCBES)
- Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI)
- Centre for Innovation and Structural Change

Entry Requirements

US Applicants are assessed based on their High School transcripts and their performance in standardised tests (SAT or ACT). Competition for places on certain programmes is high, so meeting the following minimum entry requirements does not guarantee admission.

Applicants must present six academic subjects, to include Mathematics and English, with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Certain programmes also require specific



subjects. In addition, students must present a combined SAT(I) score of 1700, or a composite ACT score of 25. Preference is also given to applicants presenting AP or SAT (II) test scores.

Canadian entry requirements can vary, depending on the province the applicant is applying from. For more information, please contact the International Affairs Office.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is also recognised for the purposes of admission. For more information, please contact the International Affairs Office at international@nuigalway.ie

Note: Undergraduate degree courses offered through the College of Medicine, Nursing, & Health Sciences are subject to different entry requirements to those listed here. Please email admissions@nuigalway.ie for more information.

How to Apply

Non-EU Full Degree applications for courses other than those offered through the College of Medicine, Nursing, & Health Sciences, should be submitted directly to the International Affairs Office at NUI Galway, using the Non-EU (Full Degree) Undergraduate Application Form, available at www.nuigalway.ie/international

The closing date for applications is June 30th of the intended year of entry. Applicants for

Medicine and Nursing should contact the Admissions Office for separate closing dates.

Student Life at NUI Galway

Students are actively encouraged to join some of the many clubs and societies on campus or participate in the hugely popular student volunteering programme, where they can work with a variety of local community organisations.

Sports Clubs

The University's prime location on the banks of the River Corrib provides students with excellent opportunities to take part in water sports from rowing to kayaking to canoeing, while the hills of Connemara are easily accessible for those interested in mountaineering, hill-walking and orienteering.

The University's new indoor Sports Hall offers squash courts, a swimming pool, gym, badminton, volleyball and basketball courts, table tennis, boxing, karate and aerobics. On-campus outdoor playing fields are available for sports including track and field, hockey, football and gaelic games. Please refer to www.sports.nuigalway.ie/ for more information.

Student Societies

There is no better way to integrate into the social and cultural life of the University than through membership of one of the University's societies. Ever-popular societies

include the Celtic World Society, Choral Society, Drama Society, Film Society, Human rights Society, Literary & Debating Society and the International Students Society and the North American Students Society. Full details can be accessed online at www.socs.nuigalway.ie.

Student Volunteering

All students can volunteer with a variety of community organisations through the ALIVE (A Learning Initiative and the Volunteering Experience) programme, established by the Community Knowledge Initiative to harness, acknowledge and support the contribution that NUI Galway students make by volunteering. Please see www.nuigalwaycki.ie/ for more information.

Performing Arts

NUI Galway is home to a unique campus-based active arts environment. The University's Arts Officer organises a varied programme of exhibitions, concerts, art lectures and theatre productions.

The University's close proximity to Galway city also provides numerous opportunities for students to become involved in the various literary, musical and visual arts activities based in the city. The Arts in Action programme, specially designed for students in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies, includes illustrated performances and lectures in all of the art forms on campus.

Undergraduate Programmes*

Programme	Code	Duration	Tuition (€) Entry 2010/11**
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies			
Bachelor of Arts (Omnibus Entry)	GY101	3 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Childrens Studies	GY110	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Creative Writing	GY111	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Film Studies	GY112	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts (History)	GY105	3 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights	GY113	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Irish Studies	GY114	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Public and Social Policy	GY103	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Theatre and Performance Arts	GY115	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Arts with Womens Studies	GY116	4 years	12,500 p.a.
College of Business, Public Policy and Law			
Bachelor of Commerce	GY201	3 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Commerce (International) with French	GY202	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Commerce (International) with German	GY203	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Commerce (International) with Spanish	GY204	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Commerce (International) with Italian	GY205	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Business Information Systems)	GY206	4 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Civil Law	GY251	3 years	12,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Corporate Law	GY250	3 years	12,500 p.a.
College of Engineering and Informatics			
Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical Engineering)	GY408	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering)	GY402	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Computer Engineering)	GY406	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic Engineering)	GY403	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Energy Systems Engineering)	GY413	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Undenominated)	GY401	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Engineering Innovation - Electronic)	GY412	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental Engineering)	GY409	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Information Technology)	GY350	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)	GY405	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Project and Construction Management)	GY410	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Engineering (Sports and Exercise Engineering)	GY411	4 years	13,500 p.a.
College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences			
Bachelor of Medicine (Surgery and Obstetrics)	GY501	6 years***	33,000 p.a.
Bachelor of Nursing Science (International)	<i>t.b.c</i>	4 years	<i>t.b.c</i>
College of Science			
Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)	GY303	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)	GY318	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology)	GY304	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Computing Studies/Mathematical Science)	GY306	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Earth and Ocean Sciences)	GY314	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)	GY308	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Financial Mathematics and Economics)	GY309	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Health and Safety Systems)	GY313	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Marine Science)	GY310	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Physics and Applied Physics)	GY315	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Physics with Astrophysics)	GY317	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Physics with Medical Physics)	GY316	4 years	13,500 p.a.
Bachelor of Science (Undenominated)	GY301	4 years	13,500 p.a.

*This table includes a select list of undergraduate degree programmes. For a full list of programmes, please refer to www.nuigalway.ie/courses

** All fees are subject to ratification and subject to yearly review

*** 5 years if student has required level of Physics, Chemistry and Biology



Student Housing

Moving away from home for the first time is a big step and you will want to make sure that you find somewhere to live that is right for you. We provide a Student Accommodation Service to help you do just that. Students are offered the following accommodation options:

- University-approved Student Residences
- Private houses and apartments
- Hostels (short term)
- Lodgings (living with landlord)

The Accommodation Office assists students in finding accommodation and provides advice on accommodation issues. Please refer to www.nuigalway.ie/accommodation for more information.

Student Services

Student Services is committed to enhancing the individual student experience by providing an excellent service which supports the holistic development of the person, thereby enabling each student to achieve their full academic potential.

Student Services can be divided roughly into three broad areas of student life:

- Personal Support, including Accommodation, Counselling, Health Promotion, Mentoring
- Career and Professional Support, including Job Search, Career advice, Work Experience
- Student Facilities and Services, including, Sport Facilities, Clubs and Societies

Student Health Unit

Good health and following a healthy lifestyle contributes to success at and enjoyment of University. Services of the Student Health Unit include: a limited Medical Service, a Psychiatric Service, Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinics.

Other Campus Facilities

The University provides a full range of restaurant facilities on campus, as well as a bookstore, a bank, cafés and a small convenience store.

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