



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh



Study Abroad

National University of Ireland, Galway

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Welcome To NUI Galway

Take a Closer Look

Heritage and Prestige

Established in 1845, National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway) is one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious universities, with a distinguished record in teaching and research.

As a research intensive institution it boasts more of the world's most influential scientific minds than anywhere else in Ireland (source *Thomson Reuters*) and it has the highest success rate in Ireland for prestigious European Union research funding. Its talent has been bolstered by a recent €400m capital campaign which has provided the University with the most modern state-of-the-art facilities.



Our Global Reputation

Top 1%
of Universities
worldwide



The Rankings

NUI Galway is amongst the top 1% universities in the world and has moved to the top 200 list of the most international universities in the world. We are the only university in Ireland to rise consistently in recent years in the world's most competitive university rankings.

Academic programmes

With five colleges and sixteen schools, NUI Galway offers a great choice to meet your academic requirements.

In addition to the regular classes of the University, you can also apply to a number of classes designed especially for visiting students at NUI Galway, in service learning, Irish theatre, Irish traditional arts and Irish language.



About NUI Galway

Established: 1845

Location: Galway, West of Ireland

Student Body: 17,900 students

International Students: 3,500 from
110 countries

Visiting Exchange students: 1350

Degrees Awarded: Bachelors, Postgraduate
Diploma, Masters, PhD

Disciplines: Arts, Humanities, Social
Sciences, Business, Law, Engineering, IT,
Medicine, Nursing and Science

Student Housing: On-campus and
off-campus Student Residences

Academic Year: September - May
(Semesterised)





The Galway Experience

Life in the West of Ireland



From its position on the beautiful Atlantic edge of Europe, Galway combines the energy of a young and diverse population with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition.

Reputed as a safe, young and student-friendly city, Galway is Ireland's fastest-growing city. Be charmed by its medieval streets or its jaw-dropping countryside. Whether you love the buzz of the city or prefer the great outdoors, Galway has it for you. It is a true "college town" of students, writers, artists and musicians and the whole experience is bolstered by the suite of special courses in Indigenous Arts, Irish Theatre, and Service Learning (see page 5-6) for those seeking a truly unique and authentic Irish experience.



Catie Pauley, Cleveland, Ohio

My experience at NUI Galway changed me for the better. I became more independent, cultured, and had my heart absolutely stolen by the Irish people and landscape...

Our Unique Location

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful city of Galway on the west coast of Ireland. Galway is popularly known as “Ireland’s Cultural Heart” and is one of Ireland’s most popular student cities, with a strong tradition in the arts and music.

The picturesque campus runs along the River Corrib and is just a 10 minute stroll from the centre of the medieval city. It comprises a mix of nineteenth century gothic style buildings alongside leading edge teaching, research and recreational facilities.



Galway’s International Accolades

What the world says about us!

Friendly and Charming!

The New York Times dubs Galway “Ireland’s most charming city”, “compact, walkable and filled to the brim with independent shops and restaurants”.

US Travel + Leisure Magazine voted it the “world’s most friendly destination” and **Condé Nast Traveller** announced it amongst the top six friendliest cities in the world!

European Capital of Culture 2020!

Galway has been designated **European Capital of Culture for 2020** so we can expect even more world-class festivals and world-renowned artists to be calling the city home.

First European Green Leaf City in Ireland!

This competitive European Union award recognises Galway as Ireland’s foremost city “demonstrating a good environmental record and commitment to generating green growth”.

The Best Micro-City In Europe!

Galway may not be Ireland’s biggest city, but it punches well above its weight when it comes to global business. **The Financial Times** has named Galway as Europe’s Micro City of the Year. While the city is big enough to have all of the services you need, Galway is small enough to feel intimate and will very soon feel like home.



Study Abroad

Classes for visiting students

Each year, NUI Galway welcomes over 800 visiting students to spend a full academic year or a single semester. As a visiting student, you can create your own individual study programme, based on the wide range of classes available from our regular degree programmes, to meet your own academic requirements.

Visiting students usually take between 4 and 6 classes per semester. Classes at NUI Galway are generally delivered through lectures, which are also usually supplemented by smaller tutorials or seminar classes.

Visiting students are examined alongside our full time degree-seeking students. Most classes are examined by end of semester examination, however many also include mid-term assignments and/or continuous assessment.

We have many years of experience in the matter of credit transfer and course equivalence and can, on request, provide a suggested system to translate from ECTS credits to the credit system used in your home country.

How to Apply

You can apply as a visiting student through your home university or through an approved study abroad programme provider. The Visiting Student Application Form is available at www.nuigalway.ie/international or can be requested by email to studyabroad@nuigalway.ie

The closing dates for receipt of (a) 30 April for full year or First Semester and, (b) 31 October for Second Semester.



Select List of Classes*

- Archaeology
- Botany
- Celtic Civilization
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Classics
- Earth and Ocean Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Exploring Irish Theatre**
- Indigenous Arts Exploration**
- Finance
- French, German, Italian and Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Information Technology
- Irish Language
- Irish Studies
- Law
- Literacy and Learning in the Community**
- Mathematics
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Performing Arts
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Systems Analysis

*Science and Engineering classes are subject to pre-requisites.

**For more information on these unique classes for visiting students only, see opposite.



UNIQUE to GALWAY

Special Classes for Visiting Students

NUI Galway has over 30 years experience in providing study abroad programmes for students from North America. The following classes are designed specifically for this group to meet their interests and to capitalise on the unique opportunities available in Galway - as a Gaeltacht (an Irish speaking area), as the recognised cultural hub of Ireland, and as a leader in campus-community engagement. These courses are offered exclusively to visiting students (whilst all other classes are taken with NUI Galway students).

Literacy & Learning in the Community

Literacy and Learning in the Community is a semester long class specially designed to facilitate a service learning component for US visiting students at NUI Galway.

CLASS DELIVERY:

- 24 hours of academic lectures
- 12 hours of reflective seminars (1 hour per week)
- 20+ hours of service in local community homework clubs (10 weeks)

Students gain an improved understanding of important theories and perspectives relating to literacy acquisition and how Irish society responds to the challenges associated with this important educational and social issue. Students also benefit from experiential learning of how local homework clubs in the Galway area provide support and structure for children to develop their learning and literacy skills.

Students complete an essay in examination conditions at the end of the course, which counts for 40% of the overall grade awarded. In addition, students are required to submit a detailed portfolio of reflective learning, which counts for 50% of the overall grade. The remaining 10% of marks is based on attendance and participation in both the formal classes which take place each week of the semester and at the students' chosen homework clubs.





Exploring the Indigenous Arts

This ten-week course offers participants the opportunity to explore the evolution of the indigenous art forms of Ireland, through the media of film, drama, music, song, oral presentations and performances.

CLASS DELIVERY:

- 20 hours of academic lectures/workshops
- 10 hours of performances
- 2 field trips

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

A key element of the course is the emphasis on the Irish language and its links to traditional art forms, culture, and identity.

The performance arts of music, dance, song, drama.

Written art forms – Irish language poetry, prose [in translation].

Film – exemplars of Ireland's indigenous arts in audio and visual media.

Indigenous Arts Exploration is assessed by reflective journals and an end-of-term research paper.



Exploring Irish Theatre

Exploring Irish Theatre offers visiting US students an opportunity to explore Irish Theatre and performance, through both classroom-based and practical activities.

CLASS DELIVERY:

Two classes each week: Theatre History explores the history of Irish theatre, the changing relationship between Ireland and America, the impact of the Northern Irish Troubles, the status of women in theatre, the Celtic Tiger and contemporary performance; and Theatre Practice offers a workshop in which students explore Irish theatre texts by engaging in practical exercises. While undoubtedly relevant to students with an interest in theatre, the aim of the exercises are not to show skills as an actor or other practitioner, but to use the practical exercises to better understand the course themes.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

Analysis of the work of writers from W.B. Yeats to Martin McDonagh.

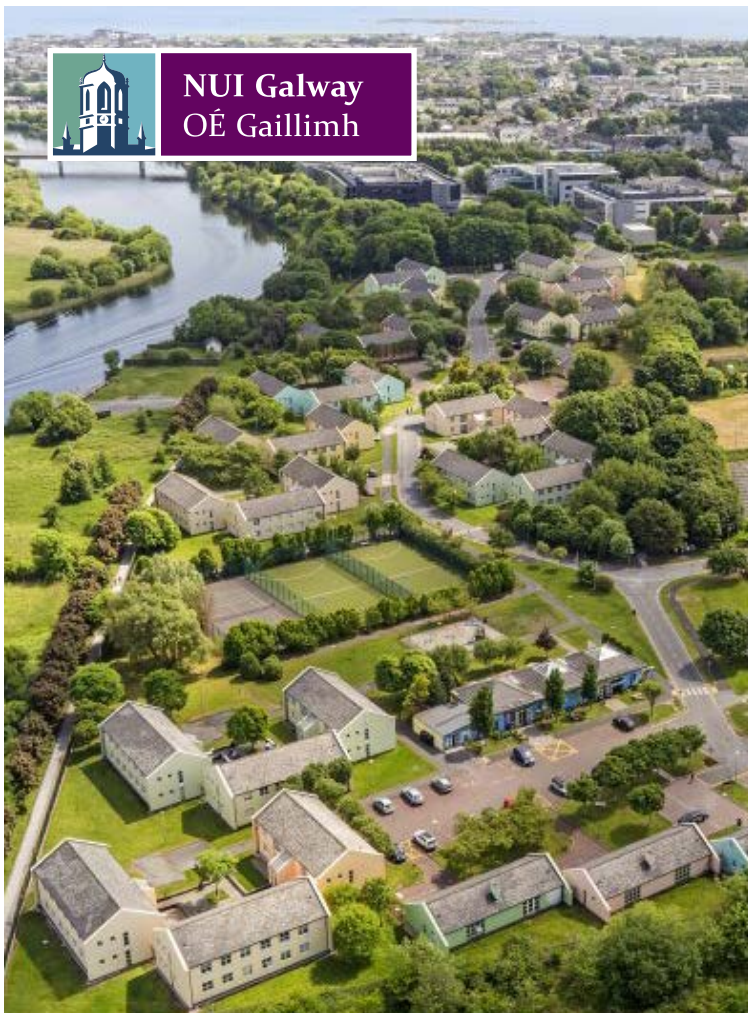
Final in class performance in which students participate through acting, directing, backstage activities, dramaturgy, etc.

No prior experience of Irish theatre, acting or other forms of theatre practice is necessary.





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An allocation is reserved each year for visiting students in the on-campus accommodation *Corrib Village* pictured above.

Student Housing

Visiting students are housed alongside our fulltime students in various residences both on and off campus. Most residences are self-catered apartments (2-3 bedrooms, shared kitchen and living space) and are all generally located within a 10-30 minute walk of campus. Enquiries should be made directly via www.nuigalway.ie/accommodation.

Tuition Fees

Study Abroad (Non-EU)	Semester	Year
Arts/Business/Law	€6,000	€12,000
Science/Engineering	€7,750	€15,500

In addition, students are advised to budget approximately €1,000 per month to cover housing, food, books, clothes, travel and recreation.

Student Life

With over 150 clubs and societies to choose from, you'll have plenty of opportunities to make new friends, develop real life skills and of course have great fun!

Each student society arranges trips, events, guest speakers, workshops, classes and parties each year. Interests catered for include everything from art and baking, science fiction and juggling to lacrosse, mountaineering and rowing.

The University boasts state-of-the-art sports and leisure facilities which are well used by our clubs and societies. There are always a host of activities on campus - literary, visual, performing arts and sporting - including the Arts in Action programme which features performances and lectures in theatre, film, music, dance, visual arts.

How We Support Our Visiting Students

- Dedicated International Student Officer
- 24 hour support line
- General and Academic Orientation Sessions
- Fáilte (Irish for "Welcome") mornings
- Visa and immigration assistance
(no visa required for US students)
- Accommodation Office
- On-campus Student Health Centre
- Student Wellbeing Support
- Global Lounge – a new meeting space for people from all over the world (with free beverages!)



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