



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHÉ
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Study Abroad

Quick Guide



Welcome to University of Galway

Heritage and Prestige

Established in 1845, University of 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. Ireland's only bilingual university, University of Galway champions its core values of respect, excellence, openness and sustainability and these values reinforce each other to enhance our distinctiveness.

University of Galway in Numbers:

- **Four** colleges.
- **19** Schools.
- **Five** Research Institutes.
- Over **19,000** students.
- **4,000** international students from over **110** countries.
- Almost **3,000** staff members.
- Over **4,000** links with institutes across the globe.
- **110,000** alumni worldwide.
- **175** years' experience providing university education.

World-Leading Research in:

- Biomedical Science and Engineering.
- Data Science.
- Human Rights.
- Marine Science, Energy and Environmental Science.
- Applied Social Sciences and Public Policy.
- Humanities, in particular, Literature, Theatre and Irish Studies.

How We Support Our Visiting Students:

- Dedicated International Student Officer.
- 24-hour support line.
- General and academic orientation sessions.
- Fáilte (Irish for "Welcome") mornings.
- Programme of social and welcome activities.
- Visa and immigration assistance (no visa required for US students).
- Accommodation Advisory Service.
- On-campus Student Health Centre.
- Student Wellbeing Support.

University of Galway is:

- The Sunday Times University of the Year 2022.
- Ranked in the **top 2%** of universities worldwide - QS World University Ranking.
- Ireland's top University for graduate employability with 98% of our graduates employed or in further study within six months of graduating.
- The largest and oldest university in the west of Ireland.
- Listed among the top 30 most beautiful campuses in Europe.
- Ireland's leading university for student volunteering with more than 4,000 registered volunteers.
- Most biodiverse university campus in Ireland.
- Designated 'SDG Champion' for 2023-2024.

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The Galway Experience

From Lonely Planet to The New York Times, Galway has been voted the **'friendliest'** and **'most charming'** city by a number of global publications.

Galway is a place like no other. Set on the Wild Atlantic Way, on the broad sweep of Galway Bay, Galway is as distinctive as it is beautiful. From this position on the Atlantic edge of Europe, University of Galway has a proud history of reaching out and connecting with the world.

Galway casually combines the energy of a young and diverse population, with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition. You will hear the Irish language spoken daily in the streets thanks to the city's proximity to the Connemara Gaeltacht, one of several Irish-speaking regions in Ireland.

We are renowned as a place where arts and culture are celebrated, reinterpreted, and shared with the world. 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.

Our Unique Location

Our campus nestles along the edge of the city, just a ten-minute walk across the river. The University's main Galway campus is the most biodiverse in Ireland, covering over 105 hectares of land along the river Corrib.

Even more adventure awaits in the stunning landscape of west of Ireland landscape, with its gorgeous mountains and coastline right on our doorstep. Whether you're happiest in the water, up a mountain, or on a pitch, you can do it all here – there are beautiful places to swim, kayak, hike, or kick a ball

The Wild Atlantic Way extends north and south of the city and magical Connemara with its woods, castles, and air of mystery lies to the west.

Studying in Galway

- Each year, the University of Galway welcomes over 600 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 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 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.

Your space & place to *thrive*

Student Life

With over 150 clubs and societies to choose from, you will 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 and visual arts.

Visit our website for more information on our programmes



Tuition Fees (2024/2025)

Study Abroad (Students outside the EU)

- Arts/Business/Law
Semester: €8,250
Year: €16,500
- Science/Engineering
Semester: €10,000
Year: €20,000

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