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Is adult education for me?

Welcome to NUI Galway's Adult and Continuing Education programmes. In this prospectus, you'll find all the advice and information you need on studying at NUI Galway. We offer an extensive range of full-time and part-time; certificate, diploma, degree and masters programmes. So whether you want to enhance your career prospects or simply study for your own enjoyment and pleasure – we have a programme to suit you.

What can I study?

NUI Galway offers a wide range of part-time programmes for adult learners, covering a variety of different areas. Our programmes cover subject areas such as English Literature, Archaeology, Irish Music Studies, Business Studies and Management, Information Technology, Technology Management, Social Care, Languages, Community Development, Training and Education, Science and Technology Studies. Many of these programmes lead to a recognised NUI award, a Certificate, a Diploma, a Degree or Masters.

How long will it take?

The programmes on offer vary in terms of level of award (whether Certificate, Diploma or other) and also in duration. Certificate programmes usually last 1 year. A Diploma programme usually lasts 2 years, a Degree programme can take 4 years, while a Masters can take 2 to 3 years to complete.

This prospectus introduces you to the range of programmes available and gives contact details for all programme coordinators. If you are unsure about the best programme for your needs or you would like to find out more information, you can contact the relevant course coordinator directly.

We also run a series of short liberal education courses extending across a wide range of disciplines, which do not lead to an award. These short courses consist of 8-10 weeks of lectures in areas such as Philosophy, Art History, Creative Writing, Film Studies, History, English Literature, Environmental Studies and many others. Take a look at the directory section of this book (see page 20) for our full list of programmes.

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How and where do I study?

Adult education programmes are offered in different ways at NUI Galway. As an adult learner, you can study on a part-time or a full-time basis. This book concentrates mainly on the part-time courses available in NUI Galway; however, if you are considering returning to full-time education, check out the 'Returning to Study Full-time' section on page 08 for some introductory information.

Classes for most part-time programmes take place in the evenings or at weekends, while a small number of part-time programmes are offered during the day. We have both classroom based and blended learning programmes. For our classroom-based programmes you attend lectures each week in NUI Galway or at our outreach locations. As well as the time spent in the classroom, you also spend time studying on your own and completing assignments.

What is Blended Learning?

Certain programmes are taught using blended learning, which allows students to study at times that suit them best. Blended learning is simply an extension of what was traditionally called distance learning. It is a combination of self-instructional learning materials, traditional face-to-face lectures and workshops, online discussions, self-assessment activities, assignments and formal examinations. Students who enrol on a blended learning programme receive a set of self-paced, self-instructional learning materials, in hard copy or on CD-ROM. Generally material is also available online over the Internet.

When a blended learning programme involves online activities, e-tutors are assigned to each module and are available to provide help and feedback on your online classroom activities. It is also possible to discuss course topics with other students on a virtual discussion board. You don't need to have IT skills when you enrol on a blended learning course; course tutors and the programme coordinator will provide training and support.

Course fees generally cover tuition costs and all course materials. However, for certain programmes, you may be required to purchase additional textbooks.

Outreach Locations

Responding to the need for local education in communities all around Connacht, NUI Galway has developed a number of outreach programmes. An increasing number of these

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programmes are available at outreach locations in Counties Clare and Donegal and also in Counties Offaly, Longford, Laois and Derry. Students can attend lectures at these outreach facilities in their own locality, giving them an opportunity to talk face-to-face with the tutors and fellow students.

The outreach centre in Ennis, Co. Clare is an example of this development and is offering an expanding number of programmes each year. Equally, St. Angela's College in Sligo has become a college of NUI Galway and offers a number of NUI Galway programmes from its campus in the North-West. Check locally with the coordinator at St. Angela's for course details.

Similarly the University's Access programme has expanded its activities to enhance access and promote new lifelong learning opportunities across the Border, Midlands and Western Region and Co. Clare. A recent project involves the collaboration of seven third level partner institutions offering a joint approach to planning and outreach delivery of its Access programmes in three geographic regions: Cavan/Donegal in the border regions, Tullamore /Portlaoise in the Midlands and Ennis/Shannon in County Clare.

How long does it take and what award do I receive?

We are conscious of the many demands placed on adult learners and as a result all new courses are developed on a modular basis. This means that students are provided with manageable amounts of learning, to enable them to combine their work and family commitments with their studies.

As a general rule, it is recommended that students on programmes taught in a classroom, spend at least one hour studying or researching at home for every hour spent in class. This may increase coming up to examination time.

Certificate programmes typically require you to attend classes one evening per week for one year. Diploma programmes typically require you to attend classes one or two evenings per week for two years. On many programmes you can receive a Certificate when you successfully complete the first year, and you then have the option of continuing on to complete the Diploma programme in the second year.

Degree programmes continue over 4 years and require a high level of commitment from students. As a degree student, you are required to attend classes up to three times per week with occasional classes scheduled for Saturday morning. Masters programmes,

a number of which are available on a part-time basis, vary in duration and attendance requirements vary with the mode of study involved. However, most Masters programmes take 2 to 3 years and you must submit a research dissertation in the final year.

The amount of study time involved in a blended learning programme depends entirely on the individual student. Students complete each module at their own pace. Students must also allow time to complete assignments. Most blended learning programmes involve attendance at workshops or classroom-based lectures at different stages during the academic year. The number and duration of these activities tends to vary across the different programmes.

The part-time programmes offered by the University vary each year. Many courses are offered on a cyclical basis, every two to four years while others accept students on an annual basis. If you are interested in any of the programmes listed in this booklet, contact the relevant programme coordinator to ensure that your chosen programme is on offer this year.

Assessment and examinations

Assessment is required for all programmes that lead to a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or a Masters. Course assessment is generally a combination of continuous assessment, including written essays, written examinations, projects or practical assignments, for example, field trips. Some programmes that do not lead to an award, for example, the short, non-accredited courses, do not involve any assessment.

But I never completed the Leaving Certificate...

Don't let that stop you. At NUI Galway, we have designed courses for adults with limited prior education who would like to enter mainstream University programmes. These Returning to Learning courses provide an alternative pathway to third level education for those whose background education was limited by socio-economic circumstances and/or educational disadvantage, but who want to continue their education at third level, on either a full-time and or a part-time basis.

If you have a limited educational background, check out the Returning to Learning courses on page 68 and 69 in this book. These programmes provide students with introductory-level University courses as a starting point to continuing their studies to a higher level at NUI Galway.

Participants who successfully complete the Access programme are eligible to apply for direct entry to full-time University degree courses in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies, College of Science, College of Engineering and Informatics and the Faculties of Commerce and Law. A similar Foundation course in Science, Technology and Engineering and another in Business Studies are offered in conjunction with the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology and are particularly valuable as a preparatory course for students interested in progressing to further studies in Science, Engineering, Information Technology or Commerce.

Ongoing student support

Many of the students registering for adult education programmes may have been away from formal education for some time. Students sometimes doubt their own ability to succeed or find submitting assignments and doing written examinations a very daunting prospect.

The staff at the Adult and Continuing Education Office are very aware of these anxieties and our lecturers and tutors are conscious of the difficulties that students experience in returning to education. They are fully supportive and are there to assist you in any way possible. Help is there when you need it - all you have to do is ask.

Additional study, examination techniques, applied writing, reading skills and memory technique workshops are generally offered to students on our Diploma and Degree programmes. These are provided outside of regular class hours and assist students in preparing course assignments and preparing for end of semester examinations. While these workshops are optional, students are encouraged to attend as many as possible, particularly during the first year of their study programme. Students who attend these workshops regularly comment on how useful the workshops are, particularly in providing valuable study tips and techniques.

Disability support services

NUI Galway is committed to Equality of Opportunity and values the participation of students with disabilities in its educational and other programmes. The University welcomes

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applications from students with disabilities and makes provision, wherever possible, to facilitate access and participation. The Disability Officer works closely with the Adult & Continuing Office in assisting students to participate in our range of part-time programmes.

Returning to study full-time

If you are interested in undertaking a full-time programme, you can apply to the University for entry to full-time study as a mature student, once you are over 23 years of age. A quota of places is reserved each year in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies, College of Science, College of Engineering and Informatics and the Faculties of Commerce and Law.

Mature Students Officer

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You apply in the normal way through the Central Applications Office (CAO). We have a Mature Students Officer who provides support and advice for current and potential mature students.

More information on returning to full-time study is available in the Frequently Asked Questions section of this book, on page 12.

Postgraduate study at NUI Galway

If you are interested in postgraduate study, NUI Galway offers a wide range of graduate level Diploma programmes, Master Degrees, and Doctoral Research Degrees in each Faculty. Almost a quarter of all registered full-time students at NUI Galway are studying postgraduate programmes and the University is deeply committed to further developing postgraduate teaching and research.

There are two types of postgraduate degree programmes on offer at NUI Galway:

Research-based programmes normally involving two years on campus for Master Degrees and a minimum of three years for Doctoral Degrees.

Taught programmes leading to Higher Diploma and Masters Degrees.

While the majority of these programmes are geared for full-time students, part-time study options are also available on certain programmes and you can contact the course coordinator for further information.

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For information on all postgraduate programmes, log on to www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad and take a look at the current postgraduate prospectus.

Making your decision

If you decide to enrol on a Certificate, Diploma or Degree programme, it will require immense time commitment on your part. There is also a financial commitment; as well as your tuition fees, you need to consider the cost of course materials in some cases, childcare expenses, time off work and other general associated costs.

It is important that you spend time researching the options available and exploring the course most suitable to your educational needs.

You might want to consider some of the following when you are making your choice:

Research which course suits your talents, experience and interests before you begin studying.

Consider what pace of study, full-time, part-time or modular suits your needs best.

Read the relevant section of this information booklet.

Contact the programme coordinator listed if you require further course details or perhaps set up an appointment to meet them if you wish to discuss the programme in person.

Attend any information evenings that are provided by the Adult & Continuing Education Office on their programmes. Information evenings for entry in September of each academic year usually take place from April to June of that year.

Check programme entry requirements – while there are no formal educational entry requirements for many of our courses, certain programmes may require candidates to have some work experience in the area of study, partake in an informal interview or perhaps meet the University's mature student entry criteria. As each programme varies, you are advised to contact the coordinator for specific details or contact the Adult & Continuing Education Office by telephone on (091) 492062 or by e-mail: adulteducation@nuigalway.ie.

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Being a student at NUI Galway: facilities and student services

If you enrol on a part-time programme leading to a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Masters award, you receive a student identity card which provides you with access to the following University facilities and services:

James Hardiman Library: Adult Education students will have full access to the James Hardiman Library. Term opening hours are: Monday – Friday 08:30 – 22:00, Saturday 08:30 – 17:30 and Sunday 10:00 – 17:30, with some additional hours leading up to and during examinations.

The library is spread over three floors and has a wide range of services including archives, special collections, microform/microfiche, photocopiers and computer suites. On the first floor you will find books and journals covering a variety of subjects: arts, commerce, social science and also the library's audiovisual collection including DVDs and videos. The second floor houses the science, technology and computing collection.

There are office staff on each floor of the library to assist you in your search and you will find study spaces on all floors and further study spaces in the basement reading room. Have a look at the library's website on www.nuigalway.ie/library for more information on the full range of its services to students, including on-line services.

Students registered on blended learning programmes or students who are unable to access the library on a regular basis, can use the library's off-campus services which allow access to a wide range of electronic resources and reference material from home using an internet connection. To use this service, you just need to know your student number and library pin or computer suite password. Simply follow the link to the electronic databases from the library website.

Careers Development Centre: The Careers Development Centre offers a comprehensive range of guidance and information services to all the students who attend NUI Galway assisting them in the management of their own career development.

The information room provides information on areas such as postgraduate study and funding, particular occupations, further study and work worldwide. Employer information, computers with Internet access, an audio-visual section, career CD-ROMs, psychometric tests and photocopying facilities are examples of some of the services provided for mature students.

Seminars are held on specific career areas, employability skills and postgraduate study. Seminars are also organised for particular focus groups, for example, for mature students. The computerised guidance service includes access to a virtual careers library via the web site, www.nuigalway.ie/careers, where you will find further career information and useful contact details.

Sporting facilities: NUI Galway offers a wide choice of sporting activities to its students. Facilities include two sports halls, two squash courts, two handball/racquetball courts, sauna and climbing wall in addition to a large number of outdoor playing pitches. The sports halls are suitable for basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, badminton, aerobics, martial arts, etc. There are regular classes where you can acquire new expertise, or improve existing skills, with professional tuition. If you are interested in competitive activities, intervarsity sport may be of special interest.

A new Sports Centre is also under construction at present which will provide high quality sports facilities for the University, containing a 25m swimming pool, gym, game courts, climbing wall and multipurpose activity spaces.

The University is also home to a large gym, Crunch Fitness. Here students have access to an array of aerobic and weights equipment. As a registered student at NUI Galway, you can avail of reduced membership of the University gym and leisure facilities. The University is also home to over 60 active societies including Canoeing, Rowing, Basketball, Photography, Hill Walking, Debating and many others. As part of a society students learn new skills, explore their interests, create a community of friends with similar interests and goals and of course have great fun. There is literally something for everyone.

IT facilities: Registered students at NUI Galway may use the computer network. If you enrol on an adult education programme, contact the Computer Services Office to organise access to the network.

Photocopying facilities: Photocopiers which are located in college buildings and the main library, are operated by photocopying cards, which can be purchased from dispensers.

Car parking: Please note that parking restrictions are in place on the campus from 08:30 to 17:30 Monday to Friday. The parking management system is enforced by clamping during these hours. You are strongly advised to park only in designated parking spaces. Please refer to the Buildings Office website, www.nuigalway.ie/buildings for instructions on how to obtain an annual student parking permit which allows registered students to park freely in student designated parking areas.

Frequently asked questions

How do I apply for an adult education programme?

Generally, you complete an application form. Application forms are available from the Adult and Continuing Education Office, the Admissions Office or are included as part of the programme brochure.

In the application form, you provide contact details, outline your educational background, any previous courses undertaken and any additional information that may be required to assess your suitability for the programme for which you are applying. You will also be required to provide a copy of your birth certificate, a passport-sized photo and the programme application fee (non-refundable), which is circa €30.

You return the application form to the designated office (which is generally the Admissions Office) on or before the stated closing date. However, because some courses request you to return that application form to somewhere other than the Admissions Office, check the application form or the appropriate course details in this book to confirm the return address.

What is the closing date for applications?

While the closing date for applications is typically in mid to late June, the actual closing date for each programme differs. Check the closing date specified on the application form and make sure that you adhere to this date.

What happens to my application form after I apply?

Applications sent to the Admissions Office are acknowledged by return of a postal reply card, which is included with the application form. Acknowledgement procedures for applications returned elsewhere may differ, so check with the programme coordinator to find out how you will be notified that your application has been received. Applications are processed by the Admissions Office and forwarded to the various Faculty departments for assessment in accordance with selection criteria.

Successful applicants are informed in writing by the University. To accept your place, you will be required to return a deposit within the specified timeframe – the deposit is offset against the full fee payment. The process of assessing applications and offering places may take between 4 and 6 weeks. Additional registration details and communication from the relevant department will be issued to all applicants approximately 2 weeks before the programme commences, informing you of the registration date and lecture times for the programme.

What is the schedule of fee payment?

Fees are typically paid as follows:

Advance booking deposit (portion of course fees)

Students who are offered a course place are required to pay a non-refundable deposit which becomes part of the overall fee once registered. This non-refundable deposit of circa €525 must be paid using postal order or bank draft when you accept your course place.

Tuition fees

The EU fee for each course is listed in the programme section of this prospectus. Non-EU students may be obliged to pay higher fees than those payable by EU students. You should contact the Fees Office directly for further information on this.

Tuition fees are payable for each year of the course. EU fees can be paid in full prior to registration or in two equal instalments, 50% prior to registration in September and 50% by the following January. Non-EU fees must be paid in full prior to registration. Fees are paid by bank giro at your local bank branch or on-line using your credit card. You should retain the receipt stamped by the bank and/or online payment confirmation number, as evidence of payment. Bank giros are issued to students during August and December of each academic year.

If I change my mind about a programme, are fees refunded?

Once registered, you are liable for full course fees regardless as to whether you complete/attend the course. The University accepts no obligation to refund any fees or part thereof. However, if you wish to appeal this decision please contact the Fees Office directly in writing or by email to fees@nuigalway.ie.

It is essential that you appreciate clearly the various requirements of the programme for which you are registering for and it is recommended that you contact the programme coordinator for guidance on programme suitability.

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Is funding available for these programmes?

In certain cases, employers may sponsor tuition fees where the programme of study has direct relevance to the workplace while other students may seek support from local community or development organisations.

Students in employment may be eligible for income tax relief on certain programmes at the standard rate of tax. This is in accordance with the Taxes Consolidation Act of 1997. For specific details on this scheme, contact your local tax office or visit the Revenue web site on www.revenue.ie.

When do courses begin?

The majority of courses commence the first week of September of each academic year. Lectures normally take place Monday to Thursday from 18:00 hours onwards or on Saturdays from 9:00-13:00. However, if you opt for a blended learning programme, that is, a combination of self-instructional materials and classroom tutorials, you may find that your classroom-based tutorials take place entirely on weekends.

Can I obtain credit for previous courses undertaken by me?

The University acknowledges that all learning is valuable and that courses previously undertaken by students may be considered for the award of credit and possible subject exemptions against a new programme of study through the RPL process (Recognition of Prior Learning).

RPL is a process that allows students to gain admission to a programme of study, or to gain exemptions from some parts of a programme, based on demonstrated learning achieved prior to admission.

RPL includes:

(i) Recognition of Prior Certified Learning: Where an applicant has already been awarded a certificate for a formal programme taken at another institution or training organisation, this prior learning can be recognised and may entitle the applicant to exemptions from some parts of a programme.

Certain courses are deemed eligible for the award of credit:

Extra-mural or Adult Education Certificates or Diplomas

University programmes, full-time or part-time

Other third-level programmes

Where such credit is granted it is normally limited to a maximum number of credits. The award of credits applies to specific programmes only – check with the relevant programme coordinator regarding the exemption policy of a specific programme.

(ii) *Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning*: This involves the awarding of credit for learning from experience. In this case, the candidate must prove the learning by producing a portfolio to support the claim for admission, exemption, or credit. As a general principle, credit is given for learning, not for experience per se.

Some of the programmes in this prospectus may consider RPL applications. For further information please contact the programme coordinator or go to the Adult and Continuing Education web page at www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation.

What are ECTS (credits) and what value do they have?

To quantify learning and to place a value on it, courses are divided up into credit units, under a system called the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Credits may vary however, they represent a standard number of class contact hours and average workload for a programme. Courses are allocated a standard number of credits within the following general guidelines:

Certificate 15 ECTS (credits)
Diploma (single subject) 30 ECTS (credits)
Diploma (Arts/Management) 90 ECTS (credits)
Degree 180 ECTS (credits)

The use of the term credits is a common one among the third-level sector and provides a “currency” with which students may transfer from one course to another or gain exemption from elements of a particular programme.

What can I do with a NUI Galway qualification?

All programmes at NUI Galway reflect the highest academic standards of the National University of Ireland. These programmes have been devised in response to the professional training needs of different community and corporate organisations and are recognised, stand-alone qualifications. Having attained this initial qualification, you may wish to progress to further study in a particular area or alternatively progress to a Degree programme having already completed a Diploma programme. A number of our Diploma programmes have follow-on Degree options. For example, students of the

Diploma in Community Development Practice may progress to the new BA in Community and Family Studies. Students from the various single-subject Diplomas in the Humanities, for example, Archaeology, English Literature or History, may progress directly with credit exemptions to the part-time Bachelor of Arts programme.

Apart from the possibility of progressing to further study, students completing an adult education programme improve their writing, reading and oral presentation skills. These skills are invaluable in the workplace in all sectors and help improve the career prospects of these individuals.

What are the mature student entry requirements for these programmes?

Part-time programmes

Students applying to complete a part-time course at NUI Galway under the age of 21 may, in certain circumstances, be asked to fulfil the matriculation requirements for the University, which include a pass in at least six subjects (including Irish, English and another language) at the Leaving Certificate Examination, with at least grade C3 in two subjects on the higher course and at least grade D3 (ordinary or higher course) in the remaining four subjects. Students who do not meet this matriculation requirement may be allowed submit applications for some courses and are assessed for suitability of entry on a case-by-case basis.

Students aged 21 years or over by 1 January of the year of admission to a part-time programme may matriculate on the grounds of mature years alone. Therefore, many of the programmes detailed in this prospectus state that there are no formal entry requirements involved.

Full-time programmes

Students applying to the CAO for full-time courses on the grounds of mature years alone must satisfy the NUI regulation and be of mature years (at least 23 years of age on or before 1 January of the year of entry to first year lectures in a constituent university or recognised college). Students who are under 23 years of age are assessed for entry through the CAO on the basis of their Leaving Certificate points only.

Are there any restrictions on the numbers of places available for mature students on the full-time programmes?

In addition to the mature years' regulation, the following selection procedures and restrictions on places available for mature students on the full-time programmes apply (the course codes refer to the CAO course codes):

Arts — about 150 places are available in the daytime BA (GY101 – GY116, excl. GY104)). Each applicant is considered on an individual basis and other criteria in addition to examination results are taken into account. A written assessment is held in April. Application on mature grounds only is not accepted for GY104 Arts (Psychology) — mature students wishing to study Psychology should apply for GY101.

Commerce — about 30 places are available in the daytime Bachelor of Commerce programmes (GY201 – GY207) on an annual basis. Evidence of educational attainment in the business area is desirable. A pass in Mathematics at the Leaving Certificate or in an equivalent examination is required.

Engineering — about 30 places are available across all programmes, excluding Information Technology programmes, in the Faculty of Engineering. Applications are considered on an individual basis. Some knowledge of mathematics and science is highly desirable.

Information Technology (Engineering) — about 10 places are available. Applications are considered on an individual basis. Some knowledge of mathematics is highly desirable.

Science — about 50 places available across all programmes in the Faculty. However, an intake limit of ten per cent of the quota for each programme applies. Applications are considered on an individual basis. Knowledge of mathematics and at least one science subject is desirable.

Law — 4 places are available in GY250 and 8 in GY251. Applications are considered on an individual basis and other criteria in addition to examination results are taken into account.

Nursing and Midwifery Studies — 15 per cent of places in the General Nursing programme in Galway and Portlinculla (GY525) and 40 per cent of places in Psychiatric Nursing Western Health Board (GY526) are available to students applying on mature grounds. Twenty per cent of places in the Midwifery programme are available to mature applicants. Further details are available from the Nursing Careers Centre or from An Bord Altranais, phone number (01) 6398500, web: www.nursingcareers.ie.

Medicine and Health Sciences — application on mature grounds only are not accepted for Medicine (GY501). Special Health Care places are available in Medicine for a small number of suitably qualified applicants. For information contact the Admissions Office. Two places are reserved for mature applicants annually in Occupational Therapy (GY502), in Speech and Language Therapy (GY503) and in Podiatry (GY504).

Applications on mature grounds are invited in the normal way for University entrants through the Central Applications Office (CAO), Eglinton Street, Galway. You can contact this office by telephone on (091) 509800 or through their website, www.cao.ie. The closing date is 1 February each year. However, CAO encourages mature applicants to submit applications in advance of this date if possible.

Programmes

Classroom-based programmes

Community Development	23	Certificate/Diploma in Community Development Practice
	24	Diploma in Applied Theology and Community Development
Health Promotion	25	Certificate in Health Promotion
Humanities	26	Certificate in General Studies
	27	Certificate/Diploma in the Psychology of Counselling
	28	Certificate/Diploma in Women's Studies
	29	Diploma in Archaeology
	30	Diploma in English Literature
	31	Diploma in Film Education
	32	Diploma in History
	33	Diploma in Irish Music Studies
	34	Diploma in Philosophy
	35	Diploma/Bachelor of Arts
	36	Non-Accredited Short Courses
Languages	37	Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
	38	Diploma (Higher) in Teaching English as a Foreign Language
	39	Diploma in French
	39	Diploma in Italian
	40	Diploma in German
	40	Diploma in Spanish
	41	Diploma in Irish (Level A2)
	42	An Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (Leibhéal B2)
	43	An Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (Leibhéal C1)
	44	Dioplóma sna Dána (Scileanna Aistriúcháin)
	45	An Dioplóma i dTeicneolaíochtaí Gnó
Science	46	Diploma in Scientific Studies (Gemology)
	47	Diploma in Scientific Studies (Geology)
Socio-Economics	48	Diploma in Social Gerontology

Blended learning programmes		
Business/Management	52	Diploma in Management/ Bachelor of Commerce
	53	Diploma in Innovation Management (Postgraduate)
	54	Diploma in Technology Commercialisation (Postgraduate)
	55	Master of Science in Technology Management
Community Development	56	Bachelor of Arts in Community and Family Studies
Human Resource Management	57	Certificate/Diploma in Employee Assistance & Social Support
Information Technology	58	Master of Science in Software and Information Systems
Rural Development	59	Diploma/Bachelor of Science in Rural Development
Science and Technology	60	Diploma/Bachelor of Science in Science and Technology Studies
Social Care	61	Bachelor of Arts (Social Care)
		Certificate/Diploma in Social Care
Training and Education	64	Foundation Diploma in Training and Education
	64	Certificate/Diploma in Training and Education
	64	Diploma in Arts (Training and Education)
	64	Bachelor of Arts (Training and Education)
	65	Master of Arts in Adult Learning and Development
Returning to learning programmes		
	68	Access Course for Mature Students
	69	Foundation Course in Science, Technology and Engineering
	69	Foundation Course in Business/Commerce

Classroom-based

The Certificate and Diploma in Community Development Practice are part-time programmes, designed to enable community activists gain a thorough understanding of community development combined with the practical skills necessary to work effectively in development work. Students completing the Certificate programme study three modules (15 ECTS) and students completing the Diploma programme study six modules (30 ECTS) and complete a project.

Who is the programme intended for?

The Community Development Practice programmes are suitable for participants who are actively involved in community development work and who wish to obtain a formal qualification in this area.

Programme content

Students following the Certificate programme must take the following three modules:
Community Development Theory and Practice
Social Analysis
Communication, Leadership and Group Work Skills

Students taking the Diploma programme take three additional modules, as follows:
Research Techniques
Public Policy
Project Planning, Development and Evaluation

Entry requirements

Candidates must have experience of working in a community or voluntary organisation. There are no special educational requirements for entry to either programme. Selection of students is made on the basis of informal interviews following completion of an application form. Numbers accepted on these programmes are limited.

Application procedure

These programmes may not be available annually. For application forms and details of the next intake, please contact the Community Education Centre, NUI Galway.

Assessment

Participants' work is examined by continuous assessment. An assignment must be completed for each module. Students following the Diploma programme must also complete a community based project.

Duration/attendance requirements

The Certificate programme involves a minimum of 85 hours of instruction and assignments. The Diploma programme involves a minimum of 270

hours of instruction, assignments and project work.

Class sessions are normally held on one evening/morning each week throughout the academic year, as well as special weekend seminars and workshops, which are arranged in consultation with the class members.

Award

NUI Certificate in Community Development Practice.
NUI Diploma in Community Development Practice.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the Certificate programme is currently €200 and the EU fee for the Diploma programme is currently €350. These fees are subject to a yearly review.

Enquiries

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NUI Galway and the Western Theological Institute combine to offer this programme in Galway city and in a number of outreach locations. The programme is designed for those who wish to obtain a qualification that will build upon their experience in parish and community development and bring this into dialogue with theology and the behavioural sciences.

The programme is designed to help participants study and develop a critical understanding of their faith as well as to understand the community development initiatives that are required to transform their local community. The programme also aims to facilitate their own personal development, empowering them to initiate change in their own community.

Enquiries

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is suitable for people who are actively involved in parish work within their own communities or with community development on a general level. It is also geared towards educators who have an interest in Theology and who may be involved in the delivery of training within a community setting.

Programme content

The programme is divided into eight modules and is designed to be taught as an integrated whole. Each module from the human sciences is taught simultaneously with the theological module which contextualises it, as follows:

Human Development taught with *Religion and the Interpretation of Human Experience Today*

Understanding Communities taught with *The Development of Christian Communities*

Leadership taught with *The Theology of Leadership*

The remaining two modules provide the opportunity for further interpretation of the material studied in the earlier modules. These modules are:

Needs Analysis, Project Planning, Development and Evaluation

Field Work and Project

Entry requirement

There are a maximum of 25 places on the programme per venue. Admission is on the basis of a written application and an interview. Criteria for acceptance include an ability to connect with the programme material in an open, critical and analytical manner, as well as a capacity for local leadership and/or commitment to social development.

Application procedure

Contact the programme secretary for application forms, details of forthcoming locations and closing dates.

Assessment

Assessment is by means of:
Attendance and group participation
Written assignments
Evaluation of project and field work
Final integrating paper/examination

Duration/attendance requirements

Normally, the modules are taught one evening per week over 2 years during the regular University semesters, from late September to May. Modules may occasionally be taught at the weekend. The programme is taught at a number of outreach locations. To date, it has been taught in Galway, Ballina, Ballaghaderreen (County Roscommon), Sligo and Ennis. Check with the programme secretary for the forthcoming locations.

Award

NUI Diploma in Applied Theology and Community Development.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the programme is currently €925 per year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This Certificate programme takes place over one year and aims to provide students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of health promotion; with students taking a generic module, a specialist module and a practical project. The course is open to those working in a professional capacity in a specialist health promotion field.

The course seeks to develop among students a professional attitude to health promotion practice and a critical appreciation of current issues and dilemmas in health promotion.

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Who is the programme intended for?

This stand-alone programme is designed to meet the needs of health promotion practitioners in specific fields and is run in partnership with specialist agencies. For example, specialist programmes are available in Oral Health Promotion, Youth Work, Health-Promotion Training Centres, Sexual Health Promotion and Community Development all of which lead to a Certificate in Health Promotion in the chosen specialism. Some programmes are run directly by the Department of Health Promotion at the request of an agency or professional group; others are run in partnership with an agency, to meet the needs of specific practitioners.

Programme Content

The Certificate in Health Promotion in a chosen specialism is a taught programme comprising the following three modules:

Principles and practice of health promotion (Semester 1 and 2)
Specialism in health promotion (Semester 2)
Project (Semester 1 and 2)

The first two modules include workshop participation and self-paced instructional materials and assignments for home study, while the third module focuses on project work.

Each module carries 5 ECTS. Successful graduates who wish to apply for the NUI Galway Higher Diploma in Health Promotion programme can carry forward 5 ECTS from the specialism module completed as part of the Certificate programme.

Entry requirements

Entry requirements are set in collaboration with specialist agencies and are primarily based on relevant work experience.

Application procedure

Contact the Department of Health Promotion, NUI Galway for an application form or email: admissions@nuigalway.ie. Return completed applications to the Admissions Office. The number of places on these programmes is restricted.

Assessment

Each module is assessed by means of an essay or a practical project.

Duration/attendance requirements

Each programme takes place over 1 academic year. The programme is part-time. Actual attendance times vary with agency requirements and the mix of self-paced, self-instructional material and workshops.

Annual fee

The annual fee varies according to agency arrangements. If the programme is delivered by the Department of Health Promotion, the EU fee is approximately €1,200. This fee is subject to an annual review.

Award

Certificate in Health Promotion (Specialism).

The Certificate in General Studies consists of a range of modules within the Humanities, including subjects such as English Literature, Philosophy, Archaeology, Irish Studies, Women's Studies and many others. This certificate programme introduces students to and gives a good foundation in a number of subject areas that students may wish to study at a later date. The programme gives some credits to students who subsequently enrol on the part-time B.A. Degree.

Enquiries

Adult and Continuing Education Office
 NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492062
 Fax: 091 494595
 Email: adulteducation@nuigalway.ie
 Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

Who is the programme intended for?

The course is suitable for those who have an interest in the Humanities or for students who are considering a more substantial programme of study such as a Bachelor of Arts, but are uncertain as to what subject area they wish to take up.

Programme content

Each module offered represents 5 credits. Students must take three modules in total from the modules available to make up 15 credits to qualify for the Certificate in General Studies. Alternatively, students can complete one module on its own for self interest/self-development reasons which does not lead to an award.

Students may select from the following broad subject areas:

Exploring English Literature – An Introduction
Life Skills for Success
Women and History
Women and Irish Society
Philosophy – Ethics, Education, Modern Philosophy
Archaeology
Irish Studies – Literature and Film, Traditional Music and Dance
History
Community Development

The choice of modules on offer varies with each offering of the programme. Students should consult with the programme coordinator for a detailed list of these modules.

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for the Certificate in General Studies.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
 Admissions Office
 NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492199
 Fax: 091 495566
 Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Return completed applications to the Admissions Office. Closing date for receipt of applications is late June of the year in which the programme is offered.

Assessment

Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments and by examination during or at the end of each semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

Modules are taught from Monday evening to Thursday evening, from 6.30 – 9.30pm. A module is taught in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. The exact day and time of classes depends on the modules chosen. Students who wish to pursue the Certificate award must register for 1 or 2 modules each semester to accumulate 15 credits on completion of their studies.

Award

NUI Certificate in General Studies.

Annual fee

The EU fee for this programme is €1,025. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This part-time programme aims to provide a good, basic grounding in the psychology of lifespan development and major psychological theories of personality and their application to counselling.

The practical aspects of the course include basic counselling skills and group facilitation of personal development. Students who successfully complete the first year of the programme are awarded a Certificate and have the option of proceeding to the second year of the programme to obtain a Diploma.

Enquiries

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is designed for those who are interested in acquiring a good grounding in psychological theory as it applies to counselling, and in counselling theory. There is also ample opportunity to practise and experience counselling with fellow students. Note that this programme does not give you a professional qualification in counselling.

Programme content

The two-year course integrates 3 dimensions of counselling psychology:
Personality theory and theories of counselling
Lifespan development and theories of counselling
Counselling skills and practice (including ethical and professional issues)

In year two of the Programme, students will cover:
Therapeutic approaches to counselling practice:
(including Gestalt Counselling; Person-centred Counselling; Behavioural / Cognitive-Behavioural Counselling; Reality Therapy; Family / Couples Counselling; Applied Behavioural Analysis)
Counselling Skills and Practice
Experiential Group Work

Teaching is through a combination of lectures, seminars, group work and directed study. Emphasis will be on the practical application of psychological theory. Role-play and instructor feedback are key features of the course.

Entry requirements

No special educational qualifications are required but successful applicants will need to be able to achieve acceptable standards in written, oral and practical aspects of the programme. If an applicant is involved in activities that are relevant to the programme, in either a voluntary or a professional capacity, this involvement is taken into consideration.

The Selection Panel, consisting of the Director and lecturers on the programme, reserve the right to select candidates whose interests will allow for a broadly-based student group.

This policy is consistent with expressed needs in the wider community and with current trends in student-based learning.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to the Adult and Continuing Education Office. The closing date for applications is generally in September. The programme is offered on a cyclical basis and may not have an annual intake. You are advised to contact the programme coordinator for information regarding forthcoming commencement dates. Selection is based on a written application and relevant referees' reports.

Assessment

Submission of written work, participation in skills training sessions, group work and personal growth work form the basis of assessment. Each student is responsible for complying in a satisfactory manner with the assessment requirements of each module of the programme.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme commences in early October and runs for two semesters. Lectures, seminars and skill training sessions normally take place one night a week. In addition, there will be some weekend workshops (Saturdays) throughout the year. Students are also required to complete reading and written assignments in their own time.

Award

The Diploma is *not* a professional qualification in counselling. The Certificate/Diploma programme is recognized and approved under the accreditation scheme of the National University of Ireland.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the programme is currently €995 per year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Through Women's Studies, students learn about the central role played by gender in shaping our lives – the gendered nature of our identities, the gendered aspects of inequality, how gender impacts on, for example, our life choices, the jobs we do, the wages we earn, how long we live. The interconnections between gender and other social categories, such as class, race, ethnicity and sexuality are also examined.

Above all, Women's Studies allows students to see their own relationship to the world around them as gendered beings, providing the opportunity, support and resources necessary to analyse and understand the issues that affect their lives and futures. There is much to learn, and space for the exchange of thoughts, critiques, and personal experiences!

Enquiries

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is of interest to those who have a general curiosity about women's issues, gender and gender relations, issues concerning equality between women and men as well as those who need to understand the dynamics of gender in the context of their jobs and the contemporary workplace. It is designed to address the needs of people returning to formal education and uses student-centred approaches to learning and teaching, ensuring that students become competent and confident in critical thinking and in reading, writing and oral presentation skills.

Programme content

Students complete three modules for the award of Certificate and six modules for the award of Diploma. Each module consists of 24 contact hours. Modules are offered subject to availability and are selected from the following list:

Introduction to Women's Studies
Introduction to Feminist Research Methods
Women and History
Women in Irish Society
Women and Politics
Feminist Thought
Women in Irish History

Duration/attendance requirements

The academic year is divided into three trimesters of 8 weeks each. The programme is offered in the evening mode.

Assessment

Assessment is by means of continuous assessments and/or written examinations.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for the Certificate/Diploma in Women's Studies.

Award

A Certificate is awarded to those who successfully complete the first year. A Diploma is awarded to those who successfully complete both years of the programme. These latter students can be considered for entry onto the full-time BA degree programme, where, if they secure a place, they are entitled to an exemption of one subject in First Arts.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the academic year 2008-2009 is €1,025. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This 2-year, part-time programme aims to equip participants with a sound knowledge of Ireland's archaeological heritage from the earliest settlers to the medieval period. The programme consists of lectures, fieldwork and project work. The programme first offers a general introduction to the field monuments and material culture of some nine millennia. Participants are then introduced to the discipline of archaeology, its historical development, theoretical perspectives and methodologies. They examine the archaeology of Ireland and explore the prehistory and history of human settlement on this island.

Enquiries

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 Web: www.nuigalway.ie/archaeology

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma programme is of particular interest to first and second level teachers and others interested in the contribution of archaeology to education, local studies, heritage studies and tourism.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to Archaeology: evidence available to and the analytical methods used by archaeologists.

The Archaeology of Prehistoric Ireland: initial colonisation of Ireland, the arrival of farming, ritual roles of megalithic tombs, the introduction of metal working, rise of chiefdoms, the Celts in Ireland.

The Archaeology of Historic Ireland: arrival of Christianity, settlement and society in the Early Medieval period, archaeology of medieval churches, castles and towns.

Programme content Year 2

Approaching the Past: the different ways in which archaeologists use archaeological evidence to explain past societies and social change; a field project where students learn the fundamentals of recording archaeological monuments.

Prehistoric Landscapes: includes the megalithic tombs of the West and the late Bronze Age chiefdom of Dún Aonghasa.

Historic Landscapes: includes Christianity and pilgrimage on the Aran Islands and castles and other fortifications of Anglo-Norman and Gaelic Clare.

A number of field trips are scheduled throughout both years.

Entry requirements

No previous knowledge of archaeology is required.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
 Admissions Office
 NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492199
 Fax: 091 495566
 Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Assessment

All modules in the Diploma programme are assessed individually. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or presentations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

This is a 2-year, part-time programme. Classes are held one evening per week with occasional weekend field trips.

Please note that this programme is offered on a cyclical basis and does not have an annual intake. This programme will be offered at the NUI Galway campus in the 2008-2009 academic year. You are advised to contact the programme coordinator for information on commencement dates.

Award

NUI Diploma in Archaeology.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the Diploma in Archaeology is €1,025 for the 2008-2009 academic year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The Diploma in English Literature aims to introduce students to the fundamentals of literary analysis. Students learn to deal with issues of genre and style, to apply diverse critical perspectives and to recognise the ways in which literature functions in society. Through a detailed study of selected poets, the programme explores relations between form, content and culture in poetic art. In its focus on drama, the programme analyses selected plays paying close attention to issues such as theatrical practice, spectatorship and the social function of theatre. The Diploma programme also introduces students to the world of fiction, to its formal and thematic properties and looks at facets of fiction writing such as characterisation, plot, setting and diction.

Enquiries

Adult and Continuing Education Office
 NUI Galway
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 Email: adulteducation@nuigalway.ie
 Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma programme is intended for adult learners who are interested in English Literature. The programme is equally attractive to graduates and non-graduates alike. Students graduating with this Diploma should have acquired an ability to think critically about literary texts and an appreciation of the cultural and expressive resources of literature. It could be seen as a first step towards degree-level studies or to work in related arts and education fields.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to Poetry
Introduction to Drama
Introduction to Fiction

Programme content Year 2

Studies in Contemporary Literature in English
Literary Periods and Literary History
The Fiction of Adolescence

Alternative modules may be on offer in year 1 or year 2 due to variety of specialisms on offer in each Diploma cycle.

Entry requirements

Entry to the programme does not require a primary degree. However, students should have an interest in reading and writing about literature.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
 Admissions Office
 NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492199
 Fax: 091 495566
 Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Assessment

All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or presentations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

This is a 2-year, part-time programme. Classes are held one evening per week.

Please note that this programme is offered on a cyclical basis and does not have an annual intake. This programme will be offered at the NUI Galway campus in the 2008-2009 academic year. You are advised to contact the programme coordinator for information on commencement dates.

Award

NUI Diploma in English Literature.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the Diploma in English Literature is currently €1,025 per year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This two year, part-time Diploma is offered in association with the Huston School of Film and Digital Media at NUI Galway. It is designed to offer an introduction to the academic study and teaching of the medium along with a historical overview of the industrial and aesthetic development of film. The Diploma is structured around modules that concentrate on specific national cinemas from theoretical, artistic and cultural points of view. The Diploma also offers modules that concentrate on the teaching of film, with particular, though not exclusive, reference to second-level education.

Enquiries

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Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma programme offers much to those with a general interest in the historical, cultural and theoretical aspects of film. It is also of specific interest to teachers and those who wish to integrate film into existing training and formation programmes. In this regard, two modules on the Diploma address the practicalities of implementing the theoretical elements of the programme in a learning environment.

Programme content

The various modules focus on the technological and cultural factors that gave rise to the birth of cinema in Europe and America, as well as the aesthetic development of the medium and the development of Irish cinema, including sociological considerations and the role played by foreign film companies. A number of key concepts in film studies, for example, structuralism, feminism and genre are selected and applied to examples of American and French cinema, attempting to expose and explore the structures and suppositions that underlie the development of film in these countries.

Year 1

From Peep-Show to Picture Palace: The Emergence of a Medium
Classical Hollywood Cinema: Film Theory Goes to the Movies
Film Education (1)

Year 2

National Narratives (1): Ireland and Cinema
National Narratives (2): Visions of France
Film Education (2)

Alternative modules may be offered during the course of the Diploma.

Entry requirements

No specific entry requirements apply.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Assessment

All modules in the Diploma programme are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or presentations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

This is a two year, part-time programme. The Diploma programme comprises screenings, followed by lectures on one evening per week over two academic years.

Please note that this programme is offered on a cyclical basis and does not have an annual intake. Check with the course coordinator for the next offering of this programme.

Award

NUI Diploma in Film Education.

Annual fee

The annual EU fee is currently €1,025 per year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This two year, part-time Diploma in History seeks to analyse and explain the development of human society over time. The history modules are very broad, covering a range of chronological periods; the historical experience of different countries, major themes in human society and the processes of cultural change.

The Diploma aims to introduce students to the nature of historical knowledge, the key role of history in shaping social and political attitudes, the significance of history in building our perceptions of ourselves and others, major historiographical controversies and debates, along with recent advances and changes in the study of history.

Enquiries

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Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulthoodeducation

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma appeals to those with a keen interest in history and the historical developments of the past, over a number of centuries, from the perspective of different countries. It will also be of interest to those working within heritage centres and the tourism industry, who may require a knowledge of history and cultural issues in their working lives. Equally, it may be of interest to teachers, both primary and secondary, who wish to refresh their knowledge of history for classroom teaching.

Programme content

The programme modules focus on specific periods in history. The programme introduces some new approaches to history and also introduces a number of key themes and concepts in history including revisionism, oral history, gender history, war and society.

Modules are offered subject to availability and are selected from the following list:

Post-Famine Ireland, 1850-1920
Europe, 1300-1450: Creative Responses to Catastrophe
Ireland in the Age of the Renaissance and Reformation
The Third Reich
St. Patrick & the Coming of Christianity to Ireland
A History of Science, 1543-1945
The Practice of Local History
Classical Greek History 500-323BC

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for the programme.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Duration/attendance requirements

This is a two year, part-time programme. Classes are held one evening per week. Please note that this programme is offered on a cyclical basis. The next intake for this programme is scheduled for the 2008-2009 academic year. For commencement dates, please contact the course coordinator.

Assessment

Overall assessment is made on the basis of one essay submitted during each module, plus a written examination.

Award

NUI Diploma in History.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the programme is currently €1,025 for the 2008-2009 academic year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This programme provides an interdisciplinary introduction to the ways in which music and literature have contributed to the creation of identity among Irish communities on the island of Ireland and beyond. The course investigates the ways in which Irish writers and those involved in the revival of Irish traditional music and dance were actively involved in the formation and reformation of modern Irish identities. It provides insights from music, dance, poetry, television and film of the ways in which Irish performers and writers have been actively involved in imagining and re-imagining Ireland from the eighteenth century through to the present.

Enquiries

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Web: www.irishstudiesonline.org

Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is of particular interest to anyone with an interest in modern Irish culture and traditional music.

Programme content Year 1

Irish Music Studies 1: Transmission of Irish Traditional Music and Dance
Irish Music Studies 2: Poetry and Music 1700-1922
Irish Music Studies 3: Irish Roots and World Rhythms: The Journey and Influence of Irish Music 1750-2006

Programme content Year 2

Irish Music Studies 4: Negotiating Identity through Irish traditional music and dance
Irish Music Studies 5: Poetry and Music 1922-2005
Irish Music Studies 6: Traditional Music and Commodification: 'The Pure Drop' or 'Pure Product'?

* Alternative modules may be offered in year 1 or year 2.

Entry requirements

No specific entry requirements apply and no previous knowledge of the Irish language or of Irish music is necessary.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Duration/attendance requirements

This is a two year, part-time programme. Classes are held one evening per week. Please note that this programme is offered on a cyclical basis and does not have an annual intake. This programme will be offered at the NUI Galway campus and on an outreach basis at Ennis, Co. Clare in the 2008-2009 academic year.

You are advised to contact the programme coordinator for information on commencement dates.

Assessment

All modules in the Diploma programme are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or presentations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Award

NUI Diploma in Irish Music Studies.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the Diploma in Irish Music Studies is €1,025 for the 2008-2009 academic year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Online Diploma in Irish Studies

The Centre for Irish Studies also offers a Diploma in Irish Studies (on-line). This programme, the first of its kind in the world, has been developed in partnership with Regis University, Denver, USA. It is targeted at non-traditional and mature students who do not have access to traditional programmes of study in this area. The purpose of the course is to provide a basic introduction to Irish life and culture through the disciplines of Archaeology, History, English, Irish, Political Science and Sociology. Five individual courses are available within the programme, each lasting eight weeks. Successful completion of four courses earns a Certificate in Irish Studies, with a Diploma in Irish Studies awarded upon completion of all five.

The Diploma in Philosophy aims to provide students with a sound knowledge of the history of philosophy and its impact on Western Anglo-American, Irish and Continental societies and cultures. It also aims to train students in critical thinking and problem solving, especially in the areas of the principles of ethics, politics, education and the critique of ideologies. Knowledge and/or skills in any of these areas are not only essential for philosophy as an academic subject, but for the education of an enlightened citizenship in general.

Enquiries

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is suitable for students with an interest in philosophy, philosophical ethics and principles and how they impact on our daily lives.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to the History of Western Philosophy
History of Political Philosophy
Introduction to Modern Philosophy

Programme content Year 2

Philosophy and Post-Modern Thought
Applied Ethics
Philosophy of Education

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for the programme.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
 Admissions Office
 NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492199
 Fax: 091 495566
 Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Duration/attendance requirements

This is a two year, part-time programme. Classes are held one evening per week. Please note that this programme is offered on a cyclical basis. You are advised to contact the programme coordinator for information on commencement dates.

Assessment

Overall assessment is made on the basis of one essay submitted during each module, plus a written examination.

Award

NUI Diploma in Philosophy.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the programme is currently €1,025. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The programme is a four year, part-time evening degree programme in the Faculty of Arts. Students are awarded a Diploma in Arts upon successful completion of the first two years of the programme and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) on completion of the four year cycle.

The degree programme aims to:

Provide students with the opportunity to pursue a particular specialism(s) to degree level according to personal and educational interests.

Develop students' analytical and problem-solving skills that are appropriate for decision-making roles and for personal or professional competencies.

Offer students the opportunity of pursuing further study on completing an initial Diploma or Degree programme.

Offer students the prospect of enhancing their career opportunities on attaining a relevant qualification.

Enquiries

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NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492062
Fax: 091 494595
Email: adulthoodeducation@nuigalway.ie
Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulthoodeducation

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma and Degree programme is intended for those who have an interest in the humanities area or who require a generalist academic qualification for either career or personal development purposes. The programme also caters for those who intend to progress to further studies.

Programme content

The BA programme is devised on a modular, credit basis. Each module carries a specific number of credits. The maximum number of credits that a student can attain in each year is 45 credits. A Diploma in Arts is awarded on attaining 90 credits and a Bachelor of Arts degree on attaining 180 credits.

Each of the main subject areas of the BA offers a number of modules over the four year degree programme. There are generally three to four subject areas on offer as part of the programme in each cycle. Applicants are encouraged to choose a minimum of two to three subjects in the core areas during the first two years of the programme (Diploma Cycle) and then specialise in one or two of these subjects during the Degree cycle, in years three and four. Subject areas in the 2008 – 2012 BA programmes are History, English, Information Technology and French. A separate BA programme brochure is available from the Adult Education Office providing additional module information on the subject areas offered during this cycle.

Entry requirements

Students under 21 years of age must meet the University's minimum entry (matriculation) requirements, which include a pass in at least six subjects (including Irish, English and another language) at the Leaving Certificate Examination, with at least grade C3 in two subjects on the higher course and at least grade D3 (ordinary or higher course) in the remaining four subjects.

Students aged 21 years or over by 1 January of the year of admission to the programme may

matriculate on the grounds of mature years alone, that is, you do not need to meet the University's minimum entry requirements.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:

Admissions Office

NUI Galway

Phone: 091 492199

Fax: 091 495566

Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme is offered on a semester basis. Each semester comprises 12 weeks of teaching followed by examinations. Semester 1 commences in early September and ends, including examinations, in late December. Semester 2 commences during mid-January and ends, including examinations, in mid-May. Students on the BA programme attend lectures three evenings per week for up to 3 hours, with the specific evening varying, depending on the modules chosen. Occasional tutorial sessions, also up to 3 hours, may also be delivered on Saturday mornings.

Assessment

All modules on the BA programme are individually assessed. The assessment for each module is conducted during or at the end of teaching in that particular semester. Assessment takes the form of essays, written assignments or presentations during the teaching period and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Award

NUI Diploma in Arts-on accumulating 90 credits at the end of Year 2.

NUI Bachelor of Arts-on accumulating 180 credits at the end of Year 4.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the 2008-2009 academic year is €3,200. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The Adult and Continuing Education Office offers a series of short, non-accredited courses in a number of different subject areas. Designed for students with an interest in the subjects on offer, these courses may provide you with an opportunity to meet interesting people to discuss your ideas with, to find out more about your subject areas and also to experience the world of lifelong learning.

Who is the programme intended for?

These courses are particularly suitable for people who have never had an opportunity to study a particular subject area before or for people who wish to gain a deeper insight into a discipline that already interests them. The short courses are also ideal for someone who is considering higher education as a mature student and wishes to experience learning at an introductory level.

Programme content

The following provides a general flavour of the courses on offer. However, if you are interested in participating in a short course, you are advised to contact the Adult and Continuing Education Office, as course titles on offer vary each year.

Courses are offered from the following subject areas:

English Literature
 Film Studies
 Creative Writing
 Personal and Career Development
 Philosophy
 Celtic Studies
 History
 Archaeology
 History of Art
 Exploring Music
 Roman and Greek Civilisation

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements.

Assessment

There are no assessments on the short courses.

Annual fee

The EU fee for each course is currently €120. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Enquiries

Adult and Continuing Education Office
 NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492062
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 Email: adulteducation@nuigalway.ie
 Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

This part-time certificate course provides initial training, specialised knowledge and skills needed for graduates who wish to teach English as a Foreign Language.

Enquiries

Dr. Marie Morrissey
TEFL Course Co-ordinator
Open Learning Centre
Adult Education Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 493898
Email: marie.morrissey@nuigalway.ie
Web: www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

Or
Dr. Maureen Langan Egan
Course Director
Phone: 091 495688
Email: maureenlanganegan@yahoo.ie

This part-time course is also available in Poland between October 2008 and May 2009.

Enquiries to:
Admissions Office
Wyzsza Szkola Lingwistyczna, 42-200
Czestochowa, ul
Krasniskiego 14/24, Poland
Phone: 48 34 3665394
www.wsl.edu.pl/

Programme content

The course covers Basic Teaching Skills, Teaching Practice, Language Analysis, Theories and Approaches to Language Teaching, English as a Foreign Language Methodology, Grammar Presentation, Syllabus Design, Testing, Evaluation, Introduction to Linguistics, English for Special Purposes, Portfolio Preparation, Micro-teaching, Teaching Young Learners, Assessment of Young Learners, Teaching Adults, Multicultural Education, Modern Developments in English as a Foreign Language and Teaching Overseas.

Entry requirements

Applicants must hold a primary degree.

Application procedure

Application is made directly through the programme coordinator, Marie Morrissey at the address stated in the enquiries section.

The following must be included:

Covering Letter

Curriculum Vitae

Copy of the transcript of the primary degree taken and the results obtained

Copy of Birth Certificate

Two passport size photographs (signed)

Duration/attendance requirements

Classes are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from mid-October to May between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sessions are in the form of lectures, micro-teaching and a minimum of fifty hours supervised teaching practice. Teaching practice is arranged by, and takes place in NUI Galway during the course.

Assessment

Assessment includes written assignments, student performance in teaching practice which is supervised, the teaching portfolio and a written examination held at the end of the programme. Each student must design a portfolio of relevant material to be submitted at the end of the course for assessment.

Award

Successful course participants are awarded a Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language by the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the 2008-2009 academic year is €1,450. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This four week intensive course is designed to provide additional skills training for experienced English as a Foreign Language Graduate Teachers.

Enquiries

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Programme content

Marketing and Management in English Language Teaching, Advanced Language Analysis, Second Language, Testing and Test Construction, Approaches and Methods in English Language Teaching, Syllabus Design, Literature in English Language Teaching, Socio Linguistics, Pragmatics, Micro-teaching, Portfolio Preparation, Teaching Practice, Modern Developments in English as a Foreign Language and Teaching Overseas.

Entry requirements

Applicants must hold a primary degree and a recognised Certificate in TEFL.

Application procedure

Application is made directly through the programme coordinator, Marie Morrissey at the address stated in the enquiries section. The following must be included:

Covering Letter
Curriculum Vitae
Details of the TEFL course taken
(College/Institution)
Outline of the contents and duration of the TEFL course
Copy of the transcript of the TEFL results obtained
Copy of Birth Certificate
Two passport size photographs (signed)

Closing date for applications: Applications must be received by late April of each academic year. Please contact the course coordinator for the specific closing date for the academic year in which you are applying.

Assessment

Assessment includes written assignments, student performance in teaching practice which is supervised, the teaching portfolio and a written examination held at the end of the programme. Each student designs a portfolio of relevant material to be submitted at the end of the course for assessment.

Duration/attendance requirements

This programme takes place over a four week period, commencing late June of each academic year. Please contact the course coordinator for the specific commencement date for the academic year in which you are applying. Lectures are held on Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 5.30 p.m. Sessions are in the form of lectures, micro-teaching and a minimum of forty hours supervised teaching. Teaching practice is arranged by, and takes place in NUI Galway during the course.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the 2008-2009 academic year is €1,450. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Annual fee

Successful course participants are awarded a Higher Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language by the National University of Ireland, Galway.

The Diploma in French and the Diploma in Italian introduce students to the basic elements of the French and Italian languages. Both courses aim to equip students with an adequate level of language for situations encountered in the everyday contemporary environment. The courses are designed to develop the four main language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. The Diploma in Italian also introduces students to aspects of contemporary Italian culture; offering lectures on a variety of topics from different regions in Italy to wine-tasting sessions.

The Diploma in French considers major cultural issues in the contemporary French-speaking world and introduces participants to the world of French literature. On completion of both programmes, students acquire a very high level of oral and written communication skills in the French or Italian language for personal, travel or professional purposes.

Enquiries

French

Dr. Máire-Áine Ní Mhainnín
Department of French
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Email: mary.mannion@nuigalway.ie

Italian

Dr. Anne O'Connor
Department of Italian
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Web: nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

Diploma in French

The Diploma in French caters for all levels of language ability.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to French Language
French Language
Introduction to Civilisation, Culture and Society in France
Oral French – Parlons Français

Programme content Year 2

Improvers' French – on écoute, on écrit et on parle 1
Improvers' French – on écoute, on écrit et on parle 2
French Culture – connaître le monde francophone 2
Oral French – Parlons Français 2

Diploma in Italian

Students can choose a programme for complete beginners or a programme for students who have a previous knowledge of Italian.

Programme content Year 1

Italian Language Level 1 Part 1
Italian Language Level 1 Part 2
Italian Culture and Language Level 1

Programme content Year 2

Italian Language Level 2 Part 1
Italian Language Level 2 Part 2
Italian Culture and Language Level 2

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for the Diploma in French or the Diploma in Italian.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Return completed applications to the Admissions Office.

Assessment

All modules in the diploma programmes are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or oral examinations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

Both programmes are two year, part-time programmes. Classes are held one evening per week.

Please note that these programmes are offered on a cyclical basis and do not have an annual intake. The Diplomas will be delivered at the NUI Galway campus in the 2008-2009 academic year. The Diploma in French will also be offered on an outreach basis in 2008-2009 at Ennis, Co. Clare. You are advised to contact the programme coordinator for information on commencement dates.

Award

NUI Diploma in French or Italian.

Annual fee

The EU fee for both Diplomas is €1,025 for the academic year 2008-2009. These fees are subject to a yearly review.

The Diploma in German and the Diploma in Spanish introduce students to the basic elements of the German and Spanish languages, providing an introduction to the basics of each language. The Diploma in German also includes the study of a selection of social and cultural issues in the contemporary German-speaking world.

The Diploma in Spanish considers the history, culture and contemporary society not only of Spain, but also of countries in South America, for example, Argentina, Chile, Cuba and Mexico.

Enquiries

German
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Department of German
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Email: gabriele.behrens@nuigalway.ie

Spanish
Dr. Kate Quinn
Department of Spanish
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Web: nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

Diploma in German

The Diploma in German provides an introduction to the basics of the German language and is designed for those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language. It aims to equip students with appropriate written and oral skills in German.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to Beginners' German – written and spoken
Beginners' German continued – written, spoken and comprehension
Introduction to aspects of 20th Century German and Austrian culture

Programme content Year 2

Intermediate German – written, spoken, and oral comprehension 1
Intermediate German – written, spoken, and oral comprehension 2
Contemporary German, Austrian and Swiss Society
German conversation

Diploma in Spanish

The Diploma in Spanish is designed for those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language and aims to equip students with written, oral and comprehension skills in Spanish.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to Beginners' Spanish – written and spoken

Beginners' Spanish – written, spoken and comprehension

Introduction to Spain and Oral Spanish

Programme content Year 2

Improvers' Spanish 1 – written, spoken and oral comprehension.

Improvers' Spanish 2 – written, spoken and oral comprehension.

Introduction to Latin America and Oral Spanish

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for either programme.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to:

Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Assessment

All modules in both diploma programmes are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays, written assignments or oral examinations during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

Both programmes are two year, part-time programmes. Classes are held one evening per week.

Please note that these programmes are offered on a cyclical basis and do not have an annual intake. The Diploma in German will be delivered at the NUI Galway campus in the 2008-2009 academic year and also on an outreach basis at Ennis, County Clare. You are advised to contact the course coordinator for information on commencement dates.

Award

NUI Diploma in German or Spanish.

Annual fee

The EU fee for both Diplomas is €1,025 for the academic year 2008-2009. These fees are subject to a yearly review.

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge is now offering a Diploma in Irish (Level A2) to all students of the university, to all university staff and to the general public. This course is suitable for students who have no prior knowledge of the language. The course syllabus is based on the A2 level and standard established by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

This two year programme provides a basic knowledge and understanding of Irish to students who have no prior knowledge of the language. Through this course, the students' communicative skills will be developed and she/he will be equipped with the ability to function through the medium of Irish in a range of basic everyday realistic situations.

Enquiries

Mary Ní Niadh
 Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge
 Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
 Fón: 091 495248/091 493061
 Ríomhphost: mary.niniadh@oegaillimh.ie
 Idirlíon: www.acadamh.ie/cursai/gaeilge_labhartha

Programme Content

This course is being offered by *Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge*, at the National University of Ireland, Galway. The course consists of four modules. Students must successfully complete all modules over the two-year period to be awarded a Diploma.

The four modules are:
Listening and Speaking 1 & 2 (Years 1 and 2)
Writing and Reading 1 & 2 (Years 1 and 2)

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for this course. Applications are welcome from those who are interested in gaining a basic knowledge of the language.

Application procedure

Contact the Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge for an application form or email: mary.niniadh@oegaillimh.ie.

Assessment

Students' language skills will be assessed continuously throughout the two-year course through a combination of written and oral assessment work.

Course duration

The programme is delivered part-time over two years. Students will attend a two hour class once a week over two academic years and will also spend one weekend per semester in the Gaeltacht.

Award

NUI Diploma in Irish on successful completion of 30 ECTS for this Diploma.

Course Fee

The EU fee is €1,025 per year. This is subject to a yearly review.

Tá Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge ag tairiscint cúrsa Diplóma sa Ghaeilge B2 do mhic léinn uile na hOllscoile, d'fhoireann na hOllscoile agus don phobal i gcoitinne a bhfuil eolas áirithe acu ar an nGaeilge cheana féin ach nach raibh an deis acu í a úsáid le tamall. Tá siollabas an chúrsa seo bunaithe ar chaighdeán agus ar leibhéal B2 mar atá leagtha amach i bhFráma Tagartha an Chomhchreata Eorpaigh.

Tá sé mar chuspóir ag an gcúrsa dhá bhliain seo forbairt agus buanú a dhéanamh ar scileanna teanga an mhic léinn a bhfuil eolas áirithe ar an nGaeilge aige/aici. Déanfar é seo trí úsáid a bhaint as gníomhaíochtaí cumarsáideacha nuálacha agus úsáidfear ábhar dílis i gcónaí (is é sin, cláir theilifíse agus raidió, nuachtáin agus eile) ionas go bhfaighidh an mac léinn léargas ar ghnáthúsáid laethúil na Gaeilge.

Tuilleadh eolais

Oifig an Diplóma sa Ghaeilge
 Áras na Gaeilge
 Ollscoil na hÉireann
 Gaillimh
 Fón: (091) 495248/493061
 Ríomhphost: aisling.nibheachain@oegaillimh.ie
 Idirlíon: www.acadamh.ie/cursai/gaeilge_labhartha

An cúrsa

Is faoi scáth *Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge*, Ollscoil na hÉireann Gaillimh atá an cúrsa seo á reáchtáil. Cúrsa páirtaimsearta thar dhá bhliain acadúil atá i gceist. Tá dhá sheimeastar i mbliain acadúil. Tá 36 uair an chloig de theagasc i ngach seimeastar. Beidh an rogha ag mic léinn freastal ar chúrsaí Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht deireadh seachtaine amháin gach seimeastar.

Ceithre mhodúl atá sa chúrsa seo. Ní mór do gach mac léinn pas a fháil i ngach modúl chun an Diplóma a bhaint amach.

Is iad na modúil ná:
 Éisteacht agus Labhairt 3 & 4 (Bliain 1 agus 2)
 Scríobh agus Léamh 3 & 4 (Bliain 1 agus 2)

Riachtanais Iontrála

Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine ar shuim leo cur lena gcuid eolais ar an teanga. Beidh an cúrsa seo oiriúnach (i) do dhaoine a bhfuil an Diplóma A2 sa Ghaeilge bainte amach go sásúil acu nó (ii) do dhaoine a bhfuil eolas áirithe acu ar an teanga cheana féin (de bharr a dtréimhse scolaíochta in Éirinn, mar shampla).

Fad an chúrsa

Dhá bhliain – páirtaimseartha

Bronnadh

Bronntar Diplóma de chuid Ollscoil Náisiúnta na hÉireann orthu siúd a n-éiríonn leo sa scrúdú deiridh.

Táille an chúrsa

€1,025 (EU) in aghaidh na bliana

Tá Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge ag tairiscint cúrsa Diplóma dhá bhliain sa Ghaeilge do mhic léinn uile na hOllscoile, d'fhoireann na hOllscoile agus don phobal i gcoitinne. Is é misean an chúrsa scileanna maithe cumarsáide agus scríofa sa Ghaeilge a thabhairt d'iarthóirí a chuirfidh ar a gcumas a ngnó gairmiúil a dhéanamh go héifeachtach trí Ghaeilge.

An cúrsa

Is faoi scáth *Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge*, Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh, atá an cúrsa seo á reáchtáil. Cúrsa páirtaimseartha thar dhá bhliain acadúil atá i gceist.

Bliain 1

72 uair an chloig sa bhliain.
Seimeastar 1
8 seachtaine @ 3 huairé an chloig sa tseachtain
Seimeastar 2
8 seachtaine @ 3 huairé an chloig sa tseachtain.
agus deireadh seachtaine amháin de léachtaí in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh.

Bliain 2

72 uair an chloig sa bhliain.
Seimeastar 1
10 seachtaine x 3 huairé an chloig sa tseachtain agus seisiún breise 3 huairé an chloig gach ceathrú seachtain do mhic léinn OÉ, Gaillimh.
36 uair an chloig do rannpháirtithe in Ionaid Sheachtracha thar 10 seachtain
Seimeastar 2
10 seachtaine x 3 huairé an chloig sa tseachtain agus seisiún breise 3 huairé an chloig gach ceathrú seachtain do mhic léinn OÉ, Gaillimh.
36 uair an chloig do rannpháirtithe in Ionaid Sheachtracha thar 10 seachtain.
Cúig mhodúl atá sa Diplóma seo:
Ceart na Gaeilge (Bliain 1 agus 2).
Straitéisí Comhrá (Bliain 1 agus 2).
Annála na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta (Bliain 1).

Riachtanais Iontrála

Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil leibhéal pas bainte amach acu i scrúdú ardleibhéal Gaeilge na hArdteistiméireachta agus/nó a shásaíonn Stiúrthóir Acadúil an chúrsa nó a (h)ionadaí go bhfuil caighdeán réasúnta maith bainte amach acu i labhairt agus i scríobh na Gaeilge.

Is ag Stiúrthóir an chúrsa, atá ceaptha ag *Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge*, atá an cead glacadh le hiarrthóirí nó diúltiú dóibh. Sa chás nach nglacann iarrthóir le breithiúnas an Stiúrthóra is féidir an cás a chur faoi bhráid Choiste Stiúrtha an Diplóma. Ní bheidh dul thar bhreith an Choiste Stiúrtha.

Fad an chúrsa

Dhá bhliain – páirtaimseartha

Bronnadh

Bronntar Diplóma de chuid Ollscoil Náisiúnta na hÉireann orthu siúd a n-éiríonn leo sa scrúdú deiridh.

Táille an chúrsa

€1,025 EU in aghaidh na bliana

Tuilleadh eolais

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Cúrsa páirtaimseartha thar dhá bhliain atá i gceist. Tugtar eolas tosaigh do mhic léinn ar na scileanna is tábhachtaí is gá a bheith ag duine a bhíonn ag aistriú idir an Béarla agus an Ghaeilge agus cuirtear oiliúint bhunúsach orthu i gcleachtadh na scileanna sin.

Tá an cúrsa seo dírithe ar dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán ard Gaeilge agus Béarla acu agus ar mian leo bunscileanna aistriúcháin a shealbhú ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas an Ghaeilge a úsáid mar sprioctheanga aistriúcháin nó scileanna áirithe aistriúcháin a úsáid ina saol oibre.

Fiosrúcháin agus Iarratais

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Idirlíon: www.acadamh.ie/cursai/aistriuchan

Ábhair an chúrsa

Bliain 1
Gramadach agus Litriú na Gaeilge 1
Uirlisí agus Teicneolaíocht an Aistriúcháin
Gnó an Aistriúcháin

Bliain 2
Gramadach agus Litriú na Gaeilge 2
Scileanna agus Dúshláin an Aistritheora
Aistriúchán Téacsanna agus Cáipéisí

Cáilíochtaí iontrála

Is gá go mbeadh Ardeistiméireacht, mar aon le grád B sa Ghaeilge i scrúdú ardeibhéil na hArdeistiméireachta, nó a chothrom sin ag iarrthóirí. Beidh scrúdú iontrála agus agallamh le déanamh freisin le háit a fháil ar an gcúrsa.

Measúnú

I gcás cuid de na modúil, déantar an measúnú trí scrúdú scríofa ag deireadh an mhodúil. I gcás modúil eile, déantar an measúnú trí thascanna a thugtar i rith an mhodúil, nó trí mheascán de thascanna i rith an mhodúil agus scrúdú scríofa ag deireadh an mhodúil.

Tréimhse an chúrsa

Dhá bhliain, ar bhonn páirtaimseartha. Bíonn na ranganna ar siúl oíche amháin i lár na seachtaine de ghnáth. D'fhéadfaí cuid de na ranganna a chur ar siúl ag an deireadh seachtaine, má oireann sé sin don ghrúpa a bhíonn i gceist.

Bronnadh

Bronntar Diplóma de chuid Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh orthu siúd a n-éiríonn leo sa chúrsa.

Táille don chúrsa

€1,750 (EU) sa bhliain is ea táille an chúrsa. Tá seans ann go mbeidh cabhair airgid le fáil ó Údarás na Gaeltachta i gcás mic léinn atá ina gcónaí sa Ghaeltacht agus atá ag freastal ar an gcúrsa sa Ghaeltacht.

Roinneann an cúrsa seo scileanna praiticiúla le daoine a chuireann ar a gcumas leas a bhaint as an nuatheicneolaíocht atá de dhíth le déileáil le riachtanais faisnéise, eolais agus cumarsáide na timpeallachta gnó. Faoi dheireadh an chúrsa tuigfidh na rannpháirtithe na buanna praiticiúla a bhaineann leis an nuatheicneolaíocht mar acmhainn riaracháin, mar bhealach chun buntáistí iomaíochta a ghnóthú don ghnó agus mar acmhainn fhorbartha dá n-eagraíochtaí féin. Tá gné chianfhoghlama ag baint leis an gcúrsa seo. Cuireann an ghné chianfoghhlama go mór le hoiriúnacht an chúrsa dóibh siúd atá ag obair agus a bhfuil cúraimí eile orth i rith an lae.

Enquiries

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Co. na Gaillimhe
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Daoine a bhfuil fúthu fostaíocht a aimsiú i raon leathan comhthéacsanna gnó agus eagraíochtúla ina bhfuil rólanna a dteastaíonn sáreolas ar oibríochtaí teicneolaíochta i bpróisis riaracháin de dhíth: rúnaithe, oibríthe oifige, oibríthe in ionaid glaonna, agus riarthóirí atá ag iarraidh cur lena gcumas feidhmiúil i dteicneolaíochtaí comhaimseartha don ghnó.

Daoine atá fostaithe faoi láthair agus a bhfuil uathu uasghrádú a dhéanamh ar a gcuid scileanna le súil ardú céime nó fostaíocht ar chaighdeán níos airde a aimsiú dóibh féin.

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Cé nach bhfuil aon cháilíocht acadúil riachtanach don chlár seo, tá caighdeán maith oideachais ghinearálta de dhíth. Áirítear ar sin caighdeán sásúil labhartha agus scríofa sa Ghaeilge. Ba bhuntáiste é d'iarrthóirí an cháilíocht ECDL nó a combhionann a bheith ina seilbh nó taithí in aon ghné d'obair riaracháin. Cuirfear iarrthóirí faoi agallamh lena gcumas agus a ndúthracht a thomhas.

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Measúnú

Scrúdaítear modúil an chúrsa trí scrúdú scríofa ag deireadh seimeastair nó/agus trí mheasúnú leanúnach i gcaitheamh an mhodúil. Maidir le measúnú leanúnach úsáidtear meascán de scrúduithe ranga agus saotharlanna, obair thionscadail, tascanna fadhb-réitigh agus obair ghrúpa, mar gheall ar an ngné chianfhoghlama a bhaineann leis an gcúrsa bíonn roinnt tascanna le comhlíonadh i gcaitheamh an chláir trí mhodhanna chianfhoghlama; ach bíonn stiúradh agus ríomhaisitheoireacht ar fáil don mhac léinn ón bhfoireann chuige seo. Reachtáiltear na scrúdaithe scríofa i gcaitheamh Mhí na Nollag/Eanáir agus i gcaitheamh Mhí an Bhealtaine/Mheithimh.

Tréimhse an chúrsa

Cúrsa páirtaimseartha a mhairfeas thar dhá bhliain acadúil; oíche amháin sa tseachtain ar an meán, ar feadh trí huairé ar chloig in aghaidh an tseisiúin. Féadfar léachtaí, ranganna teagaisc, saotharlanna, ceardlanna, aoiléachtaí nó measúnuithe a reachtáil corruair ar an deireadh seachtaine nó ar thráthnónta eile den tseachtain, tráth a gcinneann comhordnóir an chláir i gcomhairle leis an mBord Stiúrtha a leithéid a bheith ag teastáil leis an glár a fheidhmiú ina iomláine. Reachtáiltear an cúrsa ó Mheán Fómhair go Bealtaine gach aon bhliain.

Bronnadh

Bronntar Diplóma de chuid Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh orthu siúd a n-éiríonn leo an caighdeán riachtanach a bhaint amach i scrúduithe scríofa agus i modhanna measúnaithe leanúnacha an chláir.

Táille don chúrsa

Mar gheall ar urraíocht fhlaithiúil Údarás na Gaeltachta don chúrsa seo ní ghearrfar aon táille orthu siúd a bhaineann amach áit ar an gcúrsa.

This Diploma in Scientific Studies (Gemmology) provides an introduction to the science of gemmology for people with a general interest in gemstones, as well as for those working in the jewellery and related trades. The programme aims to provide the student with a broad introduction to the study of gemstones. It teaches a range of laboratory-based techniques used to identify gemstones and provides the student with hands-on experience in identification protocols using a comprehensive collection of gemstones. The programme also includes studies of typical geological settings of gemstones during lectures and fieldtrips to Connemara.

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Who is the programme intended for?

The course is open to everyone and is designed for those with no previous training in gemmology. It is suitable as an introductory course for people with a general interest in gemstones, as well as for those working in the jewellery and related trades.

Programme content

The programme consists of lectures, laboratory demonstrations and practicals, including tuition on good practise in the identification of gemstones (teaching collection comprises some 200 cut stones including diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds), examination of gemstones using a range of laboratory instruments including binocular microscope, refractometer, spectroscope, polariscope, dichroscope and conoscope. The programme includes the following topics:

The Dynamic Earth
Earth History
Earth Materials
The Formation and Geological Settings of Gemstones
Global Distribution of Gemstones
The Crystallography and Mineralogy of Gemstones
The Optical Properties of Crystals Gemstone
Properties and Instrumentation
Recording Gemstone Properties/Identification
Protocols
Fashioning of Gemstones
Synthetic Gemstones (Enhancements and Imitations)
Systematic Recording of the Physical and Optical
Properties of Gemstones

There are also two, one day field trips to Connemara to study crystals and minerals in their natural settings

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to this programme.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to:

Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office. Places on the programme are restricted to approximately 25 students.

Assessment

Assessment is by examination (written and practical) at the end of each semester and by continuous assessment.

Duration/attendance requirements

Students attend for 3 hours per week over two years, for a total of four semesters. The programme includes lectures, practicals and the two, one-day field trips form an important element of the programme.

Award

NUI Diploma in Scientific Studies (Gemmology).

Annual fee

The EU programme fee is €1,025 for the 2008 – 2009 academic year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The Diploma in Scientific Studies (Geology) provides an introduction to the science of geology for people with a general interest in the natural environment. It explores key questions such as: How did the Earth and the landscape form? What is a geological hazard? What are geological materials and how are they exploited? What effect does that have on the environment? The programme aims to provide the student with a broad introduction to the study of the Earth and hands-on practical experience of the techniques employed within the field of geology. The principles of geology are covered using case studies and physical materials from around the world and the course includes field trips to see in-situ geology in an Irish context.

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Who is the programme intended for?

The course is open to everyone and is designed for people with no previous training in geology. It is suitable for all people with a general interest in the natural environment and those who appreciate the outdoors; it is suitable for those with or without a general scientific background.

Programme content

The programme consists of lectures and practical exercises concerning the structure of the Earth from the atomic to the planetary level, internal and external Earth processes and materials, and the interaction between people and the planet they inhabit.

The programme includes the following topics:

Planet Earth
Structural Geology and Geological Maps
Building Blocks of the Earth
Crystallography, Mineralogy and Microscopy
Global Geology
Virtual Geology Tours
Evolution of the Earth
Palaeontology
Economic Geology
Earth's Physical Resources
The Human Perspective
Hazards and the Environment

There are also two field trips available per semester, usually from half a day to one day in duration. These are all located in the west of Ireland, in Counties Mayo, Galway, Clare and Kerry and they are designed to complement the course material.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to this programme.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from:
Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199
Fax: 091 495566
Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie

Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office. Places on the programme are restricted to approximately 25 students.

Duration/attendance requirements

Students attend for 3 hours per week over two years, for a total of four semesters. The programme comprises one lecture and one practical per week and two field trips per semester, lasting usually for half a day or a full day. Students must attend at least one field trip each semester.

Assessment

All modules in the Diploma programme are assessed individually. The assessment takes the form of continuous practical assessment, essays or presentations during the semester, and written examinations at the end of the second semester.

Award

NUI Diploma in Scientific Studies (Geology).

Annual fee

The EU programme fee for the 2008-2009 academic year is €1,025. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The Diploma in Social Gerontology covers a broad range of economic, social and political theories relating to age and ageing. The objective of the programme is to examine the impact of social, socio-economic and socio-cultural conditions on the process of ageing and to explore the broad social and economic consequences of this process for older people and society. Meeting this objective enables students to increase and update their knowledge and information of age and ageing in society, to develop and deepen their understanding of economic and social issues related to older people and to improve their scientific and professional knowledge in respect of planning and provision of services for older people in a range of areas. The Diploma in Social Gerontology is a taught, two year, part-time programme.

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is of interest to health and social care professionals who work with older people, including those working in government, non-government and voluntary organisations. It is also of interest to people in active retirement groups and to older volunteers, as well as those who wish to study issues related to older people for their own interest and enjoyment. Participants coming from a variety of backgrounds all bring the rich tapestry of their own life experiences to bear on the programme.

Programme content

Year 1

Introduction to Social Gerontology
Economics of Ageing
Social Perspectives on Ageing

Year 2

Rural Gerontology
Public Policy for Dependent Older People
Research Skills and Research Paper

Entry Requirements

No previous knowledge of social gerontology is required. Applicants are normally expected to have satisfied the matriculation requirement of the University either on the basis of mature years (aged 21 or over by 1st January of the year of entry) or by meeting the normal minimum entry (matriculation) requirements of the University. However, applications from those who do not meet either of these criteria are considered on a case-by-case basis. Students may gain an exemption of 5 credits.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to:

Admissions Office
NUI Galway
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Duration/attendance requirements

Students attend classes at NUI Galway on six Saturdays in Semester 1 and six Saturdays in Semester 2 in each year. Classes run from 9.00am-12.00pm and from 2.00pm-5pm, with opportunities for lecturer consultation in between. The programme is offered on a two year cyclical basis and does not have an annual intake.

Assessment

Modules are examined by end-of-semester written examinations and/or by appropriate continuous assessment. Students must also complete a research paper, not more than 5,000 words long, on a topic approved by the Programme Board.

Award

NUI Diploma in Social Gerontology.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the Diploma in Social Gerontology is €1,025 for the 2008 – 2009 academic year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Blended learning

The part-time Bachelor of Commerce is a 4 year degree programme in business education. A Diploma in Management is awarded upon successful completion of the first 2 years. The part-time B. Comm. is designed to provide a solid foundation in the key business disciplines. It will help students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to new business methods and contexts throughout their working life. Recipients of the Diploma in Management will have a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of business and management while graduates of the Degree programme will have an opportunity to gain a more comprehensive grounding in specialist areas such as Services Marketing, Human Resource Management and E-Commerce.

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma and Degree are aimed at mature students who may currently work in business or hope to in the future, but who could not avail of third level education immediately following second level. The programmes are delivered by blended learning to allow mature students with work and/or family commitments to study at times that suit their needs.

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Programme content Year 1

Introduction to Learning,
 Economics, Accounting, Management
 Information Systems, Business Organisation and
 Management.

Programme content Year 2

Management Accounting, Managerial
 Economics, Macroeconomics, Business Law 1,
 Mathematics, Marketing Principles, Management
 Skills and Organisational Behaviour.

Programme content Year 3

Business Law II, Health Economics & Policy,
 Information & Operations Management,
 Statistics, Entrepreneurship, IR & HRM,
 Marketing Research and Services Marketing.

Programme content Year 4

Business Taxation, Strategic Management,
 Marketing Management, E-Commerce and
 Management of Organisational Change.

Options – choose two from: Financial Reporting,
 Quantitative Methods, Economic Theory,
 Information Systems Innovation, Business
 Negotiations or Marketing Communication.

Students receive a resource pack for each module, containing core learning materials. Some modules will require students to purchase a prescribed text. Students communicate with dedicated module lecturers online using Blackboard, a virtual learning tool. E-mail and telephone support is also available.

Entry requirements

Applicants under the age of 21 must fulfil the matriculation requirements of the National University of Ireland by obtaining passes at one or more sittings of the Leaving Certificate examination in Irish, English, another language, Mathematics and any other two subjects recognised for matriculation. A grade C3 or better at higher level must be attained in at least two of the six subjects.

Applicants who do not meet these requirements may be recommended by the Faculty of Commerce for matriculation on the grounds of mature years, provided they have reached the age of 21 years by 1 January, of the calendar year of entry. Candidates who have previously taken relevant business courses may be exempt from specific modules. Please contact the programme coordinator for more information.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to:

Admissions Office, NUI Galway
 Phone: 091 492199, Fax: 091 495566
 Email: admissions@nuigalway.ie
 Web: www.nuigalway.ie/courses/bcomm_parttime/

Assessment

All modules are individually assessed. Typically this assessment consists of assignments and end of semester examinations.

Duration/attendance requirements

Students who successfully complete all required modules will graduate with a Diploma in Management after two years and a Bachelor of Commerce after four years. The course duration can be extended by taking a reduced number of modules per year. Students are required to attend eight weekend workshops and participate in on-line discussions and activities throughout the academic year. This programme is offered every two years and the next cycle begins in September 2008. Closing date for receipt of applications for the 2008/09 academic year is 20 June 2008.

Award

NUI Galway Diploma in Management.
 NUI Galway Bachelor of Commerce.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the 2008 – 2009 academic year is €3,200. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

For Irish companies to achieve sustainable competitive advantage, it is vital that systems to optimize innovation are built on a foundation of knowledge management and active intellectual asset management. Key individuals must develop the necessary skills to foster innovation within their own organisations, complimented with the ability to maximise the benefit of this innovation to their organisations. The Diploma in Innovation Management aims to improve Ireland's expertise in Innovation Management by providing carefully tailored learning which will ensure individuals are innovation focused, leading to the development of an entrepreneurial culture within their organisations.

Who is the programme intended for?

The Diploma in Innovation Management is targeted at mid to upper level managers responsible for innovation in their organisations or at those who have an interest in introducing innovation into their organisation both in private and public sector companies. The Programme will also appeal to those who have experience or academic credentials such as degrees or diplomas in non-management areas and wish to gain the skills and knowledge to launch their own enterprises or introduce new products or services to the market.

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Programme content

The aim of the programme is to facilitate innovation management learning amongst the participants and in turn to promote an awareness of business innovation. It will equip participants with state of the art reference material to support module topics such as innovation management, product design and development, enterprise modeling and simulation as well as managing technology projects. Participants will learn about innovation and change, and how it effects business operations. They will seek to identify new process technologies that are appropriate to their industry and that will contribute to improving operational efficiency and competitiveness. The programme will also address how to manage new product innovation strategies and process technologies effectively, and identify appropriate business process improvements to facilitate the introduction of such technologies.

On completion of the course participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to enable them to: -

Identify, develop and understand the skills necessary to manage innovation at both operational and strategic levels in their organisation.

Familiarise themselves with business process improvement methods and simulation tools.

Present a professional innovative idea to their peers with the potential to improve business at their organisation.

Module titles include:

Managing Innovation
Enterprise Modelling and Simulation
Managing Technology Projects
Product Design and Development
Company Project
Industry Seminars

Entry requirements

An undergraduate Degree 1st or 2nd Class Honours in any discipline along with 1 year of relevant indus-

trial experience; or

Ordinary or 3rd Class Honours Undergraduate Degree along with 3 years of relevant industrial experience; or

A Recognised Professional Qualification along with 3 years of relevant industrial experience.

Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may be interviewed by the Programme Board to ascertain their suitability for the programme.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from the Adult and Continuing Education Office, NUI Galway or online at www.aua.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is late June each academic year.

Assessment

Each module will be accompanied by a written examination and one piece of continuous assessment work. A selection of assignments will be group orientated and will be based on module content with support from module tutors. The project module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment. In addition to projects and module learning, participants will be encouraged to write an article for an internationally recognised journal.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme is a 1-year, part-time, blended learning programme, running from September to June. The programme is delivered using a blended approach, that is, a combination of self-instructional materials, online learning activities, face-to-face tutorials and seminars.

Award

NUI Diploma in Innovation Management.

Annual fee

The EU fee is currently €3,950 per year. This fee is subject to a yearly review. The fee includes tutor fees, course material and refreshments.

In today's fast-paced competitive environment, organisations both large and small face many challenges. Commercialising emerging technologies is just one of these challenges. With the introduction of new technologies many organisations are often in the dark about what they should be doing or implementing for business process improvement. The Diploma in Technology Commercialisation seeks to improve Ireland's expertise in Technology Commercialisation and to up-skill the next generation of individual entrepreneurs focused on high technology.

Who is the programme intended for?

The course is targeted at mid to upper level managers responsible for technology commercialisation, research program management and business development in both private and public sector organisations. The diploma will be of interest to all industries with a keen interest in technology commercialisation and especially those organisations directly involved in innovation, marketing and technology. The programme will support Irish companies in various sectors to specify and lead projects that will have commercial benefit. It will increase international competitiveness through both its module content and project modules.

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Programme content

The Diploma in Technology Commercialisation is designed to assist managers, scientists and engineers in supporting technology commercialisation activities, realise the potential of innovation and gain a greater understanding of the commercialisation process. This course will provide information and guidance to potential entrepreneurs and give Irish industry the business planning skills and knowledge needed to commercialise new technologies, products and services, and to secure project finance.

The programme includes a project module which supports the taught modules in a very practical way. Participants will participate in project activities that will aid their understanding of the commercialisation options available to an identified venture. It will also enhance their understanding of venture capital financing, along with business planning, business management, marketing and technology development. It is envisaged that this course will also allow participants the opportunity to expand their networks with individuals, companies and agencies involved in Technology Commercialisation.

On completion of the course participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to enable them to:

Develop an understanding of technology commercialisation.

Identify technology based business opportunities, with particular focus on how to assess their market potential and how to judge their appeal to the venture capital community.

Establish the importance of innovation in the exploitation of new technological developments and the transfer process for this technology to enable commercialisation.

Gain an understanding of the importance of intellectual property and patenting as a key element of commercialisation.

Entry requirements

An undergraduate Degree 1st or 2nd Class Honours in any discipline along with 1 year of relevant industrial experience; or

An Ordinary or 3rd Class Honours Undergraduate Degree along with 3 years of relevant industrial experience; or

A Recognised Professional Qualification and 3 years of relevant industrial experience.

Candidates not meeting the minimum entry criteria may be interviewed by the Programme Board to ascertain their suitability.

Application procedure

Application forms are available or online at www.aua.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is late June each academic year.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme is a 1-year, part-time, blended learning programme, running from September to June. The programme is delivered using a blended approach, that is, a combination of self-instructional materials, online learning activities, face-to-face tutorials and seminars.

Assessment

Each module will be accompanied by a written examination and one piece of continuous assessment work. A selection of assignments will be group orientated and based on module content with support from module tutors. The project module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment. Participants will also be encouraged to write an article for an internationally recognised journal.

Award

NUI Diploma in Technology Commercialisation.

Annual fee

The EU fee is currently €3,950 per year. This is subject to a yearly review. The fee includes tutor fees, course materials and refreshments.

The distance learning Master of Science in Technology Management programme provides students with an insight into the role of technology management within the Irish and international economy. The programme aims to develop students' knowledge of product innovation, technology transfer and R&D processes, enabling students and companies to gain competitive advantage through their technology. It is offered under the auspices of the Atlantic University Alliance (AUA), which is a collaborative agreement between UCC, UL and NUI Galway and involves all three Universities working on a number of joint projects in the training, education and R&D area.

The programme aims to:

Develop knowledge and understanding of the increasingly important area of technology management.

Build the management and leadership capabilities of companies and individuals in this area.

Enable graduates to facilitate organisational change and sustainable improvements at the enterprise level through competitive work systems and effective knowledge management.

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Who is the programme intended for?

A wide range of career opportunities are open to graduates of this programme in areas such as research and development, production and operations management, information systems and management consultancy. The programme is suited to a variety of industry sectors including services, biotechnology, manufacturing, healthcare and the public sector.

Programme content Semester 1
Innovation and Technology Transfer
Strategic Business and Operations Management
Organising for Effective Innovation
Information Systems and Software Management

Programme content Semester 2
Strategic Business and Technology Management
Technology Finance and Capital
Managing Technology Projects
Marketing Technology Products

Programme content Semester 3
Product Design and Development
Manufacturing Improvement Methodologies
Leadership, Change and Innovation Management
Enterprise, Product Modelling & Simulation

Programme content Semester 4
Science, Technology and Society
HR for Technology Management
Thesis

Alternative modules may be offered in each semester, please check with the course coordinator for final listing of modules on offer for the academic year in which you are applying.

Entry requirements

Applicants are expected to hold a primary honours degree or equivalent and have at least 3 years of industrial experience. Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may apply for the postgraduate Diploma in Innovation Management or the postgraduate Diploma in Technology Commercialisation. On successful completion of either of these programmes, students may apply for entry to the MSc Technology Management with exemptions.

Application procedure

Application forms are available on www.aua.ie. Please note that the next intake for this Masters programme is September 2009.

Assessment

Exams are held at the end of each semester in January and June at each tutorial location. Module assignments and the final year thesis are company-based to enhance their benefit to the student and the company.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme is a 2-year, part-time, blended learning programme, running from September to June. Students are required to submit a thesis by late August in year 2 of the Programme. The programme is delivered using a blended approach, that is, a combination of self-instructional materials, online learning activities, face-to-face tutorials and seminars.

Award

NUI Master of Science in Technology Management.

Annual fee

The EU fee is currently €8,270 per year. This fee is subject to a yearly review. The fee includes tutor fees, course material and meals and refreshments during seminars held at the distance education locations.

This distance learning programme is a 4-year, part-time programme in Community and Family Studies. Students are awarded a Diploma in Community and Family Studies upon successful completion of the first 2 years of the programme and a Bachelor of Arts in Community and Family Studies on completion of the 4-year cycle. This programme is designed to enable participants to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills relevant to family and community work practice and policy in Ireland or abroad. The main focus of the Degree programme is on Community and Family studies and it examines community development, family support, adolescence, childcare, health, political and general socio-economic studies.

Who is the programme intended for?

This programme was developed in response to the continuing education needs of personnel working in community/voluntary and state sectors actively supporting community and family life in a rapidly changing society. It is an interdisciplinary programme drawing upon selected components of Sociology, Politics, Community Development, Family Studies and Law.

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Programme content

This Diploma/BA programme is designed specifically to create accessible, student-centred learning opportunities within the Social Sciences. Core blended learning materials, developed by NUI Galway practitioners and experts in the field of community and family support are provided to students at the start of the programme. The programme is devised on a modular, credit basis. Each module carries a specific number of credits. The maximum number of credits that a student can attain each year is 45 credits.

Year 1

Introduction to Sociology
Social Research Skills
Understanding Communities
Family & Society
Community and Family Studies:
Independent Research Project 1

Year 2

Politics and Policy Making
Issues in Contemporary Family Life
Group Work and Community Leadership
Community and Family Studies:
Independent Research Project 2

Year 3

Research Methodology in the Social Sciences
Childhood and Adolescence
Family and Societal Interactions
Community and Family Studies:
Independent Research Project 3

Year 4

Life Long Learning: Policy and Practice
Community and Family: Project Planning,
Development and Evaluation
Equality and Diversity
Research Project 4

In each of Years 1, 2 and 3, students also choose an elective module. Module titles may change in subsequent offerings of this programme.

Entry requirements

Applicants for the programme should meet the University's requirements for mature students. Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence the BA in Community and Family Studies. Students are selected following an assessment process.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to the Programme Administrator, Community Education Centre, Hygeia Office Block, Nuns Island, NUI Galway.

Assessment

Students must attend workshops and submit an assignment for each module. Students must also submit a project at the end of each year of study. A proportion of marks are also based on written examinations.

Duration/attendance requirements

Each programme consists of a combination of learning materials, workshops and assignments. Students must attend a series of 1 or 2-day workshops held at a number of outreach locations throughout Ireland - there is approximately one workshop per month.

Award

NUI Diploma in Community and Family Studies. NUI Bachelor of Arts in Community and Family Studies.

Annual fee

The EU fee for this programme is circa €3,000 per year. The cost of learning materials and the tuition is included in the programme fee. In the event that course fees are being sponsored for a student, for example, by an employer, appropriate payment arrangements are agreed with the student involved. A deposit of 50% of the course fee must be paid on commencement of the programme.

The Diploma in Employee Assistance and Social Support is a 2-year, blended learning training programme for staff working or intending to work in Employee Assistance Programmes (EAPs). The programme provides knowledge and basic training in the skills necessary to fulfil the role of an EAP practitioner. The programme is broadly based in recognition of the very different functions and responsibilities allocated to the EAP support role in different types of enterprise and organisations.

The aim of the course is to offer participants a broad range of knowledge and skills that will equip them to work in EAPs. On successful completion of the course, participants will be able to:

Describe and explain the origins of Employee Assistance and differing national approaches to EAP policies, legislation and practice in the European Union

Demonstrate in their work an ability to use a wide range of interpersonal skills appropriate to the needs of their clients

Demonstrate the ability to respond with appropriate skills to a wide range of frequently occurring workplace problems

Describe and advise on different ways of providing EAP services in a workplace

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is particularly suitable for staff working in Employee Assistance Programmes (EAPs) and who wish to update their skills.

Programme content Year 1

There are five modules in each year. The modules in the Certificate year (Year 1), focusing on the basic knowledge and skills for the practice of employee assistance are:

Employee Assistance; Origins, Principles and Organisations
Individual Help in the Employee Assistance Process
Problem Management and Creativity
Negotiations and Negotiation Skills
The Legal and Policy Framework of EAP

Programme content Year 2

In the Diploma year (Year 2), the focus is on workplace problems that are encountered particularly frequently. Processes and procedures for managing and coping with these problems are explained and the interpersonal skills needed at the various stages of these procedures identified and practised. The modules in the second year are:

Practical Research and Writing
Employee Assistance – Psychological Trauma
Depression and Common Mental Disorders in EAP
Employee Assistance – Bullying and Harassment
Responding to Substance Misuse in the workplace

Entry requirements

Applicants must have reached 21 years of age on 1 January of the calendar year of entry. Applicants should have appropriate experience in some area of Human Resources or Employee Assistance and should be in a position to undertake course assignments and projects in a Human Resources or EAP setting.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to the Programme Administrator, Adult and Continuing Education Office, NUI Galway.

Assessment

Assessment is by means of two assignments for each module (a learning review diary and an assignment), plus an end of year project for each year of the course.

Duration/attendance requirements

The Diploma programme is a 2-year, part-time training programme. A full set of self-paced, self-instructional learning materials is provided at the start of each module. The time it takes to work through a module depends on the individual student. Participants are required to attend five, 2-day workshops each year. Attendance at workshops is a key programme requirement.

Award

NUI Certificate in Employee Assistance & Social Support – after successful completion of the first year.

NUI Diploma in Employee Assistance & Social Support – after successful completion of the second year.

Annual fee

The EU fee is currently €2,750 per annum. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

This programme aims to provide a flexible, part-time, blended learning route for students to gain the necessary professional skills, conceptual frameworks, methods, technologies and hands-on experience of software development as a basis for a career in the IT industry.

Students also acquire specialised knowledge of specific IT topics, particularly in the area of software development and database systems, and develop advanced research and/or development skills. The programme is offered jointly by NUI Galway and Regis University, Denver, USA.

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Who is the programme intended for?

As the programme is delivered completely on-line, it is particularly suitable for students who are in full-time employment who wish to re-skill or update their IT competencies. Due to its on-line delivery format, students can study where and when they want providing increased flexibility for the learner.

Programme content

The core syllabus is comprised equally of software development modules and information systems modules. It provides students with the conceptual frameworks, methods, technologies and hands-on experience of software development and information systems. In addition, students undertake a number of optional modules, allowing them to specialise in advanced software development and other computer science disciplines. Students also undertake a major research and/or development project, leading to a thesis.

Programme modules include:

*Software Engineering
Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
Application Programming
Database Architecture
Database Concepts
Database Administration
Middleware Architectures and Database Applications
XML Concepts for Database Development*

Students choose two elective courses in second year from the following options:

*Object-Oriented Design
Object-Oriented Programming
Distributed Systems
Artificial Intelligence
Real-Time Systems
Graphics Programming*

Entry requirements

The Master of Science in Software and Information Systems is open to honours degree graduates (minimum 2nd class honours) in Science, Engineering or other relevant disciplines, to other graduates with 3 or more years of relevant experience and to those otherwise satisfying the Master of Science entry standards of the NUI Galway Engineering Faculty.

Application procedure

Application forms are available online at: www.pac.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is late June in each academic year.

Assessment

Assessment is by means of both continuous assessment and through formal online examinations. Online laboratory sessions and tutorials, individual or group software and information systems projects and the research and/or development thesis are assessed, in addition to the formal examinations.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme is normally completed over 2 years on a part-time basis. Examinations are held at the end of each module.

Award

NUI Master of Science in Software and Information Systems.

Annual fee

The fee for the programme in 2008/09 is €4,170, for those who qualify for the EU rate of fees. The fee for those who do not qualify for the EU rate is €8,270. This fee is subject to a yearly review. This programme is subsidised by the HEA IT Investment Fund.

The B.Sc. in Rural Development aims to enable participants to develop a broad-ranging knowledge of the theoretical field of rural development. It introduces participants to the rural development policy framework and trains participants in the planning and management of rural development activities, particularly in aspects such as community or area analysis, area planning and project management. The programme also aims to create awareness of the differential impacts of various rural development approaches and to introduce participants to a variety of strategies to combat social exclusion in rural areas.

Extensive use of information technology is a key feature of programme delivery, including the use of the Blackboard online learning system. The programme is delivered through a combination of blended learning methods for home-based study, supplemented by inter-university seminars and group workshops.

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Who is the programme intended for?

This programme is intended for people working in rural development in a voluntary or professional capacity, or those with a keen interest in a career in rural development.

Programme content

Level 1

Introduction to Rural Development, Socio-economic Aspects of Rural Development, Socio-economic Community/Resource Audits, Community and Rural Development Through Groups, Choosing and Setting Up a Rural Development Organisation, Marketing for Rural Enterprise

Business Planning and Stimulating Rural Enterprise, Interpersonal Communications, Leadership and Group Work Skills, Designing and Managing an Area Development Plan, Inter-Organisational Partnerships and the Role of Support Agencies, Social Exclusion and Gender Equality Issues in Rural Development, Integrated Field Work Project

Level 2

SME Development, Co-Operative Theory and Practice, Project Planning and Development, Information Technology, Communications in Development

Public and Social Policy Processes, Community Education and Development, Rural Labour Markets, Rural Development: Social and Economic Aspects of Policy and Planning, Socio-Economic Research

Level 3

Financial Analysis and Planning, Food Business, Socio-Economic Research, Health and Social Service Policy, Rural Tourism, Co-Operative and Rural Social Enterprise Management, Research Project/Thesis

Entry requirements

Applicants for the programme should meet the University's requirements for mature students. Applicants must have experience in rural development in either a voluntary or professional capacity. Students are selected following an assessment process including an interview.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from the Admissions Office, NUI Galway and can be downloaded from www.v-learn.ie.

Assessment

Assessment may be by means of written examination and/or continuous assessment.

Duration & attendance requirements

The programme is offered over a minimum of 4 years, with first year offered once every 2 years. The next intake for first year is September 2008.

To graduate with a Diploma, candidates must accumulate a total of 60 ECTS over Level 1 (years 1 and 2). Current and previous Diploma graduates may now enrol for the Degree phase of the programme, which commenced for the first time in September 2006.

To graduate with a Degree, candidates must accumulate a minimum total of 120 ECTS over Level 2 and Level 3 of the programme, having already completed the Diploma programme.

Award

NUI Diploma in Rural Development.
NUI Bachelor of Science in Rural Development.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the current year is €3,265 for Degree phase (Year 3 & 4), the EU fee for the Diploma phase (Year 1 & 2) is currently €1,910. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The modular programme in Science & Technology Studies covers a broad curriculum in the area of Science and Engineering and allows students to specialise by choosing from a range of electives. This is a blended learning programme delivered by a combination of distance learning, online resources and classroom based tutorials.

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programme is primarily intended to support those seeking career advancement in a variety of high technology industries such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and manufacturing. It will also appeal to those with a personal interest in Science and Technology.

Programme content

The core programme covers key science, technology and engineering subjects such as Mathematics and Chemistry and applied technology subjects such as Operations Engineering, Environmental Science and Product & Process Design. The programme also provides an introduction to Management and Information Technology.

Students choose a specialist stream in either Science or Technology, which allows them to focus on an area that interests them or has particular relevance to their career path. The programme also includes projects in each year, which will be company-based where possible, providing the opportunity for students to apply their learning directly to the workplace.

Entry requirements

The programme is aimed at students who have no previous third-level qualification. Students under 21 years of age must meet the University's matriculation requirements, which include a pass in at least six subjects. Students aged 21 years or over by January 1st of the year of admission may matriculate on the grounds of mature years alone. A pass in Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended.

Applicants who have completed a Certificate or Diploma in a relevant area may apply for exemptions. Exemptions may be granted up to a maximum of 5 modules in the Diploma cycle and 5 modules in the Degree cycle. Exemptions are considered by the programme board on a case-by-case basis.

Application procedure

Applicants are assessed on the basis of an application form and in certain cases an interview. Application and exemption forms will be available in April 2008 from the programme co-ordinator or by download from the programme web site. The next commencement date for the programme will be the end of August 2008. Further details will be posted on the programme web site when available.

Assessment

Assessment is through assignments, written exams and in some cases practical laboratory sessions. Exams take place at the end of each semester. All modules from the programme will be individually assessed.

Duration/attendance requirements

The programme is delivered by blended learning on a part-time basis. The Diploma can be completed in a minimum of 2 or a maximum of 4 years. The Degree cycle can be completed in an additional 2 to 4 years. Candidates will receive learning materials in both online and in hard-copy format for each module. Materials will be specifically designed for independent study and will be supplemented by supporting reading material and interactive learning resources where appropriate. The programme requires attendance on campus for approximately 10 hours per module, mainly on Saturdays.

Awards

NUI Diploma in Science & Technology Studies - on successful completion of 20 modules or 120 ECTS.
NUI Bachelor of Science in Science & Technology Studies - on successful completion of 40 modules or 240 ECTS.

Annual fee

The EU fee is €360 per module which is payable at the start of each semester. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

The Bachelor of Arts (Social Care) is a 4 year, part-time degree programme delivered through distance learning. This programme is offered by the Department of Health Promotion and provides teaching of theoretical concepts applied to social care practice. It aims to meet the needs of adult students returning to education and to enable those working in the social care field to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills. The course aim is to provide students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of social care.

Who is the programme intended for?

This programme was developed in response to the continuing educational needs of social care workers. It is intended for those working in the social care field in both residential and community settings, with various client groups such as older people and people with a disability. These social care programmes are suitable for participants who are actively involved in social care work and who wish to obtain formal qualifications in the area. They also provide an opportunity for adults returning to education.

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Programme Structure

This Bachelor of Arts (Social Care) will be provided on a modular basis over four years. The programme will be delivered through blended learning; which includes a combination of contact workshops, seminars and distance learning and work placements. Students will receive interactive materials for home study and attend a workshop in a local venue for each module. In the 1st and 2nd year of the programme, students will also be required to attend one weekend seminar in the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Programme Content

The following outlines the key modules for the Bachelor of Arts (Social Care). Each module will carry a specific number of European Credit Transfers (ECTS) with students undertaking 45 credits per year.

Year One - Certificate in Social Care (Total 45 ECTS)

Redefining Health and Well Being Seminar 1
Basic Care Skills
Health Services and Policy Context
Work Placement 1
Introduction to Information Technology for Social Care Practice
Introduction to the Legal and Ethical Context of Social Care

Year Two - Diploma in Arts Social Care (Total 45 ECTS)

Skills in Practice for Social Care Seminar 2
Psychology for Social Care Workers
Sociology for Social Care Workers
Work Placement 2
Introduction to Social Research Skills
Independent Research Project 1

Degree Cycle - Year 3 (Total 45 ECTS)

Health and Social Care Services
Equality and Diversity

Social Care Theory and Practice 1
Research Methodology in the Social Sciences
Work Placement 3

Degree Cycle - Year 4 (Total 45 ECTS)

Social Care Theory and Practice 2
Promoting Health in Social Care
Working with Older People
Working with People with Disabilities
Working with Children/Young People
Research Project

Assessment

Assessment of course modules, seminars and work placements will be based on written assignments, practical work, project work and examinations, or any combination of these.

Awards

The Bachelor of Arts (Social Care) will be awarded on the successful completion of the four years and with the attainment of a total of 180 (ECTS). The opportunity exists for students to exit the social care programme at the end of year one, having successfully completed the course requirements and be awarded a Certificate in Social Care. Students who successfully complete year two can exit the programme and be awarded a Diploma in Arts Social Care.

Progression

Students can choose to exit the social care programme with a Certificate in Social Care after successfully completing year one. Entry to the second year is open to those who have successfully completed the first year and obtained a mark of or in excess of 60%.

Entry requirements

Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence this Bachelor of Arts (Social Care), however applicants must have previous experience in care work which can be in a paid or voluntary capacity.

Application procedure

Application forms are available from and should be returned to:
 Secretary of the Social Care Programmes
 Department of Health Promotion
 National University of Ireland
 Galway

Annual fee

The EU fee for the 2008 – 2009 academic year is circa €2,250. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Previous Social Care Graduates

Past graduates of the Diploma in Social Care from NUI Galway are credited with 60 (ECTS) credits; 30 for the Certificate and 30 for the Diploma year. It is necessary for past diploma graduates who wish to progress onto the Bachelor of Arts (Social Care) to undertake an additional year to gain entry to the degree cycle. On successful completion of this additional year, students will be eligible to progress to the last two years (year three & four) of the Bachelor of Arts (Social Care).

Intended for

People who are actively involved in social care work and who have already successfully completed a Certificate or Diploma in Social Care.

Programme structure

The additional material required by past graduates will be delivered through a combination of home study and workshops. Students undertake the following modules totalling 30 credits.

Additional Material (30 ECTS)

Introduction to Social Research Skills

Introduction to Information Technology for Social Care Practice

Introduction to the Legal and Ethical Context of Social Care

Independent Research Project

On successful completion of this programme, students progress onto years 3 and 4 of the BA Social Care.

There are four Training and Education blended learning programmes, offered by the Open Learning Centre, NUI Galway.

Foundation Diploma in Training and Education

Certificate in Training and Education

Diploma in Arts (Training and Education)

Bachelor of Arts (Training and Education)

Enquiries

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Who is the programme intended for?

The programmes are designed to meet the needs of those with experience in training, a previous qualification in training, experience in human resources development or management or experience in the voluntary or community sector, or those who wish to develop a career in this area.

Blended learning

Each Training and Education programme has its own unique set of self-instructional learning materials, which students receive at the start of the programme. These materials have been developed by NUI Galway practitioners and experts in the field of training and education. The cost of learning materials and the tuition is included in the programme fee. Each programme consists of a combination of learning materials, workshops and assignments. The workshops are held at a number of geographic locations throughout Ireland.

Entry requirements

Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence studying on the Open Learning programmes in Training and Education. However, applicants should have appropriate experience in a training or educational organisation and must be in a position to undertake assignments and work-based projects relating to practical aspects of training and education. In some cases, a student must have completed one or more specific programmes before embarking on a given programme.

Application procedure

Please contact the Open Learning Centre for application forms or download the information from the Open Learning Centre web site; www.openlearningcentre.com. The closing date for application for the first year of this programme is normally in late May.

Assessment

Students must attend workshops and submit an assignment for each module. Students receive written feedback on the assignments. Students also submit a project at the end of each year of study.

Duration/attendance requirements

The time it takes to work through a module depends on the individual student. It does, however, take on average 40 hours to work through a 10 ECTS module, including activities and progress checks. This is a commitment of 2 hours, 5 nights a week for 4 weeks per 10 ECTS module. This time does not include the time it takes to work on the module assignment or the time spent at the workshops, which are compulsory.

Award

NUI Certificate, Diploma or Degree in Training and Education.

Annual fee

The EU fee for the Foundation Diploma is currently €950 and for the other programmes is currently €2,900 for each year. These fees are subject to a yearly review.

Where course fees are being sponsored by employers, the University facilitates appropriate payment arrangements with the students involved.

Foundation Diploma in Training and Education

This programme can be taken as a short, stand-alone programme or as a preparation for further study in Training and Education. Students who successfully complete this Foundation Diploma and then undertake the Certificate in Training and Education core programme are exempt from the Essential Trainer Skills module in the Certificate programme. The Foundation Diploma may run several times per year in a number of outreach locations. Contact the programme administrator for details.

Programme content

The programme runs over a 12 week period. It consists of workshops and Open Learning materials. Topics include the context of training and education, training and learning, planning for training, the trainer in action, evaluation and assessment and quality in training and education. This course also deals comprehensively with equality and diversity issues in the trainer's workplace. Participants attend a total of 4 days of workshops and must submit an assignment at the end of the course.

FÁS policy

FÁS recognises this Foundation Diploma as meeting a registration requirement for trainers.

Enquiries

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Certificate in Training and Education

This programme can be taken as the first year of the BA or as a stand-alone Certificate programme.

Programme content

The programme consists of the following:
The Individual Learner (5 ECTS)
Learning in Groups (10 ECTS)
The Learning Process (5 ECTS)
Learning - Essential Trainer Skills (10 ECTS)
The Assessment of Learning (5 ECTS)
Work-Based Project (10 ECTS)

Alternative modules of equivalent status may be offered in different years.

Diploma in Training and Education

Taken as the second year of the BA, participants must have successfully completed the Certificate in Training and Education Year 1.

Programme content

The programme consists of the following modules:
Management of Training and Education (10 ECTS)
Course Design (10 ECTS)
Practical Research and Report Writing (5 ECTS)
Course Delivery (5 ECTS)
Understanding Communities (5 ECTS)
Work-Based Project (10 ECTS)

Alternative modules of equivalent status may be offered in different years.

Bachelor of Arts (Training and Education)

The Degree cycle for the BA in Training and Education consists of two years, Year 3 and Year 4. Students must have completed successfully the Diploma cycle in Training and Education (Year 1 and Year 2) to be admitted to the Degree cycle.

Programme content – Year 3

The programme consists of the following modules:
Organisational Management: Human Resources (10 ECTS)
Lifelong Learning in Europe (5 ECTS)
Research Methods in the Social Sciences (5 ECTS)
Project Planning, Management and Evaluation (5 ECTS)
Work-Based Project (10 ECTS)

And one of the following elective modules:
Quality Systems: World Class Standards (10 ECTS)
or
Applied Communications (10 ECTS)

Alternative modules of equivalent status may be offered in different years.

Bachelor of Arts (Training and Education) Year 4

This is the fourth and final year of the BA in Training and Education. Students must have completed successfully Year 3 modules before they proceed to Year 4.

Programme content

The programme consists of the following modules:
Critical Thinking (10 ECTS)
The Irish Administrative System (10 ECTS)
Management of Innovation (10 ECTS)
Research Project (15 ECTS)

Alternative modules of equivalent status may be offered in different years.

The Master of Arts in Adult Learning and Development is intended to give trainers and educators working with adults the opportunity to:

Extend and deepen their knowledge and understanding of theory underlying adult learning and training

Contribute to the debate on the role of life-long learning in the context of international experience, government priorities and the framework for future developments.

Develop analytical and critical skills

Enquiries

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Who is the programme intended for?

The course is designed to meet the needs of those with:

Experience in training

A previous qualification in training

Experience in human resources development or management

Experience in the voluntary or community sector

This blended learning programme is also likely to interest those not currently working in the field of training, but who wish to develop a career in this area and to gain a recognised academic qualification.

Programme delivery

The modular programme is delivered on a part-time basis over 2 academic years, utilising technology-based blended learning methods and including attendance at interactive workshops, seminars and tutorials. Skills development and contributions from practitioners in the field form an integral part of the programme.

Programme content

The modules have a dual focus on Adult Learning and on Training and Development, as follows:

Human Resource Development and Training for Work

Psychology of Learning 1

Learning Society 1

Research Methods 1

Management of Training and Education

Educational and Training Technology

Psychology of Learning 2

Learning Society 2

Research Methods 2

Dissertation

Entry requirements

Candidates must have achieved at least a second class honours grade in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Training and Education or its equivalent. Candidates should also have a minimum of three years experience in training and education or other relevant experience.

Application procedure

The next intake to this programme is September 2009.

Assessment

Participants are required to submit a written assignment for each module. A proportion of marks are also assigned based on the quality of contributions to online discussions on programme topics. Students must submit a dissertation on a chosen subject during the second year of the course.

Award

NUI Master of Arts in Adult Learning and Development.

Annual fee

The EU fee is approximately €3,200 each year. This fee is subject to a yearly review.

Returning to learning

The Access Course is a 1-year, part-time evening course that aims to provide mature students with the opportunity to prepare personally and academically, for an undergraduate course of full-time study of at least 3 years duration at NUI Galway. The course is designed to:

Meet the learning needs of the adult student

Provide individual attention and assistance where appropriate

Provide financial support, subject to sufficient funding being available

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Programme content

The course content consists of core subjects and academic options. The core subjects include:

Study Skills
Applied Writing
Information Technology
Educational Guidance

The academic options provide students with introductory University courses as a prelude to continuing their studies at a higher level. Students generally study four academic options, from the following subjects:

Arts: Philosophy, Sociology, History, Irish, English, Mathematics, Legal Science, Spanish, Economics, Classical Civilisation
Science/Engineering/IT: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
Commerce: Economics, Mathematics
Celtic Studies: Irish

The exact subjects on offer in a given year may vary, depending on the availability of specialist tutors. There may also be guest lectures in subjects such as Psychology, Classical Civilisation and Archaeology or on other subjects.

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements, such as Leaving Certificate or aptitude tests, but typically candidates have a keen interest in reading and learning in general and aspire to continue their education to degree level and/or beyond.

Applicants must be 22 years of age or over on 1 January in the year of application.

Application procedure

The application procedure consists of:

An application form, available from and returned directly to the Access Office

Recommendations by two referees, sent directly to the Access Office

A 15–20 minute interview

A short written piece (on day of interview)

Through these means, applicants demonstrate their interest and ability in pursuing third-level studies.

Assessment

The criteria for successful completion of this course involves satisfactory attendance and performance in all elements of the programme. Students' academic progress is measured through a process of written and oral continuous assessment and examinations held at the end of each semester.

Duration/attendance requirements

This part-time course runs over the academic year, lasting approximately 28 weeks. Classes are held on two or three evenings per week from 18:30–22:00 hours and one Saturday per month (3–5 hours). Private (home) study is an integral and important part of the course. Students also have the opportunity to attend some undergraduate lectures on campus, by arrangement.

Award

Participants who successfully complete the Access Course receive a Certificate of Completion from NUI Galway and are eligible to apply for direct entry via the CAO to full-time University degree courses in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Celtic Studies, Science, Engineering and Law. In certain instances, interviews with the Department Head or Faculty Head may also be required.

Annual fee

Course costs for those selected to attend the course are borne by the University, subject to sufficient funding being available.

These 1-year, part-time, evening programmes are organised jointly with Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). The programmes give participants the opportunity to experience third level education and enhance their knowledge in relevant subject areas.

The preparatory nature of these programmes builds up the participants' confidence in their academic ability and equips participants with skills that will help them to participate in a third-level education programme.

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Who is the programme intended for?

These programmes are designed for individuals who have been out of the formal education system for some time and who now wish to begin third-level studies in Science, Engineering, Technology or in Commerce.

Programme content

The Foundation Course in Science, Engineering and Technology focuses on four specific subject areas:

Physics
Chemistry
Biology
Mathematics

The Foundation Course in Commerce focuses on three specific subject areas:

Mathematics
Economics
Accountancy

The aim of these teaching programmes is to foster in the participants confidence and enthusiasm for each subject and to introduce them to the conceptual framework and language of each subject area.

Entry requirements

There are no specific entry requirements but Leaving Certificate standard is desirable.

Application procedure

Applicants must obtain and complete an application form, which is available from the Mature Students Office, NUI Galway.

Assessment

Assessment may be by means of written examination and/or continuous assessments.

Duration/attendance requirements

The Foundation Course is a 25-week, part-time introductory programme, running over the academic year from October to May.

Classes are held twice a week, one evening from 19:00-21:00 hours and the second evening from 19:00-22:00 hours. There are also occasional Saturday laboratory sessions.

Award

An NUI Galway/GMIT Certificate is awarded to participants who successfully complete these courses.

These courses are a recognised entry requirement for the full-time Science, Engineering and Technology courses at GMIT and NUI Galway and for full-time and part-time Commerce/Business courses at both institutions. Participants on these Foundation Courses must apply through the CAO mature students route for a place on a full-time course. Participants must apply to the CAO before 1 February in the year of entry to a third-level programme, that is, participants apply for a full-time, third-level place that will start the following autumn while still completing the Foundation Course.

Annual fee

The EU fee is currently €300. This fee is subject to yearly review. Social welfare recipients should contact the Access Officer in either GMIT or NUI Galway.

Student Testimonials

At the Adult and Continuing Education Office we are always interested to hear what our students think about our programmes. Student feedback forms an integral part of programme development. The following is what some of our past and current students had to say...

Having completed the Diploma in English Literature in NUI Galway which I enjoyed very much, I was very interested when the BA with core subjects in English, Economics and History became available. Now in my final year, I can say it has been a very rewarding experience for me. I have benefited from it by way of personal development – the knowledge I have gained and the people I have met during this four-year period. A strong bond has developed between the students and a number of us have formed a study group which meets regularly. Though a good deal of hard work and commitment is needed, I would highly recommend the Evening BA Programme.

Alice Hoary, Staff Member, NUI Galway, Bachelor of Arts (2008)

Studying for an evening BA degree would seem daunting to most. When I decided to embark on this at NUIG in 2004, I had to balance this additional commitment with commuting from my home in Cork every Monday morning combined with a full-time job in Galway during the week. Once I started, the encouragement and support from the college departments, lecturers and my fellow students kept me focused and driven. In 2008 I will graduate with a degree in Economics and History and while this required dedication and hard work it will have been the most energising period of my life. I can highly recommend this worth-while experience and course of study.

Des Meade, Manager, Dunnes Stores (Galway), Bachelor of Arts (2008)

I was delighted with the Diploma in French and I tell everyone about it. The lecturers were so encouraging and even though I had no French to begin with, I made a commitment to the course. With a nephew living in France, I can now converse with his family! I'm now considering other course options.

Margaret Fahey, actively retired, Diploma in French (2007)

On-line support, through the Blackboard learning system, has made this course much easier than I expected. Information is accessible when it suits me so I can work at my own pace, fitting it in around my own lifestyle. Between the dedicated lecturers and the combined workplace experiences of the class, there is a wealth of knowledge to absorb. Everything I have learned is relevant to my job and has broadened my understanding of the workplace.

Sheila Gethings, Manufacturing Supervisor, Medtronic, Bachelor of Commerce - via blended learning (2008)

I did not have an opportunity to go to University after school, so I jumped at the chance to sign up for this course as it looked like it would fit in well with my work/home life. The course is well structured and the content is relevant to my workplace - I can immediately put theory into practice. Online lecturer/student interaction is instantaneous; we are never left battling with a subject on our own. The sense of achievement from doing this course is immense. My advice is - just go for it!

Shirley Flanagan, Boston Scientific Ireland Ltd, Bachelor of Commerce - via blended learning (2008)

As part of our family business "Connemara Marble Industries Ltd", I was designing and manufacturing jewelry when I first heard about the Diploma in Gemmology. I loved working with rough, polished and cut stones, but was very nervous about studying for a Diploma as it was years since I had left the education system. Nearly two years later I am so happy I decided to further my education in this area. We are very fortunate in Galway to avail of these educational opportunities.

Frances Murphy, Connemara Marble Industries Ltd, Diploma in Gemmology (2008)



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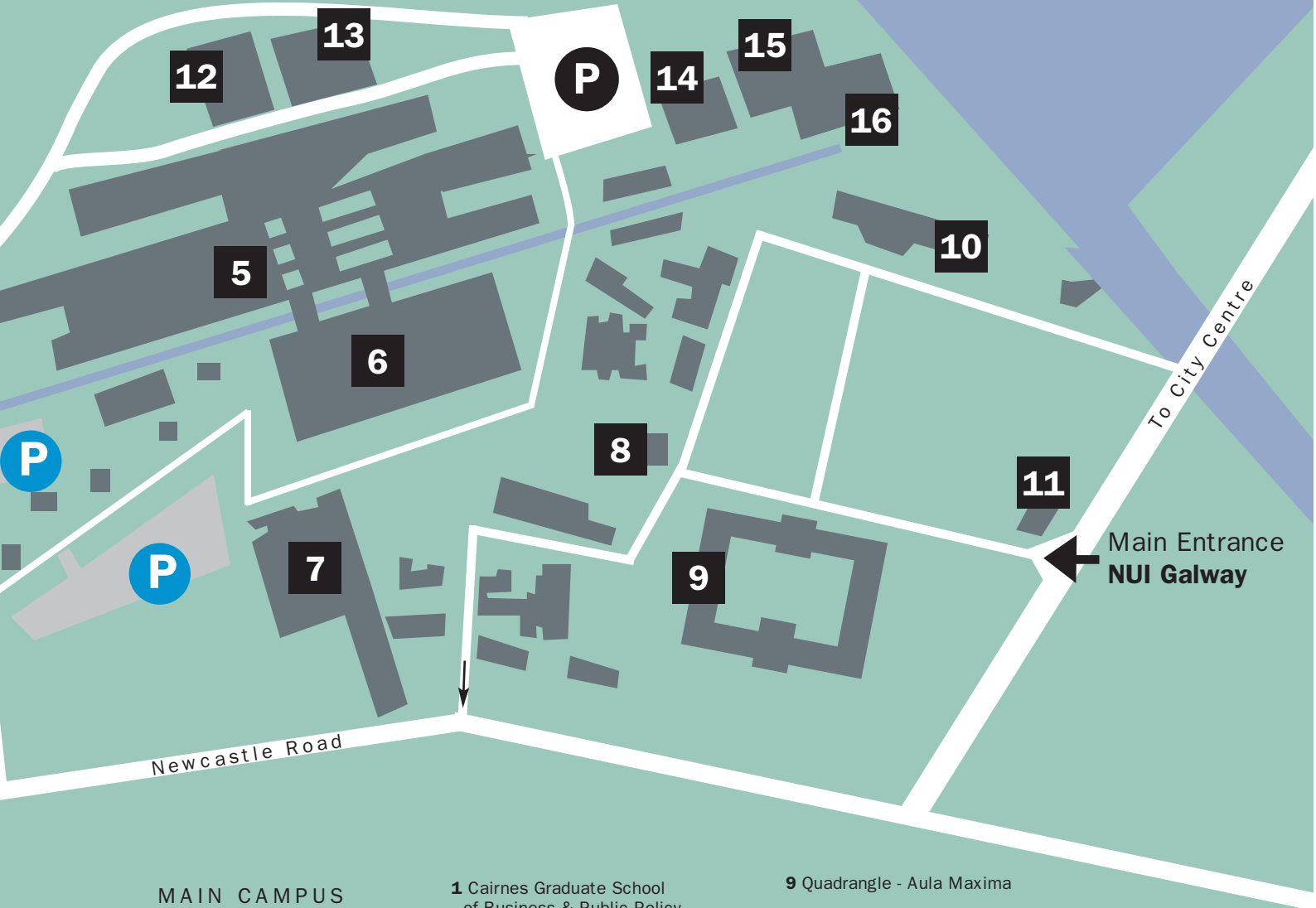
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| 1 Cairnes Graduate School of Business & Public Policy | 9 Quadrangle - Aula Maxima |
| 2 Nursing Therapies and Sociology and Politics | 10 Martin Ryan Institute |
| 3 Science & Technology Building | 11 The Gate Lodge - Alumni Office |
| 4 Corrib Village | 12 I.T. Building |
| 5 Arts & Science Building | 13 NCBES |
| 6 James Hardiman Library | 14 Áras Uí Chathail |
| 7 Arts Millennium Building | 15 Sports Hall |
| 8 Áras Fáilte | 16 Áras na MacLéinn |
| | 17 New Sports Centre |

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