

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies

Adult and Continuing Education Office

Certificate in General Studies

The Certificate in General Studies consists of a range of modules within the humanities area including subjects such as English Literature, Philosophy, Archaeology, History, French and many others. This certificate programme provides an introduction to a number of subjects that students may wish to study at a later date and provides a guide to them as to topics and themes which are included in these areas and may be studied further at diploma or degree level.

Who is the programme designed for?

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

Programme Content and Structure

Each module offered represents 5 credits which may be taken on its own or in conjunction with other modules from the programme menu to make up 15 credits (ie. 3 courses) for the award of a Certificate in General Studies. Students who wish to pursue the Certificate award must register for 1-2 credit courses each semester to gather 15 credits on completion of their studies. Modules are available in either semester one or two with classes taking place on a series of evenings each week from 6.30 – 9.30pm depending on module choice. A small number of modules are delivered via blended learning and are noted in the following list. Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments and by examination during or at the end of each semester.

Students may select up to three modules from the following courses:

- Exploring English Literature – An Introduction
- History – St Patrick and the Coming of Christianity
- History – Government Policy and Economic Development in Ireland Since 1922
- Introduction to the History of Western Philosophy
- Introduction to Archaeology
- Introduction to Local History
- Introduction to Italian
- Introduction to French
- Introduction to Spanish
- Life Skills for Success
- Information Technology (via blended learning)
- Maths (via blended learning)

Programme Delivery: Monday to Thursday evening (for specific evenings/modules, contact the Adult Education Office).

Tuition Fees

The EU fee for 2009/10 will be €1,035.
The non-EU fee will be €1,535.

For further enquiries on programme content, please contact:

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Diploma in General Studies

The Diploma in General Studies is an interdisciplinary programme which provides a broad educational experience for students who may wish to choose from modules in the areas of Science, Engineering, Humanities and Business in accordance with their professional requirements and personal goals. The Diploma comprises a range of individual modules which on completion of the required 30 credits, will lead to the award of a Diploma in General Studies.

Who is the programme designed for?

The Diploma programme may be seen as a stepping stone for students who wish to explore a number of introductory level modules within the Humanities, Science, Engineering and Business areas. It provides a guide for them as they make informed decisions in relation to which specialism they may pursue at diploma or degree level should they so desire. The Diploma programme may equally be attractive for students wishing to enter/re-enter the job market as, through their engagement in programme modules, they develop key professional skills such as written and oral communication, decision making, critical thinking and technical skills required by today's employers.

Programme Content

The programme structure includes two core modules - Essential Life Skills covering communication skills, applied writing and presentation skills and an Information Technology module. Students are also required to take a further four modules in an area of their choice (ie. Science, Business, Engineering or Humanities). The modules as set out in each of the specialist streams are recommended for students who may wish to pursue a professional career in that specialism or for those who may wish to undertake further study at a later date. As the programme intends to provide a broad, liberal education students can equally pick and choose modules from among these streams to a total of four, according to their particular interest and/or professional requirements.

Core Modules

1. Essential Life Skills for Success
2. Information Technology

Elective Modules

Students are required to complete four modules from either stream in an area of their choice.

A. Science

Maths (BL)
Chemistry (BL)
Physics (BL)
Biology & Biotechnology (BL)

B. Engineering

Maths (BL)
Physics (BL)
Introduction to Electro-Mechanical Engineering
Introduction to Environmental Science (BL)

C. Business Studies

Introduction to Management (BL)
Enterprise Development
Organisational Behaviour (BL)
Applied Innovation Management (BL)

D. Humanities

Exploring English Literature – An Introduction
Introduction to Archaeology
Introduction to Local History
Introduction to the History of Western Philosophy

Programme Delivery

The Diploma programme will be delivered on a part-time basis over one year (6 modules) or two years (3 modules per year). Modules will be delivered either on a classroom-basis (Monday to Thursday), where students will be required to attend classes on one evening per week over an eight-week period per module. Alternatively, a number of modules may be delivered via blended learning where students can study at their own pace using online learning materials as well as attending regular, face-to-face seminars which take place on Saturdays. Modules with the notation of (BL) in the above list are delivered via blended learning providing flexibility to students who may not be available to attend classes on a weekly basis.

Tuition Fees 2009/2010

3 modules: €1,035
6 modules: €2,070
The non-EU is €1,535 and €2,570 respectively.

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Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 26 June, 2009.

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Get motivated, **make that jump**

At NUI Galway, we offer a wide variety of courses as part of our Diploma Series; this year we are offering a selection of Diplomas in the modern languages of French, Italian and Spanish. A Certificate and Diploma in General Studies is also available providing students with a choice of subjects in Humanities, Engineering, Science or Business, to explore and enjoy.

So whether you want to improve your career prospects or simply take a course for your own interest and enjoyment, we have a Diploma or Certificate to suit you.

The Diploma Series will begin in September 2009 and will run over a two-year period. The areas selected for this series have proven to be a popular choice among adult learners over the University's long experience of providing part-time programmes.

Each Diploma and Certificate is designed to introduce the student to the subject area, its historical development, theoretical approaches and methodologies. They provide students with a thorough knowledge of the subject and an opportunity to explore its particular themes and concepts from a variety of perspectives.

If you would like further information about any of the Diploma Series programmes, please contact:

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How the Diplomas are Structured

The Diploma programmes are delivered part-time (in the evening), over two years. The academic year is divided into two semesters and each semester consists of twelve teaching weeks, followed by a study week and written examinations. The first semester begins in early September and the second in mid-January of each academic year.

A Diploma is made up of a series of courses or 'modules'. Students can complete three modules over two semesters during each academic year. Each module is worth 5 credits (these credits represent class contact hours and average workload). Having successfully completed six modules over the two year period, students will have earned the 30 credits necessary to be awarded their Diploma. These Diplomas are categorized as level 7 Diplomas on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Students who have successfully completed approved Diploma programmes and decide to progress to degree level (level 8 awards), may be granted credit for their qualification (where applicable and subject to certain conditions).

Teaching Venue

All lectures will be held on the NUI Galway campus. A specific classroom will be designated for each Diploma programme which will be the venue for all of its lectures over the course of the academic year. Registered students will also have access to the NUI Galway library and other University facilities for the duration of the programme.

Class Timetables

Students normally attend class one evening per week, each semester over two years. Lectures begin at 6.30pm each evening and continue until 9.30pm. There will also be an opportunity to talk with your tutor on an individual basis before and after class times (ie. between 6.00–6.30pm and 9.30–10.00pm). Students will be required to attend class on a regular basis as well as allocating extra time at home for reading, preparing course work and studying for exams.

Blended Learning: a number of modules on the Certificate and Diploma in General Studies are taught on a blended learning basis. Course materials are provided to students in a self-instructional format and are complimented by periodic face-to-face lectures which will take place on a Saturday. In addition, students will have access to an online learning portal where supplementary programme materials are available and the continuous support of an online module facilitator who is on hand to answer any of your queries in relation to module content. This mode of study is ideal for those who may not be available to attend class on a weekly basis.

Assessment and Examinations

All modules included in the Diploma series are individually assessed. The assessment for each module will consist of essays, written assignments or oral presentations during the semester, as well as a written exam at the end of the semester.

Ongoing Student Support

We understand that many of our students registering for the Diploma Series may have been away from formal study for some time and so we provide ongoing student support throughout each programme. This includes workshops on study skills, applied writing,

memory and examination techniques. These workshops will be provided outside regular class hours to give students any additional support they may need when writing course assignments and studying for end of semester exams.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for any of the Diploma or Certificate programmes. Students who are aged 21 or over by January 1st of the year of admission are classified as mature students and gain entry on this basis. For the Science/Engineering stream on the Diploma in General Studies, a pass standard in Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is desirable.

Students applying to complete a part-time course at NUI Galway under the age of 21 may, in certain circumstances, be asked to fulfill the Matriculation requirements for the University. If you are under 21, please log onto www.nuigalway.ie/adulthoodeducation where you will find a list of the matriculation entry requirements in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

Tuition Fees

The fee for each programme in 2009/10 will be €1,035. The non-EU fee will be €1,535. A number of scholarships will be available for applicants who have recently become unemployed (since January 2008), and wish to update their skills and knowledge by participating in one of the listed programmes. Scholarships will constitute a 50% contribution to programme fees. A separate application process will be required.

How to Apply

Application forms are available from the:
Adult & Continuing Education Office
Phone: 091 492062
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Admissions Office
NUI Galway
Phone: 091 492199/492137
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You can also download an application form from www.nuigalway.ie/adulthoodeducation.

Send your completed application form, along with the €30 enrolment fee (Postal Order or Bank Draft only, which is non-refundable), a copy of your Birth Certificate, Leaving Certificate (where applicable) to the Admissions Office, NUI Galway.

The Next Step

Eligible students will receive their offer of a course place in mid-July, at which point students interested in accepting a course place will be required to return their acceptance letter along with a payment of €535 (Postal Order or Bank Draft), which covers half of programme fees.

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 26 June, 2009.

Diploma in French

The aim of this programme is to enable students with an interest in French to acquire a high level of written and oral communication skills in the language, through a variety of practical language exercises. Stu-

dents will also study major cultural issues in the contemporary French-speaking world and in their second year, students will be introduced to the world of French literature.

As the programme progresses, students should be able to converse, and comprehend a variety of topics and situations that are encountered in everyday situations in a contemporary French cultural environment.

Who is the programme designed for?

The Diploma caters for all levels of language ability.

Programme content - Year 1

Introduction to French language – written and spoken
French Language – written, spoken and comprehension

Introduction to civilisation, culture and society in France; (Connaître le monde francophone 1)
Oral French – (Parlons Français)

Programme content - Year 2

Improvers' French 1 – (On écoute, on écrit et on parle 1)

Improvers' French 2 – (On écoute, on écrit et on parle 2)

French Culture – (Connaître le monde francophone 2)

Oral French – (Parlons Français 2)

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings.

Tuition Fees

The EU fee for 2009/10 will be €1,035. The non-EU fee will be €1,535.

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Diploma in Italian

Students will be introduced to the basics of the Italian language in order to develop competence in relation to the common situations of everyday life. The course concentrates on all four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and uses authentic material, carefully selected, to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. In addition, a cultural module will introduce students to the main trends in Italian art, cinema, history and culture.

Who is the programme designed for?

The Diploma in Italian is open to everybody and is designed for those who have no previous knowledge of the language. If there are sufficient numbers, it may also be possible to accommodate non-beginners.

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

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings.

The teachers – including a native speaker – will use the direct method of modern language instruction. Students will be gradually introduced to the relevant points of grammar and how these are applied to written and oral structures. By the end of each week/semester/and year students should be able to converse and comprehend a variety of topics and situations that are normally encountered in everyday life at home or abroad. Each session will be divided between language tuition, grammar, comprehension and oral skills. Audiovisual material will be used in order to improve oral and comprehension ability.

Tuition Fees

The EU fee for 2009/10 will be €1,035. The non-EU fee will be €1,535.

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Diploma in Spanish

The Diploma in Spanish aims to equip students with written, oral and comprehension skills in the Spanish language. On completion of the programme, students should be able to engage in conversation on a variety of topics and deal in Spanish with a range of situations encountered in everyday life in Spain and in the Spanish-speaking nations.

The course will include a series of lectures on aspects of the history, culture and contemporary society not only of Spain, but also of the countries of Spanish America (Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Mexico etc.). Student participation and active learning will be key features in programme delivery.

Who is the programme designed for?

The Diploma in Spanish introduces students to the basic elements of the Spanish language and is designed for those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language.

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

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings

Tuition Fees

The EU fee for 2009/10 will be €1,035. The non-EU fee will be €1,535.

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