The key to success is striking a balance between knowledge and experience. You have worked hard at your career, but in order to really excel you need a recognised qualification.

SUCCESSFUL SOLUTIONS
Modular Programme in SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

WHAT TYPE OF COURSE IS IT?

The Modular Programme in Science & Technology Studies is a part-time programme that focuses on the knowledge and skill requirements of high-tech industries. The modular structure is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling you to balance study with work and other commitments and to accumulate credits over a time frame that suits your lifestyle. Learning is delivered by a blend of distance and online resources, on-campus tutorials and labs, and company-based projects.

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS AWARDS AT A LEVEL TO SUIT YOU

- Diploma in Science & Technology Studies
- B.Sc. in Science & Technology Studies
- Specialist Diploma awards: Lean & Quality Systems; Environmental Sustainability; Medical Device Science; Form & Function of the Human Body; Automation and Control
- Continuing Professional Development credit for modules taken on a standalone basis for the purposes of up-skilling or refreshing your knowledge in a specific area

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information on our range of awards, start dates and application details visit our website:
www.aua.ie

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MODULAR PROGRAMME IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

This is the programme for you if:
> You are interested in the dynamic areas of Science and Technology
> You are employed, or seeking employment, in a variety of technology-rich industries, such as medical devices, high-end manufacturing and biotechnology
> You want to up-skill and advance your career, or move into a management role
> You want to re-skill for career change or specialisation in strong or emerging growth sectors
> You want to achieve a widely recognised qualification from a highly respected University but require a flexible study programme

The programme aims to:
> Deliver industry-led learning in a flexible manner
> Provide you with a comprehensive grounding in the foundations of Science and Engineering
> Introduce you to areas of applied and specialist knowledge found in today’s high-tech environments
> Develop important managerial tools such as problem solving, decision making and advanced communication skills

You will find detailed programme content on our website: www.aua.ie

DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

The Diploma consists of 20 modules to be completed over a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 years.

The modules on offer include:
> Core modules which cover the foundations of Science, Engineering, Management and IT
> Electives which allow you to specialise in an area of particular interest to you
> Company-based projects to help you apply your learning in the workplace

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants under 21 years of age on 1 January in the year of application must have a minimum of 2 honours and 4 passes in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent. Other applicants may enter as mature students in which case the Leaving Certificate may not be required, but a pass standard in Maths at Leaving Certificate level is desirable.

SPECIALIST DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Specialist diploma awards at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications may be offered in the following areas on a cyclical basis depending on demand:
> Lean & Quality Systems
> Environmental Sustainability
> Medical Device Science
> Form & Function of the Human Body
> Automation and Control

Each stream consists of four modules and a project in a related topic of your choosing. The specialist diplomas are particularly suitable for those requiring up-skilling for career advancement or focused re-skilling for career change. The Lean & Quality Systems course includes preparation for a Green Belt exam. Credit will be given for completed modules if you then decide to progress to the Degree.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should have completed the Diploma in Science & Technology Studies or a related Diploma.

DEGREE IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

The Degree consists of an additional 20 modules to be taken over 2 to 4 years. The core modules are largely in the areas of production science, systems and operations management.

The elective streams will enable you to specialise and deepen your knowledge in the following areas:
> Medical Device Science
> Environmental Sustainability
> Form & Function of the Human Body
> Lean & Quality Systems
> Automation & Control

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should have completed the Diploma in Science & Technology Studies or a related Diploma.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Modules in the programme may be taken on a stand-alone basis if you wish to up-skill or develop your knowledge in a particular area. On completion you will receive a transcript to add to your professional portfolio or to use for credit towards other awards.

Popular modules for CPD purposes include:
> Introduction to Quality Management
> Regulatory Compliance
> Health & Safety Systems
> Environmental Impact Assessment
> Environmental Management Systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must satisfy the entry requirements for the cycle in which the module is delivered, i.e. Diploma or Degree, as listed above.
DIPLOMA CYCLE

CORE MODULES

1. Introduction to Learning
2. Maths 1
3. Maths 2
4. Statistics
5. Physics 1
6. Physics 2

7. Chemistry
8. Biology & Biotechnology 1
9. Information Technology
10. Organisational Behaviour
11. Intro to Management
12. Intro to Environmental Science
13. Intro to Operations Engineering
14. Operations Engineering
15. Project 1
16. Project 2

ELECTIVE MODULES

Analytical Chemistry
Intro to Quality Management
Intro to Management Science

Design of Engineering Systems
Science, Technology & Innovation
Biology & Biotechnology 2

Database Applications
Molecular Medicine
CAD Modelling

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DEGREE CYCLE

CORE MODULES

1. Product & Process Development
2. Health & Safety Systems
3. Project Management
4. Applied Innovation

5. Management Information Systems
6. Materials Science & Processes
7. Research Methodology

8. Environmental Science
9. Regulatory Compliance
10. Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship
11. Project 3 (double module)

ELECTIVE STREAMS

Automation & Control
Lean & Quality Systems

Medical Device Science
Form & Function of the Human Body

Environmental Sustainability

4 MODULES PER STREAM, CHOOSE 2

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The Atlantic University Alliance (AUA) is a collaboration between University College Cork, University of Limerick and NUI Galway. We have come together to provide a range of flexible, part-time programmes to suit your needs. All our programmes are industry focused and provide practical content for today’s high-tech industries. So whether you want to study for a single module, a full Degree, or a Masters we have a course to suit you.

STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE AND AT TIMES THAT SUIT YOU BEST

This part-time programme is delivered using a blended approach. This means that you can study using a combination of distance and online materials, as well as attending face-to-face tutorials and lab sessions where you meet up with tutors and fellow students. You will have approximately ten contact hours of tutorials for each module being studied, normally on Saturdays. Tutorials take place in NUI Galway and subject to sufficient demand some may also be delivered in University of Limerick (UL).

ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED ALONG THE WAY

We aim to provide a truly supportive learning environment every step of the way. You’ll receive printed and online learning materials designed for independent study, supplemented by online learning resources. We also provide individual support for our students from designated subject tutors. You will also have full access to all student services such as the library, careers service, sports facilities etc.

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed by a combination of assignments and learning activities during the semester and an exam at the end of the semester. The project modules are assessed completely by continuous assessment and are based within your own organisation where appropriate.

FEES

The EU fee is €380 per module. The fee for the Specialist Diploma in Lean & Quality Systems is €2,000 and for the other Specialist Diplomas is €1,900.

Fees cover learning material, tuition and exams. The non-EU fee will include an additional payment of €500 per year. A number of scholarships may be available for applicants who have recently become unemployed. A separate application process will be required. Please see the website for further details: www.aua.ie.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be made online at: www.nuigalway.ie/apply

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