



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

College of Arts, Social Sciences,
and Celtic Studies

Studying Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies



Humanities
Imagination
Journalism Languages
Learning

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COURSE OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts (Omnibus) is one of Ireland's most popular undergraduate degree programmes. One of its key attractions is the wide subject choice on offer.

Students can choose to continue subjects that they enjoyed at School and/or embrace new challenges. The menu available includes Humanities subjects, Languages, Social Sciences, and subjects that one might not readily associate with an Arts degree, such as Economics, IT, Law and Mathematics. Students chart their own study pathways by combining these subjects in fresh and dynamic ways.

Students must register for four subjects in First Arts, which are selected from a menu of 20 subjects.

There is a minimum period of two weeks subsequent to registration to finalise subject selection. Students are assigned an Academic Adviser for the duration of their academic programme who will help with subject choice and other academic matters. While it is useful for students to have narrowed down the list of subjects prior to registration, it is not necessary to have finalised subject choice at that time.

In Second and Final Arts, students choose to continue with two of the subjects passed in First Arts.

COURSE FACTS

Bachelor of Arts (Omnibus Entry)

CAO Code	GY 101
Entry points (2010):	355
Duration:	3 Years BA, 4 years BA International
Average intake:	1000 (Arts Omnibus entry)
Entry requirements:	Minimum Grade HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O Level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
Additional requirements:	None

SUBJECT GROUPINGS:

Students choose four subjects, not more than one from any of the following groups.



Group 1

- Archaeology
- French⁸
- Mathematics

Group 2

- Legal Studies^{1,6}
- Psychology^{1,5,6}
- Celtic Civilization
- *Human Rights*⁷
- *Film Studies*⁷
- *Latin American Studies*^{7,9}
- *Global Women's Studies*⁷

Group 3

- Classics
- Geography
- German^{1,3,4,8}
- *Irish Studies*^{5,7}

Subjects with numbers beside them have certain restrictions attached. For further information please see notes on page 41 of the full undergraduate prospectus. Subjects in Italics are Specialisms that are only available to students for the relevant BA CONNECT programme.

BA (INTERNATIONAL)

The BA (International) is a four-year version of the BA (Omnibus) programme. It is the normal pathway for students taking modern languages, however, this exciting opportunity is also available to non-language students.

For language students, the BA (International) involves spending a period, normally a year, abroad in a country or region where the language(s) for which students are registered is widely spoken.

Students are assigned a place either at a partner university or on an officially sanctioned placement. During the year abroad, students study the language and its literature, together with their other degree subject before returning to complete a normal Final Arts year. Admission takes place in Second Arts. In the case where a student is registered for two languages, the student will normally be required to spend six months in each of the relevant countries/regions.

Non-language students may also gain the BA (International) qualification by taking the Year Abroad at US or European universities, where programmes are available through English.

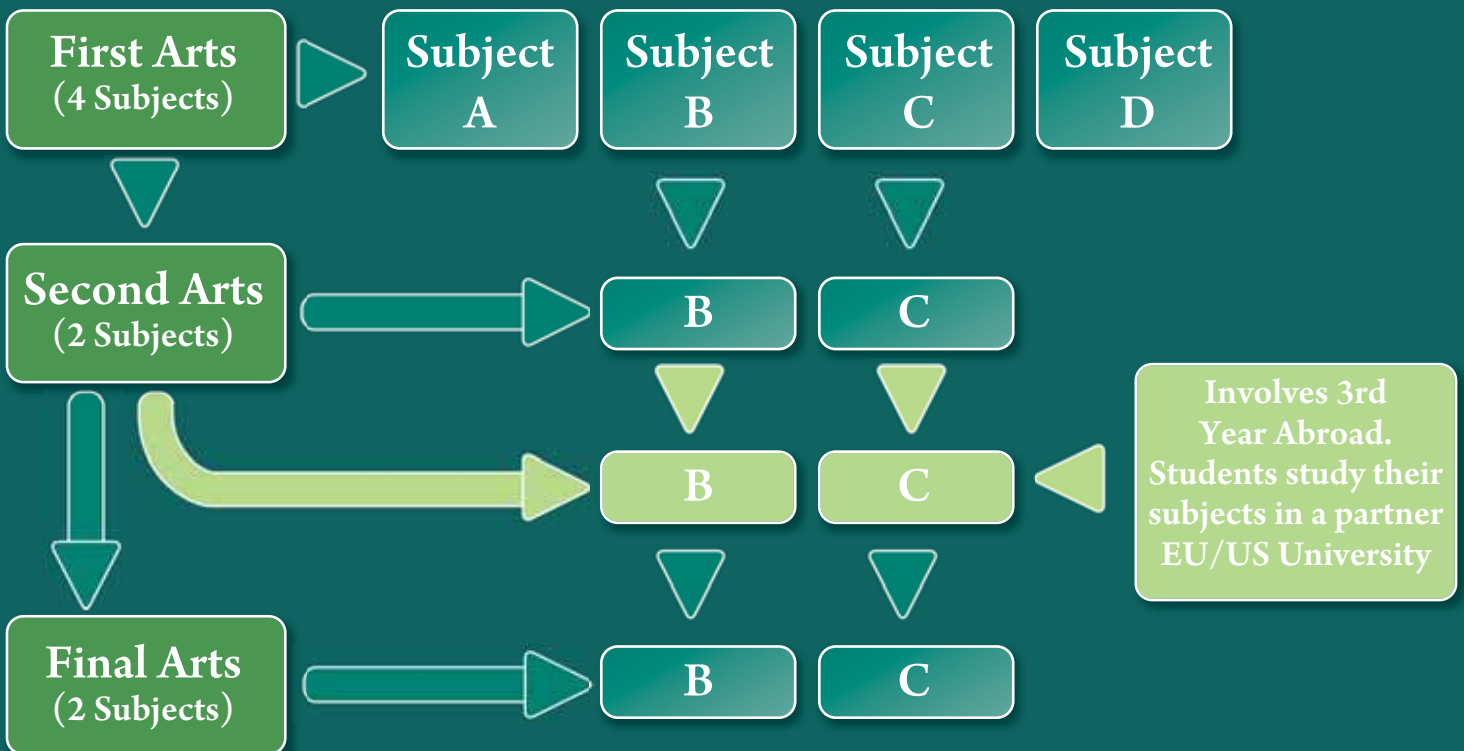
PROGRAMME CONTENT

Students of the BA programme may be considered for admission to the BA (International) where their degree subject(s) are drawn from the following: Archaeology, Celtic Civilisation, Classics, Economics, English, French, Geography, German, History, Information Technology, Irish, Italian, Léann an Aistriúcháin, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Mathematical Studies, Philosophy, Psychological Studies, Sociological and Political Studies and Spanish.

QUOTA OF PLACES

The overall number of places on the programme is limited and there is also a limitation on the number of places available for each modern language.

BA (OMNIBUS) WITH A FOUR YEAR BA (INTERNATIONAL) OPTION



Group 4

- English
- Economics
- *Children's Studies*^{5,7}

Group 5

- Sociological & Political Studies
- Information Technology²
- Welsh⁴
- Léann an Aistriúcháin¹
- *Creative Writing*^{5,7}
- *Theatre and Performance*^{5,7}

Group 6

- History
- Spanish^{4,8}

Group 7

- Gaeilge⁸
- Italian⁸
- Philosophy



FURTHER EDUCATION

A high proportion of Arts graduates undertake postgraduate study. Such courses may be either research-based or taught programmes with an academic or vocational focus. Further study prepares graduates either for employment across a broad spectrum of professions, including journalism, performing arts, policy development, public administration, social work and teaching, or for research at PhD level.

An increasing number of taught Masters' degrees and postgraduate diploma programmes of interest to Arts graduates has been introduced in recent years. In the past

two years, the College has pioneered the development of Structured PhD programmes which combine the traditional research dissertation of the PhD with generic and discipline-specific training modules designed to enhance the students' skills and attractiveness to potential employers.

These programmes can be viewed at the following website: www.nuigalway.ie/courses/research-postgraduate-programmes/ or contact the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies t + 353 91 493 958 f + 353 91 495 508 Email: collegearts@nuigalway.ie



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Arts graduates pursue careers in many sectors and are valued for their flexibility and critical thinking skills. Thus, alongside traditional career choices, such as administration and teaching, our graduates may be found in business, commercial, educational, non-governmental, public, and voluntary organisations.

The broad scope of the BA degree also offers vocational subjects, which can provide routes to professional careers, such as law, psychology, and translation/interpreting. The website below gives examples of careers taken up by Arts Graduates and has a range of useful advice for those seeking to take up employment on completion of their Arts degree.

www.nuigalway.ie/careers/students/opp_arts.html



Graduate Profile

“As a student studying Irish and French, I hadn’t realised that interpreting would be a viable career option for me.



I chose these languages for the simple reason that I liked them! Truth be told, conference interpreting wasn’t an option for graduates of Irish and French when I chose my subjects and that remained the case until my final year in Arts when Irish got EU recognition. There has always been a need for interpreters with Irish in Ireland as we are a bilingual country. I’m glad to have returned to Galway to provide the same high standard of training on Irish soil.

I did my primary degree in NUI Galway, an M.A in Irish in NUI Galway and I’m delighted to be part of the staff of NUI Galway nowadays also. I’m also part of the Freelance interpreting team working at EU level conferences. I regularly work at the European Parliament, The Council of Ministers, The Committee of the Regions.

I’m delighted to count some of my former students among my current colleagues also, an unusual but fulfilling situation. One day I’m in NUI Galway training interpreters, the next I’m in Brussels in a political meeting about Equal Opportunities. It’s not often the case that a lecturer can recommend a career choice but I’m in the lucky position that I do both – I teach and I’m still a working interpreter. It’s essential that students learn from a professional who’s active in the field and I count my lucky stars that I’m able to do this at NUI Galway.”

Susan Folan

Bachelor of Arts Graduate, currently employed in Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, NUI Galway

What our students say...



Hannah Healy

Bachelor of Arts

“There are many reasons why I chose to attend NUI Galway.

It’s a great campus with a fun atmosphere and many events taking place!

I chose to study Arts because it gives you a wide variety of subjects to choose from, so it seemed the best option for me. I hope to do a postgraduate programme in Public Relations once I’m finished.

Being from Galway, I enjoyed the comfort of always being welcomed by a familiar face. Having said that I still wanted the other advantage of college life, meeting new people and getting involved in all the great clubs and societies NUI Galway had to offer. In first year I joined the Surf Club and went on numerous weekend and day trips throughout the year and the craic you have on those is unbelievable!

NUI Galway is a great university with such friendly open-minded people and I’m sure whoever decides to attend Galway will love it as much as I do.”



Find out more

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