ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Entry Requirements
Entry requirements for undergraduate programmes may vary, however as a general guide students presenting HKDSE (Diploma of Secondary Education) will required (at a minimum) to obtain Levels 5,4,3,3 in English Language, Liberal Studies, Chinese and Mathematics. Electives should be passed with at least Level 3 and students are expected to present a minimum of 5 subjects.

Postgraduate Entry Requirements
Entry requirements for Master’s programmes vary, however an honours level undergraduate degree with 3.0-4.0 CGPA will be considered for admission to most programmes, depending on specific course requirements and availability of places.

NUI Galway English Language Requirements
In addition, applicants whose first language is not English must also meet the University’s English language requirements. The general english language requirement is an of IELTS 6.5 overall score (with not less than 5.5 in any one component) or equivalent but please note that some courses have higher requirements. Please check our website for alternative language tests accepted by NUI Galway and for a list of courses that have specific IELTS requirement: www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/english.

International School Entry Requirements
NUI Galway will also accept international school exams (such as UK A Levels or the IB Diploma). Please check our website for more detailed requirements at: www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/country.html

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

25 week Pre-Masters English Language Pathway:
January 11th to July 16th 2021
Entry requirement: IELTS 5.5 or Duolingo 90 (score of 5.0 permitted in one component only and minimum of 5.5 in all other bands).

10-week Pre-Sessional Programme:
May 18th to July 23rd 2021
Entry requirement: IELTS 6.0 or Duolingo 105 (score of 5.0 permitted in one component only and minimum of 5.5 in all other bands).

NEW 4-Week Pre-Sessional Programme:
August 3rd to August 28th 2021
Entry requirements: 6.5 IELTS or Duolingo 110.

Please visit http://www.nuigalway.ie/englishlanguage/ for more information on language programmes and fees.
FOUNDATION PROVIDERS

National University of Ireland, Galway works with a number of providers who offer foundation programmes for students who do not currently meet the University’s entry requirements.

Students applying to undergraduate programmes courses in our College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Science should contact Castel Education Tralee as they are the Undergraduate Pathway Provider. Please contact Castel Education, Tralee, Co. Kerry www.casteleducation.com

For students applying to any other undergraduate programme we will accept students that have completed a recognised Foundation Programme. Dublin International Foundation College are a recognised University Foundation Pathway provider www.difc.ie Please contact Ray Halpin at DIFC for further information on the options available e-mail: ray@difc.ie

For other foundation providers approved by NUI Galway please visit: www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/entry-requirements/

SCHOLARSHIPS

NUI Galway is committed to attracting high calibre students from Hong Kong.

Please check our website for updates and information on how to apply for scholarships: www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/feesfinance/internationalscholarships/

VISAS AND IMMIGRATION

Citizens of Hong Kong do not need a visa to enter Ireland, but must still register their presence in the Irish State with the Garda National Immigration Bureau after arrival in Ireland.

DID YOU KNOW?

NUI Galway is consistently one of the top Irish Universities for employability – with one of the highest rates of graduate employment in Europe (96%).

NUI Galway has links with universities all over the world and a number in Hong Kong including: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Hong Kong Baptist University. These partnerships have been running for many years and allow groups.

Originally I studied Computer Science for my first year in college. After a year of building different programs, I found that my interest was still in English literature, so in spite of the opposition from parents and a potential prosperous career that the IT industry could offer me, I decided to change my study path and applied to NUI Galway.

Unlike Hong Kong, Ireland is a place of culture and literature. I studied a course of Yeats during one semester and was impressed to see how much he loved this place. To me, the best way to study literature is to go there and learn in the place where they are born. This is the reason, a very simple one, why I came to Galway.

Emily Cheung Ka Weng
- English Language and Literature