ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Entry Requirements - Mexico
Entry requirements for undergraduate programmes may vary, however, as a general guide NUI Galway will consider students presenting with either:
• Salida Lateral or Carrera Corta leading to a Diploma
• Titulo Técnico (after 2-3 years study) with a 7.5 / 75% CGPA
• NUI Galway approved International Foundation Year

Undergraduate Entry Requirements - Colombia
Entry requirements for undergraduate programmes may vary, however, as a general guide NUI Galway will consider students presenting with either:
• Técnico Profesional
• NUI Galway approved International Foundation Year

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

Postgraduate Entry Requirements - Mexico
Entry requirements for Master’s programmes vary, however as a general guide students presenting with a Licenciatura with a minimum of 8.0/80% CGPA will be considered for admission to most programmes depending on specific course requirements and availability of places.

Postgraduate Entry Requirements - Colombia
Entry requirements for Master’s programmes vary, however as a general guide students presenting with a Licenciado with a minimum of 3.5/5 GPA 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 a specific IELTS requirement: www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/english.
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 Programme, we will accept students who have completed a recognised Foundation Programme. Dublin International Foundation College are a recognised University Foundation Programme.

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 Central and South America.

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

In 2016, I completed a master’s degree in International Management which culminated in a simulated business trip to Hong Kong. This course was a perfect balance between theory and practice and allowed me to deeply immerse myself in the international business world. Not only did I gain valuable knowledge for my future career, but I was left with friendships that I will treasure forever. Currently, I am couring the third year of a PhD in International Management, which has been by far the most difficult, yet most enriching experience of my life. My student experience in NUIG has been a significantly positive journey to date. I was class representative for my master’s degree program, and I am now the postgraduate research representative for the Management department. I now feel like I am a part of the NUIG family, and I couldn’t be prouder.

Galway is such a charming, magical, beautiful little city where there is always something happening. I love how multicultural Galway is, I am part of the Mexican Community of Galway where I have been able to embrace and share my culture. Moving to Ireland has been the best decision I have made in my life. It is an amazing country full of beautiful landscapes and lovely people who always make you feel welcome. Ireland has become my second home and a piece of my heart will always live here.”

Deborah Mireles, PhD in International Management from Mexico

VISAS AND IMMIGRATION
Mexico
Citizens of Mexico do not require 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.

Colombia
Citizens of Colombia need a visa to enter Ireland, and also must register their presence in the Irish State with the Garda National Immigration Bureau after arrival in Ireland.

Gloria Avalos is originally from Mexico. She has been working as a Lecturer in Medical Statistics and Research Methods in the School of Medicine in NUI Galway for over 25 years. Being involved in several bio-medical research projects as a medical statistician has led to the publication of 40+ scientific articles and numerous presentations in national and international conferences.

In addition to her academic duties, Gloria organises key cultural events throughout the year in collaboration with NUIG students, from both Mexico and other countries. These cultural encounters include traditional Mexican folkloric dance performances across Ireland, including in official ceremonial festivities and participation in multi-cultural music and food festivals.

Gloria is the principal event organiser for the annual ‘International Medical Students Evening, and founded the ‘Mexican Community of Galway.”

Ms. Gloria Avalos, B.E.(Ind), MA Medicine, Clinical Science Institute, NUI Galway

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