ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Entry Requirements
Entry requirements for our undergraduate programmes vary year on year and from programme to programme but as a general guide students from Saudi Arabia presenting Tawjihiyah (General Secondary Education Certificate) will require a Foundation Programme for entry onto our Undergraduate Programmes. Students presenting with the following qualifications may also be considered for entry into year one of a bachelor’s degree:

- College of Technology Diploma / Higher Technology Diploma / Junior Health College Diploma
- Associate Degree
- Entry from Bachelors degree – entry after year 1 of Saudi degree with acceptable grades

Check out: [www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/saudiarabia/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/saudiarabia/) for more information.

Postgraduate Entry Requirements
Entry requirements for Master’s programmes vary year on year and from programme to programme, however as a general guide students from Saudi Arabia presenting a 4 year bachelor degree (in a related discipline with an overall GPA 3.2/4 or 4.0/5 CGPA (80%) would usually meet the minimum academic requirement. Check out: [www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/saudiarabia/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/saudiarabia/) for more information.

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 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](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/english).

NUI Galway is counted in the top 1% of all universities around the world, therefore I chose to study Biomedical Engineering at the college of Engineering and Informatics. The college provides a good knowledge to contribute with the advancements in both engineering and medicine. My first day at college was amazing to start my new journey. Studying in Ireland was a great chance for me to discover the beauty of Irish culture and learn more. I made the right choice to study in Galway city as this city is well known for its beauty and the people in the city are really helpful and kind. Studying biomedical engineering in Galway was great to gain all the important basics in this field and not the opportunity to go for a placement and practice for a few months.”

Nada Shafiy, Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering
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/

Student Life

For Muslims there are three rooms where students can meet, greet and pray daily in the university. There are also Halal food options on campus and Halal Restaurants in Galway.

SCHOLARSHIPS

NUI Galway is committed to attracting high calibre students from Central and Saudi Arabia.

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 Saudi Arabia 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.

Professor Lokesh Joshi is the Vice President for Research at NUI Galway. Professor Joshi plays a key role in leading the research mission of the University and establishing our place among the top research led Universities globally. NUI Galway has a world class global community with partnerships with 2,792 research institutions worldwide. NUI Galway has a strong commitment to research, with annual research income in the region of €60million, and over 1,500 academic and research staff, and 1,200 postgraduate students research students.

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