ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements Entry requirements for our undergraduate programmes vary year on year and from programme to programme but as a general guide students from UAE presenting Tawjihiyah (Secondary School 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 bachelors degree;

• Higher College of Technology Certificate
• Entry from Bachelors degree – entry after year 1 of UAE Degree with acceptable grades

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

Postgraduate Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements Entry requirements for Master’s programmes vary year on year and from programme to programme, however as a general guide students from UAE presenting a 4 year bachelor degree (in a related discipline with an overall GPA 3.0/4) would usually meet the minimum academic requirement. Check out: [www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/unitedarabemirates/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/yourcountry/unitedarabemirates/) for more information.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The following are the NUI Galway entry requirements for students presenting the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

1. Points required vary from course to course but the minimum entry requirement is 28 points.
2. A minimum of 6 subjects must be presented in total, with three at Higher Level and three at Subsidiary Level. Bonus points (1, 2, or 3) are awarded for an Extended Essay.
4. Honours: Two subjects grade 4 at Higher Level and four subjects grade 4 at Subsidiary Level, to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements.
5. Students will be ranked on the basis of their best six subjects from one sitting of the IB / Matriculation examination.
6. Combinations Competitive: Bonus points are not included in the calculation.
7. Please Note: If a course has a Mathematics requirement at Ordinary Level in the Irish Leaving Certificate, students must present Maths Methods. If a course has a Mathematics requirement at Higher Level students, must present Mathematics at Higher Level. Maths Studies satisfies matriculation requirements only.
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#### 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)

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

**25 week Pre-Masters English Language Pathway:**
- 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:**
- 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:**
- Entry requirements: 6.5 IELTS or Duolingo 110.

Please visit [http://www.nuigalway.ie/englishlanguage/](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](http://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.dific.ie](http://www.dific.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/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/entry-requirements/)

#### VISAS AND IMMIGRATION

Citizens of UAE must register their presence in the Irish State with the Garda National Immigration Bureau after arrival in Ireland.

“NUIG 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 get the opportunity to go for a placement and practice for a few months.”

Nada Shafiy, Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering

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### Scholarships

NUI Galway is committed to attracting high calibre students from UAE.

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

### 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.

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### 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 €60 million; and over 1,500 academic and research staff, and 1,200 postgraduate students research students.

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