



NUI Galway
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Postgraduate Courses 2010-11

International Affairs Office
National University of Ireland, Galway

www.nuigalway.ie/international



Welcome to NUI Galway

International Students make up a significant portion of the over 3,500 postgraduate students currently studying at National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway).

The University generally offers three kinds of postgraduate programmes:

- PhDs of four years' duration
- Research-based Master Degrees of two years' duration
- Taught-based Master Degrees of one to two years' duration

World-leading Research

Established in 1845, NUI Galway has over 160 years' experience of research excellence across a wide range of academic disciplines. Our research is global in scale and we are recognised as world leaders in our particular areas of expertise.

Inspirational Teaching

As a result of our growing reputation in the field of research, today NUI Galway attracts leading academics and researchers from around the world, whose presence on campus helps ensure that our taught postgraduate programmes reflect the ever changing needs of our students and the wider economy.

Equally, our academic staff work continuously on maintaining their teaching skills and our Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) helps ensure that your

learning experience will be as stimulating as possible, through the successful integration of the very latest teaching technologies.

A Unique Life Experience

NUI Galway's commitment to excellence embraces both the academic and personal development of each student, covering the intellectual, physical, social and cultural domains.

We are proud of our reputation as a student-centred University, with staff who are friendly and approachable and ready to make time for you. The University also has an excellent reputation for the provision of care and support services to our international students.

The International Affairs Office in particular provides a comprehensive advisory, information and support service for students and organises various social and cultural events to help new students adjust and integrate into the life of the University.

Career Prospects

Undertaking your postgraduate education at NUI Galway can reap tremendous rewards not only in your academic and personal development, but also in your future career prospects. In an increasingly competitive employment market, more and more employers recognise the value of a postgraduate qualification and at NUI Galway, you will have every opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to find employment in the modern marketplace.

Our Career Development Centre organises regular employer fairs which are attended by leading companies, while the Technology Transfer Office facilitates our links with business and industry and is well placed to provide advice and support to researchers seeking commercial applications for their research.

In addition, the University's Placement Office networks with business and industry across Ireland, and abroad, to facilitate postgraduate students participating in the Graduate Experience Programme (GEP). GEP is offered in a number of postgraduate courses of study and is undertaken either during or following your studies.





GEP gives you an opportunity to avail of a period of work experience relevant to your programme of study.

Research Institutes

Much of the research at NUI Galway is located within our major international research institutes including;

- Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities & Social Studies
- Digital Enterprise Research Institute (DERI)
- Environmental Change Institute (ECI)
- Martin Ryan Marine Science Institute
- National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Science (NCBES)
- Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI)
- Centre for Innovation and Structural Change (CISC)

For a complete lists of research institutes, centres and units at NUI Galway, please refer to www.nuigalway.ie/research

Research Interests

Biomedical Sciences and Engineering

- Significant research clusters have been developed in Biomedical Engineering, Cancer Research, Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine, in addition to programmes in Biopharmaceutical Sciences, Glycosciences, Biomedical Informatics, and Infection and Immunity.

Informatics, Physical & Computational Sciences

- NUI Galway is at the forefront of international research in next generation Internet and Semantic Web Technologies.
- In the Physical Sciences, the University has particular scientific strengths in Photonics (laser applications, applied optics, biophotonics, and imaging) and Synthesis of New Materials (specific novel polymers, nano-materials, and functionally engineered materials).
- In Computational Sciences, NUI Galway conducts research into Computational Analysis, Computational Modelling and Simulation, with particular strengths in Computational Mechanics.

Environment, Marine and Energy

- This thematic area caters for research in Environmental Change Research & Modelling, Atmospheric Studies, Biodiversity and Bioinformatics, Marine Science and Law, and Sustainable Energy.

Applied Social Science and Public Policy

- Includes substantial inter-disciplinary research activity concerned with advancing a sophisticated understanding of the antecedents, processes and consequences of economic innovation and social change with respect to how balance may be achieved in social and economic development.

Humanities in Context

- NUI Galway has a strong research ethos in the Humanities, which concentrates on established areas of excellence, including Human Rights, Irish Studies, Film and Digital Media.

Funding Opportunities

At NUI Galway, we are keen to attract the very best research students from around the world and can offer a wide variety of funding opportunities for qualifying applicants.

Prospective research degree applicants should refer to the websites of the different research centres based at NUI Galway. Many of the research centres offer funded opportunities, which are advertised in the PhD studentships section of the Graduate Studies Office website. Please refer to www.nuigalway.ie/graduatestudies/. For other sources of funding, please refer to the International Affairs Office website at www.nuigalway.ie/international

NUI Galway students can benefit also from external funding awards from various national and international agencies including the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET), Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), Royal Irish Academy (RIA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Individual Colleges and Schools of the University also award a number of studentships each year to research students. Please contact the relevant College or School for further details of awards in your subject area.

Student Life at NUI Galway

There is no better way for international students to integrate into the social and cultural life of the University than through membership of one of the University's sports clubs or societies.

Sports Clubs

The University's prime location on the banks of the River Corrib provides students with excellent opportunities to take part in water sports from rowing to kayaking to canoeing, while the hills of Connemara are easily accessible for those interested in mountaineering, hill-walking and orienteering. Our new indoor Sports Hall offers squash courts, a swimming pool, gym, badminton, volleyball and basketball courts, table tennis, boxing, karate and aerobics. On-campus outdoor playing fields are available for sports including track and field, hockey, football and Gaelic Games. Please refer to www.sports.nuigalway.ie/ for more information.

Student Societies

Ever-popular societies include the Celtic World Society, Choral Society, Drama Society, Film Society, Human Rights Society, Literary & Debating Society and the International Students Society. For more details, please see www.socs.nuigalway.ie

Student Accommodation

Students are offered the following accommodation options:

- University-approved Student Residences
- Private houses and apartments
- Hostels (short term)
- Lodgings (living with landlord)

Generally, postgraduate students tend to live off campus, in private rented accommodation. The Accommodation Office assists students in finding accommodation and provides advice on a range of accommodation issues. See www.nuigalway.ie/accommodation for more information.

Ireland's Cultural Heart

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful west of Ireland. The campus itself is situated on a picturesque 250 acre site on the banks of the River Corrib, just a short stroll from the centre of Galway city.

Galway is one of Europe's most vibrant cities, with students making up 20% of the population. This youthful energy is reflected in the many internationally renowned literary, arts, and sporting events that are hosted in the city every year.

The University's bilingual campus and close proximity to the Connemara region also provides a uniquely Irish dimension to the campus, one of many factors which appeals greatly to our international students.

Galway also serves as a great base for exploring other parts of Europe, with flights from Galway Airport to Dublin, London, Manchester and Edinburgh. Shannon Airport is a short 90 minute bus trip and offers flights to London, Paris, Barcelona as well as New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Taught Postgraduate Programmes 2010-11

NOTE: A wide range of postgraduate programmes is offered at Graduate Diploma, Masters and PhD level throughout the Colleges, Schools and Divisions of the University. For a complete list of postgraduate programmes, please refer to <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduatestudies/>. The following is a select list of programmes which have traditionally attracted strong interest from international (non-EU) students.

Programme	PAC Code	Duration	Tuition*
College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies			
MA Gender, Globalisation and Rights	GYA44	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Culture and Colonialism	GYA02	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Irish Studies	GYA20	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Philosophy: Ethics, Culture and Global Change	GYA06	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Production and Direction	GYA63	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Public Advocacy and Activism	GYA64	1 year	13,000 p.a.
Master of Fine Arts in studio art (MFA)	n/a**	2 years	13,000 p.a.
MA Drama and Theatre Studies	GYA03	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Film Studies (Film, Culture, and Society)	GYA09	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Writing	GYA46	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Journalism	GYA23	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Literature and Publishing	GYA27	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MA Screenwriting	GYA38	1 year	13,000 p.a.
College of Business, Public Policy and Law			
MSc Corporate Strategy & People Management	GYC01	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MSc Industrial Relations & Human Resource Management	GYC02	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MBS Electronic Commerce	GYC03	2 years	13,000 p.a.
MSc Marketing	GYC22	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MSc International Management	GYC19	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MSc Information Systems Management	GYC24	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MEconSc Economic Policy Evaluation & Planning	GYC07	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MEconSc Economic and Environmental Modelling	GYC09	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MSc Health Economics	GYC26	1 year	13,000 p.a.
MEconSc International Finance	GYC10	1 year	13,000 p.a.
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	n/a***	3 years	13,000 p.a.
LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	GYL09	1 year	13,000 p.a.
LLM International Criminal Law	GYL06	1 year	13,000 p.a.
LLM International Human Rights	GYL00	1 year	13,000 p.a.
LLM International Peace Support Operations	GYL02	1 year	13,000 p.a.
LLM Law, Technology and Governance	GYL08	1 year	13,000 p.a.
LLM Public Law	GYL04	1 year	13,000 p.a.
College of Engineering and Informatics			
MAppSc Enterprise Systems	GYE13	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Occupational Health & Safety and Ergonomics	GYS12	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Software Design and Development	GYE03	2 years	13,500 p.a.
Master of Information Technology	GYE05	2 years	13,500 p.a.
College of Medicine			
MA Health Promotion	GYA15	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Neuropharmacology	GYS11	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Regenerative Medicine	GYM00	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Toxicology	GYS18	1 year	13,500 p.a.
College of Science			
MSc Analytical Biochemistry/Chemistry	GYS01	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Biomedical Science	GYS03	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Mathematics	GYS09	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Biotechnology	GYS04	1 year	13,500 p.a.
MSc Medical Physics	GYS10	1 year	13,500 p.a.

*subject to ratification. All fees are subject to yearly review.

** Applications for the Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art (MFA) are made online directly to the The Burren College of Art. See www.burrencollege.ie/ for details.

*** Applications for the LLB are made directly to the School of Law. See <http://www.nuigalway.ie/law/> for further details.



How to Apply

All postgraduate applications are made online via the Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC) at www.pac.ie. The online form is easy to use and you will be guided through the system step-by-step. You will require an active email account to use the system. Applicants indicate the PAC course code(s) for the programme(s) that they are interested in. These are indicated alongside the programme listings. An application fee is applied for postgraduate applications. See www.pac.ie for more details.

All supporting documentation (specifying the PAC application number you will be assigned) relevant to the application should be posted to PAC at the following address:

Postgraduate Applications Centre
1 Courthouse Square
Galway
Ireland

Research Masters/PhD Applications

Research Applicants are strongly advised to contact the relevant College or research centre to ascertain whether a member of academic staff is available to supervise their research, **before** submitting a formal application via the PAC website. A research proposal is required along with your application and this needs to be reviewed by a potential supervisor, before an application is submitted via PAC. For more details, see www.nuigalway.ie/graduatestudies/

Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for postgraduate taught and research programmes vary. Applicants should consult the Postgraduate Prospectus to find out the entry requirements for each programme or visit the University website at www.nuigalway.ie/graduatestudies/

English Language Requirements

Students whose first language is not English must provide evidence that their English language ability meets the required standard for admission.

Applicants should submit the results from an acceptable English language proficiency test (an overall minimum IELTS score of 6.5* or equivalent for Arts, Commerce, Law, and Medical programmes; IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent for Science, Engineering, and I.T. programmes) undertaken no more than two years prior to the commencement of your programme at the University. For details, refer to www.ielts.org or www.ets.org/toefl

*with not less than 5.5 in any component.

Closing Dates

Applications to postgraduate taught programmes should note that each programme has an initial date indicating when applications should be submitted. These dates may be extended. For details on the current closing dates, please refer to www.go4th.ie/closingdates/index.html

An application to a research programme may be lodged at any time. However, there is a restriction for receipt of research applications to the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies: applications for Arts research programmes are considered for students commencing their programmes in September and January only. Only applications received before mid-July and mid-November in the year will meet these commencement requirements.

Further Information

International Affairs Office, NUI Galway
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Research Office, NUI Galway
www.nuigalway.ie/research/

Graduate Studies Office, NUI Galway
web: www.nuigalway.ie/graduatestudies/

Postgraduate Admissions Office, NUI Galway
www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/

Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC)
web: www.pac.ie