



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh

# Study Abroad

National University of Ireland, Galway

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*Study abroad at one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious universities, with a reputation for teaching and research excellence...*



*Galway - "Ireland's Cultural Heart"*



*The Quadrangle (1845), NUI Galway*

## Welcome to NUI Galway



Established in 1845, National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway) is one of Ireland's most popular Study Abroad destinations for students from North America and beyond.

Located on the banks of the River Corrib, just a short stroll from the centre of Galway, the University is today recognised as a centre of excellence across a number of key disciplines including Irish Studies and Humanities, Film and the Creative Arts, Human Rights Law, Public Policy, Biomedical Engineering, Web Technology, and Environmental Science.

There are currently over 13,000 full time and 4,000 part time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled across the five Colleges of the University:

- College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies
- College of Business, Public Policy and Law
- College of Engineering and Informatics
- College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
- College of Science

International students comprise approximately 12% of the student body, representing 95 countries from around the world.

## Study Abroad Programme

Undergraduate students from overseas universities and colleges can apply to study at NUI Galway for Semester One (Fall), Semester Two (Spring) or for a full year.

As a Study Abroad student, you can take a full academic load of up to five or six classes per semester from across a wide range of subject areas (subject to certain pre-requisites) to meet your individual academic requirements.

It is our policy that all visiting students take the usual classes and assessments of the University alongside our full time degree-seeking students. This means that here, you will benefit from a fully integrated international educational experience.

The majority of classes are semester long and are delivered via a combination of lectures and smaller seminar/tutorial classes, or laboratory classes in the case of Science and Engineering. Certain classes may be examined by end of semester exam, while others may combine an end of semester exam with mid term assignments and/or continuous assessment.

Study Abroad students do not receive a degree from NUI Galway, however for most students, the credits they earn here can transfer back to their home institution. We have many years' experience in dealing with the matter of credit transfer and course equivalence and can, on request, suggest a system to translate from ECTS to North American credits.

Choose from a broad range of classes and earn credit towards your degree at your home university...



*I took a stroll.... the old Longwalk, Galway*

*Information Technology Building, NUI Galway*



*Clinical Science Building, NUI Galway*

### Classes Available

Study Abroad students can select classes from across the following subject areas. (This list is not exhaustive.)

- Accounting
- Archaeology
- Celtic Civilization
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Economics
- Engineering
- French
- Irish Language
- Geography
- German
- History
- Information Systems
- Information Technology
- Italian
- Law (Legal Science)
- Life Sciences
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology & Political Studies
- Political Studies
- Spanish
- Welsh
- Womens Studies

Certain restrictions and pre-requisites may apply to some classes. Please consult the *Visiting Student Academic Information Booklet* or contact the International Affairs Office, NUI Galway for more details. Students are given a two week period at the beginning of each semester to sample different classes before making their final selections.

In addition to the regular classes of the University, we also offer a number of specialised programmes specifically aimed at augmenting the international learning experience for Study Abroad students.

### Service Learning - Literacy Project for Study Abroad Students

This semester-long course teaches students about literacy, reading awareness and reading strategies and involves working on a one-to-one basis with elementary and high school students in homework clubs based in the local community. Study Abroad Students who do not get the opportunity to participate in this course, can also volunteer their services through the University's ALIVE volunteering programme.

### Traditional Arts & the Gaeltacht

In 2011, NUI Galway teamed up with TG4, the national Irish language television network, to offer this credit-bearing semester-long programme on the creative Irish arts, including sean-nós (old style) singing, dance, music and language. Each semester, students travel to the heart of the Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking region) for Master Classes taught by leading Irish artists and to study documentary and other film footage on the traditional arts produced by TG4.

Study Abroad students are also invited to participate in the **Arts in Action Programme**, which includes events and performances in Irish and international dance, theatre, film, music and literature and the **Gaelic Experience Programme**, which includes introductory sessions for Gaelic football and hurling as well as walking excursions in the surrounding countryside.

*Get involved... NUI Galway offers over 50 Sports Clubs, 100 Student Societies and a range of volunteering opportunities...*



*Exploring the beautiful Aran Islands*



*Quay Street, Galway*



*NUI Galway Rowing Crew, River Corrib*

## The Student Experience

We offer an unrivalled selection of extracurricular sporting, recreational and social activities on and off campus to ensure you enjoy a study abroad experience that you will never forget!

There is no better way to integrate into the social and cultural life of the University than through membership of one or more of the Student Societies or Sports Clubs, where you can learn important life skills, meet new people and of course have great fun!

Our indoor and outdoor sports facilities include:

- 25 metre swimming pool
- Squash and racquetball courts
- National League basketball arena and sports hall
- Gym & Fitness studios
- Climbing wall
- Ten natural grass playing pitches
- A synthetic grass pitch (hockey, soccer and football)

In addition, the University offers a range of cultural and recreational facilities, including:

- Bailey Allen Cultural Centre, which includes performance facilities, exhibition space and an Auditorium
- Aula Maxima, for musical and theatrical performances
- Student Theatre and Art Gallery
- Arts Office, which organises the annual Múscairt Arts Festival.

## A Select List of Sports Clubs and Student Societies

- Archery
- Art Society
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Celtic Heritage Society
- Chess Society
- Choral Society
- Comedy Society
- Cricket
- Dance Society
- Drama Society
- Fencing
- Film Society
- Frisbee
- Gaelic Games
- Hockey
- Human Rights Society
- Inline Hockey
- International Students
- Irish Music Society
- Kayaking
- Law Society
- Literary & Debating Society
- Mountaineering
- Music Society
- Orchestra Society
- Photography Society
- Political Discussion Society
- Rowing (Crew)
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Surfing
- Swimming/Waterpolo
- Tennis
- Volleyball

## Galway - "Ireland's Cultural Heart"

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful city of Galway, on the west coast of Ireland.

The campus is situated on a picturesque 250 acre site on the banks of the River Corrib, just a short stroll from the centre of Galway. King Richard III granted the city its first charter in 1484 and traces of Galway's rich medieval past can still be seen today in the city's narrow streets and laneways.

According to tradition, Christopher Columbus prayed at St. Nicholas Collegiate Church before setting out on his voyage of discovery to the 'New World'. The Spanish Arch - a remnant of the original city walls - is located close to the Claddagh, a traditional nineteenth century fishing village on the banks of the River Corrib and home of the world famous Claddagh Ring.

Galway is widely regarded as the cultural capital of Ireland and is home to the world renowned Druid Theatre Company, the Macnas Street Theatre Company and An Taibhdhearc, the national Irish language theatre company. Students comprise over 20% of the population, making Galway a true 'college town' and the youthful energy of the city is reflected in the numerous internationally renowned literary, arts and sporting events that are hosted in the city every year, including:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade (March)
- Cuirt International Festival of Literature (April),
- Galway Early Music Festival (May),
- Galway Traditional Irish Music Sessions (June),
- Galway Film Fleadh (July)
- Galway Arts Festival (July)
- Galway International Oyster Festival (September)
- Galway Comedy Festival (October)

Galway's surrounding hinterland, including Connemara, the Burren and the Aran Islands, is also a major draw for students and tourists alike who come west to experience the Ireland of rugged countryside, castles, lakes and rivers and savour the unique atmosphere of the region's restaurants, cafes and traditional Irish music pubs.

Galway also serves as a great base for exploring other parts of Ireland and Europe. Dublin Airport is just 3 hours away and offers flights to popular European destinations including Rome, Prague and Amsterdam while Shannon Airport, just 1 hour from Galway, offers flights to popular European destinations including Paris and Edinburgh.

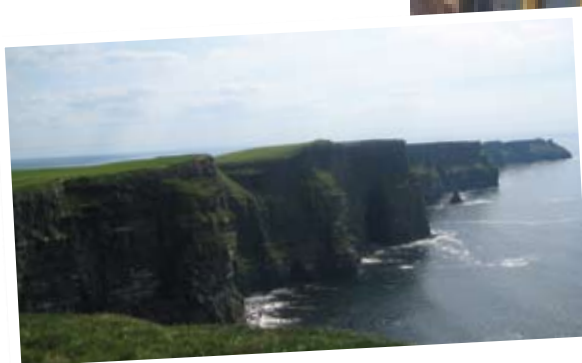


*Curragh Racing on Galway Bay*

Did you know? Ireland was named the 'World's Friendliest Country' by the travel publisher Lonely Planet in 2008 and 2010.



*Traditional Music Session*



*The Magnificent Cliffs of Moher*

## How to Apply

Study Abroad students can apply to NUI Galway through their home college or university, through a recognised third-party Study Abroad programme provider, or directly to the University. All applications for admission as a Study Abroad student must be made on the official Visiting Student Application Form at [www.nuigalway.ie/international](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international)

The closing date for receipt of applications is

- 30th April, in the case of applications for admission for a full academic year or First Semester (Fall) and
- 31st October in the case of applications for Second Semester (Spring).

Late applications may be considered, but only in special circumstances.

The following documents must be submitted with the completed application form:

- up-to-date original college transcript
- copy of birth certificate
- character-reference of a current date from a full-time staff member of the University/College you are attending or other person of standing who knows you personally
- the names of two academic referees to whom enquiries as to your academic standing may be addressed, if necessary
- a statement as to how you see your proposed courses of study at NUI Galway tying in with previous studies and with your future academic/career objectives.

## Entry Requirements

Applicants are normally required to have completed two years study at a recognised higher education institution before being admitted as a Study Abroad student at NUI Galway. Applicants are also usually required to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). For more details, contact the International Affairs Office at [international@nuigalway.ie](mailto:international@nuigalway.ie) or refer to the University website at [www.nuigalway.ie/international](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international)

## Student Housing

Study Abroad students are housed alongside regular degree-seeking students in one of the University-approved Student Residences. The NUI Galway Student Residences generally consist of self-catered apartments. Each apartment or unit usually consists of 2-3 bedrooms with shared cooking facilities and living space. Applications for housing are made separately to the relevant Student Residence. For more details, contact the International Affairs Office at [international@nuigalway.ie](mailto:international@nuigalway.ie) or refer to the University website at [www.nuigalway.ie/international](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international)

## Tuition (Non-EU)

The following are the Visiting Student fees for 2012/2013\*:

Arts/Business/Law	
Full Year	€12,000
Semester	€6,000
Science/Engineering/Nursing	
Full Year	€15,500
Semester	€7,750

\*All fees are subject to ratification at time of print. An appropriate fee will be determined for students taking a combination of Arts/Business/Law and Science/Engineering/Nursing courses.

## Cost of Living

The following information gives an indication of the monthly cost of living in Galway. These costs are an approximation only as monthly costs will depend on each student's individual needs and lifestyle.

Monthly	€
Accommodation	340
Food	260
Books and materials	60
Clothes, laundry	60
Recreation	180
Other	100
Total per month	1,000

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