Exploring Irish Theatre
National University of Ireland Galway
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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.

NUI Galway - Key Facts:

- **Location**: Galway, Ireland
- **Student Body**: 17,542 students
- **International Students**: 2,758 or 16% of the student body, from 115 countries
- **Disciplines**: Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Law, Engineering, IT, Medicine, Nursing and Science

NUI Galway is a world renowned research led University. The research environment here is strongly interdisciplinary, built on our particular areas of expertise. NUI Galway has a global reputation in a number of key unique disciplines:

- Biomedical Science and Engineering
- Informatics, Physical, and Computational Sciences
- Human Rights, Applied Social Sciences and Public Policy
- Energy, Environmental and Marine Science
- Humanities in Context

Our Global Reputation

In 2016, NUI Galway moved to the Top 200 list of the most international universities in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings).

Times Higher Education used the ‘international outlook’ indicator of the World University Rankings to create this list where all institutions in the top 800 of the ranking have been considered. This makes the inclusion of NUI Galway in the list of the top 200 most international universities a significant achievement. Rise in both THE and QS rankings!

In 2016, NUI Galway moved up 9 places to 271 in the QS World Rankings.

DID YOU KNOW?

NUI Galway is consistently one of the top Irish Universities for employability – with one of the highest rates of graduate employment in Europe (95%).

[www.nuigalway.ie](http://www.nuigalway.ie)
Study Abroad Programme

Our popular Study Abroad Programme offers students the opportunity to study at NUI Galway and earn credits towards their degree at their home institution. As a visiting student, you can attend NUI Galway for one semester (Fall or Spring) or a full academic year. Visiting students can take up to five or six classes per semester, from across a wide range of subject areas (subject to certain pre-requisites), to meet their individual academic requirements. Bespoke classes are also offered to visiting students in Services Learning and Indigenous Arts.

DT 3115: Exploring Irish Theatre

This module allows students to explore Irish theatre and performance, through both classroom-based and practical activities. Students form an understanding of the distinctive characteristics of Irish theatre, analysing works by writers from W.B. Yeats to Martin McDonagh and beyond. They consider critically the history of Irish theatre through hands-on archives-based activities. They develop practical skills by engaging in workshops that cover acting, playwriting, direction, and more. No prior experience of Irish theatre is needed; nor is it necessary to have any experience with acting or other forms of theatre practice.

The class has two elements:

Theatre History
A weekly class that explores the history of Irish theatre from the late 1890s to the present, exploring the foundation of the Abbey Theatre, the changing relationship between Ireland and America, the impact of the Northern Irish Troubles, the status of women in Irish theatre, the Celtic Tiger, and contemporary Irish performance.

Theatre Practice
A weekly practical workshop in which students explore Irish theatre texts by engaging in practical exercises. While these classes will be especially relevant to students with an interest in theatre, the aim is NOT to show skills as an actor or other practitioner, but rather to use practical exercises to better understand the course themes. For that reason, no prior theatre/performance experience is required. This element of the course concludes with an in-class performance, which students participate in through acting, directing, backstage activities, dramaturgy or in other ways.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are normally required to have completed two years study at a recognised college or university, with a minimum GPA of 3.0, to be admitted as a Visiting Student at NUI Galway.

How to Apply

Visiting Students can apply to NUI Galway through their home college or university, through a recognised third-party 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 available at [www.nuigalway.ie/international](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international)

The closing date for receipt of applications is 30th April for admission for a full academic year or Semester One and 31st October for Semester Two.

Tuition Fees for Visiting Students (Non-EU)*

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*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. Fees exclude living expenses. Students are advised to budget €1,000 per month to cover housing, food, study materials, recreation and other miscellaneous living expenses.
**The Student Experience**

At NUI Galway, we pride ourselves on offering a welcoming and supportive environment to help you make the most of your study abroad experience. We also offer you an unrivalled selection of cultural, sporting and social activities to enjoy while studying here to help you integrate and help you develop personal and social skills that will benefit you throughout your life.

We currently have over 150 sports clubs and student societies at NUI Galway. Through clubs and societies you can meet new people, build friendships and improve your talents. Whatever your interests, NUI Galway is sure to have a club or society for you.

NUI Galway also runs ALIVE, a student volunteering programme. We have over 4,000 registered student volunteers with opportunities to work on community projects in Ireland or abroad. You will receive a certificate in recognition of your volunteering work which will also look great on your CV. Our graduates are highly sought after by employers who recognise that they have the right mix of knowledge and social skills to make a real contribution in the workplace. We are one of Ireland’s top universities for graduate employment, consistently outperforming the national average across all disciplines. NUI Galway also has an excellent reputation for the provision of care and support services to 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. The University is a long-standing member of the Coimbra Group of prestigious traditional European universities.

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**Student Housing**

Visiting students are housed alongside our regular full time students in various student residences. The NUI Galway student residences comprise of self-catered apartments and are all generally located within a 15-30 walk of campus. Apartment units usually include 2-3 bedrooms, shared cooking facilities and living space. Applications for housing are made separately to the relevant student residence. Please refer to the NUI Galway website at www.nuigalway.ie/accommodation for details.

**Our Location**

The university campus is a 10 minute walk from the centre of Galway. Galway is Ireland’s third largest city, with everything you would want in terms of shopping facilities, theatres, restaurants, music venues, sports facilities.

Galway is one of five global hubs for biomedicine, with 9 of the top 10 global medtech firms based in Galway. The city is also an ICT hotspot, with Ireland being home to 8 of the top 10 global ICT companies. The multinationals in Galway include Medtronic, Boston Scientific, Merit Medical, SAP, Hewlet Packard, Cisco Systems, Avaya and EA Games. Galway’s Atlantic coast is also the perfect location for marine and energy research. Galway is also the most international city in Ireland with 22% of citizens born abroad.

**Academic Dates**

NUI Galway operates a semester system. Semester One (Fall) begins in September with examinations in December. Semester Two (Spring) begins in January and runs until April, with examinations held in late April/early May. Exact dates can vary from year to year, so please refer to the University website for your particular semester(s).