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Course Overview
A new cycle of the NUI Galway Diploma Series will commence in September 2019. Modern language diplomas in French, German, Italian and Spanish are available to those interested in developing their language skills. Additional diploma courses are available in a wide variety of subjects ranging from Archaeology to Management. We are also delighted to welcome back the Diploma in English and Drama which will be delivered via blended learning.

So, whether you want to improve your career prospects or take a course for your own personal development and enjoyment, we have a course to suit you.

How the Diplomas Are Structured
The diploma courses are delivered part-time over two years. Course delivery ranges from weekly evening lectures to fully online learning. The academic year is divided into two semesters, one beginning in early September and the other in early January. In the majority of courses each semester consists of twelve teaching weeks, a study week and an examination period. Students are required to participate in classes (online and face-to-face) on a regular basis. Additional time is required for home study such as reading, research, completing assessments and preparation for exams.

Course Entry Requirements
Applicants aged 21 or over by January 1st of the year of admission are classified as mature students and are eligible to apply on this basis. Note that some courses have special entry requirements, please refer to the relevant diploma page.

Proficiency in the use of computers and the internet is beneficial, and in the case of online courses in particular is recommended.

Students under the age of 21 applying to complete a part-time course at NUI Galway will be asked to fulfil the matriculation requirements of the University, visit our website for further details: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/qualifications-and-entry-requirements

English Language Requirement
If your first language is not English, or you have not been educated through the medium of the English language, you are required to present an English language qualification (IELTS/TOEFL). The English language requirement does not apply to the language diplomas.

Fee Scholarships
The scholarship scheme is designed for students who are jobseekers or on reduced working hours and wish to update their skills and knowledge by participating in one of the listed courses. Scholarships will constitute a 30% contribution to course fees. Further details and the application form are available at: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/fees-funding-&-scholarships

What Happens After I Apply?
Once you apply online, your application is assessed in accordance with the course selection criteria. Places will be offered as soon as the minimum class number has been reached.

To accept your place, you are required to:

1. Accept your course place using the online applications portal
2. Pay a deposit of €485 (€1,470 Non-EU) within the specified timeframe – this deposit is offset against the full fee payment

Diploma Facts
ECTS: 30
NFQ Level: 7
Duration: 2 years, part-time
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €970 Non-EU: €1,470

Closing Date for Applications
Friday 26th July. Early application is advised as offers will be made on a rolling basis. A limited number of applications may be accepted after the official application closing date, subject to the availability of places.

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/courses/arts-&-social-science
3. You are advised to regularly check your email address used for correspondence, as all course communication will be sent to that address. Additional registration details and course information will be issued to successful applicants approximately two weeks before the course commences. Induction will take place on the 7th September and classes will commence the week starting 9th September, 2019.

**Student Support**

The Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development provides supports in the following areas, outside of regular class times:
- Study skills
- Writing skills
- Referencing
- The online learning environment

These supports are designed to bridge the gap between your last education experience and returning to education as an adult learner.

**Assessment and Examinations**

All modules included in the series are individually assessed. Each module’s assessment may consist of written assignments and/or online activities during the semester and written exams at the end of the semester.

**Attendance**

Generally, students are expected to attend a minimum of 85% of classes, in both the online and face-to-face environments. This may vary from course to course.

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**APPLY ONLINE AT**

[www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply)

Complete the online application form and include all relevant details (i.e. requested form of I.D., Leaving Certificate for applicants under 21 years). The (non-refundable) application fee is €30.

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Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development
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Diploma in
ARCHAEOLOGY (Online)

Who is this course for?
This diploma is the ideal course of study for anyone with an interest in the Irish past, whether amateur or professional. The latter might include primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, heritage employees, those employed in the tourism industry, and local government employees.

Course Profile
Aim
Archaeology is a constantly changing discipline, fed by new discoveries, new theoretical approaches and new analytical methods. These discoveries continue to revolutionise the subject’s potential to inform us about the past and to give us a valuable long perspective on how this past has shaped our present. Exciting aspects of the practical side of archaeology, such as excavation, are familiar to everyone, but excavation is only one aspect of a discipline that combines humanistic interest with scientific method. For the interested student, archaeology offers a stimulating opportunity for intellectual enquiry.

This two year course has four broad aims:
- To introduce students to the discipline of archaeology.
- To present the archaeology of Ireland as a way of understanding ten thousand years of human settlement on this island.
- To study aspects of current archaeological research in Ireland in detail.
- To promote interest in Ireland’s heritage at a national and international level.

Content
Course Content – Year 1
Mesolithic to Megalithic: Ireland in the Stone Age
Metal and Warriors: Bronze and Iron Age Ireland
Saint, Scholar, Viking, Norman: Medieval Ireland

Course Content – Year 2
Key themes in Irish Prehistoric Archaeology
Key themes in Irish Medieval Archaeology
Irish Archaeology Project

All teaching and student-teacher interactions will take place online in the course’s online learning environment. Course content comprises illustrated text, self-assessment exercises, online discussions and multi-media content that includes mini-lectures and site visits. Support will be provided to students to help them become familiar with the online learning environment.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.

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Diploma in
ENGLISH & DRAMA

Who is this course for?
The course will appeal to anyone who loves reading, and is keen to deepen and extend an interest in literature and theatre. The diploma may be of particular interest, but not exclusively so, to first and second level teachers and others who are interested in the contribution of English and Drama to education, local studies, heritage studies and tourism.

Course Profile
Aim
This course demonstrates the many ways in which English and Drama studies form a basis for critical thinking and cultural analysis. It also entails the study of specific literary and theatrical areas, and the close reading of texts. Special classes on Drama also give students an opportunity to learn on their feet, engaging in practical exercises that offer new ways to think about theatre.

Content
Course Content – Year 1
- Victorian Literature 1832 – 1901
- Poems, Stories and Politics – An Introduction to the Study of Literary Texts
- Theatre Histories 1: Understanding the History of Theatre from Ancient Greece to Shakespeare

Course Content – Year 2
- Old English Poetry
- Gothic Literature
- Theatre Histories 2: Theatre from Ibsen to the Present

Assessment
All modules of the diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module may take the form of online activities, essays, written assignments and end of semester examinations.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Employers of all kinds increasingly value creativity above all other qualities in the workforce, and the Diploma in English and Drama shows proof of critical thinking, independent research, communication, and information/project composition. Experience in Drama helps to develop skills in giving presentations, teamwork, meeting deadlines, thinking creatively, and more. Students taking this course will refine, develop and/or acquire skills in close reading and critical analysis, improve and enhance oral and written expressions, and emerge with an expanded sense of imaginative and cultural possibility.

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Who is this course for?
This course is open to anyone with an interest in French and who wishes to gain fluency in the language. The diploma caters for all levels of language ability. The course is offered at three levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Direct Entry to Second Year
Application to enter year 2 of the Diploma in French is available to those who have completed an equivalent course at third level or who have lived in a Francophone country for an extended period. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, through Recognition of Prior Learning.

Course Profile
Aim
This course aims to enable students with an interest in French to acquire a high level of written and oral communication skills in the language through a variety of practical language exercises. Students will also study major cultural issues in the contemporary French-speaking world. In their second year, students will be introduced to the world of French literature. As the course progresses, students should be able to converse on and comprehend a variety of topics and situations.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Surveys indicate that employers value language skills among their workforce, placing a premium on the ability to make contact and communicate with global trade partners and to understand overseas business environments. For those with appropriate French language skills, there are possibilities to work in the following fields: international business, international agencies, the tourism and hospitality industry and the diplomatic service. There is also the possibility of proceeding to degree level and beyond in French.

Content

Course Content – Year 1
- Introduction to French Language – Written and Spoken
- French Language – Written, Spoken and Comprehension
- Introduction to Civilisation, Culture and Society in France
- Oral French – Parlons Français 1

Course Content – Year 2
- Improvers’ French 1 – On Écoute, on Écrit et on Parle 1
- Improvers’ French 2 – On Écoute, on Écrit et on Parle 2
- French Culture – Connaître le Monde

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings (for direct entry to 2nd year students, classes will be held on Monday evenings).

Diploma in French (Ennis)
The Diploma in French is also available in Ennis.
Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings (6:30 pm - 9:30 pm), at the Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis. Registered students will have access to the NUI Galway library, its online resources and other University facilities for the duration of the programme.
Who is this course for?
The Diploma in Gemmology is suitable as an introductory course for people with a general interest in gemstones, as well as those working in the jewellery and related trades. The course is open to everyone and is designed for those with no previous training in gemmology.

Course Profile
Aim
The course aims to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of gemstones. It teaches a range of laboratory-based techniques used to identify gemstones and provides students with hands-on experience in identification protocols using a comprehensive collection of gemstones. The course also includes studies of typical geological settings of gemstones through lectures and field trips to Connemara.

Content
The course consists of lectures, laboratory demonstrations and practicals, including tuition on good practice in the identification of gemstones from the University’s teaching collection, which comprises in excess of 800 cut stones.

The course also focuses on the examination of these gemstones using a range of laboratory instruments including binocular microscope, refractometer, spectroscope, polariscope and conoscopic.

Course Content – Year 1
- Geology and Gemstones
- The Crystallography and Mineralogy of Gemstones
- The Optical Properties of Crystals – the Path to Gemstone Identification

Course Content – Year 2
- Gemstone Properties and Instrumentation for their Determination
- Recording Natural Gemstone Properties
- Gemstones and the Commercial World

All modules in the diploma are individually assessed. Assessment is by continuous assessment and by examination (written and practical) at the end of each year.

The course includes two one-day field trips to Connemara to study crystals and minerals in their natural settings. The option of carrying out a one-day Diamond Grading course at the headquarters of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain in London will also be available to 2nd year students.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Students on the course find employment in gemmological work (quality control, authentification) and jewellery (retail and design) trades.

Students may also find work as valuers for the insurance industry.

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Taking the diploma in German at NUI Galway was easily one of the best moves I’ve made, both personally and professionally. I’ve always had a keen interest in linguistics but sadly I had neglected German since school. As it turned out, when I went back to college to pursue postgraduate research, German proved quite essential for my line of work in Classical Philology. After one year of trying (and failing) to teach myself German I decided the diploma was the best option.

I started the diploma to develop reading comprehension in German but by the end of the course I had gained so much more. The method of teaching and learning allowed me to pursue the coursework at my own pace, in tandem with my own research and teaching. The regular practice gave me so much more confidence in speaking the language, and has opened up a whole new world of media, literature, film, music and culture. The diploma has instilled a strong desire to travel and explore Germany.

CHARLES DOYLE
Diploma in German
Diploma in
GERMAN

Who is this course for?
The Diploma in German introduces students to the basic elements of German and is designed for those who have no previous knowledge of the language.

Direct Entry to Second Year
If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by a written examination that will take place in August.

Course Profile
Aim
Whether your interest in German has a business focus or you want to get to know interesting and exciting regions such as the Austrian Alps, the Diploma in German can get you started. This two-year course will help you develop the skills to communicate successfully in the German-speaking world while exciting your curiosity about other cultures.

Content
Students will begin with the basic elements of German grammar and vocabulary and will progress to the study of a selection of social and cultural issues in the contemporary German-speaking world. By the end of each term, students will have learned to converse on and comprehend a variety of topics in situations that are normally encountered in a modern German-speaking environment.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Knowledge of German is more useful than ever for career opportunities involving international trade, customer service within multinational companies, as well as the tourism industry.

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Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings (for direct entry to 2nd year students, classes will be held on Thursday evenings).

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Who is this course for?
This course is of appeal to those who are interested in Ireland’s past and culture including primary school teachers, secondary school teachers and heritage employees. It will also be of appeal to those who are employed in the tourism industry.

Course Profile

Aim
The Diploma in Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary introduction to the discipline of Irish Studies and offers an excellent opportunity for those interested in Ireland, especially those without access to traditional programmes of study in this area.

The purpose of the diploma is to provide a basic introduction to Irish life and culture through the disciplines of archaeology, history, literature in English and in Irish (presented in translation), political science and sociology, and traditional Irish music and dance.

Content
The course provides an overview of Irish history from the pagan Celtic world and the coming of Christianity through to the cataclysmic famines of the 1840s, the establishment of an independent state in 1922 and Ireland’s integration into the European community. Students are introduced to Irish literature in both the Irish (Gaelic) and English languages, from the Old-Irish sagas and early Irish lyrics through the emergence of Anglo-Irish literature in the 18th century to the 20th century revival of writing in Irish.

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Career or Further Study Opportunities
The information and skills introduced by this course may contribute to careers in a wide variety of areas, such as in the heritage, tourism and education sectors.

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Diploma in
ITALIAN (Online)

Who is this course for?
The Diploma in Italian Online can be taken at beginners and intermediate level.

The online course is particularly suitable for students who need flexibility in their time and mode of study and/or live outside of Galway. Basic computer skills are sufficient for the online students, including an ability to download and upload files, navigate websites, and use emails and Skype-style applications. An introductory on-campus session at the beginning of the course will explain in very simple terms how to use these applications and will take students through all the steps necessary to become familiar with these learning tools.

Direct Entry to Second Year
If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year at either beginners or intermediate level. Your language level will be assessed by an online examination.

Course Profile
Aim
This course is designed to give participants enhanced language skills for personal, travel and professional purposes. This course is based on a collaborative, communicative approach and students are encouraged to participate in virtual class activities with their peers and e-tutors.

Beginners Level
Students will be guided through each interactive and participative online module, which will emphasize collaborative learning in order to avoid any feelings of isolation. Lecture packages will be delivered weekly online and will include comprehension tasks, individual and group work, and conversation and intercultural aspects. Three on-campus sessions per semester are also included (held on Saturdays).

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Diploma in
ITALIAN (Online) cont.

Intermediate Level
This course caters for students who have already obtained a Level A2 of fluency in Italian and focuses on the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) using regular practice based, as much as possible, on authentic material carefully selected to guide students towards the acquisition of more advanced structures and functions of the language. An online entry test may be required prior to enrolling in the Intermediate Level diploma.

A cultural module will present aspects of Italian culture and society from both a linguistic and an intercultural perspective, introducing texts and personalities from Italian arts, music, cinema, literature and exploring societal issues.

Course Content – Year 1 Online
- Italian Communication Skills 1 – Part 1
- Italian Communication Skills 1 – Part 2
- Italian Cultural Landscape 1

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Learning a new language will provide invaluable skills. There is no doubt that the profile of the professional of the future will be that of a person who can adapt quickly and effectively to new situations and environments, who speaks more than one language, and who is at home in more than one country. Language students will be mobile, cosmopolitan, and ready and happy to embrace and negotiate different cultures and traditions.

Course Content – Year 2
- Italian Communication Skills 2 – Part 1
- Italian Communication Skills 2 – Part 2
- Italian Cultural Landscape 2

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I highly recommend taking the Diploma in Italian Online with NUIG if you enjoy a well-structured, disciplined approach to language learning that keeps you engaged. There is great communication with tutors and fellow students and I never felt alone. As well as the essentials in listening, speaking, reading and writing, the course content has a great cultural element covering topics such as Italian cinema, music, politics and literature. The class really enjoyed this part.

For me, improving the accuracy of my writing in Italian was hugely important and I was very happy with the frequent written assignments we were given: I feel my writing skills improved 100% after the course. My pronunciation was weak, and I’ve improved a lot in that area. Listening to the native-speaking tutors during the online tutorials was invaluable and they were all extremely communicative and helpful. I lived and worked in Italy years ago but lost some language fluency over time. The diploma was the perfect way to hone my skills and polish up my Italian.

WENDY ARMSTRONG
Diploma in Italian Online
Diploma in MANAGEMENT

Who is this course for?
The Diploma in Management is aimed at those who seek a management qualification to develop their careers. Graduates will be equipped with key concepts, knowledge and skills to enable them to embark on a career in management and be employable in a range of industries and sectors.

Course Profile
Aim
This diploma aims to provide you with an opportunity to:
• Understand the principles of contemporary management
• Enhance your leadership capability
• Understand management’s role in achieving organisational outcomes and success
• Develop your critical thinking, analysis and decision-making skills
• Understand the role of organisational psychology and behaviour in organisational effectiveness
• Develop essential negotiation and management skills
• Apply this knowledge to a wide range of organisational settings

Content
In year 1 you will study Contemporary Management Thought, Human Resource Management and Critical Thinking. In year 2 you will deepen your understanding of the organisation whilst studying Organisational Psychology and Analysis, Management Skills and Negotiation Skills.

Course Content – Year 1
- Contemporary Management Thought
- Critical Thinking
- Leading and Managing People

Course Content – Year 2
- Management Skills
- Organisational Psychology and Analysis
- Negotiation Skills

Delivery
This course is delivered online through:
• Live online lectures
• Negotiation Skills 3-day weekend workshop on campus (year 2)
• Podcasts and presentations (recorded spoken lectures with presentation slides)
• Screencasts (video recordings of presentations with voiceovers)
• Reading material, assignments and online discussions
• Additional online learning tools

Assessment
Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, online activities and a block release workshop on campus in year 2 of the course.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Graduates will be equipped with the knowledge and skills required to embark on a career in management or enhance their capacity to perform in current management roles. This course is also suited to self-employed managers seeking to add value to their organisation.

The Diploma in Management provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) and the Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions are granted for modules successfully completed in the diploma.

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Diploma in
POLITICAL SCIENCE & SOCIOLOGY

Who is this course for?
This course is an ideal choice for individuals interested in the issues which affect modern day societies and the political structures and policies which respond to them. It is suited to those who wish to develop a deeper understanding of the society they live in and the factors which contribute to the functioning (or malfunctioning) of that society. It may also be of interest to those intending to teach Politics and Society at secondary school level.

Course Profile

Aim
The Diploma in Political Science and Sociology is designed to encourage students to examine the connections between political and sociological perspectives in relation to national and world issues. One of the common concerns of Political Science and Sociology is how and why societies change and what alternatives are desirable or possible.

Content
A core feature of this course is to encourage students to think critically, to explore possibilities and to seek solutions to social and political problems. This diploma is ideal for students who wish to:

- Understand the theoretical foundations of Political Science and Sociology
- Become familiar with the ‘Sociological Perspective’ and use this perspective in the examination of key sociological theories and concepts and in the examination and analysis of social and political phenomena
- Develop essential social research skills
- Apply this knowledge to the design of social research projects and the analysis of social and public policy

Career or Further Study Opportunities
The Diploma in Political Science and Sociology is aimed at students who wish to develop their careers in areas that require investigative and problem-solving skills, good communication skills, the ability to critically evaluate issues, handle information from a variety of sources, and the ability to work with diverse groups.

The diploma provides an ideal grounding for people who provide care, protection and support in society. Students will be equipped with the fundamentals to embark on a career path in areas such as journalism, public administration and political consultancy.

Graduates may be employable in a range of public, private and not-for-profit organisations that involve analysing and communicating the origins of social practices to diverse audiences.

The course may provide an opportunity for students to progress to degree level qualification.

Course Content – Year 1

| Introduction to Politics and Sociology |
| Social Research Skills |
| Issues in Contemporary Irish Society |

Course Content – Year 2

| Classical Social Thought |
| Practicing Sociology and Politics |
| Understanding Equality and Diversity or Development and Change |

Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments and examinations, online activities and block release workshops during the semester.

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Diploma in

PSYCHOLOGY OF COUNSELLING

Who is this course for?
The diploma is designed for individuals who are involved in a helping or advice-giving role. In particular, it caters for members of self-help groups, volunteers in befriending and support organizations, individuals engaged in personnel work and staff of educational, youth and health services.

Specialist Entry Requirements
It is beneficial to outline the following information in your application:

- Your involvement in voluntary/community work (if any)
- Personal reasons for doing the course
- How you consider the course will benefit your work/community

Course Profile
Aim
The course aims to provide a basic grounding in the psychology of lifespan development and major psychological theories of personality and their application to counselling. The practical aspects of the course include basic counselling skills and group facilitation of personal development. The course enables participants to gain a better understanding of the processes in which they are involved and to develop their counselling skills. The diploma is also suitable for people who would like, subsequently, to pursue a professional counselling course, as it provides a foundation in the theory and basic skills of counselling.

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Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, with occasional weekend workshops.
85% attendance is required for this course.

Career or Further Study Opportunities
On successful completion of year 2, you may go on to take an undergraduate course in counselling psychology, psychology or counselling. Graduates who already have a third level qualification may be entitled to undertake a Masters in Counselling course.

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Diploma in
SPANISH

Who is this course for?
The Diploma in Spanish is designed for those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language and wish to gain Spanish language skills for personal or professional reasons.

Direct Entry to Second Year
If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by a written examination.

Course Profile

Aim
The Diploma in Spanish will help students to develop communication skills in Spanish that will facilitate travel or work. On completion of the course, students will have the necessary oral, comprehension and writing skills to deal with a range of situations encountered in everyday life in Spain and Latin America.

Content
The course will include elements of Spanish grammar and vocabulary and an introduction to social and cultural issues in the contemporary Spanish-speaking world. By the end of each year, students will be able to discuss a variety of topics relevant to life in Spain or Latin America today. Student participation and active learning will be key features in course delivery.

Course Content – Year 1

- Introduction to Beginners’ Spanish – Written and Spoken
- Beginners’ Spanish – Written, Spoken and Aural Comprehension
- Introduction to Spain and Oral Spanish

Course Content – Year 2

- Improvers’ Spanish 1 – Written, Spoken and Aural Comprehension
- Improvers’ Spanish 2 – Written, Spoken and Aural Comprehension
- Introduction to Latin America and Oral Spanish

Classes will be held on Monday evenings (for direct entry to 2nd year students, classes will be held on Thursday evenings).

Career or Further Study Opportunities
Spanish is currently the third most widely spoken language in the world after Mandarin and English. It is increasingly beneficial to those working in any sector with an international dimension.

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SPANISH IS CURRENTLY THE THIRD MOST WIDELY SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD
Whether you wish to further your career or study as a passion project, I highly recommend the part-time BA at NUI Galway to anyone hoping to return to, or experience third-level education.

The blended learning format consists of a range of delivery methods, including online materials, lectures, podcasts, group discussion boards and monthly workshops on campus. The exact mode of delivery will depend on your own chosen subjects and modules, but all are manageable around a busy home and working life.

Staff are always approachable, helpful and open to constructive criticism, constantly working to improve learner experience and services for students. As a part-time student, you will have access to the online system and library as well as all other student supports and facilities both on campus and online. I would also encourage people to connect with their fellow learners for support and friendship.

The past four years on the part-time B.A degree have at times been challenging, but overall incredibly rewarding. You will build upon and develop a wide range of skills including, time management, working to deadlines, critical thinking, textual analysis and writing. These transferable skills will enable you in all areas of life and career. My belief in the transformative power of education is rooted in my own journey.

JENNIFER GRODEN
Bachelor of Arts
(Humanities and Social Science)
BACHELOR OF ARTS
(Humanities & Social Sciences)

The part-time Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) prepares students to progress in the rapidly changing global environment. Our flexible, broad-based curriculum allows you to choose a degree pathway that reflects your individual interests and career objectives. The curriculum includes specialisms in Archaeology, Economics, English & Drama, French, Gaeilge Fheidhmeach, History, Management, Marketing, Political & Social Science and Training & Education Management.

Who is this course for?
This degree is suitable for you if you are:
• interested in the humanities and social sciences
• require a general academic qualification for career or personal development
• seek to develop decision-making, planning and problem-solving skills
• keen to develop your digital literacy skills
• considering progressing to postgraduate studies

Specialist Entry Requirements
• Aged 21 years or more by 1st January of the year of study
• Those interested in pursuing Economics: a minimum of pass Mathematics at Leaving Certificate level or equivalent
• Possess a good level of computer literacy
Applicants aged under 21 years are required to fulfil the matriculation requirements for NUI Galway. Please refer to www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/qualifications-and-entry-requirements
Applicants who have successfully completed the Diploma in Foundation Studies are automatically eligible for admission.

Course Profile
1. Core Modules
Over the duration of the degree you will complete two core modules (10 ECTS):
Skills for Learning introduces you to the online and blended learning environment and bridges the learning gap between your last educational experience and returning to education as an adult learner.
Critical Thinking covers the concept of critical thinking and its associated skills and applications within the context of academic research and writing.

2. Specialisms
A major specialism totals 75 ECTS and is generally taken over the four years of the course. You can choose a major specialism in: Economics, English & Drama, French and Political Science & Sociology.
A minor specialism totals 40 ECTS and is generally taken over a minimum of two years (the duration may vary across subject areas). You can choose a minor specialism in: Archaeology, Economics, English & Drama, French, Gaeilge Fheidhmeach, History, Management, Marketing, Political Science & Sociology and Training & Education Management.

3. Electives
Electives may be chosen to add value to a specialism or for your own personal development. Electives are available in the following subject areas: Archaeology, Irish Studies, Management and Political Science & Sociology. The number of electives available in a given year will depend on the degree pathway that you choose.

COURSE FACTS
ECTS: 180
NFQ Level: 8
Duration: 4 years, part-time
Mode of study: Blended learning
Fees: (per annum)
EU: €3,055  Non-EU: €3,555

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(Humanities & Social Sciences)

Mapping your degree pathway

1. 2 MAJOR (75 ECTS) X 2
   
   CORE (10 ECTS) + ELECTIVE (20 ECTS) = 180 ECTS
   4 YEARS

2. 1 MAJOR (75 ECTS)
   2 MINOR (40 ECTS) X 2
   
   CORE (10 ECTS) + ELECTIVE (15 ECTS) = 180 ECTS
   4 YEARS

3. 1 MAJOR (75 ECTS)
   1 MINOR (40 ECTS)
   
   CORE (10 ECTS) + ELECTIVE (55 ECTS) = 180 ECTS
   4 YEARS

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Subject Areas

**ARCHAEOLOGY:**
*Fully online*
A specialism in Archaeology will provide you with a comprehensive overview of the archaeology of Ireland’s past, stretching from the first settlers approximately 10,000 years ago right up to select themes from early modern times.

**Economics:**
*Fully online*
The Economics specialism provides a flourishing and diverse academic environment which integrates teaching and research, theory and empirical applications, in a policy-oriented and interdisciplinary way. At degree level, you will study a range of policy-oriented modules, including the economics of healthcare and natural resources as well as a number of applied macroeconomics and financial economics modules.

**English and Drama:**
*Blended learning*
This specialism forms a basis for a spectrum of critical thinking and cultural analysis. The subject area entails the study of specific literary and theatrical areas. Students will refine, develop and/or acquire skills in close reading and critical analysis, improve and enhance oral and written expression, and emerge with an expanded sense of imaginative and cultural possibility.

**French:**
*Weekly lectures*
The French specialism is designed for students with an interest in French to acquire a high level of communication skills in the language (oral and written) through a variety of practical language exercises. The French native teachers will use the communicative method of modern language instruction. Students will study major issues in the contemporary French speaking world, such as immigration, education, culture and politics.

**History:**
*Blended learning*
The History specialism seeks to analyse and explain the development of human society over time. The subject area covers a range of chronological periods, the historical experience of different countries, major themes in human society, and the processes of cultural change.

**Management:**
*Online*
A specialism in Management provides a theoretical foundation in contemporary management thought. You will have an opportunity to enhance your leadership capability whilst studying Leading and Managing People, Management Skills and Negotiation Skills. You will develop your critical thinking, analysis and decision-making skills. You will deepen your understanding of the organisation whilst studying Organisational Psychology and Analysis. After successful
completion of this stream you can apply this knowledge across a wide range of organisations.

Marketing: Online
A specialism in Marketing provides the theoretical foundations of marketing principles. Through a combination of game-based learning and online technology, you will gain a deeper understanding of marketing theory and apply it to real-world settings. You will examine how marketing works in a managerial context and develop negotiation skills; in particular, how to manage issues to achieve agreement and resolve a conflict. You will also develop marketing research skills, such as: how to collect accurate data, how to prepare and analyse this data, and how to compile and present the research findings. You will also study services marketing. After successful completion of this stream you can apply this knowledge to a wide range of industry settings.

Political Science & Sociology: Blended learning
This specialism is designed to encourage students to examine the connections between political and sociological perspectives in relation to national and world issues. One of the common concerns of Political Science and Sociology is how and why societies change and what alternatives are desirable or possible. A core feature of this course is to encourage students to think critically, to explore possibilities and to seek solutions to social and political problems.

Training and Education Management: Blended learning
This specialism responds to the continuing professional development needs of practitioners working in the field of adult education, training and human resource development. Its practical approach places specific emphasis on developing competence in course design and development strategies, project and innovation management, employee development supports and organisational training efficiencies.

COURSE FACTS
- **ECTS:** 180
- **NFQ Level:** 8
- **Duration:** 4 years, part-time
- **Mode of study:** Blended learning
- **Fees:** (per annum) EU: €3,055  Non-EU: €3,555

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Delivery
The part-time BA is a four-year flexible learning course, which is ideally suited to adult learners with work and family commitments. Course streams are delivered in a number of ways, as outlined in the table below (also see subject areas section for more information). The Blackboard virtual learning environment (VLE) at NUI Galway provides a digital hub for teaching and learning.

Assessment
Assessments may include: online activities, essays, written reports, presentations, individual and group projects and a limited number of written examinations (which take place at NUI Galway).

What career opportunities are there?
Graduates of the part-time Bachelor of Arts (BA) are highly versatile and may find employment in a variety of sectors including government organisations, journalism, creative writing, entrepreneurship, management, marketing and education services and more (further qualifications may be required for certain careers).

Online Learning
- Online Lectures
- Online tutorials
- Online discussions & activities
- Study groups and group work

Blended Learning
- Monthly on-campus workshops
- Online tutorials
- Online discussions and activities
- Study groups & group work

Weekly Lectures
- Weekly lectures
- Online content support