BACHELOR/ DipLoMA iN ARTS
(HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES)
INTRODUCTION

The new part-time Diploma/Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Science), delivered via blended learning, 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 Literature & Drama, History, Training & Education Management and Modern Languages.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Degree programme is for you if you are:
• interested in the humanities and social sciences
• require a general academic qualification for career or personal development
• considering progressing to postgraduate studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

If you are aged 21 years or over on or before January 1st of year of entry, you may gain entry to the programme on the basis of mature years. Candidates under 21 years should meet the minimum matriculation requirements, further information is available from: www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning/faqs/qualifications-and-entry-requirements/

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the part-time Bachelor of Arts (BA) are highly versatile and may find employment in a variety of sectors including government organisations, healthcare, journalism, creative writing, business and education services and many more (further qualifications may be required for certain careers). Graduates will develop the following skills that are considered essential for today’s workforce:
• critical and analytical thinking
• time and task management
• problem solving and decision making
• editing, research and report writing
• communication; oral and written

DELIVERY

The part-time BA is a four-year blended learning programme; a Diploma in Arts is awarded upon successful completion of the first 2 years. Blended learning is a flexible method of studying, which is ideally suited to adult learners. Blended learning includes a combination of:
• face-to-face monthly lectures and tutorials
• self-instructional learning materials
• online tutorials
• online discussions and activities
• study groups and group work

You will have online access to course content and will be supported by an online tutor at all times.

ASSESSMENT

Assessments may include: online activities, essays, written reports, presentations, individual and group projects and written examinations (which take place at NUI Galway).
CORE MODULES

Over the duration of the degree you will complete three core modules (15 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.

**Skills to Succeed** aims to provide you with the skills to be successful in your chosen pathway by developing a set of practical skills that form the foundation for an effective working life.

SPECIALISMS

A major specialism totals 75 ECTS and is generally taken over the four years of the programme. You can choose a major specialism in: Economics, English Literature & Drama, Training & Education Management and Italian.

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 Literature & Drama, History (available in the degree cycle), Training & Education Management and Italian.

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, Italian, Gaeilge, Irish Studies and Community & Family Studies. The number of electives available in a given year will depend on the degree pathway that you choose.

PROGRAMME FACTS

**DIPLOMA ECTS: 90 | NFQ: LEVEL 7**

**DEGREE 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
MAPPING YOUR DEGREE PATHWAY

CHOICES:

1. 2 Major (75 ECTS) x 2
   Core (15 ECTS) + Elective (15 ECTS) = 180 ECTS
   4 Years

2. 1 Major (75 ECTS) 2 Minor (40 ECTS) x 2
   Core (15 ECTS) + Elective (10 ECTS) = 180 ECTS
   4 Years

3. 1 Major (75 ECTS) 1 Minor (40 ECTS)
   Core (15 ECTS) + Elective (50 ECTS) = 180 ECTS
   4 Years
ARCHAEOLOGY
A minor 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
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 LITERATURE AND DRAMA
This specialism forms a basis for a spectrum of critical thinking and cultural analysis. The programme entails the study of specific literary and theatrical areas. You 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.

ITALIAN
Italian is open to those who have little or no knowledge of the language. Following a communicative and collaborative approach, during the four years of the programme, you will progress from an absolute beginner to being proficient in all four language skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing. In addition, you will develop a broad overview of the cultural and literary landscape of Italy with modules ranging from poetry to fiction, film studies and culture and society.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION MANAGEMENT
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 programme design and development strategies, project and innovation management, employee development supports and organisational training efficiencies.

HOW CAN I APPLY?
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