

## Foreign School Consumer Information

The US Dept of Education requires that the following loan consumer information is available to all prospective students. All consumer information is openly available on this website.

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### Institutional and Financial Aid Information

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#### Cost of Attendance

The yearly cost of attending NUI Galway is shown in the 'Cost of Attendance' spreadsheet, which also calculates your loan entitlement. Your 'Cost of Attendance' will be emailed to you after your federal aid application has been processed. A breakdown of the 'Cost of Attendance' can be found on page 13 of the Federal Aid Student Guide, which can be accessed here: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/feesfinance/federalaid/>

#### Withdrawal & Refund Policy

The Withdrawal & Refund policy for Federal Aid student loans is set out on pages 10-11 of the Federal Aid Student Guide, which can be accessed here: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/feesfinance/federalaid/>

#### Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students in receipt of Federal Aid loans must be able to show proof of 'Satisfactory Academic Progress'. Details of our 'Satisfactory Academic Progress' (SAP) Policy are available in Appendix 4 of the Federal Aid Student Guide, which can be accessed here: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/feesfinance/federalaid/>

## **Loan Consumer Information Disclosures: Private loans**

Private loans may be obtained from Sallie Mae, subject to credit check and lending criteria. Under the 'Truth in Lending Act', we are required to disclose consumer information related to these private loans. Details can be found at:

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/smart-option-student-loan/terms/loan-app-solicitation/>

## **US Tax Information and Certificate of Fees Paid**

The National University of Ireland, Galway, does not have an EIN (Employee Identification Number), nor do we complete 1098-T tax forms, as we are not a US tax entity. On request, we will provide a 'Certificate of Fees Paid' form for students (or parents of dependent students) for US tax purposes.

## **Educational Institution: Facilities, Services, and Program Details**

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### **School and Program Accreditation, Approval, or Licensure**

"National University of Ireland, Galway Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh" means the National University of Ireland, Galway Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh established by [section 7](#) of the [Universities Act 1997](#) (No. 24 of 1997).

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1997/en/act/pub/0024/index.html>

The name and address of the agency with Ireland that enforces our authority to offer post secondary education is as follows:

Department of Education and Skills  
Tullamore  
Co. Offaly,  
Ireland

For further details, contact the Federal Aid Administrator, International Affairs Office, NUI Galway at [federalaid@nuigalway.ie](mailto:federalaid@nuigalway.ie)

### **Academic Program Details and Facilities**

Details on available academic programs can be found on the NUI Galway website: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/>

Details on study facilities on campus can be found at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/study-facilities.html>

### **Facilities and Services Available to Students with Disabilities**

NUI Galway and its Disability Support Service (DSS) are committed to providing educational opportunities to all students with disabilities. Details can be found at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/students-with-disabilities/>

## Textbook Information

Reading lists are provided at the start of term. Textbooks can be purchased at the University Book Shop:

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/study-facilities.html>

## Educational Institution: Policies

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### Copyright

Please see the following web pages:

<http://library.nuigalway.ie/digitalscholarship/openaccess/aranrepository/copyrightfags/>

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/footer-links/copyright.html>

### Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Certification

See NUI Galway's policies for misuse of alcohol and drugs at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-services/policies/>. Penalties for drug-related incidences are dealt with according to the NUI Galway Code of Conduct: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/codeofconduct/>.

### Vaccinations Policy

There is no requirement for vaccinations for incoming students, but our Health Unit does provide a vaccination service. All overseas students are strongly recommended to have the Meningitis C vaccination. You can read more about the Health Unit services here: [http://www.nuigalway.ie/health\\_unit/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/health_unit/).

### Transfer of Credits

Modules are credited in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). The ECTS protocol allocates 60 credits to a full academic year's work, and 30 credits to a semester's work. For more information on transferring credits to NUI Galway, please contact International Admissions: [InternationalAdmissions@nuigalway.ie](mailto:InternationalAdmissions@nuigalway.ie)

### Missing Person Notification Policy

NUI Galway's 'Missing Student Protocol' can be found at:

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/student\\_life/student\\_services/documents/missing\\_student\\_protocol.pdf](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student_life/student_services/documents/missing_student_protocol.pdf)

## Educational Institution: Statistics

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### **Placement in Employment**

For available statistics on First Destinations of NUI Galway graduates, and details on the types of employment obtained by graduates please see:

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/career-development-centre/servicesforstudents/explore/graduatedestinations/#tab1>

### **Types of Graduate and Professional Education in which the School's Graduates enrol**

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/media/careerdevelopmentcentre/files/survey/NUI-Galway-Graduates-of-2016.pdf>

### **Job Placement Rate**

We are one of Ireland's top universities for graduate employability, with 98% of our graduates working or in further study within six months of graduating: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/cao/employability2016/>

### **Privacy of Student Records (FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)**

The National University of Ireland, Galway fully respects your right to privacy and takes every appropriate measure to secure the privacy of any information shared with the university. Please see the NUI Galway Data Protection Policy for more details:

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/data\\_protection/documents/dataprotpolfinal.pdf](http://www.nuigalway.ie/data_protection/documents/dataprotpolfinal.pdf).

The university does not collect any personal information on their web site without your permission. All information volunteered within online forms is treated as confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1988/en/act/pub/0025/index.html>) and the Data Protection (Amendment) Act 2003 (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2003/en/act/pub/0006/index.html>). Personal information (such as email address) is requested by online forms for the sole purpose of enabling the recipient in NUI Galway to reply to your contact.

### **Retention Rate**

NUI Galway has a very high rate of student retention, which is maintained at 84%:

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/vision2020/ourcommunities/ourstudents/>

### **Completion/Graduation and Transfer-out Rates**

NUI Galway's student completion rate is higher than any other university in Ireland, at 86%. For more information, please see:

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/media/nuigalwayie/content/images/aboutus/newsandevents/Essential-Guide-2015-16.pdf>

## Code of Conduct for Education Loans

There is a code of conduct that prohibits a conflict of interest with the responsibilities of an agent of the school with respect to private education loans. The code of conduct prohibits:

- Revenue-sharing arrangements with any lender
- Receiving gifts from a lender, a guarantor, or a loan service
- Contracting arrangement providing financial benefit from any lender or affiliate of a lender
- Directing borrowers to particular lenders, or refusing or delaying loan certifications
- Offers of funds for private loans
- Call centre or financial aid office staffing assistance
- Advisory board compensation

### **Preferred Lending List for Private Loans**

The Preferred Lending List for Private Loans is the complete list of all lenders who will lend to American students who are staying outside the USA where there are no costs or liabilities to the school. Currently the list consists only of SallieMae. If any student finds another lender who will lend to American students who are studying outside the USA where there are no costs or liabilities to the school, then the school will immediately add that lender to the list.

For any questions pertaining to U.S. Federal Aid, please contact [federalaid@nuigalway.ie](mailto:federalaid@nuigalway.ie).

## SEPARATE NOTICE SECTION

### Conviction for possession or sale of illegal drugs.

(a)(1) A student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds, for the period described in paragraph (b) of this section, if the student has been convicted of an offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs for conduct that occurred during a period of enrolment for which the student was receiving title IV, HEA program funds. However, the student may regain eligibility before that time period expires under the conditions described in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) For purposes of this section, a conviction means only a conviction that is on a student's record. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record is not relevant for purposes of this section, nor is a determination or adjudication arising out of a juvenile proceeding.

(3) For purposes of this section, an illegal drug is a controlled substance as defined by section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801(6)), and does not include alcohol or tobacco.

(b)(1) *Possession.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, if a student has been convicted—

(i) Only one time for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for one year after the date of conviction;

(ii) Two times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of the second conviction; or

(iii) Three or more times for possession of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the third conviction.

(2) *Sale.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, if a student has been convicted—

(i) Only one time for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds for two years after the date of conviction; or

(ii) Two or more times for sale of illegal drugs, the student is ineligible to receive Title IV, HEA program funds for an indefinite period after the date of the second conviction.

(c) If a student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program described in paragraph (d) of this section after the student's most recent drug conviction, the student regains eligibility on the date the student successfully completes the program.

(d) A drug rehabilitation program referred to in paragraph (c) of this section is one which—

(1) Includes at least two unannounced drug tests; and

(2)(i) Has received or is qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program;

(ii) Is administered or recognized by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;

(iii) Has received or is qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a Federally- or State-licensed insurance company; or

(iv) Is administered or recognized by a Federally- or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1091(r))

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