



**NUI Galway**  
OÉ Gaillimh

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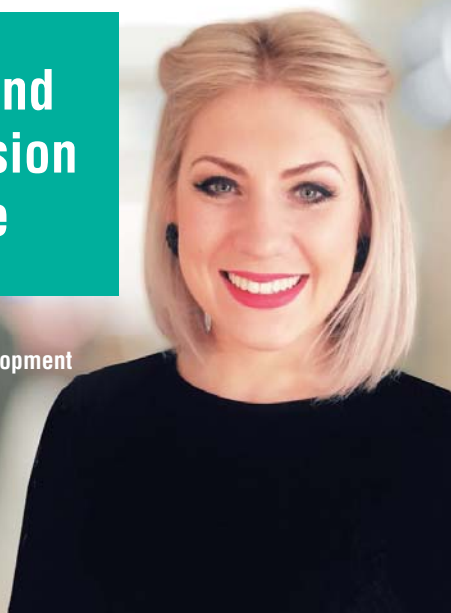
**...I realised  
my potential  
there**

Kathleen Garrity,  
AdWords Community &  
Social Manager, Google



**...I found  
my passion  
there**

Ríona Ní Ghriallais,  
Medical Device Development  
Industry, Consultant



**...I  
made the  
right choices  
there**

Barry Doran,  
Conference  
Interpreter



**Study at NUI Galway,  
a world of opportunities awaits**

**Your University  
Your World**

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Communicate clearly  
Collaborate  
Think critically  
Be creative  
Connect  
Get involved - completely.

University is a time to really explore your potential, to further your academic and personal interests and push the boundaries of what you thought were your limits.

At NUI Galway, you will be challenged to achieve your full potential by lecturers who are leaders in their chosen fields. You will be provided with the best educational opportunities in newly built state-of-the-art facilities, in a supportive, culturally-diverse and community environment. Our student completion rate is higher than any other university in Ireland.

We are your University. This is your world. **Choose NUI Galway.**

## A top University for graduate employability

We believe that the best learning happens when you apply what you learn in a real world context and that is why over 70% of our courses offer you the opportunity to get work experience, placements or community projects.

Our graduates are highly sought after by employers who recognise that they have the right mix of knowledge and experience to make a valuable contribution to the workplace.

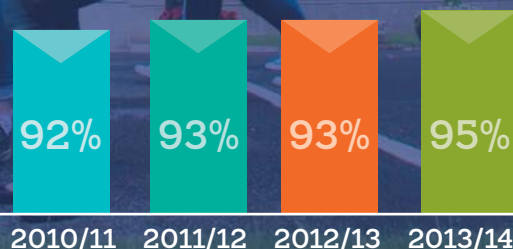
95%

of our 2014 graduates progressed to work or further study (National average is 89%)

431

the number of employers our students had access to this year.

NUI Galway employability rate increase year-on-year:



(Source: First Destinations Survey, based on undergraduates who are in employment or further education within 9 months of graduating.)

1,924

NUI Galway secured internships for students with employers all over the world.



## Choosing the right course for you

### New course choices at NUI Galway

In the last six years, we have introduced over 20 new programmes, all of which have been developed in response to the changing needs of the job market. Here are just a few of them:

**NEW**  
IN 2016

#### BA (Children's Studies)

The BA (Children's Studies) is a new course that is particularly suited to school leavers interested in developing careers working with, or on behalf of children. During year three students go on a work placement for one semester, either nationally or internationally. Students also have the option to take a foreign language and will have the option to study in a European University for a semester.

**NEW**  
IN 2016

#### BComm (Global Experience)

The BComm (Global Experience) is a new four-year comprehensive business programme where in year 3 you will undertake a work placement, or study abroad, or do a combination of the work placement and studying abroad. In your final year you will specialise in one stream- Accounting and Performance Measurement, Economics and Public Policy, Management of Human Resources, Marketing Management, Digital Business and Analytics, Finance, Business Law or International Business.

#### BComm (International Hotel Management), Shannon College of Hotel Management; Bachelor of Business Studies (International Hotel Management)

Based in Shannon College of Hotel Management, a college of NUI Galway, this degree gives students the unique opportunity to combine professional practical training, language development, business theory and hands-on work experience. Students gain international experience during their studies, making them highly sought after. Graduates have 100% employment record.

## Unique programmes at NUI Galway

NUI Galway also offers a number of programmes in areas where we have unique strengths and are leading the way.

### Podiatry: Want to do something different?

Podiatry is the study of the lower limb and foot and NUI Galway is the only university in Ireland to offer this programme. There is currently a great demand for qualified podiatrists in Ireland and abroad.

### Biomedical Science

NUI Galway is Ireland's leading university for Biomedical Science, so students have access to top researchers and the very latest facilities. Located in the heart of the medical device industry hub here in Galway, graduates have excellent opportunities for employment.

### BA CONNECT

Our popular four-year Arts degree allows you to specialise in an area of interest to you, and includes a year of placement in Ireland or abroad. There are eight to choose from, including Journalism, Human Rights, Creative Writing, and Theatre and Performance, all areas where NUI Galway is leading the way. <http://nuigalway.ie/ba-connect/>

### BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)

This is the only undergraduate programme of its kind in Ireland enabling you to develop the theoretical skills and practice know-how to find employment in a range of settings from general youth work to more specialised interventions. During Year 3 you will participate in a structured, supervised and challenging work placement, where you can hone your skills and begin to see which area of work you are interested in for the future.

### Marine Science

As the only denominated Marine Science degree in Ireland, students come from all over the country to study this programme. Located on the West coast and with the Marine Institute close by, students have access to the best resources and expertise.

### Mathematics and Education

This programme has been designed to train Maths teachers. There is a serious shortage of fully qualified Maths teachers in Ireland, so if you like Maths and think you could teach, this is the course for you!

## Our ever popular courses

At NUI Galway the following broad-based degrees are very popular, and offer you the flexibility to decide on an area of specialism:

### Arts

An excellent three-year degree that provides you with a foundation on which to apply for jobs or postgraduate study in Ireland or abroad. With over 20 subjects to choose from this programme will equip you with a wide range of skills and qualities valuable in many professions. You will also have the option to spend an additional year abroad as part of your degree.

[www.nuigalway.ie/artscao](http://www.nuigalway.ie/artscao)

**91%**  
of our 2012 Arts graduates progressed to work or further study. (National average 85%)

### Science

A four year degree with a wide range of options, including environmental science, physics, astrophysics, biochemistry and many more.

### Commerce

This is a three year business degree with opportunities to specialise and travel abroad in the third year with the BComm International.

### Law

We offer both Civil and Corporate Law, with rich curriculums of core and optional legal subjects.

### Engineering

Not sure which type of Engineering suits you? Opt for Undenominated and take the first year to decide on the right one for you.

### Medicine

A five or six year degree, Medicine remains a very popular choice. This new, re-focused curriculum aims to train students to deliver the best patient outcomes and treatments and to be ethical and caring as well as highly competent in the process. University Hospital Galway, conveniently located beside the University campus, is the major teaching hospital. All students spend one full clinical year at one of four medical academies, in Sligo, Letterkenny, Castlebar or Ballinasloe.



### Featured Course:

#### Biomedical Engineering

Biomedical Engineering at NUI Galway is a four year interdisciplinary degree programme, which merges traditional engineering subjects with biology and medicine. The aim of the programme is to train Biomedical Engineers for future careers in designing new medical technologies, or for graduate education in engineering, medicine, and science. The programme has been developed through interaction with Medical Device industrial partners and medical professionals. Our students undertake an 8 month industrial placement, during which time they work side by side with Biomedical Engineers in the Med-Tech sector to solve real world bioengineering problems.

Galway city is a hub for multinational biomedical device companies and smaller start-up Biomedical Engineering companies, with 38 biomed industries based in the city region. These industrial interactions are a significant part of our course and our students are often employed by these companies after graduation. There are strong links between the programme and Universities in Europe and the USA, and we have exchange programmes enabling students to study at an international University as part of their degree.



## Rewarding your excellence

At NUI Galway we are committed to attracting the best students and supporting talents through a suite of scholarships rewarding academic, creative and sporting excellence.

- NEW since 2014 - CAO 'Performance Points' Scheme for the Creative Arts  
This scheme, unique in Ireland, rewards a limited number of students with exceptional achievements in selected disciplines in the creative arts with 40 CAO 'Performance Points' for entry into undergraduate courses. More information and application form on [www.nuigalway.ie/creativeartspointpoints](http://www.nuigalway.ie/creativeartspointpoints)
- Entrance Scholarships worth €1,500 each for students who achieve over 560 points in their Leaving Certificate
- Ten Scholarships are available for Medical students who perform exceptionally well in the Leaving Cert and the admission test (H-PAT Ireland)
- Sports scholarships including the new CAO Performance Points Scholarship Scheme for Elite Athletes. Sports Scholarships include financial support, performance planning, mentoring, medical support, nutritional, sports psychology, strength and conditioning, and physiotherapy.
- Dr James Massey Keegan Scholarships (offered for competition among Mayo students)
- Helen M. Moran Scholarship (offered to a first year registered student who has demonstrated a high level of achievement in Gaelic Football) [www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/scholarships](http://www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/scholarships)

## Ireland's fastest expanding campus



Since the University opened the doors of the Quadrangle in 1845, the NUI Galway campus has been constantly evolving to accommodate ever-increasing numbers of students. Today, the main campus has over 90 buildings on 105 hectares of land situated on the banks of the River Corrib.

We have recently invested €400 million in our campus to enhance your learning environment, including:

- A new award-winning purpose built Engineering Building, Ireland's largest School of Engineering
- A state-of-the-art 6,500 sq ft Sports Centre, including international competition standard swimming pool
- A new centre for the study of applied social sciences opened in 2015
- A new Centre for Drama and Theatre, and a new teaching and research facility for Medicine students will open in 2016
- A brand new school of Psychology, opened in September 2013
- A new facility for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences students, opened in April 2013
- A new building for Biosciences Research, opened Autumn 2013
- A newly refurbished Student Centre and Student Canteen

For more information on our Campus visit: [www.nuigalway.ie/prospective-students/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/prospective-students/)





## Galway as a location

Galway is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe and is big enough to have everything you need, but small enough to get to know people easily. Galway really is 'a university city' – the campus is in the heart of the city centre, with all amenities within walking distance.

The cost of living in Galway is significantly lower than other university cities, making your move to Galway that bit easier or, if you are from Galway, another great reason to stay.



Rent prices are **41.43%** cheaper in Galway than in Dublin



Consumer prices are **11.20%** cheaper in Galway than in Dublin



Restaurant prices are **15.31%** cheaper in Galway than in Dublin



Grocery prices are **7.81%** cheaper in Galway than in Dublin

[www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/)

## Open Doors for Open Days

Open days are the perfect opportunity for you and your family to visit the campus and experience life at NUI Galway. During open days you can take the opportunity to talk to your future lecturers and current students, explore the campus and accommodation, and decide for yourself if NUI Galway is the right choice for you.

### Visit us:

**Spring Open Day: 16th April, 2016**

**Autumn Open Days: 7th and 8th October, 2016**

### Information Evenings:

**Cavan Information Evening: 14th January 2016**

**Galway Parents Information Evening: 19th January 2016**

**Clonmel Information Evening: 28th January 2016**

[www.nuigalway.ie/opendays](http://www.nuigalway.ie/opendays)

## iPoints Calculator

Join over 6,000 students who have downloaded the award-winning NUI Galway CAO Points Calculator

<http://tinyurl.com/iPointsApp>

## NUI Galway Mobile App

Download NUI Galway's Mobile

[www.nuigalway.ie/mobileapp](http://www.nuigalway.ie/mobileapp)







## Student Life at NUI Galway

At NUI Galway you will enjoy a student experience that is truly unique. We are very proud of our reputation as a student-centred university and throughout your time at NUI Galway, you will be challenged and inspired to achieve your full potential, both educationally and personally.

## Sport at NUI Galway

Sport is central to life at NUI Galway and whether you are an aspiring athlete or simply want to keep fit, a visit to our newly built sports centre is a must. Among the superb facilities on offer are an area for court sports, a swimming pool, and a state-of-the-art gym. We offer a generous package of Sports Scholarships.

[www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/sports](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/sports)

## Volunteering

NUI Galway is Ireland's leading university for student volunteering, with more than 4,000 registered volunteers. By volunteering you will increase your job prospects, gain new skills, make a difference and make new friends and contacts.

[www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/volunteering.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/volunteering.html)

## Clubs and Societies

With over 40 sports clubs and more than 100 societies to choose from, you will have an opportunity to try new things, meet people with similar interests and have fun!

[www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campusactivities/student-societies.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campusactivities/student-societies.html)

## Student Supports

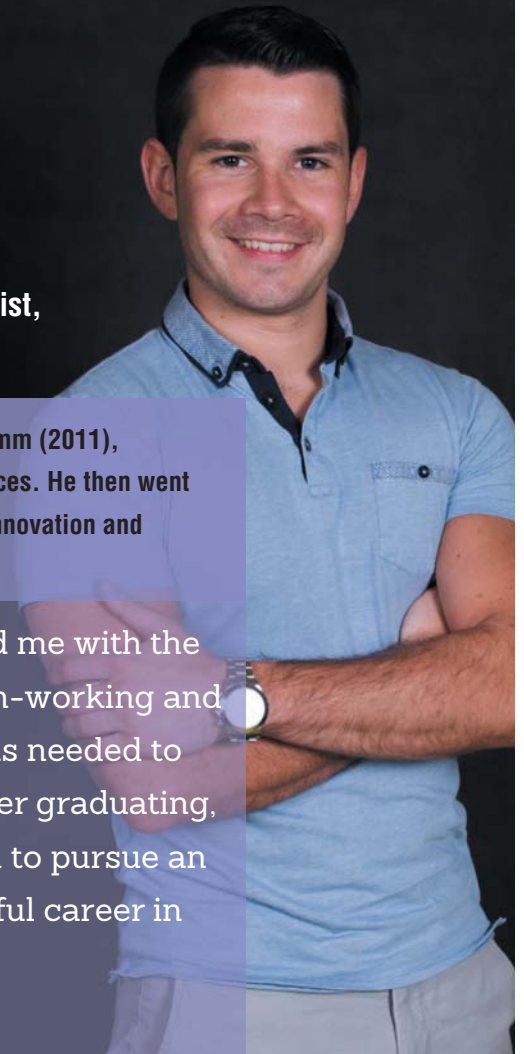
Life isn't always plain sailing, and at NUI Galway we understand that there may be times when you need advice, support or a listening ear. We are committed to providing you with a network of support services so that you can concentrate on getting the most out of your time at university. A Student Health Unit, Counselling Service, Childcare, Disability Support Service, Chaplaincy and Free Legal Aid Centre are all part of our services. [www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/student-support/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/student-support/)

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Richard graduated with a BComm (2011), specialising in Human Resources. He then went on and did an MSc (Strategy Innovation and People Management).

"Commerce equipped me with the communication, team-working and problem-solving skills needed to excel in business. After graduating, I was well-positioned to pursue an exciting and successful career in Human Resources."



## What our employers say:

"We employ NUI Galway graduates because they are results-focused, adaptable and confident, with excellent communication and analytical skills" Jennifer O'Neill, Management Consulting Analyst at Accenture.

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