

**Due to COVID-19 lectures will be conducted online: they will be pre-recorded and will be made available for these timetable times.**  
**It is critical that students keep up to date with individual module Blackboard Announcements and Handbooks to know when face-to-face activities are taking place. The level of face-to-face activities will vary across modules, with specific details available at the beginning of the semester.**

Discipline of Geography First Year Timetable 2020/2021				
First year - 1BA				
Semester 1				
ECTs	Module	Coordinator	Day, Time	Assessment
5	TI150 Principles of Human Geography	Dr John McDonagh	Mon, 3pm ( <b>online</b> through Blackboard) Tues, 5pm ( <b>online</b> through Blackboard) Wed, 12 noon ( <b>online</b> through Blackboard)	CA / MCQ
10	TI1100/TI1101 Geography in Practice (GiP)	Dr Valerie Ledwith	online through Blackboard In addition <b>6 tutorial slots providing face-to-face assistance</b> for exercise - See module outline below for further details	CA
Semester 2				
5	TI151 Principles of Physical Geography	Dr John McDonagh	Mon, 3pm ( <b>online</b> through Blackboard) Tues, 5pm ( <b>online</b> through Blackboard) Wed, 12 noon ( <b>online</b> through Blackboard)	CA / MCQ
10	TI1100/TI1101 Geography in Practice (GiP)	Dr Valerie Ledwith	<b>online</b> through Blackboard In addition <b>6 tutorial slots providing face-to-face assistance</b> for exercise - See module outline below for further details	CA

## Key contacts in Geography

Head of Geography  
 Geography Administrator  
 Senior Technician/Cartographer  
 1 BA Programme Coordinator  
 1 BA Geography in Practice Coordinator

[Dr John McDonagh](#)  
[Christina Costello](#)  
[Dr Siubhan Comer](#)  
[Dr John McDonagh](#)  
[Dr Valerie Ledwith](#)

## 1BA Geography Module Outlines 2020/2021

**Module:** TI 150 Principles of Human Geography

**Coordinator:** Dr John McDonagh

This course seeks to introduce key problems, concepts and contexts within human geography. Its focus is a contemporary one: it strives to illuminate the world of today by exploring and analysing the origin of central issues that make the headlines (or not) in the media and beyond. The course places lectures alongside the information given in the textbook; for examination purposes, both are essential. Major Themes covered in TI 150 (subject to change depending on staff availability) Rural Geographies, Cultural Geographies, Environment and Society, Social Geographies, Economic Geographies, Political Geographies, Development Geographies, Urban Geographies.

*\*There will be no face-to-face teaching for this module, it will be delivered online through Blackboard only.*

---

**TI 151 Principles of Physical Geography**

**Coordinator:** Dr John McDonagh

This course is designed to provide insight and understanding to the fundamental concepts and principles of physical geography as an academic discipline. In doing this, the course explores how the physical environment functions; how different environmental systems interact and how the physical environment impacts on human activities. The course explores the various components that make up these environmental systems, such as the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere. In addition the course also provides some understanding of how these fundamentals apply to Ireland and in so doing gives an insight into the richness of the physical geography of Ireland. Major Themes covered in TI 151: The Biosphere: Biogeography – species distribution and ecosystems, The Atmosphere: Weather and Climate, The Hydrosphere: Rivers The Geosphere: Coasts

*\*There will be no face-to-face teaching for this module, it will be delivered online through Blackboard only.*

---

**TI 1100 and TI 1101 Geography in Practice (GiP)**

**Coordinator:** Dr Valerie Ledwith

This module introduces first year geography students to a range of field-based learning environments designed to enhance their learning experience and develop their research competences. Supported by class-based teaching & technical instruction, students undertake a series of themed exercises and projects involving observation & measurement techniques, geographical mapping with data representation and geographical information systems (GIS), topographic & geological data, and relevant methods of analysis & reporting.

### **SCHEDULE AND SUBMISSION OF EXERCISES**

Beginning in Week 3, an introductory lecture explaining each exercise in this handbook will be uploaded to Blackboard every other Monday morning by 10am. After each introduction, there are 6 tutorial slots prior to the due date.

## TUTORIALS

Tutorials are designed to provide face-to-face assistance with the exercises for this module. ***Sign-up sheets for tutorials are available in the Exercise folders on Blackboard.*** For COVID-19 related health and safety reasons, students may only attend the session they sign up for. The tutorial locations are as follows:

- O'hEocha Theatre, Arts Millenium Building (Mondays at 3pm)
- Anderson Theatre, Arts Science Concourse (Tuesdays at 5pm)
- O'Flaherty Theatre, Arts Science Concourse (Wednesdays at noon)

## TIMETABLE

The schedule of topics, tutorials, and due dates are summarised in the table below:

Lecture on Bb	Exercise	Weight	Tutorial	Due Date
Week 1 (Sep 28)	No exercise or tutorials until Week 3. Introductory lecture available on Bb			
Week 3 (Oct 12) Mon @ 10am	Finding and Referencing Information  <b>Assessment: Bb quiz</b>	10	Oct 12 @3pm (O'hEocha) Oct 13 @5pm (Anderson) Oct 14 @noon (O'Flaherty)	Oct 26 @10am
Week 5 (Oct 26) Mon @ 10am	Plagiarism, Summarising and Academic Writing  <b>Assessment: Bb quiz &amp; written summary</b>	15	Oct 26 @3pm (O'hEocha) Oct 27 @5pm (Anderson) Oct 28 @noon (O'Flaherty)	Nov 9 @10am
Week 7 (Nov 9) Mon @ 10am	An Introduction to Mapping  <b>Assessment: Map work and written assessment</b>	25	Nov 9 @3pm (O'hEocha) Nov 10 @5pm (Anderson) Nov 11 @noon (O'Flaherty)	Nov 23 @10am
Week 9 (Nov 23) Mon @ 10am	Data Analysis and Presentation  <b>Assessment: Bb Quizzes</b>	25	Nov 23 @3pm (O'hEocha) Nov 24 @5pm (Anderson) Nov 25 @noon (O'Flaherty)	Dec 7 @10am
Week 11 (Dec 7) Mon @ 10am	Field Trip 1  <b>Assessment: Field work and written assessment</b>	25	Dec 7 @3pm (O'hEocha) Dec 8 @5pm (Anderson) Dec 9 @noon (O'Flaherty)	Dec 21 @10am

## COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF EXERCISES

All quizzes should be accessed via Blackboard and all written assessment should be submitted via Turnitin. To log into Blackboard, go to the website [www.nuigalway.blackboard.com](http://www.nuigalway.blackboard.com).