



**ADMISSION OF TRANSFER APPLICANTS TO THE SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT  
YEAR OF DEGREE PROGRAMME REGULATIONS**

***COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND CELTIC STUDIES***

In addition, you will be required to upload the following supporting documents:

- (a) Copy of Birth Certificate (Please note Baptismal Certificate is not acceptable.)
- (b) Certified copy of results obtained by you in the Leaving Certificate **Or** certified copies of equivalent Second Level qualifications
- (c) Certified evidence of First Year and any other University Examination results already completed\*
- (d) Personal statement; Academic history and personal grounds for application (300 words max.).

\*The University will not seek confirmation of results on your behalf. Originals or certified copy documents are required.

Any omission of the above will render the application incomplete. Only results of examinations completed by the closing date will be considered. Applications from students with examinations still to complete by the closing date will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. In such cases, the outstanding results will be taken into consideration before a transfer offer may be made.

***ADMISSION:*** Acknowledgement of an application contains no implication of acceptance as a student. Each application is dealt with on its own merits.

***APPLICATION:*** Application must be made online.

***CLOSING DATE:*** The closing date for receipt of online applications is:

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How can I transfer to the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme and complete my Degree at NUI, Galway?**

Transfer to Second Arts is considered each year in respect of applicants who have been admitted to a University/Third Level Institution on a Level 8 degree programme and have completed relevant Arts subjects to First Arts level.

Transfer into the Final Year of the BA degree is occasionally considered where appropriate.

#### **Transfer conditions:**

Each application is dealt with on its own merits. Requirements include successful completion of the First University Examination, or its equivalent, in relevant subjects for applicants seeking entry to Second Arts and, additionally, successful completion of the Second University Examination, or its equivalent, for applicants seeking entry to Final Arts.

Performance in school examinations is evaluated. Academic performance at the First University Examination is of particular importance. Personal circumstances may also be considered. The decision of the University on each application is based on the academic standing of the applicant, in both their school-leaving examinations and their University/Third Level studies completed to date.

First Arts students at NUI Galway are required to complete a 60-ECTS workload - 20 ECTS in each of three subjects prior to progressing to Second Year of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme. Therefore, students applying to transfer to Second Arts at NUI Galway must have successfully completed an equivalent workload in their home Institution. Students are required to study two subjects to degree level and to register for 30 ECTS in each subject in Second Year and 30 ECTS in each subject in Final Year of the BA Degree programme, totaling 60 ECTS for each academic year.

Applicants must, therefore, nominate two subjects from the Subject Groupings of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme at NUI, Galway and they must demonstrate a sufficient University foundation in each of the two subjects that they nominate, equivalent to First Arts standard and appropriate to the level of the BA degree to which they wish to transfer.

## **Is entry to Second Year restricted?**

### **Answer**

The BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme requires students entering Second Arts to have completed a 60-ECTS workload - 20 ECTS in each of three subjects in their first year. Students are obliged to carry a 30-ECTS workload in two subjects through Second and Final Year, from the three subjects engaged and passed in First Arts. Normally, a Pass in First Arts in a subject entitles a student to proceed to Second Arts in that subject, except in the following circumstances (please refer to University Undergraduate Prospectus for complete details):

#### **(1) Psychology**

There are only 15 places in Second Year of the Denominated BA (Psychology) programme. These places are allocated on the basis of performance at the First Arts Examination of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree. Students must have passed their First Arts Examination overall at the First Sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) in their first year of attendance and passed all three subjects outright (40% or higher). Only students who have satisfied these criteria and whose performance places them in the top 15 of the subject 'Psychology' shall be offered a place in Second Year of the Denominated BA (Psychology) programme. A student may not repeat an Examination or assessment in order to qualify for a place.

**Transfer applications from students having completed a year at another University/ Third Level Institution, to engage Psychology from Second Year, regrettably, cannot be considered.**

#### **(2) Psychological Studies**

A minimum of 100 places are available in Second Arts Psychological Studies. Places for Psychological Studies will be decided on academic merit in the subject Psychology, based on the results of the First Sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts Examination in the student's first year of attendance, where the student must have passed the First Arts Examination outright by achieving an average of 40% or higher in each of the three subjects studied.

Therefore, only students who have passed Psychology at the First Arts Examination and whose performance places them in the top 100 places of that class, and who have passed all their other First Arts subjects, are eligible to proceed with Psychological Studies in Second Arts.

**Transfer applications to transfer to the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree and engage Psychological Studies with another subject in Second or Final Arts cannot be considered.**

#### **(3) Law**

There are only 100 places available in Second Arts Law. Places are allocated on academic merit in that discipline, based on the results of the First Sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts Examination in the student's first year of attendance, where the student must have passed the First Arts Examination outright by achieving an average of 40% or higher in each of the three subjects studied.

**Transfer: Places in Second and Final Arts Law are restricted. A quota of 100 places applies in the Second and Final Year of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme; however, transfer applications may be considered where the quota has not been filled.**

#### **(4) Mathematics**

Students who wish to proceed with the subject of Mathematics in Second Arts must obtain 60% or higher across the four modules in First Arts Mathematics and to pass at 40% or higher the component module of MA186 Analysis and Algebra 2.

**Transfer applications will be considered on merit.**

#### **(5) Modern Languages**

##### **Requirements on choosing a Modern Language**

Students should note that choosing to study a Modern Language to Degree level involves spending a period, normally a year, abroad in a country or region where the language for which they are registered is widely spoken. Students registered for two languages are required to spend a minimum of twelve weeks in each of the countries/regions where the relevant languages are spoken. This will usually consist of at least one Semester in one language area and a Summer placement in the other. Alternative arrangements may be made provided they are approved in advance by the relevant academic discipline coordinators.

Therefore, after having successfully completed the Second Arts Examination, and in advance of registering for Final Year of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme, students will be required to spend a period abroad in order to prepare them for the demands of the Final Year of their degree studies in a Language.

##### **Advanced entry route to the Denominated BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)**

Applications for entry to Second Year of the BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice) may be considered providing the applicant satisfies the entry requirements for the programme and has successfully completed the First Year content or its equivalent on a relevant Level 8 degree. Refer to page 67 of the Undergraduate Prospectus for programme content and details.