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# Postgraduate prospectus—taught programmes 2012–2013

This prospectus details taught courses. There is an accompanying edition detailing our research programmes and research interests. Please see [www.nuigalway.ie/pgp](http://www.nuigalway.ie/pgp) to order or download a copy of the complementary book.

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The information contained in this prospectus is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate at the time of publication. Any amendments to the published information will be included in the online prospectus. The content of the prospectus is for information purposes only and should not be viewed as the basis of a contract between students and the University.

NUI Galway reserves the right to amend programmes or regulations at any time without notice; we may re-open previously closed programmes to accept applications in the event of programme quotas not being met. The University also reserves the right to withdraw programmes periodically for any reason (e.g., insufficient numbers).
Foreword from President

At NUI Galway we are proud of our record as Ireland’s top University for graduate employability and student retention. We have an excellent record of high quality, innovative teaching and a reputation for producing highly qualified graduates who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Postgraduate qualifications are increasingly recognised as the way to develop the specialist knowledge you need to fast track your career and boost your employability. Over 3,600 postgraduate students choose NUI Galway, many of them travelling from all over the world to study here.

A research led University
NUI Galway is a research led university and inspirational research is at the forefront of all of our activities. Today we are leading the field in a wide range of areas including stem cell and gene therapy research, human rights law, environmental change and developing the next generation of internet technology. Our researchers are informing and shaping public policy on everything from economic recovery to human rights and from policies for children to the aged.

Research successes
NUI Galway has had many recent research successes including the opening of a new Prostate Cancer Institute to develop better therapies and treatments for patients and the opening of the multidisciplinary ‘Lifecourse Institute’, a major advance in the field of social sciences in Ireland.

Our web science research institute, the Digital Enterprise Research Institute (DERI), developed exciting new research partnerships with global giants, Google and Cisco, while our marine scientists launched a major new expedition out to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean where they discovered several unusual species while investigating a newly discovered hydrothermal vent ecosystem.

Our researchers have made ground-breaking discoveries in stem cell and gene therapy research, discoveries that could lead to the development of more effective treatments for a number of diseases. Also, in a first for Ireland, the Centre for Climate and Air Pollution Studies has developed Ireland’s own capability of forecasting and assessing plume dispersion in the wake of the Icelandic volcano eruption. In the field of Arts and Humanities, the University expanded its already impressive collection of archives to include the playwright Thomas Kilroy’s archive, and the archive of director, writer and actor, John Huston.

Campus development
The University is in the final stages of a €400 million capital investment programme, the single largest capital development plan ever undertaken by the University. This includes the stunning new Engineering Building, the impressive new Sports Centre and swimming pool, a newly refurbished Student Cultural Centre and work has begun on two new world-class research facilities, an Arts Humanities and Social Sciences research building, and a new building for Biosciences research. This investment has transformed the 105 hectares riverside campus. Students and staff now have access to the very best facilities for teaching and research.
Commercialising our research
NUI Galway is one of Ireland’s leading universities for knowledge transfer, with more spin-out companies, licences and patents in the last four years than any other Irish university.

Extensive programme choice
We provide an extensive choice of more than 585 full-time and part-time programmes, including taught and research masters programmes, and doctoral research options, across all five Colleges. We are also continually developing and enhancing our programme offering, both to respond to your needs and the needs of the employment market.

Strategic partnerships
In 2010 NUI Galway and the University of Limerick entered into an institution wide strategic alliance across all of the key areas of activity including teaching, research, technology transfer, lifelong learning and the provision of services. This alliance will benefit your postgraduate experience by combining the strengths and knowledge of the two universities. The international standing of both universities was further enhanced through the new partnership with Georgia Institute of Technology in the US, to establish a translational research facility, to provide Irish industries with relevant and world-class research solutions.

Equally, our recent partnership with Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) will further enhance the postgraduate experience by providing collaborative opportunities in learning and research, access to each other’s research facilities and the development of joint and dual research awards at Masters and Doctoral levels.

We value the contribution our postgraduate community makes to the academic and cultural life of the university, and are committed to developing the postgraduate experience at NUI Galway. As a postgraduate at NUI Galway you will be embarking on a challenging and exciting journey alongside academics who are passionate about their research, sharing their new discoveries with you and training you to become the leaders of tomorrow.

I look forward to welcoming you to NUI Galway.

Dr James J. Browne
PhD, DSc, MRIA, CEng.
President
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Why study at NUI Galway?
A few things to consider

At NUI Galway we have an excellent record of high quality, innovative teaching and a reputation for producing highly qualified graduates who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Postgraduate qualifications are increasingly recognised as the way to develop the specialist knowledge you need to fast-track your career and boost your employability.

GRADUATE EXPERIENCE

NUI Galway is ranked as Ireland’s top University for student retention, in the 2011 Sunday Times University Guide.

NUI Galway is also Ireland’s top University for graduate employability with 96% of our graduates employed or in further study within six months of graduating.

NUI Galway offers 585 postgraduate programmes and almost 4,000 students from more than 90 countries around the world choose NUI Galway for postgraduate study.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

Inspirational research is at the forefront of all of our activities at NUI Galway. This research is global in scale with internationally recognised expertise in selected priority areas. These areas include Biomedical Science and Engineering, Environmental and Marine Sciences, Applied Social Sciences and Public Policy, Humanities in Context, Informatics, Physics and Computational Sciences.

Our researchers and scientists have made ground-breaking discoveries in stem cell and gene therapy research and have developed new internet-based technology which is currently being used by President Obama’s administration to increase transparency. NUI Galway has had many recent research successes including the opening of a new Prostate Cancer Institute to develop better therapies and treatments for patients. Our web science research institute, DERI, developed exciting new research partnerships with global giants, Google and Cisco, while our marine scientists launched a major new expedition out to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean where they discovered several unusual species including an orange-bodied shrimp and writhing scale-worms while investigating a newly-discovered hydrothermal vent ecosystem.

In the Arts and Humanities, the University expanded its already impressive collection of archives to include the playwright Thomas Kilroy’s archive, and the archive of director, writer and actor, John Huston. 2010–11 also saw one of our colleagues take up a prestigious position on the European Research Council, while another five researchers joined the ranks of the Royal Irish Academy.

NUI Galway’s Centre for Health Promotion Research, the only centre of its kind in Ireland, was given World Health Organisation (WHO) status recently as a direct result of its role in health promotion education and research, which has significant importance for national health policies and developments.

INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

World-leading research drives teaching forward at NUI Galway. Your learning experience is enhanced by this spirit of inquiry, as you are taught by academics who are working at the forefront of their subject area, bringing the latest ideas and discoveries into the lecture theatre. At NUI Galway, we are committed to delivering top quality teaching for our students and our Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning enables lecturers to keep up to date with their teaching practices.
Blackboard, our Virtual Learning Environment, is extremely popular with students, who find that it enhances their learning experience and gives them access to more learning resources.

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

A postgraduate qualification helps you to distinguish yourself in a competitive job market. It also enables you to develop the specialist skills you need to succeed in your chosen field. Our postgraduates are well regarded by employers and find employment soon after completing their programmes. On average, 96% of our graduates are employed or in further study within six months of graduating. Our Careers Development Centre organises regular employer fairs which are attended by leading companies such as DELL, Ernst and Young, GlaxoSmithKline, Google, Johnson & Johnson and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, all keen to recruit our students. The Centre also provides support and advice, as well as a range of training.

**INVESTING IN YOUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

We are constantly developing our campus to enhance your learning environment. We are currently in the middle of a €400m capital development programme to provide world-class facilities for our students. This includes the opening of an impressive new Sports Centre and swimming pool, a purpose-built auditorium and student cultural venue in Aras na Mac Leinn, the Bailey Allen Wing, and the stunning new Engineering Building, which opened its doors to students in September, 2011 as the largest School of Engineering in the country.

Construction recently began on the new Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Building, a purpose built building which will provide students with a unique research environment that integrates research and training in the Humanities, Digital Cultures, Creative Industries, Business, Social Sciences, Rights, Advocacy, and Public Policy on a national and international resources scale. Work has also begun on a new Biosciences Research Building and Translational Research Facility. The Biosciences Research Building will provide top class facilities for research students in the Biological and Medical Sciences and Engineering fields while the Translational Research Faculty will house basic, translational and clinical research teams on the site of Galway University Hospital. Such a facility is unique in Ireland. A new Clinical Research Facility, also located on the hospital site, will allow us to bring cutting-edge biomedical research to clinical trial stage.
Research excellence

Research at NUI Galway is forward-thinking and global in scale. Today we are leading the field in a wide range of areas, including stem cell and gene therapy research, human rights law, environmental change and web science.

At NUI Galway we are focused on translational research that has a positive impact on society. Our scientists, engineers and scholars are shaping public policy on everything from economic recovery to human rights, from policies for children to the aged and the development of more effective treatments for a number of diseases.

The standard of research has secured large amounts of funding for the University and output of our research has gained international prestige. These are successes that over 3,700 postgraduate students, many of them travelling from all over the world, can both benefit from and contribute towards as graduate students at NUI Galway.

RESEARCH FUNDING AND OUTPUT

NUI Galway is Ireland’s most successful university for commercialisation of research and has consistently out-performed every other Irish university in terms of technology transfer:

- 16 spin-out companies in 5 years
- 217 registered invention disclosures
- 78 patents and 59 licences, options exercised and assignments registered

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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- NUI Galway opened a new Prostate Cancer Research Institute in 2011 to develop better treatments and therapies for patients with prostate cancer. This centre will benefit from a close association with the extensive clinical services already offered to these patients at Galway University Hospitals and other regional hospitals. The Institute will also collaborate with the wide-ranging biomedical research programmes of the National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Sciences (NCBES) at NUI Galway and with a number of research institutes in Ireland and abroad.
DID YOU KNOW?
In a first for Ireland, our researchers in the Centre for Climate and Air Pollution Studies have developed Ireland’s own capability of Icelandic plume dispersion forecasting, in the wake of the 2010 Icelandic volcano eruption. Working with Met Éireann, the scientists were able to rapidly develop a forecasting model to provide potential air travellers with additional information and allow them to make more informed decisions.

INTERESTING FACTS

• Our scientists discovered that certain disinfectants can promote the growth of superbugs by causing bacteria to become resistant to antibiotics. These findings could have important implications for how the spread of infection is managed in hospital settings as bacteria seem to be able to adapt to resist antibiotics without even being exposed to them.

• NUI Galway researchers in the Ryan Institute for Environmental, Marine and Energy Research have discovered cleaner air but a warmer Europe in a joint research initiative with the University of Helsinki. Such discoveries have a direct impact on the society. Our physicists and marine scientists predict the impacts of climate change, while our engineers, biologists and chemists help to mitigate their effects by developing energy-efficient technologies, bioenergy and offshore renewable energy resources.

• The Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDi) at NUI Galway is recognised as Ireland’s primary care centre for stem cell and gene therapy research, and Galway is recognised as a global hub for biomedicine. REMEDI’s main focus is to use cells and genes to regenerate healthy tissues that can be used to repair or replace other tissues and organs with a minimally invasive approach.

• In 2011 our marine scientists launched a major new expedition out to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean where they discovered several unusual species including an orange-bodied shrimp and writhing scale-worms while investigating a newly-discovered hydrothermal vent ecosystem at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, which was filmed for an upcoming National Geographic Channel Series. The mission carried geochemists, marine biologists, marine geologists, marine geneticists and technicians from Ireland and the UK, as well as a TV crew from National Geographic.

DERI’s Mike Turley, Cisco’s Mike Conroy and Keith Griffin, and DERI’s Professor Stefan Decker.

“NUI Galway scientists discover new life undersea”
NUI Galway’s impressive archival collection was enhanced recently with the addition of two collections. First was a rare archive of director, writer and actor John Huston’s papers and recordings, and second was the Thomas Kilroy Archive. Both archives are held in the James Hardiman Library, home to a range of other theatre, literary, historical and political archives.

NUI Galway is Ireland’s first, and only, University to be awarded a UNESCO Chair. The UNESCO chair was awarded to the Child and Family Research Centre for its research in the field of Children, Youth and Civic Engagement.

**NUI GALWAY FACTS AND FIGURES 2011–12**

In 2010–11 there were 17,245 students at NUI Galway. Of these, 2,111 were international students.

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NUI Galway is the second largest employer in Galway, with 2,491 staff.

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• NUI Galway has five Colleges, 16 Schools, and over 60 academic disciplines
• NUI Galway offers 585 postgraduate programmes and a wide range of part-time diplomas and degrees
• 658 students completed PhDs and graduated with doctorates from NUI Galway in the last six years
• The James Hardiman Library houses over 450,000 printed books, 350,000 e-books and more than 30,000 full text electronic journals across a wide range of subjects, as well as an impressive literary and theatrical archive
• 36 staff members have been admitted as members of the prestigious Royal Irish Academy
• NUI Galway’s €400 million capital investment programme is the single largest capital development plan ever undertaken by the University.
NUI Galway’s postgraduate degrees are of two kinds:

1. Research-based programmes normally involving two years on campus for Master Degrees and four years for Doctoral Degrees/Structured PhDs.
2. Postgraduate Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Masters’ level taught programmes.

Our postgraduate programmes are defined under the National Framework of Qualifications (www.nfq.ie) which is a system of ten levels (Level 1–10) incorporating all qualifications.

Courses are structured in terms of modules; and all modules at NUI Galway are specified in terms of ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits. The ECTS (http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc48_en.htm) is a student-centred system based on the average student workload required to achieve the learning outcomes at the end of a programme of study.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

A research degree such as Masters by Research or PhD involves the in-depth study of a specific topic, which is then written up as a thesis for examination. **Note:** a research prospectus is available to complement this taught prospectus. See www.nuigalway.ie/pgp for download/order details. Research degrees involve students carrying out their own research and academic study under the supervision of an academic supervisor. The research topic is agreed between the supervisor and the student. Research can be carried out at Masters or Doctoral level.

Prospective research students are recommended, in the first instance prior to making an online application, to consult with the academic Discipline, School, or the Research Centre at NUI Galway in which you intend to do your research. At this stage, you should have prepared an outline proposal for the School/Discipline or Centre to consider and support.

**Research Masters Degree (Level 9) (90–180 ECTS)**

Research Masters degrees provide education and training in a particular subject. A Research Masters usually can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. The research culminates in a thesis which sets out the conclusions of the research undertaken.

**Structured PhDs (Level 10) (360 credits)**

NUI Galway’s Structured PhD aims to enable students achieve the best possible experience of graduate research and training. The Structured PhD includes several innovative measures designed to support you in achieving your academic and professional objectives; it is a formalised integrated programme of education, training, and research. Structured PhD programmes have a strong focus on developing a range of transferable skills (taught components), giving you a more rounded PhD experience which will assist you greatly in your career after you graduate. At NUI Galway, you can enter a Structured PhD programme in any of our five Colleges.

Full information is available online: www.nuigalway.ie/about-us/documents/structured-phd-programmes-at-nuigalway.pdf
PhD programmes (Level 10) (360 ECTS)
(Note: not all Colleges offer the traditional PhD route — it may have been replaced by the Structured PhD programme.) A traditional PhD has no taught components. Traditional PhD students (in Colleges where the traditional PhD has been retained) must complete their research within 3–4 years (full-time) or 6 years for part-time students. As in the case of the Structured PhD, the traditional PhD programme emphasises the central role of independent research; all PhD students are expected to make a distinctive, original and publishable contribution to knowledge.

MLitt (College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies)
(Level 9) (180 ECTS)
Grads wishes seeking to pursue the research degree of MLitt (two years) may do so for the purposes of a stand alone award. It is not a progression route to a PhD degree. Therefore, students registered for the MLitt research degree have no automatic transfer opportunity to a PhD programme. However, students on PhD research have the possibility to exit their programme early with an MLitt providing that they have satisfied the requirements for that award.

TAUGHT GRADUATE PROGRAMMES
Graduate taught programmes, such as Certificates, Diplomas, or taught MA or MSc programmes, will normally consist of taught modules, often with the addition of a large thesis or dissertation module (c. 12,000–15,000) for Master’s level programmes.

Higher Diploma (Level 8)
The HDip is normally awarded following completion of a programme of one year’s duration.

Postgraduate Diploma (Level 9)
The HDip is normally awarded following completion of a programme of one year’s duration.

Masters (Level 9)
The taught Masters degree is awarded following completion of a programme of one to two years’ duration.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING
NUI Galway acknowledges that all learning is valuable and that knowledge and skills can be acquired from a range of learning experiences. The University’s Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process may allow students to gain admission to a programme of study or to gain exemptions/credit from some parts of a programme, based on demonstrated learning achieved prior to admission.

What is Prior Learning?
Prior Learning is learning which has taken place, but not necessarily been assessed or measured, prior to admission and acceptance to a programme of study in NUI Galway. The learning can be certified or experiential.

What is Recognition of Prior Certified Learning (RPCL)?
Where an applicant has already been awarded certification for a formal programme taken at another institution or training organisation, this prior learning can be recognised and may entitle the applicant to admission to a programme or exemptions from some parts of a programme in NUI Galway.

What is Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)?
This process places a value on learning from experience, i.e., learning which has not previously been academically accredited. In this case, the applicant must prove that the required learning outcomes have been achieved. This proof can then be used to support a claim for admission, exemption, or credit. As a general principle, credit is given for learning, not for experience per se.

What is involved in the RPL process?
The RPL process is based on the practice of applicants preparing and submitting a learning portfolio to the University. This is a record of learning achievements, skills, and competencies, relevant to the particular programme of study or module in question. The focus is on the achievements of learning rather than on the learning process itself.

Some of the programmes of study listed in this prospectus may consider RPL applications. For further information please contact the programme director or go to the Recognition of Prior Learning website at www.nuigalway.ie/rpl
How to apply
We encourage you to apply as early as possible.

ONLINE APPLICATION (VIA PAC)
Applications to most postgraduate programmes at NUI Galway are made online via the Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC). PAC opens on 1 November 2011 to accept applications for entry to the 2012–13 academic year. PAC manages the application function for NUI Galway, and NUI Galway retains the decision-making function regarding admission to its programmes. Prospective students can access the system through PAC on www.pac.ie/nuigalway (the online form is easy to use and you will be guided through the system step-by-step). You will require an active email account to use the system. Applicants select the PAC code(s) for the programme(s) that they are interested in. These are indicated alongside the programme listings online (www.nuigalway.ie/courses).

Applicants may (but are not obliged to) apply for three taught programmes OR three research programmes (you can mix traditional research programmes with Structured PhDs) when making an application to NUI Galway via PAC. Your applications do not need to be ranked in order of preference, as applications are assessed on a simultaneous basis. The cost of applying is €45 and is a non-refundable application processing fee payable to PAC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
When making an online application to PAC most programmes require additional documentation to supplement your application, e.g., an essay, samples of work, a CV, etc.

To see what supporting documents, if any, may be required for your programme, please visit www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/pac_supp_docs.html

All supporting documentation (specifying the PAC application number you will be assigned) relevant to the application should be posted to PAC at the following address:

Postgraduate Applications Centre
1 Courthouse Square
Galway, Ireland

Alternately you may upload (some types of) supporting documents to your online application via your PAC account. Transcripts cannot be uploaded however—rather they must be posted, as hard copies, to PAC at the address above.

OTHER APPLICATION ROUTES
Some of our programmes are applied to via different means than PAC. This alternate route will be clearly listed on the relevant programme page in this prospectus and in the online course listing (www.nuigalway.ie/courses).

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS (AND LATE APPLICATIONS)
NUI Galway does not set a deadline for receipt of applications, with some exceptions* (see also RESEARCH APPLICANTS section on Page 19). We will endeavour to provide you with a decision in relation to your taught programme application as quickly as possible, via our system of offer rounds that facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. You are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Candidates who do not have their final degree marks available may be made a conditional (provisional) offer. The offer round dates for taught programmes are as follows (*see below for Exceptions):

1st Round     Mid-March 2012
2nd Round    Late-April 2012
3rd Round     Early-June 2012
4th Round     Early-July 2012

Applications will continue to be reviewed in the summer months if there are still programme places available. If programmes become filled in early rounds (as early offers are accepted) they will not accept new applications and these programmes will then be closed on PAC and also listed on our Closed Programmes Website: www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/closed-programmes.

Important: new applications will be considered at each round (if places are still available).

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?
Note: PAC will open to accept applications For Entry 2012 on 1 November 2011. Since applications can take at least four weeks to review, if you wish to receive a decision in an early round, you should apply at least four weeks before that offer date. For example:

Apply by 15 February 2012 Receive a decision in 1st Round
Apply by 31 March 2012 Receive a decision in 2nd Round
Apply by 1 May 2012 Receive a decision in 3rd Round
Apply by 1 June 2012 Receive a decision in 4th Round
DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

Please note, if you are successful in obtaining a taught programme place you will be obliged to pay a non-refundable deposit (€500 generally; €1,000 for some programmes) in advance to secure your place. This deposit is then deducted from the full course fee you will ultimately be required to pay.

RECOMMENDATIONS

You should give yourself plenty of time in which to apply, particularly if you are applying from outside of the European Union (EU) and will need to apply for a student visa. You should also allow sufficient time to make any financial, travel and accommodation arrangements, if you are offered a place. We recommend that you apply early in the year (January/February) for programmes that start in the autumn (September/October).

*EXCEPTIONS

Please refer to the programme entries for specific information regarding deadlines for receipt of applications.

A small number of programmes have specific deadlines; for example:

- Professional Diploma in Education (PDE) and An Dioplóma Gairmiúil san Oideachas (DGO)
- MA (Social Work)
- Doctor of Psychological Science (Clinical Psychology)
- Master of Accounting (MAcc)
- LLB

Important: for the full list of programmes that have a set closing date, please visit www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/closingdates

RESEARCH APPLICANTS

You are advised, in the first instance prior to making an online application, to consult with the academic discipline, School, or the Research Centre at NUI Galway in which you intend to do your research. At this stage, you should have prepared an outline proposal for submission for the department to consider and support.

Generally there is no closing date for research applications, however, applications for the PhD degree in the traditional format (i.e., non-Structured PhD) in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies are considered for students commencing their programmes in September and January only. Only applications received before mid-July and mid-November, respectively, in the year will meet these commencement requirements. NOTE: Structured PhD applications in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies must apply by mid-July to commence in September.

In a small number of cases a closing date was set up for research programme(s) — you are advised therefore to check the specific research course online that you want to apply to, in case a closing date has been added: www.nuigalway.ie/courses

Please also allow at least four weeks, from the date we receive your research application, to when you can expect to receive notification of whether you have been offered a place.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students from outside of Ireland whose first language is not English must provide evidence that their English language ability meets the required standard for admission. The required standard is results from an acceptable English language proficiency test (an overall minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent for Arts, Business, Law, and Medical programmes; IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent for Science, Engineering, and IT programmes) undertaken no more than two years prior to the commencement of your programme at the University. For details on English Language Proficiency Tests, e.g., TOEFL or IELTS, see www.ets.org/toefl/ and www.ielts.org for information on testing centres and dates. Note: the NUI Galway TOEFL institution code is 8861.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

For more detailed information on making an application, please visit www.nuigalway.ie/courses/how-to-apply/#postgraduates

Before making an application, we also advise you to consult our FAQs online: www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/faq.html

PAC have separate FAQs online also to assist you: www.pac.ie/faq.php?inst=gy

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Some courses at NUI Galway require students to provide garda vetting/police clearance certificate(s) prior to being allowed to register. These courses are clearly marked in this prospectus. You can find more detail about the University’s police clearance policy online at www.nuigalway.ie/admissions

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

The University’s Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process may allow students to gain admission to a programme of study or to gain exemptions/credit from some parts of a programme, based on demonstrated learning achieved prior to admission. See Page 17 for more information.
Tuition fees vary from year to year and from course to course, normally increasing with inflation. For information, fees for 2011–12 are listed at [www.nuigalway.ie/fees](http://www.nuigalway.ie/fees) (click on Postgraduate Information and select Postgraduate Fees). Fees for 2012/13 will be available online in early-April 2012.

Tuition fees for international (non-EU*) students are listed on [www.nuigalway.ie/fees](http://www.nuigalway.ie/fees) (click on International Student Information and select International Postgraduate Fees). Fees for 2012–13 will be available online in early-April 2012.

*An EU student is defined as an EU national (i.e., holding an EU passport/or birth certificate) who has been ordinarily resident† in an EU member state for at least three of the five years immediately preceding their entry to the third-level course. For more information on EU vs. non-EU status, please see: [www.nuigalway.ie/fees/June_2011/general_regulations.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/fees/June_2011/general_regulations.html)

† ‘ordinarily resident’ excludes residency for educational purposes.
METHODS OF PAYMENT

Fees can be paid securely online when registering using a debit or credit card. Alternatively you can request a bank giro to pay your fees by emailing fees@nuigalway.ie. Fees can be paid in full or in two equal instalments—50% on registration and 50% by 31 January of the following year. If you are being funded by a higher education grant or private source you must provide written evidence of this funding to the Fees Office by 31 October annually.

International students can pay their fees online or via bank giro in any Republic of Ireland branch. If you are being funded by a government agency, College fellowship, or other source you must provide written evidence of this funding to the Fees Office by 31 October annually.

DEPOSIT

To secure a taught postgraduate place at NUI Galway a deposit is payable at offer/acceptance stage. The deposit is usually €500 but can be €1,000 in some cases. The deposit payment is deducted from your course fees at registration stage, so in effect is a partial payment of your final course fees. If you don’t take up the place you accepted, then this deposit is not refundable. However, it is refundable in the event you did not attain the stipulated conditions of your offer (when a conditional offer was made) [with the exception of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education/Dioplóma Iarchéime (Oideachas) programmes].

TAX RELIEF

The Revenue Commissioners (Republic of Ireland) offer tax relief on tuition fees for some postgraduate courses, if you have had to pay the full tuition fees. See www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/leaflets/it31.html for more information.

GRANTS, BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS—WWW.STUDENTFINANCE.IE

Comprehensive information is available online at www.studentfinance.ie. The online grant application forms are available here also.

Additional fees information, online at:
www.nuigalway.ie/fees
www.nuigalway.ie/courses/fees-and-funding/
Or you can email your query to fees@nuigalway.ie
The University is committed to excellence in teaching and learning and to offering you a world-class experience. There is a genuine collaborative spirit across the Colleges and concern for the welfare of all our students. Our intimate and collegial environment supports the development of close relationships with academic staff who will work as your mentors in supporting your learning and help you as part of your research activities in indentifying and meeting new challenges and opportunities.

Whether you already a graduate of NUI Galway or planning to come here for the first time we will endeavour to support you from entry to graduation. A student guide to services that are available to support postgraduate students has been developed by our office and is available online at www.nuigalway.ie/graduatestudies/

Orientation will be provided locally within your school or discipline area. A contact is given for each programme offered and you should contact them if you require further information.

Your aim may be to gain a postgraduate taught qualification or it may be a stepping stone towards undertaking a research programme. A full list of research areas, potential projects and funding opportunities is available in our research prospectus (www.nuigalway.ie/pgp).

We hope that you will explore the many offerings within this prospectus and that you will decide to join us in NUI Galway for the next step in career development.

Dr Pat Morgan
Dean of Graduate Studies

FUNDING

Financing a postgraduate programme is the responsibility of the applicant. However, there are several sources of funding, which are available to students who fall within certain eligibility criteria and a comprehensive list is available online at www.studentfinance.ie

These include the student grant. Family and/or personal income is a key factor that will be assessed when you apply for a student grant but there are also some other conditions. www.studentfinance.ie can help you to assess whether you are eligible and guide you in starting the process. In all cases, the official decision on eligibility is of course made by the grant-awarding bodies.
THE GRADUATE SKILLS CONVERSION PROGRAMME (GSCP)

The Graduate Skills Conversion Programme (GSCP) is a joint initiative with the Department of Education and Science and the Higher Education Authority, in response to the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) skills needs, identified by the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs and the mid-term evaluation of the ATS programme. It is funded under the National Development Plan. A composite fee applies to all courses under the programme. The fee was €2,750 full-time and €1,700 part-time students, and NUI Galway had the following programmes available at this reduced fee:

- MSc (Information Systems Management)
- HDip (ApplSc [Software Design and Development])
- Master of Information Technology
- MSc (Software Design and Development)
- MBS (Electronic Commerce)
- Ard Diploma i dTeicneolaiocht na Faisneise
- MA/PDip (Digital Media)
- MSc (Information Systems Management)
- MSc (Software Design and Development)

The course listing for 2012–13 (and more information) will be available online at: www.hea.ie/en/skills+funding

SPRINGBOARD—FUNDED TRAINING PLACES FOR JOB-SEEKERS

NUI Galway is to offer two postgraduate courses as part of the Springboard initiative:
1. Diploma in Innovation Management
2. Diploma in Technology Commercialisation

To be eligible for a place on a Springboard programme students must:
- be unemployed for a period of at least six months prior to the course start date with a previous history of employment
- and be in receipt of one of the following payments from the Department of Social Protection:
  - Jobseekers Benefit
  - Jobseekers Allowance
  - One Parent Family Payment
  or be signing for social insurance contribution credits and be actively seeking employment

For further information and application, check out www.bluebrick.ie/springboard

As a further effort to enhance access and participation opportunities for unemployed and low income groups, NUI Galway has approved a Scholarship Scheme to reduce fees for applicants in receipt of Job Seekers Benefit, Job Seekers Allowance and One-Parent Family Payment, who wish to enrol for part-time degree and diploma courses provided by the University, and who meet Department of Social Protection income thresholds.

The following programmes are currently covered under this scheme:
- Master of Science in Technology Management
- Master of Science in Software Engineering and Database Technologies
- Masters in Adult Learning and Development

For further information and a full list of Adult Education Programmes visit www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation

FULL- AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ARE ENTITLED TO TAX RELIEF ON TUITION FEES

Applications for tax relief on course fees paid must be made using an application form available from the Revenue website. Applications are made to the region in which you live (if this is a different region from that of your college). Applications made during the year of study for which you are claiming will be returned as tax credits for any income you earn. Applications made after the year in which you studied will be returned to you in a lump sum refund. The maximum amount of fees that you can claim for is €5,000 per annum. Any fees above this rate are not counted. However students paying fees above this rate can claim for the portion of their fees under €5,000. For further information on this, visit the www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/leaflets/it31.html
In 2010 NUI Galway entered into a new partnership with the University of Limerick which will increase the choices offered to our postgraduate students. The partnership is an institution-wide alliance across all areas of activity including teaching, research, technology transfer and lifelong learning. By working with the University of Limerick, we will be able to optimise student postgraduate choices.

**Link-to-Learn**

Link-to-Learn is an exchange programme that allows students of both NUI Galway and the University of Limerick to study a specialist module for a semester at the other institution. The expertise of both universities is combined to give you access to greater choice in the subjects you study. The latest video conferencing technology is used to facilitate joint teaching in both universities, and students on the part-time business programmes of both universities have access to greater subject choice thanks to a new module-sharing arrangement. Students of UL now have access to lectures in Medical Physics via a video link from NUI Galway and similarly Chemistry students in NUI Galway have access to modules offered in UL via a video link.

**Joint Postgraduate Programmes**

A number of new joint postgraduate programmes have been developed by NUI Galway and the University of Limerick. These collaborations provide students with new innovative programmes, a wider choice of modules, and access to teaching and research expertise at both universities. Joint postgraduate programmes include:

- MSc in Finance and Information Systems
- MSc in Sustainable Resource Management: Policy and Practice
- PhD in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Structured PhD in New Media and Film (Inter-Institutional)
- Structured PhD in Biomedical Engineering and Regenerative Medicine
- MSc in Sports and Exercise Medicine/Physiotherapy - Currently Co-delivered
- Bioinnovate Ireland Fellowship Programme
- Structured PhD in Philosophy of Art and Culture

More information on these programmes is available at [www.nuig-ulalliance.ie/teaching_learning/joint_programmes](http://www.nuig-ulalliance.ie/teaching_learning/joint_programmes)

**Global Research**

We are collaborating with the University of Limerick in four key areas of research:

- Biomedicine and biomedical devices
- Energy research
- ICT; including software development and semantic web research
- Social development and regeneration

Within these research areas, the alliance will focus on increasing the commercialisation of research at both universities. Both universities and their foundations have invested €1 million each in a new €27 million Venture Capital Fund, with €10 million kept for entrepreneurs in the Medical Technologies sector.

**Alliance with Georgia Institute of Technology in the US**

On an international level we have also established a joint Translational Research Institute with the Georgia Institute of Technology in the US. Georgia Tech is a recognised world leader in translating academic research into products, processes and services which serve industry and generate economic wealth, and NUI Galway and the University of Limerick will benefit significantly from the expertise.

**A New Network to Support Your Study**

The opening of the new railway between Galway and Limerick makes travelling between both universities easier and more convenient. Train timetables are available to view at: [www.irishrail.ie/your_journey/timetables.asp](http://www.irishrail.ie/your_journey/timetables.asp)

NUI Galway will also provide financial assistance to support students who wish to avail of the Link-to-Learn exchange programme.
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AIM

The objective of the programme is to further develop the conceptual foundations and the academic and professional knowledge and skills of honours business graduates who aspire to careers in accounting. The programme combines advanced study of accounting as a basis for a professional career with the development of the student’s academic capabilities. The programme places significant emphasis on group work and the development of communication skills, both oral and written. The content of the programme has been developed with reference to the syllabus of Chartered Accountants Ireland and significant exemptions are available.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme includes such modules as:

- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Taxation
- Auditing
- Finance
- Skills for Accounting Research and Practice
- Management Information Systems
- Strategic Management

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: April/May. A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include projects, reports, presentations, case studies and debates. A dissertation must also be submitted.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The content of the programme has been developed with reference to the syllabus of the Chartered Accountants Ireland. It has been agreed between NUI Galway and the Institute that graduates of the programme satisfying all the necessary requirements will be exempt from all of the subjects in the CAP 1 and CAP 2 examinations of the Institute.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MAcc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirement is normally an honours degree minimum of Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent international qualification in Business or Commerce, with a significant specialisation in Accounting.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

30

PAC CODE(S)

GYC00

CLOSING DATE

9 March 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide range of career choices are open to graduates, in particular professions as trainee accountants and tax consultants with accounting firms such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, KPMG, Deloitte, Ernst and Young, among others.
AIM

This Masters programme provides advanced linguistic and technical training in order to prepare linguists for careers in several areas of specialised language work in which there is a rapidly growing demand. Graduates will develop their language skills to a very high level and gain experience in the area of translation technology. Students will acquire a very high level of communication skills in their chosen language (French, German, Italian or Spanish).

COURSE CONTENT

Translation Methodology and Text: development of skills in advanced and specialised translation with an emphasis on translation software.

Introduction to the Skills of Consecutive Interpreting: development of skills required in consecutive interpreting: speaking in public, note taking, mnemonic retention.


Language and Intercultural Communication: the aim of this module is to equip students with the transferable skills necessary to work successfully in an international environment.

Translation Studies: this module provides a strong theoretical focus and a history and development of the field of translation studies.

Dissertation: a research dissertation of approximately 20,000 words on a topic to be decided in consultation with the course coordinators.  

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will include a mixture of project work, assignments, and examinations. Language proficiency will be assessed continuously throughout the year and examined in a written examination. An oral examination, generally consisting of a research presentation, will take place.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme offers intensive training in the use of Trados Translation software and provides students with the possibility of progressing to Trados Certification at no extra cost. Optional modules provide the opportunity to concentrate on areas of particular interest. Several former students have advanced to doctoral studies.
AIM

This programme is designed to meet the growing need for practitioners who can work effectively within systems to improve the quality of services in the fields of intellectual and developmental disabilities, education, rehabilitation, and mental health. The principles and strategies of ABA can be used to alter a wide range of human behaviour and are often recommended as the best practice approach for working with people with intellectual disabilities and/or pervasive developmental disorders such as autism spectrum disorder.

COURSE CONTENT

The MSc involves full-time study for two years. Lectures are scheduled one day per week as students are encouraged to seek employment in a clinical/educational setting to facilitate the integration of the practical and academic elements of the course.

The programme features thorough training in a wide variety of techniques in Applied Behaviour Analysis. Students are given training in the theoretical foundations of behaviour analysis as well as a multitude of skills to train as practitioners in a real world setting. There is a strong emphasis placed on the ability to work with, and provide treatment for, diverse and complex populations. Students learn to demonstrate competence in the design of educational and rehabilitative programmes in an applied environment.

ASSESSMENT

Participants will be assessed throughout the programme by a combination of project assignments, case study reports, thesis research, and written examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This course is accredited by the internationally recognised Behaviour Analyst Certification Board. This certification allows graduates to work as practitioners in organisations or as independent contractors. The programme subscribes to the scientist-practitioner model, and provides students with thorough and integrated training in academic, practical, and research aspects of applied behaviour analysis.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applications are invited from candidates who hold a Second Class Honours degree (or equivalent). Evidence of relevant experience and motivation will be taken into account in offering places on the course.

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYA68

GARDA VETTING/PolICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

25 May 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The MSc in Applied Behaviour Analysis will prepare graduates to work in a variety of fields including intellectual and developmental disabilities in both adult and child populations, education, mental health, residential supports and community living, and rehabilitation for individuals with acquired brain injuries. It will also prepare graduates for careers in clinical and educational settings as applied behaviour analysts, and will also provide an excellent foundation for further postgraduate study (e.g., clinical and educational psychology) and postgraduate research (e.g., PhD).
AIM
This programme is aimed at students who have a background in Applied Mathematics, or Mathematics, and who wish to upgrade their skills in these areas. The programme aims to further develop students’ abilities in applying mathematics to problems in the physical world.

COURSE CONTENT
Participating students are given the opportunity to develop their skills in different areas of Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics and Mathematical Modelling by taking advanced level courses. They study five courses each semester chosen from a catalogue of appropriate courses. They also undertake a supervised project working in close collaboration with an academic member of staff during which they are trained in various research techniques and gain an insight into some current area of Applied Mathematics research.

At the end of this programme successful students will have an equivalent level of knowledge and experience as a student who has completed a BSc degree in Applied Mathematics.

ASSESSMENT
Examination and project work.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
There is a strong demand for graduates with mathematical skills, and the ability to apply these skills, in financial institutions, business firms and semi-state bodies.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
HDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The entry requirement is a 2:1 or 2:2 degree (NQAI Level 7) in Applied Mathematics, Mathematics or Applied Mathematical Science at General degree level, or an equivalent, to be determined by the College of Science.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

PAC CODE(S)
GYS23

CLOSING DATE
2 August 2012

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There is a strong demand for graduates with mathematical skills, and the ability to apply these skills, in financial institutions, business firms and semi-state bodies.
Archaeology
School of Geography and Archaeology
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

AIM
Archaeology is the endlessly fascinating study of past peoples and societies. By understanding their adaptation and changes over time, archaeology is also a way of studying and understanding ourselves. This programme offers a thorough grounding in a variety of aspects of Irish and European archaeology, stretching from the first arrivals to the continent, to today’s society.

COURSE CONTENT
Students will take a selection of twelve modules within the Second and Third Year BA programme in Archaeology. Modules on offer include:
- Europe in the Bronze Age
- Hunters and Farmers in Early Europe
- Public Archaeology
- Interpretation in Archaeology 1
- Archaeology in Practice
- Landscapes of Cult and Kingship
- Irish Art from the early Iron Age to the 8th century AD
- Ancient Civilizations: the Rise of Complex Societies
- Debating Irish Prehistory
- Castles, Colonists and Crannogs 1100–1350
- The Development of the Castle in Medieval Europe
- Minor Dissertation

ASSESSMENT
The programme is assessed by essays, exams, and continuous assessments.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
HDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The programme is open to students with a NQAI Level 7 or Level 8 primary degree in any discipline (other than Archaeology) who wish to acquire an academic qualification in archaeology. A basic knowledge of and interest in Archaeology is desirable.

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
Unlimited

PAC CODE(S)
GYA25 (full-time)
GYA26 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE
NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in various areas in the State sector and in the Heritage and Tourism sector, while others have taken the course to continue their studies on Master level or through doctoral research.
This programme aims to build an understanding of the performing, visual, and literary arts, film and new media and their associated contexts of culture, education and heritage. This programme is designed to enhance students organisational skills and also to develop policies for the Arts.

**COURSE CONTENT**

The programme provides a range of modules balanced between practical training in specific relevant skills and an analysis of policy formation in the arts. It is designed to enhance students administration skills and also to develop policy knowledge in relation to the Arts. Students come from diverse backgrounds either within the sector, be they artists, administrators or managers and also those wishing to enter the sector.

The MA is a full-time programme taken over a twelve month period (September 2012 to August 2013). The year is divided into two teaching semesters (September to December and January to April). The summer period will be used to complete a six week placement and a minor dissertation.

**ASSESSMENT**

Students will be assessed on the various modules by a combination of essays, presentations and a combined project. Students will also be required to complete a 16,000 - 18,000 word minor dissertation as their final assessment, to be submitted in early August.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

This programme offers a valuable placement opportunity within an organisation of the students choosing. Module work includes the production of live campus events and also participation at the TG4 Gradam Ceoil awards. Individual guest sessions are tailored to MA/PDip students.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates have found employment in a wide range of Arts organisations, Recent graduates are currently employed in the Model Arts Centre in Sligo, the Arts Council, the Abbey Theatre, Poetry Ireland and Christie’s Auction House. Opportunities are also available within local authorities and the education sector.
“Roghnaigh mé Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh mar nach bhfuil a shamhail de chúrsa MA ar fáil aon áit eile sa tír. Aithnítear an cháilíocht in institiúidí an Aontais Eorpaigh agus bíonn tú i dteideal na scrúduithe iontrála atá ag na hinstiúidí céanna a dhéanamh má éiríonn leat ar an gcúrsa MA.

Bhain mé an-taitneamh as an gcúrsa féin mar gur fhoghlaim mé na scileanna cuí chomh maith le nithe eile mar chúrsaí reatha atá ábhartha d’obair an ateangaire. Deis intach a bhí ann domsa gairm bheatha thaitneamhach a bhaint amach leis an dá rud is mó a thaitníonn liom, teangacha agus cumarsáid. Ina theannta sin, mar gheall ar an gcúrsa seo, bhí sé ar mo chumas cáilíocht a bhaint amach le bheith ag ateangaireacht ag an leibhéal is airde, in institiúidí an AE. ”

Breda Ní Mhaoláin
MA san (Ateangaireacht Chomhdhála)
Ateangaireacht Chomhdhála
Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge
Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí Sóisialta,
agus an Léinn Cheiltigh

AIDHM
Cuireann an clár seo oiliúint ar mhic léinn i sainscleanna ghairm
na hatangeareachta comhhdála, íonas go mbeidh ar a gcumas
deis aiseana fostaiocha ateangaireachta a thapú. Tá an clár seo
bunaíthe ar an gCéim Mháistreachta Eorpaigh in Ateangaireacht
Chomhdhála, clár a forbraidh i gcomhar le hinnstíutúí an Aontais
Eorpaigh agus atá ar fáil in 18 dtír san Eoraip. Is é seo an t-aon chlár
dá leithéid atá ar fáil in Éirinn.

ÁBHAR AN CHÚRSA
Déanfar stáidéar ar an dá chineál ateangaireachta: ateangaireacht
leantach agus ateangaireacht chomhhuaineach. Baintear úsáid as
cheachtaí eoghlúla chun oiliúint ná sceillean sa cheannán seo a chur ar mhic
léinn: cheachtaí cuimhne; ateangaireacht gan nótaí; ateangaireacht le
hamhrac; teicnicí um breacadh nótaí.

SAINGHNÉITEHE
Tá an clár seo bunaíthe ar an gCéim Mháistreachta Eorpaigh in Ateangaireacht
Chomhdhála, clár a forbraidh i gcomhar le hinnstíutúí an Aontais
Eorpaigh agus atá ar fáil in 18 dtír san Eoraip. Is gá go mbeadh iarthaí sa
ateangaireacht ag duine le tabhairt faoi na scrúdúithe ateangaireachta.

NA CLÁIR
Diáspóra Iarchéime/MA
Caithfear 60% san iomlán a bhaint amach i modúil an
Diáspóra Iarchéime le bheith in dteideal tabhairt faoin MA.

RIACHTAN AIS IONTRÁLA
Beidh ceim onóracha 2:2 chomh maith le sárchumas labhartha
ina màthairtheanga ag iarrthóirí.

Chomh maith le sin, beifear ag súil go mbeidh na nithe seo a
leanas ag baint leis na hiarrthóirí uile:
• eolas ginearálta maith
• dea-scileanna cumarsáide
• inspreagadh láidir

Beidh ar iarrthóirí tabhairt faoi thriail infheidhmeachta agus
agallamh chun a n-oiriúnacht don chlár a mheas, agus caithfidh
siad pas a fháil iontu sin.

FAD AMA
Diáspóra Iarchéime: bliain acadúil amháin
MA: bliain iomlán féilire (Meán Fómhair go Lúnasa)

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GYA85

SPRIÓCDHÁTA
Beidh Beartas na mBabhtaí Tairiscéana i bhfeidhm in gcás
fhormhór na gclár. T úilleadh eolais ar Leathanach 18.

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DEISEANNA GAIRME
Is gá cailleocht iarchéime ateangaireachta a bheith bainte
amach agat chun na scrúdúithe iomlán-istitúideach a
dheanamh. Tá poist mhaithte atangaireachta le fáil ar fáid
an domhain go háirithe in iomlánstíutai a dhéanamh. Biodh go bhfuil
formhór na gceimithe ag an ag bheith i hinnstíutúí an AE,
tá obair le fáil d’ateangaire ar an domhain. Bheidh duine le fáil
taobh istigh den iarrthóir dhomhain in iomlánstíutai nó
go háitíomhú as an oiread. Seo is é an chineál de chuid na
scrúdúithe a d’oibrigh cáilíocht ateangaireachta.

Thinking about applying?
www.pac.ie/nuigalway
AIM

This 24 month course aims to provide participants with crucial skills, knowledge and experience that are needed to pursue successful careers in managing biodiversity resources sustainably while complying with international legislation.

Programme objectives:

• To integrate an international perspective to reflect new research findings and current practice in biodiversity and land use planning that can be applied within Ireland and elsewhere.
• To provide research led learning opportunities that will develop skills in identifying solutions for real world nature conservation and land use planning conflicts.
• To develop expertise within local authority, competent authority and public/private sector staff to meet international obligations relating to biodiversity and conservation.

COURSE CONTENT

This part-time course extends over 24 months and runs in two-year cycles continuously from September through to August of the second year. Participants are required to take the modules listed below. The modular course is devoted to formal scientific and policy coursework delivered in a blended learning format over two years, comprising a mixture of face-to-face contact (approximately 12–15 hours per module) in addition to private study combined with e-tutorial online support. Students are expected to carry out both individual and group projects and to prepare written reports and oral presentations on relevant subjects.

ASSESSMENT

Distance learning

SPECIAL FEATURES

Galway County Council has worked with NUI Galway on the development of this part-time MSc programme. It is designed to meet an identified training need. Through a blend of applied learning approaches, it will enhance the skills of existing Local Authority staff and help ensure compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive in a professional and cost effective manner. It will assist with meeting legal obligations such as Strategic Environmental Assessment, Scoping and Appropriate Assessments.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our obligations to protect the environment under EU legislation means that this course will play a pivotal role for those currently working in or who wish to enter the planning or engineering professions within local government or as private consultants. Graduates of this course will ensure that governments, local authorities and private consultancies will help implement sustainable policies that contribute to economic recovery while managing limited biodiversity resources.
AIM

NUI Galway has established a national and international reputation in the field of Biomedical Science. Students on the MSc in Biomedical Science benefit from access to some of Ireland’s leading researchers in this area, and from the University’s location within one of the top four global hubs for Biomedical Science and Technology. The objective of this programme is to introduce students to an interdisciplinary approach to research, which utilises technologies and skills from a wide spectrum of scientific, engineering and clinical disciplines to address fundamental questions originating in biology and medicine. The MSc is intended to introduce students to science and engineering disciplines they would not have covered in their undergraduate studies.

COURSE CONTENT

The first two semesters consist of taught courses that will acquaint students with the basics of biology, chemistry and physics depending upon their backgrounds. Also during the first two semesters there will be a series of practical sessions that will familiarise students with different forms of instrumentation and techniques. During the final part of the programme, a research project will be undertaken.

The course covers the following areas:

- Material Science and Biomaterials
- Tissue Engineering
- Bioinformatics
- Medical Imaging
- Molecular Medicine
- Product Development and Validation & Regulation
- Optics and Lasers in Biomedicine
- Introduction to Business

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December
Semester Two exams: April/May

A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations and case studies. A dissertation must also be submitted.

SPECIAL FEATURES

They will be introduced to selected advanced experimental techniques used in biomedical science and industry. These techniques include: DNA-microarray and RT-PCR, Immunostaining and Confocal Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy, Atomic Force Microscopy and Nano Hardness Tester, Mass Spectrometry, various chromatography methods and Infra-red spectroscopy.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold at least a Second Class Honours Level 8 Primary degree in a related subject area or hold a Primary degree in a related area (which is acceptable to the College) without honours and have three years relevant practical experience in the subject area.

IELTS score of 6.0+ (with not less than 5.5 in any one component)

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

16

PAC CODE(S)

GY503

CLOSING DATE

NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Located in the heart of Ireland’s biomedical device industry cluster, career opportunities for our biomedical science graduates are excellent. A wide variety of career opportunities exist for graduates of this programme. These include research and development in medical devices or pharmaceuticals in an industrial or academic setting, medical device sales, work in hospital laboratories and further postgraduate studies.
AIM

The objective of these programmes is to introduce students to an interdisciplinary approach to research, which utilizes technologies and skills from a wide spectrum of scientific, engineering and clinical disciplines to address fundamental questions originating in biology and medicine.

COURSE CONTENT

Modules offered include molecular and cellular biology, anatomy, biomaterials, laboratory techniques, innovation and technology transfer, biomechanics, tissue engineering, molecular medicine, (MSc and PgCert) applied pharmacology and toxicology, monitoring for health hazards at work, lasers, and stereology (MSc). Aimed at individuals employed in the biomedical device and pharmaceutical sectors, this course has been developed to meet the needs of working graduates who wish to upskill or to change career direction. Students attend lectures once every five weeks, with distance learning supported by the Echo 360 lecture capture and Blackboard technologies. For further details of the course see www.ncbes.nuigalway.ie/education and the course blog at www.mscbiomedicalscience.blogspot.com

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment via assignments throughout the year and exams in January and June. Mini-thesis submission (MSc only).

SPECIAL FEATURES

Over the course of the two years of the programme, students complete a research project worth a third of the final grade. The research may be carried out in-house at the student’s place of work or it may be done in collaboration with researchers based in NUI Galway. Students who are unable to complete a research project have the option to exit with a PDip Biomedical Science (Level 9).

The PgCert (Level 8) caters for those who are not in a position to commit more than one year of postgraduate studies. However, following successful completion of the PgCert, students may request transfer into the second year of the MSc programme, assuming space allows. Alternatively, students may choose to exit with a PgCert, but may request entry into the MSc programme two or four years later, joining subsequent student cohorts.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc, PgCert

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold at least a Second Class Honours Level 8 Primary degree in a related subject area (Science, Engineering, Technology, Maths) or hold a Primary degree in a related area without honours (which is acceptable to College) and have three years relevant practical experience in the subject area. IELTS score of 6.0+ (with not less than 5.5 in any one component).

DURATION

MSc: 2 years, part-time | PgCert: 1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

MSc: 20 | PgCert: 10

PAC CODE(S)

GYS19 (MSc) | GYS20 (PgCert)

CLOSING DATE

NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

MSc: completion of a research project may help those working full-time to transfer from a production-oriented environment into a research or development one and may lead to closer ties between industry based R & D facilities and the research base in the NCBES or other research institutes at NUI Galway.

Topics covered during the programme may also facilitate graduate transfer between disciplines e.g. from engineering to life sciences, or vice-versa. PgCert: modules on offer cross the boundaries of discipline, such that engineers/technologists/mathemeticians learn of molecular and cellular biology. This nurturing of inter-disciplinary education may allow candidates to cross over into new areas at their current place of work or may open up new avenues for future career development.
Student Profile
A little about our students...
“The MSc in Biotechnology at NUI Galway opens up doors for anyone who does not know how they would like to apply their scientific knowledge in the workforce. I completed the MSc in Biotechnology in 2010 and it was one of the most enjoyable and rewarding years of my college life. I got more from the course than I ever expected. You get a taste of everything, from lectures in immunology to marketing, so each day I was learning something new.

Although it was a taught masters, it was very much group work orientated with lots of student-lecturer interaction. For my 4 month lab-based research project I was working with nanoparticles, a next generation technology that is at the forefront of modern biotechnology. I worked with microbiologists, physicists, and molecular biologists and met the most helpful and enthusiastic people that clearly have a love for science. Everyone in the department from the lab technicians to the lectures to the course co-ordinators are very approachable and there is a very good relationship between the masters students and the staff.

The knowledge and experience I have gained doing the programme at NUI Galway has enabled me to work anywhere in the world. I am currently working in a research lab in Madrid, experiencing a new culture while doing what I love in the lab!”

Mona Connolly
MSc Biotechnology Graduate (2010)
AIM

The MSc Biotechnology programme aims to provide participants with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to pursue a successful career in biotechnology. Through tutorials, lectures, assignments and a four-month research project, the programme focuses on the adaptation and application of biological processes for commercial and industrial use. The programme is suitable for graduates with a primary degree in Biological Sciences who wish to develop a career in a sector of high employment.

COURSE CONTENT

BioProcess Technology: the technology of culturing cells and unicellular organisms for biological molecule production.

Genetic Technology: tools and techniques for genetic analysis and applications to food and healthcare industries.

Immunodiagnostics: the generation of antibodies and development of antibody-based technologies for application in diagnostic and research laboratories.

Pharmacology: a fundamental understanding of how drugs work and how they are discovered and developed.

Protein Technology: how protein synthesis and function have been enhanced to produce biopharmaceutical and industrial proteins on a commercial scale.

Quality Management Systems: quality management systems are essential for the efficient and safe running of commercial and industrial biotechnology enterprises.

Introduction to Business: fundamental concepts of marketing, management and accountancy and their application in Irish and international businesses.

Introduction to Biotechnology: students develop transferable skills necessary for successful careers in biotechnology.

Research Project: four-month laboratory project with an academic research team on a biotechnology topic.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is a combination of continuous assessment, written exams, and research project thesis.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Selection of candidates is based on examination record, previous relevant experience, personal statement and performance at interview. Short-listed candidates are invited for interview in June/July. The laboratory project provides participants with the opportunity to build research and development expertise while being a member of an active scientific research team.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc, full-time; MSc, part-time

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold at least a Second Class Honours, Level 8 (or equivalent international qualification) primary degree in Science or a related subject, with a strong background in Biological Sciences. Candidates with a suitable primary degree without honours and three years relevant and appropriate practical experience may also be considered. For applicants whose native language is not English, an IELTS score of at least 6.0 is required, with not less than 5.5 in any one component.

DURATION

MSc Biotechnology (full-time)—12 months
MSc Biotechnology (part-time)—24 months

NUMBER OF PLACES

8–10

PAC CODE(S)

GYSO4 (full-time)
GYSO5 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

Assessment of applications will commence on June 8, 2012. Candidates should ensure that all documentation for their application is submitted before this date.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide range of career options exist for graduates of this programme, including employment in the pharmaceutical and food industries, and in diagnostic and research services. Recent graduates have found employment with Abbott, Allergan, ICON Clinical Research, Norbrook Laboratories and Pfizer. They are pursuing careers in manufacturing, quality assurance, product development and research, as well as the broader sectors of sales, marketing, and regulatory affairs.
AIM

The Executive MBA (EMBA) Master of Business Administration is a general management programme which enhances and develops business and management capabilities and prepares students for strategic leadership roles. The programme places an emphasis on strategic decision making and develops practical and professional skills for success in increasingly complex environments. The Executive MBA:

- Develops managerial knowledge and skills that have immediate applicability;
- Provides an opportunity to meet like-minded, ambitious executives from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences;
- Challenges participants to think differently.

COURSE CONTENT

Modules/coursework includes:

- Accounting for Managers
- Management and Organisation
- Economics and the Business Environment
- Business Information Systems
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Enterprise Architecture Management
- Process-Driven Marketing

- Company-based Interdisciplinary Consultancy Study
- Strategic Management
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Strategic Marketing
- Irish Economic Policy
- Creative Difference and Innovation
- Decision Systems and Business Intelligence

Electives modules, offered at NUI Galway or University of Limerick, may include:

- International Study Visit
- Business Negotiations
- International Management
- Taxation
- Strategic Sales Management
- Technology Management
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Enterprise
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Strategic Human Resource Development
- Law and Policy Relating to Business Enterprise
- Leadership and Change
- Information Systems Innovation
- Services Marketing
- Corporate Financial Management
- Current Issues in Accounting and Corporate Governance

*Electives offered are determined by the interest of students and availability of lecturing staff.
ASSSESSMENT

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SPECIAL FEATURES

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PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Masters
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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DURATION

2 years, part-time (EMBA) | 1 year, part-time (PDip)

NUMBER OF PLACES

Maximum of 40

PAC CODE(S)

GYC16 (EMBA)
GYC17 (PDip)

CLOSING DATE

1 August 2012

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AIM

This programme is designed to provide non-business graduates with a well-rounded understanding of business. Students are educated in the fundamental skills of business administration, enabling them to play an active role in the management and development of business enterprises with an orientation towards the commercial and industrial environments. All courses assume no previous knowledge of the subject.

COURSE CONTENT

This programme includes core modules on Accounting, Financial Management, Economics, Management, Marketing Principles, Management Information Systems, and Communications in Organisations. A wide range of optional modules are also available to students in Semester Two, which include Accounting for Management Decisions, Macroeconomics, Employment Relations, Global Marketing, eBusiness, and Business Law. The range of modules available allows students to either specialise in a particular discipline, or to study a broad range of business subjects.

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: April/May. A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations, and case studies.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme provides graduates with the fundamental skills to work in business, which complements their existing degree. It also provides students with an opportunity for further postgraduate study, with exemptions for ACCA exams, and for engineering graduates it is approved as part of the Engineers Ireland, Registered Training Providers Programme.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates secure employment in a diverse range of industries such as marketing, financial services, information systems, human resources. Recent graduates are employed by Allied Irish Bank (Credit Management), First Derivatives, Zurich Treasury Services. Each year a number of graduates pursue further postgraduate study at Masters level such as MSc Marketing, MSc Industrial Relations and HR Management. Graduates who study specific modules are eligible for a number of exemptions from ACCA.
AIM

This new and innovative programme is aimed at preparing students to effectively contribute to chronic illness prevention and management. The programme aims to prepare health professionals to:

- Work collaboratively with clients and each other to deliver the HSE’s Transformation Programme;
- Deliver care in line with the ‘shared care model’ for chronic illness and;
- Effectively contribute to the delivery of self-management enhancing programmes.

COURSE CONTENT

Programme outline (subject to change): the year is divided into two teaching semesters (September to December and January to April). During the summer period (May to August) students’ focus on completing a minor dissertation based on original research. Students complete four core modules and two option modules during the taught element of the programme.

Students must complete the taught element of the programme to Second Class Honours standard (i.e., 60%) before proceeding to complete the dissertation element. Students who fail to progress to the dissertation element of the programme will exit the programme with a PDip (Health Sciences [Chronic Illness Management]).

Modules Semester One
- Critical issues in Chronic Illness
- Literature based research skills

Modules Semester Two
- Effective Chronic Illness Management
- Strategies for Healthcare Professionals
- Health Research, option

Module Semester Three
- Research dissertation (original research on a relevant topic)

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will have an opportunity to lead and contribute to chronic illness prevention and management services in community and hospital settings. Graduates may also opt to progress to PhD studentships in Ireland and abroad.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Master of Health Sciences

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must:

- Hold an Honours Primary degree (Level 8 [or an equivalent international qualification]) in medicine or nursing or midwifery or physiotherapy or occupational therapy or speech and language therapy and have secured a final grade of at least Second Class Honours (or an equivalent international qualification) or
- Hold a postgraduate diploma (Level 9) or a professional qualification deemed suitable by the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Nurse candidates must meet the following additional criteria:

- Must be a registered general nurse or registered psychiatric nurse or registered sick children’s nurse or registered nurse intellectual disability or registered midwife.
- Hold an active nursing registration.

DURATION

1 year full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM58 (full-time)
GYM59 (part-time)

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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AIM

This programme provides multidisciplinary training in the professional skills required for the study of Classical Antiquity and the early Middle Ages. Areas of focus in the programme follow the research interests of staff, and reflect our thematic research focus on fusion and transformation between the cultures and languages of Graeco-Roman Antiquity and those of the Early Christian world and the Middle Ages, including Ireland.

COURSE CONTENT

All students study a language as part of the programme. Latin is offered at all levels from beginners’ to advanced, and the course combines the study of Classical and Medieval varieties with particular reference to Hiberno-Latin. Classical and Christian Greek is also studied both at beginners’ and higher levels. There is a strong emphasis on the interpretation of visual and material culture alongside texts and languages. Work culminates in a dissertation prepared under the supervision of a member of academic staff. Modules include: Ancient Languages, Classical Studies I & II, and a Dissertation (30 ECTS), 15,000–20,000 words (maximum), must also be completed.

ASSESSMENT

Modules will be continuously assessed and examined by essay.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Students on the course are closely allied with those on the MA (Medieval Studies) programme, leading to a particularly rich academic interaction in study of language, cultural history and/or archaeology according to the specialist orientation of the individual student. Opportunities for future research are fostered through ongoing projects and the University’s interdisciplinary Centre for Antique, Medieval and Pre-Modern Studies (CAMPS).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in many fields – humanities, linguistics, museum work, archaeology and cultural work. Classics is recognised as a training in key transferable skills and a knowledge base suitable for higher-level work in these areas.
AIM
This is the first multi-professional clinical education course in Ireland. It equips a wide range of health professionals with the knowledge and skills required for effective clinical education, and to become successful clinical supervisors and motivators of student learning. Although much health professional education takes place in clinical settings, few clinicians receive the formal training in educational techniques and principles of adult learning that are provided by this course.

COURSE CONTENT
Modules may include:
1. Learning Theory in Clinical Settings
2. Course Design and Evaluation
3. Clinical Teaching Methodologies (also available as a six-week stand alone option)
4. Assessment of Clinical Teaching
5. Assessing Competence and Performance
6. Professional Development
7. Clinical Teaching Portfolio
8. Leadership and Management for Healthcare Education
9. Evidence Based Education
10. Educational Research Design
11. Dissertation (Publishable Paper)

The courses are delivered mostly by distance learning, with some face-to-face workshops in Galway as follows:
- PgCert: six days (two consecutive week-days in September and four Saturdays between October and March).
- PDip: seven days (two consecutive week-days in September and five Saturdays between October and May).
- Masters: in addition to the Diploma days, ten days (two consecutive week-days in each of September, October, November, February, and April).

ASSESSMENT
Modules 1–7 are assessed using problem based assignments, online e-tivities, personal reflections, and peer observation. Modules 8 and 9 are assessed by a literature review and research methodology respectively, linked to the production of a 4,000-word ready for publication Masters research dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The combination of distance learning and face-to-face workshops allows you to engage in learning at a time and place that suits your lifestyle. The course is accredited for CME by the Irish College of General Practitioners and An Bord Altranais Category II approval is pending.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
Masters/PDip/PgCert, in Health Sciences. Stand alone module also available. For stand alone module only, apply online at www.nuigalway.ie/apply

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be registered healthcare professionals with at least two years post-registration experience, actively involved in clinical education. General computer literacy is essential as parts of the programme are delivered via distance learning. In addition for the Masters, at least 60% in the PDip in Clinical Education or equivalent is required. Selection is based on ability/opportunity to apply learning to your daily work, relevant experience, and academic record.

DURATION
Masters and PDip: 1 year, full-time, in-service
PG Cert: 6 Months (full-time)
Stand alone module: 6 weeks, full-time, in-service (Note: all programmes are suitable for those in full-time employment)

NUMBER OF PLACES
Masters: 10
PDip | PgCert | Stand alone module, combined: 40

PAC CODE(S)
GYM44 (Masters) | GYM11 (PDip) | GYM43 (PgCert)

CLOSING DATE
NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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AIM

The central importance of primary care has been repeatedly endorsed by government policy in recent years. This course has been designed to meet the evolving educational needs of doctors and nurses working in the primary care setting, using a combination of distance learning and face-to-face workshops. You can take a single module in a subject of your choice, or work towards a PgCert/PDip.

COURSE CONTENT

This course will update your knowledge and skills regarding the latest approaches to disease management, while fostering a critical approach to evidence-based practice and research.

Clinical modules:
- Cardiovascular Disease in Primary Care
- Diabetes in Primary Care
- Infectious Diseases in Primary Care
- Minor Surgery and Related Dermatology in General Practice
- Respiratory Disease in Primary Care
- Women’s Health in Primary Care

Non-Clinical Modules:
- Clinical Teaching Methods
- Concepts and Principles of Primary Care
- Evidence Based Primary Care
- Health Research Methods

All modules are available on a stand alone basis, or can be accumulated towards an award of PgCert (any three modules, at least two clinical) or PDip (any six modules, at least three clinical). Modules can be accumulated over up to five years (or one year) as you wish. Each module is delivered via a mix of online distance learning and face-to-face workshops in Galway (usually two non-consecutive days per module).

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed by a combination of practice-based assignments, participation in online discussions, and workshop or clinic attendance.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This course has been designed with maximum flexibility in mind to meet the needs of busy healthcare professionals, allowing you to engage in learning at a time and place that suit your lifestyle. Accredited for CME by the Irish College of General Practitioners.

NUI Galway Postgraduate Prospectus 2012–13
AIM

The Doctor of Psychological Science (DPsychSc) in Clinical Psychology is a taught doctoral programme that provides professional training in clinical psychology. The programme is provided in partnership with clinical psychology services in the Health Services Executive and other health service agencies.

The overall objective of the programme is to produce competent and capable clinical psychologists for the Irish health service, through the provision of high quality training in the clinical, academic and research elements of clinical psychology.

COURSE CONTENT

This programme provides trainees with thorough and integrated training in academic, practical, and research aspects of clinical psychology, through academic teaching blocks, supervised clinical placements and supervised clinically relevant research projects.

Clinical competence is developed in six placements over the three years of the programme. The placements provide trainees with experience of clinical psychology practice under the supervision of experienced clinical psychologists. All trainees have placements in mental health settings working with both child and adult clients, and in services for people with learning disability. Other placements include services for elderly people, rehabilitation services, services for people with acquired brain injury, services for people with addictions, and appropriate settings in general hospitals. The development of personal awareness and interpersonal sensitivity are fostered.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through mandatory coursework, and evaluation of clinical competence on supervised clinical placements. Mandatory coursework requirements involve: three essays; four Reports of Clinical Activity; two Small Service-Related Research Projects; one Report of Large Scale Research Project/Thesis. In addition to assessed coursework, trainees are required to satisfactorily complete six supervised clinical placements over the duration of the programme. All required placements must be passed in order for the candidate to be deemed to have passed overall. The thesis is the subject of oral examination by the External and Internal Examiners at the end of the programme.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The DPsychSc (Clinical) Programme at NUI Galway is fully accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland as a postgraduate professional training course in clinical psychology.

The programme provides basic professional training in many areas of work, including adult clinical psychology, child and adolescent clinical psychology, intellectual disabilities and other selected areas of practice such as older adults, neuropsychology, health psychology and forensic psychology.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Doctorate [DPsychSc (Clinical)]

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold a degree or PDip in psychology recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) as granting eligibility for graduate membership of PSI. The qualification must be at least upper Second Class Honours level (barring exceptional circumstances). Qualifications deemed equivalent by the College of Arts may also be accepted. At least one year of practical and/or research experience relevant to clinical psychology is also required. Successful applicants are expected to have a means of transport to enable them to participate in all elements of the programme, including undertaking supervised clinical placements in health settings.

DURATION

3 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

12

PAC CODE(S)

GYA37

CLOSING DATE

2 March 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities exist for professionally qualified clinical psychologists in a wide variety of health, forensic and social care settings. Opportunities may also be found in educational services and institutions. Most DPsychSc (Clinical) graduates take up employment in the HSE but a smaller number are also employed within agencies such as the Brothers of Charity Services or the Irish Prison Service.
The objective of this course is to provide training for the next generation of healthcare workers in the clinical research arena, providing a platform for more enhanced efficiencies in the translation of medical discoveries into clinical practice. The program is aimed at qualified individuals who wish to become independent clinical investigators or those who wish to seek employment in leadership positions in clinical research teams.

**COURSE CONTENT**

Each on-site module includes a structured curriculum of weekly lectures and tutorials (problem-based learning). For modules provided by distance-learning, there will also be monthly sessions to monitor module progression and review any challenging content areas. Classes may also take place outside of office hours to accommodate those in full-time employment.

Modules include:
- Fundamentals of Health Research and Evaluation Methods
- Introduction to Biostatistics I
- Ethics of Health Research
- Introduction to Biostatistics II
- Observational and Analytical Research Methods
- Research Methods for Randomized Controlled Trials
- Systematic Reviews
- Health Technology Assessment
- Health Systems and Policy Analysis
- Translational Medicine
- Clinical Research Administration
- Database Development
- Project Management

Compulsory course-work:
- Independent study module; paper publication OR
- Original research and thesis*

**AIM**

**ASSESSMENT**

Assessment will take the form of formal end of module examinations, in addition to continuous assessment, evaluation of contribution to group discussions and module projects. Semester One exams: December; Semester Two exams: April/May; Research Thesis: August submission.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

This is the only Masters programme of its kind in Ireland. Course contributors include senior academics and medical professionals from NUI Galway, Galway University Hospitals and McMaster University, Canada, who are actively engaged in clinical research. This programme is closely linked with the HRB Clinical Research Facility, Galway.

**PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE**

MSc

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Students must have completed either: 1) Undergraduate degree in medicine or; 2) Other healthcare-related undergraduate degree; minimum of Second Class Honours degree Grade 1* or; 3) Biomedical Sciences, minimum of Second Class Honours degree Grade 1*. Applications from graduates of non-healthcare related degrees are also considered (minimum requirement of Second Class Honours degree Grade 1*) on a case-by-case basis. Applicants with significant relevant experience will also be considered for this programme.

*Or equivalent international qualification.

**DURATION**

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

**NUMBER OF PLACES**

14

**PAC CODE(S)**

GYM56 (full-time)
GYM57 (part-time)

**CLOSING DATE**

May 31 2012

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AIM

The aim of this programme is to impart specialist knowledge of the practical, organisational, managerial, and developmental skills that you need in order to practice effective community work; and to increase your analytical and evaluative understandings of the various contexts within which community development practice takes place.

The overall objective is to educate and train you to become an effective development worker, who, with a professional approach, can make a direct and valuable contribution to affecting change at community level.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme combines taught modules, practical work placement experience, and a minor dissertation. Students are provided in-depth understanding of the working principles, practices, contexts and methods that exist within the professional community work field.

Modules included on the programme are Community Development Theory and Practice; Social Policy; Understanding Communities; Gender, Development and Human Rights; Sustainable Development in Ireland; Local Government.

Professional Experience Programme

In Semester Three of Year Two, students must complete a placement for a minimum four-month period in a practical community work environment, during which time participants’ knowledge and skills of community work practice are reinforced and their ability to apply practical work practices in innovative development processes is enhanced. Participants are encouraged to select work placement settings relevant to their own particular area of interest but are advised and facilitated in establishing and developing an identified project work task for the placement period.

ASSESSMENT

Participants will be assessed throughout the programme by a combination of project assignments, case study reports, seminar presentations, thesis research, and written examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The MA in Community Development Programme has been in existence for twenty years and is built on a strong foundation in teaching, research and job placement experience. The programme will be of particular interest to persons who wish to seek employment in voluntary, public and private sector development initiatives, partnership companies, overseas development work, development education, group work, community care, youth work and development, policy research, evaluation, and analysis.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a Second Class Honours Grade 2 degree in a social science or related discipline or equivalent. Development work experience is not a requirement for entry into the Programme, although accumulated work experience will be taken into account.

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

14

PAC CODE(S)

GYA01

GARDA VETING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

25 March 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in: community development projects; partnership companies; family support projects; policy and research (e.g., Combat Poverty Agency); regeneration programmes; rural development programmes.
AIM

This programme seeks to equip students with the requisite professional skills in conference interpreting so that they will be able to avail of the employment opportunities available to qualified conference interpreters. This programme is based on the European Masters in Conference Interpreting – a programme developed in conjunction with the European Union which is offered in 18 countries across Europe. It is the only programme of its kind in Ireland.

COURSE CONTENT

Training is provided in both modes of conference interpreting: consecutive and simultaneous interpreting. Various techniques will be used such as memory exercises, interpretation without notes, sight interpreting and note-taking techniques.

Irish, English, French, Spanish and German have been offered on the programme to date with provision for other languages based on student demand.

During the course, students will study the theory and practice of interpreting, where students will learn about various communication skills through voice coaching, public speaking etc. Students will also examine professional ethics, conference preparation/procedures, along with working practices and conditions.

Throughout the course students will study the European Union and the University will organise a study week at the European Parliament and Commission which will afford students an insight into the working life of a conference interpreter.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will involve continuous assessment, essays, and practical examinations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students must obtain a postgraduate qualification in Conference Interpreting to allow them to sit the Inter-Institutional Accreditation Tests and work as a professional conference interpreter. Students who complete this course can avail of considerable employment opportunities worldwide. Though many of our graduates work with EU institutions, opportunities are also available outside the large international organisations. Demand is also increasing in Ireland as interpreting services are frequently required at conferences, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme is based on the European Masters in Conference Interpreting – a programme developed with the European Union. Only applicants with a specific postgraduate qualification in conference interpreting can apply for international interpreting positions and this is the only corresponding course in Ireland.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip, MA. An overall mark of 60% in the PDip is required to continue to the MA programme.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must hold a 2:2 Honours degree (or equivalent), as well as an excellent knowledge of their mother tongue. The programme has catered for students with Irish, English, and Spanish as their mother tongue.

In addition, candidates will be expected to have:

• sound general knowledge
• good communication skills
• a high degree of motivation.

Admission to the course is subject to success in both a suitability test and an interview.

DURATION

Postgraduate Diploma: one academic year
MA: one calendar year (September to August)

NUMBER OF PLACES

12

PAC CODE(S)

GYA85

CLOSING DATE

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AIM
This is a multidisciplinary taught Master of Arts programme for graduates from the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. It was established to further understanding of the concepts ‘colonialism’, ‘imperialism’, ‘post-colonialism’, and ‘neocolonialism’ across a range of disciplines. We encourage students to view colonialism in the widest possible contexts, in both historical and contemporary forms, and to consider its significance in relation to modern globalisation.

COURSE CONTENT
Our teaching staff has been drawn from the disciplines of English, History, Political Science and Sociology, Economics, Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Classics, and is supplemented by Irish and international guest lecturers.

Modules/coursework on offer may include:
• Colonialism in 20th-Century Cultural Theory
• Approaches to the Study of Culture and Colonialism
• Decolonization and Neo-Colonialism: ‘The Politics of ‘Development’
• Studies in the History of Colonialism and Imperialism
• Research Seminar
• Literature and Colonialism
• The Political Economy of Global Capitalism
• Cinema and Colonialism
• Gender and Colonialism

ASSESSMENT
Students take six courses spread over two semesters, (as well as an unexamined/assessed research seminar) and complete their degree with the writing of a 15,000-word dissertation. Courses are usually assessed through submission of written assignments.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in publishing, media, civil service, journalism, development work, NGOs, university lecturing, HSE Dublin, community work, advertising, teaching (primary and secondary). A high proportion of graduates have proceeded to doctoral programmes in Ireland, Britain and North America.
Digital Media
School of Humanities
College of Arts, Social Science and Celtic Studies

AIM
The MA in Digital Media aims to synthesise artistic and technological knowledge. This unique course is delivered by combining expertise from the Huston School of Film and Digital Media, the Information Technology Department and the Digital Enterprise Research Institute (DERI). It is a multidisciplinary programme which takes graduates from relevant academic backgrounds and industry professionals who want to develop or extend existing skills.

COURSE CONTENT
Modules include:
• E-Learning
• Writing in the Digital Age
• Digital Interactive Media 1
• Perspectives in the Digital Age
• Film in the Digital Age
• Databases
• Digital Information
• Digital Media Business
• A History of Avant Garde Film
• Internet Programming
• Emerging Web Media
• Digital Interactive Media 2
• Research Methods

ASSESSMENT
Course modules are assessed continuously, practically, theoretically and/or through final examination as appropriate to the individual module. Proposals for final projects are submitted in January. Students will also be required to write a dissertation to fulfil the Master’s degree.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Digital Media enables the creation and synthesis of different art forms in unique ways. Students from the MA in Digital Media have won awards at national level in the areas of e-learning and digital storytelling. In 2010 the course was shortlisted for the Gradireland Postgraduate Course of the Year Award.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MA, PDip. Students may only apply for the MA. Those who do not meet the minimum entry requirements may be admitted to the PDip via a Qualifying Exam.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent H2.2. GPA 3.2 or international qualification. IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable. Students who do not meet the honours degree requirement but have a level 8 degree may be admitted to the PDip course with the possibility of progressing to the MA if they receive a minimum of 60% in their course work during the year, subject to qualifying examination and appropriate arrangements.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
14

PAC CODE(S)
GYA62

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The career paths from this course are limitless. Digital media graduates are required in all industries. Innovative concepts and skills in advanced Web and Internet Technologies are fuelling the expansion of traditional companies, an increase in newer Web-centric companies and social networking sites. Artistic skills in graphic modelling and animation in film and games are increasingly sought by entertainment industries. Graduates can utilise their own creativity and skills to become entrepreneurs.
Drama and Theatre Studies
School of Humanities
College of Arts

AIM

This is a one-year (48 weeks) full-time course. It organises creative collisions between theatre scholarship and practice, writing and performance. It features supervised archival research, frequent theatre attendance, internships, writing workshops, and collaborative methods of devising theatre pieces. The programme’s teaching staff includes theatre practitioners, partly through the NUI Galway’s partnership with the Druid Theatre Company.

COURSE CONTENT

Students take six courses in total. Two of these are compulsory: the year-long weekly Theatre Seminar, and a one-semester course in Reviewing. In addition, students elect three other semester-long courses.

Semester One: Playwriting Workshop, Reviewing Irish Theatre, Discovering the Archives, Irish Playwrights Since the 60s, Theatre and Globalization, Ensemble Acting.


Both semesters: Fieldwork and Theatre Business

Final Project: Portfolio

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment of regular writing assignments, performance work, and end-of-semester projects (66%); year end portfolio of selected writings done in each course, revised and developed to the fullest extent possible in the time allowed (33%).

SPECIAL FEATURES

In October students attend the Dublin Theatre Festival. They are provided with tickets to four shows. In February, students take part in NUIG’s ‘Theatre Week.’ Between May and mid-July, students do an internship of approximately three weeks with a professional theatre company or arts institution in Ireland or abroad.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A university Arts degree (minimum standard 2.2, or US GPA 3.0). Students will be accepted on the basis of the degree result, their account of their theatre experiences and aims, and a sample of recent writing (ten pages maximum).

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYA03

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students have gone on to obtain doctorates in theatre, have their own plays performed and toured, form theatre companies (at least ten of these thus far), publish regularly reviews and essays on theatre, teach, work in administrative and technical positions in theatre, manage theatre companies, work in drama therapy, work in children’s education, work in publicity, in Ireland, Australia, the UK, and the USA.
AIM

The programme aims to:
• Produce graduates who have good analytical skills across all major areas of environmental and development economics, yet who are quantitatively highly competent.
• Deepen students’ knowledge of interactions between economy, society and environment.

COURSE CONTENT

This is an innovative programme for students interested in contributing to environmental policy and to sustainable long-term management of rural and urban resources. It aims to equip graduates with quantitative modelling skills to meet the diverse challenges of global climate change, sustainable development and environmental governance. The programme includes an internship in a research institute or development agency, which allows you to apply the skills learned on the programme in a real-world environment. You will take courses in subjects such as Microeconomics, Urban and Rural Resource Governance, Data Management and Survey Techniques, Econometrics, Environmental Economics, Economic Modelling, and Cost Benefit Analysis and Evaluation.

ASSESSMENT

Semester One: December. Semester Two: May. Students submit the dissertation before a date in the summer determined by the Programme Board.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme includes an internship in a research institute or development agency.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MEconSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students admitted to the course will normally hold a primary degree with Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent, which will have included the study of economics to intermediate level. Students who hold a Higher Diploma in Economics with Second Class Honours Grade 1, or equivalent may also apply.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

25 (20 E.U.; 5 non-E.U.)

PAC CODE(S)

GYC09

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this programme are well equipped to pursue a career in environmental economics, development economics or agricultural economics and have gone on to do PhDs or have found employment in government departments, international environmental or development agencies, in land or coastal area-management, or in resource management generally.
ECONOMIC POLICY EVALUATION AND PLANNING

ECONOMIC POLICY EVALUATION AND PLANNING
J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics
College of Business, Public Policy and Law

AIM

The programme objective is to provide students with three interrelated skills:
• The appropriate theoretical and conceptual foundations to examine issues in economic policy evaluation and planning;
• The necessary analytical skills to contribute to economic and social planning in a wide variety of fields;
• The necessary applied skills to undertake the evaluation of public policy programmes and plans.

COURSE CONTENT

Modules include:
• Microeconomic Theory
• Macroeconomic Theory
• Data Management and Survey Techniques
• Econometrics
• Policy and Planning Analysis

In addition, you select three options (subject to availability) from the following list:
• Cost Benefit Analysis and Evaluation
• Environmental Economics
• Local and Rural Development
• Health and Social Care
• Transition Economics
• International Monetary Economics
• Advanced Econometrics
• Public Sector Economics
• Economics of Innovation

Students also complete a dissertation. Courses are spread over two years on the part-time programme.

ASSESSMENT

Year 1 (and Year 2 for part-time programme) -
Semester One exams: December; Semester Two exams: May.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Placement, in an appropriate organisation, or local, regional or national agency, allowing students to gain direct experience of research and policy issues.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MEnSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students admitted to the programme will normally hold a primary degree with Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent international qualification, which will have included the study of economics to intermediate level. Students who hold a Higher Diploma in Economics with Second Class Honours Grade 1, or equivalent international qualification may also apply.

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

30 (25 EU; 5 non-EU)

PAC CODE(S)

GYC07 (full-time)
GYC08 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in such careers as economists and policy analysts in the public and private sectors, in research institutes, in voluntary organisations, in development agencies and in other national and international organisations.
AIM

The Higher Diploma in Economic Science is an intensive and challenging two-semester taught programme in core economic theory and methods, with a variety of specialist options. It is mainly intended for those aiming for entry to a Masters degree, but who have not yet studied economics in sufficient depth for direct entry, and is attractive to those with scientific and engineering backgrounds, as well as humanities, business, and social sciences graduates.

COURSE CONTENT

Students in the Higher Diploma in Economic Science take one of two streams, depending on the level of economics they have previously encountered. Both streams include courses in microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, as well as statistical/econometric or mathematical methods in economics. Students also have a choice from a wide range of elective modules, including history of economic thought, the economics of money and banking/financial economics, the economics of health, environmental economics, Irish economic history, public economics, and development economics. In this way, students can build on core foundations and develop specialist interests, in many cases aligned with their intended area of focus within economics.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is typically by way of a combination of end of Semester written examinations and continuous assessment components especially by way of term papers and project work.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Students work on a supervised research paper in economics over two semesters (ending in May) providing a further opportunity to focus on areas of particular interest aligned with their career ambitions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Successful graduates, who typically later gain entry to masters in economics, build a variety of careers in private and public sectors, ranging from analyst work in financial services and health sectors, to public sector and consulting roles in economic analysis.
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Students who have undertaken and successfully completed the programme tend to fall into one of four categories: (1) those who work within UN or UN affiliated organisations; (2) those who work in NGO and quasi-NGOs - both human rights and development; (3) those who work in academic institutions or pursue a PhD/JD; and (4) those who work in diplomatic or government-based work (in human rights divisions of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for example). Underneath these umbrella categories, students have pursued work in the ICC, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, ICRC, the UN system (Geneva and NYC), local-based NGOs, trade and health organisations, domestic law firm work that draws on international legal mechanisms, and research based work in University research centres, to name but a few. The main and sub categories are by no means exhaustive, but give a flavour of the different fields that students have pursued.

AIM

This programme aims to prepare graduates for work in the burgeoning field of economic, social and cultural rights with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates for the rights of the majority. The LLM programme aims to build specific and general skills with respect to the modern regime of human rights protection and knowledge of the philosophies and theories that underpin them. The course provides students with the requisites enabling them to contribute to the advancement of human rights globally; both in their individual capacities and in association with institutions that have such a focus.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme draws upon the resources of the LLM in International Human Rights, with the addition of specialised courses in the economic, social and cultural rights sphere. The course work begins with a general introduction to International Human Rights Law, and an introduction to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the first semester as obligatory courses. In the second semester the Right to Development and How to Argue with an Economist are strongly recommended courses. In addition there would be a wide range of optional courses to choose from. A total of 90 ECTS needs to be completed (75 obligatory plus 15 from a range of optional courses). From time to time there might be changes in the optional courses offered each year.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment for individual modules includes a combination of essays, presentations, group work and other methods. Students must also complete a research thesis / dissertation of 20,000 words.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Students are encouraged to put into practice the foundational work provided by the LLM, by conducting internships with international institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the field of human rights. Advice is offered in locating suitable opportunities and, when possible, some financial support to offset travel expenses.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

LLM

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is preferred that applicants hold a degree in Law. However, the Centre for Human Rights also welcomes students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than law. In cases where applicants come from a non law background, the Centre for Human Rights will consider the academic background, relevant work experience, references and personal statement. Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent. However those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience.

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYL09 (full-time) | GYL10 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

Not applicable, as this programme is under review.

This programme is under review for entry 2012. Please visit: www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/law-economic-social-cultural-rights.html for further information, including programme director and contact details.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have undertaken and successfully completed the programme tend to fall into one of four categories: (1) those who work within UN or UN affiliated organisations; (2) those who work in NGO and quasi-NGOs - both human rights and development; (3) those who work in academic institutions or pursue a PhD/JD; and (4) those who work in diplomatic or government-based work (in human rights divisions of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for example). Underneath these umbrella categories, students have pursued work in the ICC, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, ICRC, the UN system (Geneva and NYC), local-based NGOs, trade and health organisations, domestic law firm work that draws on international legal mechanisms, and research based work in University research centres, to name but a few. The main and sub categories are by no means exhaustive, but give a flavour of the different fields that students have pursued.
AIM

The two-year, part-time Master of Education programme includes taught and research components. The programme aims to provide educational professionals with an opportunity to further develop their understanding of the educational sciences and contemporary debates within education, and to support participants in developing the knowledge and skills required to design, conduct and communicate educational research to a high standard, which will contribute to the enhancement of educational policy and practice.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme comprises both taught and research components. The taught component is in Year One, and there are four core modules (Disciplines of Education, Contemporary Issues in Education, Research Methodologies, and Critical Reading and Academic Writing), which each contain a number of elements. The programme fosters a systematic, critical and ethical approach to educational research, with training in a range of research methodologies and in methods of analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data.

In Year Two, students work individually with their supervisor and produce a minor dissertation of 20,000-25,000 words. Further research methodology and academic support sessions are provided at certain stages throughout the second year to support students through the research process.

ASSESSMENT

Each module will be assessed through specific assignments, which may include academic papers, oral presentations, and/or other tasks as deemed appropriate by module lecturers. A minor dissertation must also be completed.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MEd

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• Primary degree, and
• Teaching Qualification, or equivalent. Honours standard in at least one of the above.
• Generally, two—three years professional experience is required.

DURATION

Two years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

GYA47

CLOSING DATE

31 March 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in areas such as educational leadership and management, education support services, and curriculum development bodies. The programme also facilitates career advancement. Students typically report that their own site of professional practice has been greatly enriched by practitioner research. Further research opportunities include progression to PhD.
Thinking about applying?
www.pac.ie/pde

EDUCATION

Professional Diploma in Education (PDE)

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The minimum requirement is a degree (or equivalent international qualification) deemed eligible by the Teaching Council for the purposes of registration as a post-primary teacher. More information: www.nuigalway.ie/education

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
220

PAC CODE(S)
PEG01

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
1 December 2011

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AIM
The Professional Diploma in Education (PDE) is a postgraduate university programme in education which is recognised by the Teaching Council as a suitable qualification in teacher training and for registration as a post-primary teacher in Ireland. This one-year, full-time programme is wide-ranging and equips student teachers with the theoretical and conceptual tools and skills necessary for developing creative and flexible approaches to teaching and learning at post-primary level.

COURSE CONTENT
The main programme modules are:
- Educational Sciences
- Professional Studies in Education
- Professional Development
- Teaching Practice
- Subject Methodologies

ASSESSMENT
Continuous assessment to include: small group project, instructional plans, integrative assignment, and a portfolio and practice folder which records classroom practice and experiences.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The development of critical reflective thinking, in support of individual professional development and integration of theory and practice is a core element of the programme. In addition, student teachers are supported in practical teaching placements which provide them with a rich experiential base for the development of their potential as teachers.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
As the programme is recognised by the Teaching Council successful completion allows students to register as a teacher in Ireland and in other jurisdictions.
AIM

The aim of the programme is to equip students with the range of technical and business skills needed to implement and manage e-commerce solutions successfully in a business environment.

COURSE CONTENT

Business Technology Modules
- Web Design and Development
- Interactive Systems Design
- Systems Development and Project Management
- Database Systems
- Business Applications Programming
- Applied Systems Analysis

Business Strategy and Policy Modules
- Electronic Commerce Strategy
- Business Policy
- Information Systems Innovation
- Decision Systems and Business Analytics

Elective Modules
- Information Systems Security and Ethics
- Advanced Applications Programming

Research Modules
- Research Skills 1
- Research Skills 2
- Research Project

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: April/May. A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include projects, reports, presentations, and case studies. A research report must also be submitted.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The second year of the MBS provides the opportunity for students to apply the skills they have acquired in Year One working for companies such as Microsoft and Ericsson. The Graduate Experience Programme (GEP) is a work placement opportunity during which students work on e-commerce and information systems related projects.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MBS

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum requirements are a Second Class Honours business degree (level 8). Applicants without such a degree but with relevant experience may be eligible to apply in accordance with the University’s guidelines on the Recognition of Prior Learning (see page 17). Applicants whose first language is not English or who have not been educated through English during their two most recent years of study must present an English language qualification (IELTS 6.5 or equivalent).

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

30

PAC CODE(S)

GYC03

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment as consultants (Accenture, Deloitte and Touche), business analysts (EDS, Bank of Ireland, Amarach), management trainees (Thermo King), web masters (Kenny’s Bookshop and Art Galleries), researchers (Manchester Business School), lecturers (NUI Galway, DIT) and support specialists (HP Retail Solutions).
AIM

These programmes of study combine specialist endovascular surgical training with evidence based medical research skills. Specialist endovascular training is provided under the guidance of vascular surgeons from the Western Vascular Institute. The curriculum is taught through hands-on, supervised training, and supervised sessions in the endovascular surgery teaching lab and weekly scheduled educational meetings.

COURSE CONTENT

Specialist surgical training combined with six research modules—one year. Informatics modules are offered in block released courses of one week duration, delivered via a blend of face-to-face teaching and enquiry based learning. Distance learning is encouraged through online course materials available via the University’s Blackboard website.

Modules include:
• Finding the Needle in the I-stack (E-resources)
• Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics
• From Popper to Proposal (research methods)
• Searching the Internet (Advanced Level)
• Research Methods (Advanced Level)
• Advanced Statistics
• Final Research Proposal

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will take the form of formal end of module examinations, in addition to continuous assessment, evaluation of contribution to group discussions, and module projects.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme is provided with support from the Western Vascular Institute. This will provide candidates with hands on supervised training and supervised sessions in endovascular surgery teaching labs.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip, Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be a qualified and registered medical physician/surgeon, and enrolled on the Western Vascular Institutes Endovascular Training programme as well as other suitable qualified medical persons. Competence in the English Language equivalent to IELTS 6.5 is also a requirement. Completion of the PG Dip is required to advance to the Masters version of this programme.

DURATION

1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYM51 (Masters)
GYM50 (PDip)

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will find employment in a diverse range of fields of health and medical research including MDs and PhDs and improved professional knowledge, skills and attitudes in daily practice (evidence-based healthcare).
AIM
The programme’s aim is to provide for the continuing professional education of practising engineers by enhancing an engineer’s existing knowledge or by enabling him/her to prepare for work in a different specialisation. Candidates holding the Higher Diploma in Engineering will have enhanced career prospects in their chosen area of specialisation.

COURSE CONTENT
This programme will consist of lectures, seminars, tutorials, and year’s work. Candidates will be required to present for examination in four subjects. The subjects shall be chosen by the student in consultation with the relevant Professor from a range of subjects available in the College.

ASSESSMENT
Semester One exams: December
Semester Two exams: April/May
A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations and case studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in such companies as Boston Scientific, Medtronic, Thermo King.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
Higher Diploma in Engineering

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent international qualification. GPA 3.0 or equivalent international qualification. IELTS score of 6 or equivalent international qualification if applicable.

DURATION
12 months, full-time | 24 months, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
17

PAC CODE(S)
GYE10 (full-time)
GYE11 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE
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Enterprise Systems  
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AIM
The Masters of Applied Science (Enterprise Systems) is designed to meet the specific requirements of industry. It equips graduates with essential knowledge and skills in the fields of operations, quality and innovation management in sectors that include medical technology, manufacturing and health services. This programme is highly regarded by employers and there is a strong demand for our graduates. It is suitable for engineering, science, commerce and arts graduates.

COURSE CONTENT
The flexible structure allows you to tailor the programme to your specific needs. You can choose from the courses listed below. Courses are subject to availability and other courses may be made available:

- Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Project Management
- Applied Innovation
- Decision Systems and Business Analytics
- Information Systems Strategy and Planning
- Operations Management
- Operations Strategy
- Logistics and Transportation
- Lean Systems
- Operations Research
- Quality Management
- Human and Systems Reliability
- Ergonomics
- Safety and Risk Management
- Regulatory Affairs

You must also prepare an industrial based research thesis on a topic to be agreed with an academic supervisor. We will provide you with a list of company specific case studies in medical technology and services organisations.

ASSESSMENT
Problem based learning techniques are used in most of our courses. You must complete a number of real world assignments throughout the year. Written examinations take place at the end of each semester.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Key features of the programme include:

- Ethos of innovation
- Engaging teaching methods
- Customised learning programme
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Extensive career opportunities

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MAppSc (Enterprise Systems)

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Entry to the Masters of Applied Science (Enterprise Systems) is open to those who hold a Second Class Honours degree at Level 8 in a related discipline. Candidates who hold a Level 8 degree without honours, and who have three years’ relevant experience will also be considered.

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
17

PAC CODE(S)
GYE13 (full-time)
GYE14 (part-time)

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
All of our graduates have secured high quality employment in sectors such as medical technical; high tech manufacturing; software and financial services. Your next job title could be:

- Entrepreneur: managing director, general manager, venture partner, consultant
- Manager: product manager, operations manager, training manager
- Engineer: product/process engineer, quality engineer, manufacturing engineer
- Information Technology: business analyst; software programmer; information systems manager

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AIM
The MA in Environment, Society and Development is designed to empower students to become critically informed by, and ethically engaged with, the various geopolitical, economic and environmental processes that shape the world in which we live. The programme involves engagement with a number of core areas in critical human geography, including issues of geopolitics, development, governance and political ecology, and exposes students to vital global challenges that encompass a complex and dynamic mesh of environmental, social and economic processes.

COURSE CONTENT
Modules include:
• Conceptualising Environment, Society and Development
• Geography and Geo-graphing
• Geopolitics and Security
• Environment and Risk
• Managing Development
• Field-Based Learning
• MA Dissertation

ASSESSMENT
Assessment shall be in the form of continuous assessment, essays, oral presentations and other projects. Students must also submit a dissertation of 15,000–20,000 words based on original research. The topic will be agreed, after consultation, with individual supervisors.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The practical emphasis of the MA is reflected in a field-based learning module in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where students will intersect with the development work of the European Union, UN agencies and various NGOs.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The programme will prepare students for a range of workplaces including government departments, non-governmental organisations, planning and project management agencies and specialist research and policy institutes. The emphasis on transferable and problem-solving skills is further reflected in the focus on field-based learning practices that are embedded in all modules. The programme is also designed to enhance students’ prospects for undertaking further research at PhD level.
“My reason for choosing NUI Galway for my postgraduate programme stems from its reputation as a third level institution which fosters high quality research in the social sciences, including the areas of environmental planning and sustainability studies. I studied Geography and Legal Science as a part of my primary BA degree, from which I graduated in 2009. Having a great interest in research, combined with a passion for local and global environmental sustainability, led me to embark on a postgraduate programme in the Geography Department in NUI Galway.”

Emer Henderson
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AIM
The MA in Ethics, Culture and Global Change engages with ethical and cultural issues related to globalisation from a theoretical and practical perspective. It aims to equip graduates with skills in critical thinking and reflection on issues of global integration and diversity, with relevance in fields from business to public administration to community work. The programme includes a service learning component where students engage in project work for relevant organisations.

COURSE CONTENT
Modules/coursework on offer include:
- Practical and Professional Ethics
- The Hermeneutics of Intercultural Communication
- Ethical and Political Concepts
- Placement
- Research Methods
- Dissertation
- Thesis
- Political Economy, Colonialism and Globalisation
- Literature and Colonialism
- Cinema and Colonialism
- Ethics and the Environment

ASSESSMENT
Assessment is by essay and continuous assessment in a variety of formats, including reflective journals, presentation, and portfolios. Students also complete a 15,000 word thesis.

SPECIAL FEATURES
An extensive service learning component (100 hours minimum) allows students to engage in work for a relevant organisation, gain experience with the completion of a larger project in an organisational context and reflect on the theoretical material in light of their practical experience.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in community work, teaching, business, and the public service; some have gone on to further education at MA and PhD levels.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
NQAI Level 8 at H2.2, with Philosophy or cognate subject, GPA 3.0 or equivalent international qualification. IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable. An interview may be part of the selection process.

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

PAC CODE(S)
GYA06 (full-time)
GYA66 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE
30 April 2012
(Late applications may be accepted and reviewed in August, if places are available; check www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/closingdates for details)

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AIM

The MA in Film Studies (Film, Culture and Society) programme emphasises the relationship between film and society while viewing the medium as a unique point of contact between culture, politics and social life. The programme is designed to enhance students’ prospects for undertaking further research at PhD level, or for participation in a wide range of film-related careers, including teaching, programming and exhibition, curatorial work, and arts journalism, areas in which previous students have found employment.

COURSE CONTENT

This programme provides students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of Film Studies, emphasising film’s relationship with culture and society. Core modules in film history and film theory examine some of these relationships in general terms, while optional modules allow students to focus on specific areas.

These option courses include modules on Screening Irish America, Irish Film, Cinema and Vietnam, Forms of Film, and Gender and Sexuality in Cinema. Building on the success of TG4 and Irish-language film production over the past ten years, a further unique aspect of the MA in Film Studies course is the inclusion of a new Irish-language option module, offered in conjunction with Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge and Scoil na Gaeilge, ÓÉ Gaillimh, entitled ‘Scéalta Scáileáin na Gaeilge’. A year-long Research Methods module also provides students with skills in carrying out research and writing assignments, particularly their final minor dissertation.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed on the various modules by a combination of essay exercises and presentations. Students will also be required to complete a 16,000-18,000-word minor dissertation as their final project, to be submitted in early August.

SPECIAL FEATURES

As well as also offering programmes in Production/Direction, Screenwriting and Digital Media, the Huston School also hosts an extensive range of guest seminars during the year with academics and practitioners of film. Visitors have included Gabriel Byrne, Seamus McGarvey, Lenny Abrahamson, Mark O’Halloran, James Cromwell, John Boorman, Roddy Doyle, Colin MacCabe, Laura Mulvey and Mike Figgis.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in a wide range of film-related careers, including third level positions, teaching, programming and exhibition, curatorial work, research work and arts journalism including acquiring positions with the BBC, Tullamore Tribune, Galway Film Centre, the Galway Film Fleadh and various film production companies.
This joint programme between NUI Galway and the University of Limerick has been developed to meet the ongoing upskilling and retraining needs of specific sectors of the regional economy (business, financial services, ICT), while also building upon both Universities strengths and areas of expertise. This MSc programme is therefore designed to develop, build and enhance finance and ICT capabilities and skills for people working in private and public sector contexts.

COURSE CONTENT

Autumn Semester (University of Limerick).
Modules taken include:
• Financial Information Analysis
• International Corporate Finance
• Research Methods in Finance
• Implementing Market Models
• plus one elective module from the following:
  - Derivative Instruments
  - Wealth and Portfolio Management, Dynamic Asset Pricing Theory

Spring Semester (NUI Galway).
Modules taken include:
• Information Systems Management
• Enterprise Systems
• Decision Systems and Business Analytics
• Seminar in Finance and Information Systems

Optional modules:
• Information Systems Security and Ethics
• e-Commerce Strategy
• Innovation Systems Security
• Financial Econometrics

ASSESSMENT

This taught programme assesses students using traditional examination methods along with continuous assessment deliverables. The submission of a substantial project or a research dissertation is also a required component of this programme.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This joint MSc takes advantage of the strategic alliance between NUI Galway and the University of Limerick. Students will benefit from the combined areas of expertise from both these institutions in an area identified by the Government as providing key future skills for Ireland.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Not applicable: applications should be made via the online application system in the University of Limerick.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This programme is aimed at highly numerate business graduates from Ireland and abroad with a specialisation in Economics and/or Finance, with a corresponding degree qualification from a university or other internationally recognised academic institution or authority, corresponding to Level 8 of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), to a minimum standard of Second Class Honours (or equivalent).

DURATION

1 year

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYL09 (full-time)
GYL10 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

While covering key future skills needs, the programme provides students with an opportunity to update, build and improve key strengths and capabilities, redirect their careers and/or consider how they can create their own employment or develop new routes to employment. The programme aims to provide essential ICT technical skills, but equally aims to deliver the financial management skills and financial decision making acumen—critical for employees in the targeted industrial sectors and core to the success of Ireland’s future economic growth.
AIM

This programme is designed to assist graduate students to identify their artistic identity and interests and to prepare them for the next step in their artistic careers.

COURSE CONTENT

Since students whose artistic identity is not yet clearly formed are very diverse in their needs, this programme is structured through individually negotiated independent study. This structural flexibility distinguishes it from the MFA programme, which offers a developmental programme oriented to professional practice. Courses include Studio Practice and Critique, Historical and Critical Studies, The Burren: Culture and Environment. The Post Bac is a joint Burren College of Art/NUI Galway programme programme based at the Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. Students register as full students of NUI Galway. The programme operates in association with the Royal College of Art, London and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, which provide visiting faculty to the programme.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment and examination is by project work in each of the modules, by exhibition at the end of the programme and by essay where applicable. Results are determined on a pass/fail (credit/no credit) basis.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Post Bac students have their own dedicated studio space at Burren College of Art and the availability of all BCA faculty as appropriate.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in professions associated with the practice of art.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Post Baccalaureate

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should normally have a primary degree level 7/8. A Major in fine art is not a requirement. Applications will be assessed by means of a portfolio and a written statement that clearly states what the applicant seeks to attain through study on this programme.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

Not applicable. Apply online at www.burrencollege.ie/programmes/postbac/applications.html

CLOSING DATE

1 February 2012. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis up to this deadline. Late applications may be considered if all places are not filled. All eligible applicants are interviewed either in person or by telephone.

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Fine Art
Burren College of Art
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

AIM
This programme is designed to educate artists to a level appropriate to professional practice or progression to doctoral studies.

COURSE CONTENT
The PDip is a one-year full-time programme, and is an option within the MFA programme. The MFA is a joint Burren College of Art/NUI Galway programme based at the Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. Students register as full students of NUI Galway. The programme operates in association with the Royal College of Art, London and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, which provide visiting faculty to the programme.

ASSESSMENT
Final examination is by exhibition at the end of the programme.

SPECIAL FEATURES
PDip students have their own dedicated studio space at Burren College of Art and the availability of all BCA faculty as appropriate.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Bachelors degree with Honours in Fine Art (First class or 2:1, or a GPA of 3.50 or above) or evidence of equivalent achievement. In the case of an outstanding portfolio, a Bachelors degree with a lower second class / 2.2 honours / GPA of 3.00 may be accepted.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
20

PAC CODE(S)
Not applicable. Apply online at www.burrencollege.ie/programmes/mfa/admissions.html

CLOSING DATE
1 February 2012. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis up to this deadline. Late applications may be considered if all places are not filled. All eligible applicants are interviewed either in person or by telephone.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduate artists find work in related fields such as art-curating, gallery administration, art education. The knowledge, skills and understanding developed in this programme are transferable to a wider variety of applications, depending on the individual graduate.
AIM

This programme is designed to educate artists to a level appropriate to professional practice or progression to doctoral studies.

COURSE CONTENT

The MFA is operated as an integrated and progressive learning experience. The modules Studio Research, Historical and Critical Studies, and Professional Studies deal with the three main aspects of artistic practice but are operated together as elements of the one holistic experience.

The MFA is a joint Burren College of Art/NUI Galway programme based at the Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. Students register as full students of NUI Galway. The programme operates in association with the Royal College of Art, London and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, which provide visiting faculty to the programme.

ASSESSMENT

Final examination is by exhibition at the end of the programme and submission of a thesis.

SPECIAL FEATURES

MFA students have their own dedicated studio space at Burren College of Art and the availability of all BCA Faculty as appropriate.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MFA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelors degree with Honours in Fine Art (First Class Honours or 2:1, or a GPA of 3.50 or above) or evidence of equivalent achievement. In the case of an outstanding portfolio, a Bachelors degree with a lower Second Class (2.2) Honours/GPA of 3.0 may be accepted.

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

Not applicable. Apply online at www.burrencollege.ie/programmes/maf/admissions.html

CLOSING DATE

1 February 2012. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis up to this deadline. Late applications may be considered if all places are not filled. All eligible applicants are interviewed either in person or by telephone.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate artists find work in related fields such as art-curating, gallery administration, art education. The knowledge, skills and understanding developed in this programme are transferable to a wider variety of applications, depending on the individual graduate.
French
School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

AIM
The MA in French develops a high degree of oral and written fluency in the language, together with skills in research methods and intellectual enquiry. It combines advanced linguistic work with in-depth literary and cultural analysis of France and the French-speaking world. It develops competences appropriate to careers in secondary and higher education, the creative industries, and other fields requiring high levels of communicative competence, intercultural awareness and critical insight.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme comprises individual modules taught by experienced staff with a record of internationally recognised publications. The seminar-based format allows the productive combination of small-group tuition and varieties of student-centred learning, including translation experience. Tuition consists of specialist seminars in each semester and a year-long translation class. Seminars may include the following topics: Autofiction in French Literature; (Un-) Veiling the Self: Critical Approaches and Methods; Literature of Francophone Canada; Literature of France in Algeria; Representations of the Islamic Other in Medieval France; Spirituality and Literature; and Advanced French Language Studies. (Not all seminars will necessarily be offered each year.) Together, these courses allow students to enhance and expand existing personal connections with and insights into French and Francophone societies and cultures. The specialized dissertation prepared in the second semester will then allow the student to engage in an individually negotiated project, which will generate a substantial piece of personal research.

ASSESSMENT
Literature and culture seminars are examined by essay. Language proficiency is assessed continuously throughout the year. An oral examination is held, typically consisting of a research presentation. A minor thesis is also submitted by all students.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This programme enables students to significantly develop their personal linguistic competence and analytical resources so as to be able to contribute effectively to professional and economic activities in a broad range of fields or to present themselves as candidates for doctoral research programmes in French Studies.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Second Class Honours NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent, with Second Class Honours Grade 2 or equivalent in French.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

PAC CODE(S)
GYA13

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
As well as developing advanced linguistic competence and inter-cultural awareness, the MA in French encourages transferable skills valued by employers such as information-gathering and synthesis, analytical skills, presentational skills (oral and written), time-management, and project management. This combination equips students to embark on a wide variety of careers, both in Ireland and abroad. Previous graduates have found employment in second- and third-level teaching, media, administration, cultural industries, journalism and further research.
AIM
This programme is designed for students who want to achieve a high degree of fluency in German and are interested in deepening their understanding of German literature, one of the most multi-faceted literatures of modern Europe. Students are prepared for careers in the cultural industry, media, arts administration, teaching and translation.

COURSE CONTENT
The course programme includes modules on German language and literature, but also a module on methods of research and interpretation.

Core modules:
Advanced Language Skills 1 and 2. This year-long module allows students to further develop their language skills to level C2 of the European Framework of Reference. Classes taught cover all relevant skills—reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students will extend their command of grammar and vocabulary and their sensitivity to stylistic variation, nuance and register.

Modern German Literature 1 and 2. Students will discuss exemplary literary texts from various genres and literary epochs from 18th-21st centuries. Special attention will be given to historical and cultural contexts and to intertextual relationships. Students will apply various methods of interpretation. The selection of texts will vary from year to year.

Interpreting Literature: Theories and Methods. Students will be introduced to relevant literary theories, such as New Historicism, Ecocriticism, Postcolonialism and deconstruction. They will learn to reflect critically on methods of interpretation and their application.

ASSESSMENT
Students have to take a total of six modules (10 ECTS each), which are assessed by exam or take-home essay. Five modules are obligatory and one is optional. They also have to write a dissertation of circa 15,000 words (30 ECTS) on a topic chosen in consultation with a supervisor.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The programme is an excellent preparation for students interested in pursuing a PhD in this area.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MA, full-time; MA, part-time

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Second Class Honours NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent, with Second Class Honours Grade 2 or equivalent in German.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

PAC CODE(S)
GYA14 (full-time) | GYA92 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
German postgraduate students acquire a flexible skills base in dealing with creative and communicative, but also analytical, organisational and research tasks, and they move on to a corresponding range of career opportunities after graduation. They have developed careers in (for example) marketing, media, arts administration, as well as following more obviously language-related career areas such as teaching, translation, publishing, international marketing and communications. Many MA graduates have continued their studies to PhD level.
AIM
The MA in Gender, Globalisation and Rights offers students a unique opportunity to combine advanced study of two important fields – globalisation and human rights – through a critical, advocacy-oriented, gender lens. Students will examine women’s perspectives regionally to understand and redress inequalities and exclusions inherent in globalisation process. The skills and knowledge acquired in the programme will enhance the employability of candidates with international and national development, policy and human rights organisations.

COURSE CONTENT
The MA in Gender, Globalisation and Rights aims to equip students with the in-depth knowledge and analytical skills necessary to identify and address the gender dimensions of timely issues from extreme poverty and global inequalities to trafficking, violence against women, disease pandemics, war and conflict, and rising fundamentalisms. Particular attention is paid to the multiple and intersectional aspects of women’s identities and experiences across location, socio-economic background, culture, ethnicity, race, political status, ability/disability, age, sexual orientation, and so on. Focusing on concrete issues, students learn about and engage critically with specific areas of global governance, policy-making and norm setting especially vis-à-vis established development, human rights, security, and trade paradigms. The course places a strong emphasis on the role of civil society and transformative civic engagement in bringing about change from the local to the global level. Core modules include Feminist Theory and Applied Gender Analysis, Women’s Human Rights, and Gender Perspectives on Globalisation.

ASSESSMENT
Assessment is continuous based on class participation, group project work, in class presentations and independently researched final essays.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The programme is an excellent training for concrete policy work as well as further academic education. More specifically, it aims to prepare students to participate in the development of gender-conscious, human rights-based responses to a range of global issues.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have attained Second Class Honours or better in a primary degree in a relevant discipline (at National Framework of Qualifications Level 8), or equivalent international qualification. Publication/professional experience as deemed suitable by the College of Arts may be considered where the formal requirements are not completely satisfied.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
20

PAC CODE(S)
GYA44

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Students who have successfully completed the course have found employment with a range of national and international NGOs working in the health sector, women’s rights, domestic violence, social work, and so on. Several students with interest in education have successfully moved to teaching in secondary schools. The MA is a recognised qualification for fourth level education in social sciences, human rights, and humanities.
AIM
The aim of the programme is to:
• Develop a thorough knowledge and applied competence in the fundamentals of health economics including health technology assessment;
• Develop an ability to critically appraise alternative systems of healthcare finance and delivery in terms of equity and efficiency;
• Expose the student to policy debates regarding access to care including new and expensive technologies.

COURSE CONTENT
The course is comprised of eight taught modules and a dissertation. Students are exposed to a number of specialist health economics courses including Decision Making, Health Technology Assessment, Health Economics, and Health Systems and Policy Analysis as well as more general economics modules such as Econometrics or Public Sector Economics. Areas examined include the design of healthcare systems and the relationship between these and system performance, methods of evaluation in healthcare, model construction, and use in decision making. The dissertation allows the student to use the skills acquired to address a specific research question.

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed in a variety of ways including coursework and final examination. A dissertation, completed over the summer is also used to assess performance.

SPECIAL FEATURES
In addition to material taught by NUI Galway staff have specialist contributions from leading US and UK researchers have featured in the course. The course offers students the opportunity to use the skills they acquire in a placement and several students have successfully transitioned into full-time employment with their placement host.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Past students have embarked on a range of careers that have included the pharmaceutical industry, management consultancy, positions in the voluntary sector and public sector as well as further education at PhD level or research assistantships.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Students admitted to the course will normally hold a primary degree with Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent, which will have included the study of Economics to intermediate level. Students who hold a Higher Diploma in Economics with Second Class Honours Grade 1, or equivalent may also apply.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

PAC CODE(S)
GYC26

CLOSING DATE
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The Health Informatics programmes introduce students to techniques and frameworks to enable them to critically appraise scientific evidence to answer researchable clinical questions and conduct dedicated research in their own specialty or field. Our programme is designed for healthcare providers with an interest in evidence based medicine, and health and medical research.

**COURSE CONTENT**

PDip: modules completed over two semesters—one year. Informatics modules are offered in block released courses of one week duration, delivered via a blend of face-to-face teaching and enquiry based learning*.

Masters: modules completed over four semesters—two years. Informatics modules are offered in block released courses of one week duration, delivered via a blend of face-to-face teaching and enquiry based learning*.

*Distance learning is encouraged through online course materials available via the University’s Blackboard website.

Modules/coursework includes:
- Finding the Needle in the I-stack (E-resources)
- Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics
- From Popper to Proposal (research methods)
- Searching the Internet (Advanced Level)
- Research Methods (Advanced Level)
- Advanced Statistics
- Final Research Proposal
- Scientific Writing and Publication
- Research Thesis

**ASSESSMENT**

Assessment will take the form of continuous assessment, evaluation of contribution to group discussions and module projects, research proposal submissions and where appropriate the final research thesis.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

These programmes are particularly suitable for people who wish to return to education but also have work commitments. The use of online course materials available via the University’s Blackboard website ensure that students have dedicated online support in addition to regular workshops onsite.

**PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE**

PDip, Masters

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Successful applicants will normally hold a primary degree in healthcare, medicine, or equivalent qualification at Second Class Honours Grade 1 level or above. Competence in the English language equivalent to IELTS 6.5 is also required. Masters applicants must in addition to these requirements have successfully completed the PDip in Medical Science (Health Informatics) or a comparable awarded deemed by the School of Medicine to satisfy these requirements.

**DURATION**

1 year, part-time

**NUMBER OF PLACES**

10

**PAC CODE(S)**

GYM47 (PDip)
GYM45 (Masters)

**CLOSING DATE**

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Careers in a diverse range of fields of health and medical research, including MDs and PhDs, and improved professional knowledge, skills and attitudes in daily practice (evidence-based healthcare).
AIM

The programme aims to provide students with professional education and training in the core competencies for effective health promotion practice, including the following:

- Theoretical background to the concepts and principles of health promotion.
- Determinants of physical, mental and social well-being.
- Application of health promotion interventions across diverse population groups, topics and settings.
- Critical role of the research process in the development of knowledge and best practice in health promotion.

COURSE CONTENT

The MA/PDip programme is based on the European Masters in Health Promotion core curriculum and offers students the opportunity of pursuing European based study as an optional module. The PDip offers a taught programme, delivered over two seminars to full-time students and over four semesters to part-time students. The MA incorporates the taught component of the PDip together with a minor dissertation based on original research. The taught modular programme comprises four core and six optional modules. Students must complete eight modules in total, four core and four optional. The European Dimension option entails a two-week placement in another EU member state.

Modules include:
- Foundation of Health Promotion
- Research Methods
- Health Promotion Practice
- Determinants of Health
- Promoting Healthy Behaviours
- Promoting Mental Health and Social Wellbeing
- Re-orienting Health Services
- Supportive Environments for Health
- European Dimension of Health Promotion
- Evaluation of Health Promotion Programmes

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by means of written examination, continuous assessment, and an oral examination. MA students must complete the taught programme to Second Class Honours standard (60% minimum) in order to proceed to the dissertation component.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Lecturing staff are all research active and the Health Promotion Research Centre, which is embedded within the discipline of Health Promotion, is a World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre. Together with workplace experience, students have the opportunity to engage with international health promotion research projects, including the development of evidence-based policy and practice.
PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA, PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applications are considered from candidates with a primary degree from cognate disciplines.

**MA:** applicants must have an honours primary degree (i.e., Level 8 in NFQ) with a 2.2 grade or higher (or equivalent international qualification).

**PDip:** applicants must have a primary degree at pass level or higher (or equivalent international qualification). The course team evaluates academic record, relevant experience, and motivation for all eligible applicants.

DURATION

1 year, full-time (MA/PDip)
2 years, part-time (MA/PDip)

NUMBER OF PLACES

18 - 19

PAC CODE(S)

MA: GYA15 (full-time), GYA16 (part-time)
PDip: GYA17 (full-time), GYA18 (part-time)

GARDA VETTING/Police Clearance

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide variety of career opportunities exist for graduates of this programme in Ireland and abroad. Graduates of the programmes are qualified to pursue a full-time career in health promotion or to incorporate health promotion principles into their work, especially those in the health and education sectors. Past graduates are employed in statutory, voluntary, community and academic positions in a number of roles, including dedicated Health Promotion Specialist posts.
AIM

This programme is the only MSc in Health Psychology accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI). It is intended for Psychology graduates, who seek to develop their knowledge and expertise in the area of Health Psychology. The MSc will enable students to conduct high quality research in the area of Health Psychology and will prepare them to undertake further professional training in health psychology and other areas of psychology.

COURSE CONTENT

The course is concerned with the application of psychological theory, methods and research to health, illness and healthcare. Modules included on the programme are:

- Models of Health-Related Behaviour and Cognition
- Research Methods in Psychology
- Foundations of Health Psychology
- Psychosomatic Influences on Health
- Health Psychology in Applied Settings
- Current Issues in Health Psychology
- Research Seminar
- Minor Dissertation

The modules cover a wide variety of topics including adjustment to chronic illness, doctor-patient communication, management of chronic pain and the nature of stress and its psychobiological consequences.

Students also take classes in research methods in health psychology and carry out an empirical research project in a health-related area. In addition, they have the opportunity to attend research seminars given by international experts in the field of health psychology.

ASSESSMENT


A range of assessment methods are used: including essays, projects, reports, presentations, and written examination.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland. Programme staff are active in developing and promoting health psychology in Ireland and internationally. A number of internationally recognised Health Psychologists contribute to the programme through a series of visiting specialist seminars.
This programme enables students to develop a sophisticated understanding of the challenges of interpreting the past. Specialists in medieval, early modern and modern history introduce students to a range of historical sources, reflecting on their uses and limitations. Students learn to evaluate ways in which historians, politicians and the media interpret the past. They develop research and analytical skills, using the techniques of the historical profession to present their findings.

The core modules for this programme are:
- Sources and Resources
- Historical Debates and Controversies: Studies in Historiography

The programme includes optional modules such as the following:
- Studies in Local History
- Studies in Oral History
- Studies in the History of Colonialism and Imperialism
- Studies in Local and Regional Identities
- Perceptions of Wealth and Poverty in early Modern Europe
- Secret Societies and the Making of Modern Nations, 1700–1870
- Ideas of War and Peace in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Not all of these will be offered in any given year.

All modules are assessed by coursework. Modes of assessment include projects, essays, reviews, reports and oral presentations. A final dissertation involving original research is an essential component of the programme.

This programme enables students to develop critical and analytical skills. It trains them in ways of evaluating evidence and encourages them to reflect on different modes of presenting information in print and electronic formats.

The MA also provides an excellent foundation for doctoral studies in History. Graduates are also well suited to employment in areas such as teaching, research, print and electronic media, tourism, cultural and heritage development, library and archives services, the civil service and party politics.
AIM
This programme is offered at the Irish Centre for Human Rights within the School of Law. This Centre is one of the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights and humanitarian law. The Cross Border LLM programmes in Human Rights and Criminal Justice are designed to allow students to benefit from research and study in two jurisdictions. By having access to academic staff and research facilities in Belfast and Galway, students are given the possibility to develop and understand a number of perspectives of the study of human rights law.

COURSE CONTENT
The first semester in Belfast is devoted to an Introduction to Human Rights plus elective modules in Criminal Justice, Rights Equality and European human rights. The second semester in Galway provides a wide range of elective modules.

ASSESSMENT
The individual modules are assessed by essays and in some cases class-based activities. Students have the choice of submitting their dissertation to either Queen’s University Belfast (QUB) or NUI Galway.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The Irish Centre for Human Rights, Law School, NUI Galway and The School of Law, QUB, have collaborated in establishing these two Masters programmes. The programmes, the first such in Ireland, involve students attending lectures for the first semester in Belfast and second semester in Galway, followed by the summer semester in either location completing a dissertation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in the field of human rights and criminal justice, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates.
AIM

If you are interested in a career in human resource management, trade unions and/or management consultancy, this is the programme for you. You will examine the nature of work and explore industrial relations and human resource management in changing national and international markets. The focus is on the people aspect of business and explores how the relationship between employers and employees can be managed to the best advantage of both parties.

COURSE CONTENT

This programme is designed to help you to develop a thorough knowledge and applied competence in the fundamentals of industrial relations and human resource management. There are 10 modules including: People Management and Development, Employee Relations, Human Resource Development, Reward Systems, Industrial Relations and Employment Law, Skills for Business Leadership, Strategic Management, International HRM, Leadership and Change and Research Methods.

You will also complete a minor dissertation, often within an organisation on a topic that you choose. If you are planning to become a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) which is the professional body for human resource practitioners, you will complete a Management Report based on the findings in your dissertation and a professional development log.

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment is a feature of each module. You will complete essays, projects and presentations working individually and in groups. Some of your work will be submitted online through blogs and wikis. There are final examinations for most modules.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This is one of a small number of Irish programmes accredited by CIPD. Our faculty includes some of the thought leaders in the areas of human resource management, industrial relations and organisational behaviour. Their active research ensures that the material delivered reflects the very latest thinking in industry.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants generally received a good Second Class Honours degree in business, management or a cognate discipline. Experience is also considered. A personal statement must be included with all applications. International students from non-English speaking countries must be fluent in English as demonstrated by an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent. In addition, an interview may form part of the selection process for the programme.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

25

PAC CODE(S)

GYC02

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates are employed in a number of leading public and private organizations in Ireland and abroad. These include HR generalist and specialist positions as well as internships at Beckman Coulter, Enterprise Ireland, Google, HSE, IBEC, Irish Recruitment Consultants, Irish Times, Medtronic, Ryan Air, Telestra (Australia), University of Limerick and University of Sydney. Some graduates have continued their education at the PhD level.
Information Systems Management
J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics
College of Business, Public Policy and Law

AIM
This MSc is designed as a specialist course that assists students in blending their existing talents with the range of technical skills and business knowledge needed to successfully design, develop, use and manage information systems within modern organisations.

COURSE CONTENT
The subjects taught on the course are: Web Design and Development, Interactive Systems Design, Business Data Communications, Systems Development and Project Management, Database Systems, Business Applications Programming, Information Systems Management, Electronic Commerce Strategy, Enterprise Systems, Applied Systems Analysis, Project, Information Systems Innovation, Information Systems Security and Ethics, Decision Systems and Business Analytics and Advanced Applications Programming. There is also a major group project to be completed by the end of June. In teaching these subjects, a variety of sought-after technical skills are covered using leading-edge industry software such as: SQL, Visual Basic, Java, HTML, CSS, XML, PHP, Dreamweaver, Flash, Photoshop, Visual Paradigm, DBDesigner, Microsoft Visio, UML, Linux, database design, business process modelling, usability / accessibility principles and software quality techniques. A strength of the MSc is that all of the technical skills are taught using examples, practical exercises and projects drawn from the world of business. Our focus is very much on the application of technology to business.

ASSESSMENT
Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: May. A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, multiple choice quizzes, presentations, case studies and collaborative activities.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Because of the strategic imperative to produce business IS/IT graduates for Ireland’s ‘knowledge economy’, the MSc in Information Systems Management is prioritised under the Graduate Skills Conversion Programme initiative. This programme qualifies for funding under the European Social Fund (ESF) and the programme fee is subsidised for citizens of EU member states.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Extensive career opportunities exist for graduates of the MSc in Information Systems Management with companies in a wide variety of sectors, in Ireland and abroad. Employers in Ireland of last year’s graduates include Hewlett Packard, Bearing Point Consulting, Information Mosaic, Ericsson, Medtronic, Avaya, Metalogic, Paddy Power, XILINX and Dell Computers.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should normally hold a qualification from a university or other internationally recognised academic institution or authority, corresponding to Level 8 of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), to a minimum standard of Second Class Honours (or equivalent). It is expected that successful applicants will come from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds with prior exposure to information technology and/or business.

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
65 (full-time) | 15 (part-time)

PAC CODE(S)
GYC24 (full-time)
GYC25 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE
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AIM
This programme is aimed at graduates from any discipline and equips them to work with IT projects in all sectors. Through the taught modules they are provided with not only an understanding of computer hardware and software development, but also the business and organisational contexts in which it is applied. They are then given the opportunity to apply these skills in a work placement and to carry out individual research.

COURSE CONTENT
Taught modules are drawn from three distinct subject areas: Information Technology, Business, and Human Behaviour.
The following are taught modules:
- Telecommunications
- Philosophy of Technology
- Innovation and Technology Management
- Computer Hardware
- Industrial Sociology
- Financial Management
- Software Engineering
- Change Management
- Economics
- Programming
- IT: Law and Regulation
- Marketing
- Databases
- Management and Strategy

There are also a number of modules designed specifically to link the three major themes of the programme. These are IT Strategy, User Centred Design, and IT Project.

ASSESSMENT
There are a range of assessment methods used in the taught modules in the first year of this programme, including written examination, work done in the computer laboratories, projects, essays, seminars, and group assignments. The second year is assessed by a thesis based on a topic which blends the taught material and its application in the workplace.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This Masters programme incorporates a six-month student placement in the second year, leading to the production of a thesis.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MIT

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must have a 2.1 honours (Level 8) undergraduate degree (or equivalent international qualification) in any discipline. Exceptionally, candidates with a 2.2 honours and extensive IT experience may be considered.

DURATION
2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
12

PAC CODE(S)
GYE05

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Students graduating with an MIT degree are equipped to work directly in the IT sector or within the area of their primary degree, bringing to it the specialist skills they have gained from this programme. Many graduates quickly progress into management jobs as they have a broad knowledge and deep understanding on how IT is being applied in the workplace and a perspective on the opportunities it provides.
AIM

The programme will assist students to:

• identify and develop the skills necessary to manage innovation at both operational and strategic levels in their organisation.
• familiarise themselves with business process improvement methods and simulation tools.
• present a professional innovative idea to their peers with the potential to improve business within their organisation.

COURSE CONTENT

Students of the Diploma in Innovation Management will learn about innovation and change and how it affects business operations. They will gain knowledge of new process technologies that contribute to improving operational efficiency and competitiveness in their organisations. The programme will address the effective management of new product innovation strategies and identify appropriate business process improvements to facilitate the introduction of such change. The programme is delivered in association with the University of Limerick (UL) and University College Cork (UCC), under the auspices of the Atlantic University Alliance (AUA).

The programme comprises 30 ECTS; there are four individual modules and a project to complete (modules = 5 ECTS each; company project = 10 ECTS). Modules/coursework includes: Managing Innovation, Product Design and Development, Project, Managing Technology Projects, Enterprise Product Modelling and Simulation.

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester. A selection of assignments will be group based. The project module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment and is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student’s own organisation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme is delivered using a blended approach, that is, a combination of distance/online learning materials combined with face-to-face tutorials and seminars. The online element facilitates the learning in tandem with the distance-education, hard-copy materials, and periodic classroom contact. Students will be required to attend seminars on average one Saturday per month. Seminars will be held on a revolving basis at NUI Galway, UL, and UCC.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to hold an undergraduate degree, First or Second Class Honours (or equivalent international qualification) in any discipline, along with three years of relevant industrial experience; or an Ordinary or Third Class Honours (or equivalent international qualification) undergraduate degree, along with five years of relevant industrial experience; or a recognised professional qualification and five years of relevant industrial experience.

Transfer Options: candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may be interviewed by the Programme Board to ascertain their suitability for entry.

DURATION

1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

Unlimited

PAC CODE(S)

Not applicable. Application forms and further application details are found on the programme website: www.aua.ie/

CLOSING DATE

29 June 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide range of career opportunities are open to graduates in areas such as research and development, production and operations management and is applicable across a broad range of industry and service sectors. As the programme is delivered on a part-time basis, the majority of students are in full-time employment or actively seeking employment while partaking in the programme.
AIM

The introduction of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has resulted in significant changes in the area of Disability Law and Policy. The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy addresses that and graduates from this programme will be the first to emerge skilled in this growing area of law and policy.

COURSE CONTENT

Students are required to take four mandatory subjects: Foundational Theoretical Framework for Disability Law and Policy; Advanced Legal Research Methods; Law, Regulation and Policy; and an Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods. Thereafter students may choose four optional modules from the following: US Disability Law and Policy; Irish Disability Law and Policy; Regional Disability Law and Policy; Law and Policy on Independent Living; Legal Capacity Law and Policy; Mental Health Law and Policy; Inclusive Education Law and Policy; Advocacy and Access to Justice; Contemporary Challenges in Disability Law and Policy; and Lifecourse issues in Disability Law and Policy. Finally over the summer months students will complete a Dissertation on a subject of their choosing. This course load will be spread over two years for those opting for the part-time mode.

ASSESSMENT

A range of assessment methods are utilised including essays, projects, reports, presentations and case studies. A dissertation must also be submitted in August.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The true benefit of studying this Masters lies in its uniqueness; students will benefit from unprecedented access to international experts who will participate in the programme throughout the year. The CDLP also offers a scholarship which is awarded on the basis of a competition open to all successful applicants for the programme and for which a separate application is required.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

LLM

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold a Second Class Honours Grade 1 degree in law. In exceptional circumstances, applicants holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than a Second Class Honours Grade 1 standard may be considered where they have relevant professional experience in law or Disability Rights.

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

GYL11 (full-time)
GYL12 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The majority of countries in the world are currently in the process of ratifying the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities creating a real demand for skilled knowledge workers to help states draft their legislation and policy in this field. This programme is aimed at those who work in governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as for those who wish to progress to doctoral research.
AIM

This is a multidisciplinary and comparative MA programme designed for students with an interest in contemporary literatures and media. It aims to familiarise students with movements, authors, texts and themes of international contemporary literature. It broadens their intellectual horizons and provides them with the skills for research and critical analysis. Students will be prepared for careers in media, arts administration, teaching, translation, and international marketing and communications.

COURSE CONTENT

The late 20th century saw fundamental cultural changes brought about by factors such as globalisation, the end of the Cold War, and technological and communicative innovations, and these changes are intensely reflected in literature and media. The course programme includes the study of seminal texts, films and other media by international authors and artists mostly from the 1960s to post-modernism and beyond. Non-English texts will be read in translation.

Core modules:
- *The Arts of Reading* – about debates in world literature and theoretical approaches in modern literary and cultural studies.
- *Self-Referentiality in Post-modern Media* – how do media reflect on other media, for example how is the book represented in films or paintings?
- *From Division to Unification: Literary Texts in their Political Contexts* – how is the post-war division of Europe reflected in literature and media?
- *Contemporary Literary Genres* – about trends in genres such as Didactic Fiction, Holocaust Literature, travel writing, fan fiction, etc.

ASSESSMENT

Students have to take a total of six modules (10 ECTS each), four are obligatory and two are optional. Assessment of modules is by written exam or take-home-essay. Students also have to write a minor dissertation of circa 15,000 words (30 ECTS).

SPECIAL FEATURES

The course provides excellent preparation for students interested in pursuing a PhD in this area.
AIM

The LLM in International Criminal Law (ICL) will provide students with an advanced understanding of the history and institutional structures of the various international criminal tribunals and the International Criminal Court. It will equip students with an in-depth knowledge of the principles of international criminal law and its component crimes and procedural issues, while also allowing them to develop a critical approach to the relationship between other accountability mechanisms, such as truth commissions.

COURSE CONTENT

The Introduction to International Criminal Law and the dissertation is compulsory. International Humanitarian Law and Procedure before International Criminal Courts and Transitional Justice are also recommended for ICL students.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment for individual modules includes a combination of essays, presentations, group work and other methods. Students must also complete a research thesis/dissertation of 20,000 words.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have undertaken and successfully completed the programme tend to fall into one of four categories: (1) those who work within UN or UN affiliated organisations; (2) those who work in NGO and quasi-NGOs—both human rights and development; (3) those who work in academic institutions or pursue a PhD/JD; (4) those who work in diplomatic or government-based work (in human rights divisions of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for example). Underneath these umbrella categories, students have pursued work in the ICC, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, ICRC, the UN system (Geneva and NYC), local based NGOs, trade and health organisations, domestic law firm work that draws on international legal mechanisms, and research-based work in University research centres, to name but a few. The main and sub categories are by no means exhaustive, but give a flavour of the different fields that students have pursued.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Throughout the course of the academic year, students are introduced to an extensive network of experts and personalities working in the area of International Criminal Law through the various activities of the Centre for Human Rights, including lunchtime seminars and guest lectures, the widely acclaimed Summer School on the International Criminal Court and the annual study trip to The Hague. Previous distinguished visitors to the Centre for Human Rights have included: Judge Carmel Agius, Senator Robert Badinter, Judge Maureen Harding Clark, Richard Goldstone, President Philippe Kirsch, Judge Theodor Meron, Judge Navanethem Pillay, Judge Kimberly Prost, Judge Sang-hyun Soon, Quincy Whitaker, Cherif Bassiouni, Roger Clark, John McManus, Michael Scharf, and Sharon A. Williams.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

LLM

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be approved by the Faculty of Law. They should preferably hold a law degree or an interdisciplinary degree which includes a substantial law component and in which they have attained a minimum Second Class Honours Grade 1 standard or its equivalent.

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYL06 (full-time)
GYL07 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

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AIM

This programme is specifically designed with dedicated courses to deepen students’ understanding of the forces driving the global economy and the operations of the international financial markets. The programme provides both a rigorous foundations of the theory of international finance and necessary technical skills used in applied financial market analysis.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme includes such modules as:
- Macroeconomic Theory
- International Finance
- Financial Econometrics 1 (Time Series Analysis)
- Seminar in Financial Economics 1 (Portfolio Theory)
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- International Monetary Economics
- Financial Econometrics 2 (Applied Portfolio Modelling)
- Seminar in Financial Economics 2 (Derivatives and Risk Management)

Students also complete a minor dissertation.

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: April/May. A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations, and computer simulation based assignments. Students also submit a minor dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This is the only masters programme offered in Ireland that specialises in international finance. The programme provides a special emphasis to current issues in international economic policy and to recent developments in the areas of multinational investment flows, dynamics of exchange rates, risk management and asset pricing.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates with the skills taught in this programme are highly valued by commercial banks, investment banks and other financial institutions, by public institutions such as Central Banks and by multinational corporations. Employers of graduates of this programme include Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, First Derivatives, European Central Bank, and Central Bank of Ireland. This programme can also be a stepping stone to a PhD programme.

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Aim

This course aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of international human rights, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and as individual advocates. It also serves as a foundation for those who wish to pursue PhD study in the field. While the emphasis of the course is legal it accepts suitably qualified candidates from other backgrounds in the firm belief that human rights itself is multidisciplinary. The LLM programme aims to build specific and general skills with respect to the modern regime of human rights protection, and knowledge of the philosophies and theories that underpin it. The course provides students with the requisites enabling them to contribute to the advancement of human rights globally, both in their individual capacities and in association with institutions that have such a focus.

Course Content

The coursework begins with a general introduction to the systems and documents of international human rights law, and proceeds to a series of specialised courses in such areas as minority rights law, regional human rights systems such as the European Convention on Human Rights, criminal prosecution by international tribunals of human rights violations, gender and child rights, refugees and asylum seekers, and international humanitarian law. The course emphasises the communication, analysis and critique of international human rights law and legal regimes.

Assessment

Assessment for individual modules includes a combination of essays, presentations, group work, and other methods. Students must also complete a research thesis / dissertation of 20,000 words.

Career Opportunities

Students who have undertaken and successfully completed the programme tend to fall into one of four categories: (1) those who work within UN or UN-affiliated organisations; (2) those who work in NGO and quasi-NGOs—both human rights and development; (3) those who work in academic institutions or pursue a PhD/ JD; (4) those who work in diplomatic or government-based work (in human rights divisions of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for example). Underneath these umbrella categories, students have pursued work in the ICC, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, ICRC, the UN system (Geneva and NYC), local based NGOs, trade and health organisations, domestic law firm work that draws on international legal mechanisms, and research-based work in university research centres, to name but a few. We also have a significant body of students who go on to do their PhDs both at the Centre for Human Rights and elsewhere. The main and sub categories are by no means exhaustive but give a flavour of the different fields that students have pursued.

Special Features

During the course of their studies, the Centre for Human Rights encourages students at Masters level to put into practice the foundational work provided by the LLM, by conducting internships with international institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the field of human rights. It offers advice in locating suitable opportunities and some financial support to offset travel expenses.

Programmes Available

LLM

Minimum Entry Requirements

It is preferred that applicants hold a degree in Law. However, the Centre for Human Rights also welcomes students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than law. In cases where applicants come from a non law background, the Centre for Human Rights will consider academic background, relevant work experience, references and personal statement. Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent. However those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience.

Duration

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

Number of Places

25

PAC Code(s)

GLY00 (full-time)
GLY01 (part-time)

Closing Date

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AIM

The programme provides students with in-depth knowledge and expertise in international business and cross-cultural management and a solid foundation for a career in international management and multinational corporations more generally. It promotes cultural awareness and sensitivity in a dynamic global business environment. The perspective is multidisciplinary drawing on economic, political, organisational, strategy and anthropological theories. The theory is firmly rooted in best business practice.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme comprises a mix of lectures, seminars, projects, case studies and presentations in each of the subject areas. Students also complete a research dissertation. Supplementing the formal curriculum are frequent opportunities to hear distinguished visiting academic and industry speakers.

The programme is comprised of a number of modules:

- International and Cross-Cultural Management
- Global Business
- International Human Resource Management
- Global Marketing
- International Corporate Finance
- Strategic Management
- Economic Policy
- Research Methods

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: April/May. A range of assessment methods are employed throughout the programme. These include projects, reports, presentations, case studies, business simulations and field trips.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme includes an international field trip to examine the conduct of business in an overseas environment.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The programme is open to graduates of all disciplines. A Second Class Honours degree, usually a Grade 1, or a similar level of academic achievement in an equivalent degree is required (or equivalent international qualification). IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

GYC19

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our students have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of fields including management consultancy, graduate training programmes, retail management, human resource management, general management roles in multinational companies, policy development, and research and academia. Employers of previous graduates of the programme include KBC Bank, PWC, Zurich Insurances, Polish Embassy, Storm Technology.
“As a graduate of B Commerce (Accounting) at NUI Galway, I decided to further my education here through the medium of a Masters in International Management. Today’s business environment is becoming ever more global and diverse and therefore I feel that to have an understanding in international management is vital for my future career prospects. I chose NUI Galway for both my undergraduate and postgraduate studies because of its esteemed reputation for world class education and research. Having completed four years at NUI Galway, I can safely say it was the best experience of my life.

The atmosphere, teaching, syllabus, and facilities offered here are world class. Lecturers are extremely approachable with any queries a student has and always ensure to answer these queries in the best possible manner. The fun and social aspects you will enjoy along the way will make all the hard work worthwhile. I feel the MSc (International Management) is giving me all the tools I need for the working world and it is with a solid education and sound sense of practical experience gained through industry based projects completed in the Masters, that I shall embark on my future endeavours.”

Seamus Hennessy
MA (International Management)
NUI Galway Graduate 2011
AIM

This is an interdisciplinary programme drawing on the disciplines of English, History, Irish, Sociology and Political Science. The programme focuses on the nineteenth- and twentieth-centuries and provides a critical interrogation of key issues in the historical, cultural and social development of modern Ireland. The approach is interdisciplinary throughout, aiming to provide a comprehensive overview of the Irish experience from the early nineteenth century to the present day.

COURSE CONTENT

Modules include:

- Ideology, Politics and Society in Ireland 1800-1921 (10 ECTS)
- Young Ireland to the Free State: Writing in English 1849-1922 (10 ECTS)
- Decline and Revival: Language, Literature and Society 1800-1939 (10 ECTS)
- Divided Ireland: Politics and Society since 1921 (10 ECTS)
- The Politics of Modernity: Writing in English 1922 to the present (10 ECTS)
- Gaelic and Free: Cultural Politics and Writing in Irish since 1939 (10 ECTS)
- Dissertation (30 ECTS)

Irish language classes at levels appropriate to students' needs run in both semesters. Continuous assessment is employed and all students must be deemed Satisfactory in Irish in order to graduate. The teaching language of the MA programme is English.

ASSESSMENT

Course assessment of all modules is by continuous assessment during the year. A dissertation is submitted at the end of the year. Essays, dissertations, and oral presentations may be in either English or Irish at students' own discretion.

SPECIAL FEATURES

In addition to the Irish-language module, students attend two intensive Irish-language weekend courses in the Connemara Gaeltacht. Other Irish Studies' fieldtrips, guest seminars and workshops are scheduled throughout the academic year, with additional Graduate Research Training provided in Galway and Dublin to support and direct MA dissertation research.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA, full-time; MA, part-time

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NQAI Level 8 degree at H2.2., GPA 3.0 or equivalent international qualification. IELTS score of 6.5, or equivalent if applicable.

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYA20 (full-time)
GYA21 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE

20 April 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Recent graduates have found employment in teaching (primary and secondary), the arts, heritage and tourism sectors, journalism, publishing, and the public service. A large proportion of graduates of the MA in Irish Studies have proceeded to doctoral research programmes in Ireland, Britain and North America.
AIM

The Masters in Italian is designed to enhance critical, analytical, and linguistic skills as well as develop research methods and cross-cultural and intercultural awareness. The focus will be on literary and cinematic texts, which will be contextualised and related to wider European and international trends and movements. The programme will be of particular benefit to people in education, the creative industry, media and communication, translation services, tourism, and government.

COURSE CONTENT

The MA is a 90 ECTS programme. It consists of a combination of seminars and lectures. There are three core modules:

- Great Books of the 20th Century 1 (10 ECTS);
- Great Films 1 (10 ECTS);
- Dissertation (30 ECTS).

Remaining credits can be accrued from the following modules:

- Great Books of the 20th Century 2 (10 ECTS);
- Great Films 2 (10 ECTS);
- Defining Historical and Social Events (10 ECTS);
- Applied Language Skills (10 ECTS).

The dissertation will be approximately 15,000 words on a topic to be decided in consultation with the course coordinator. The dissertation will show that the student has applied the full range of knowledge and resources applicable to the topic and has demonstrated the capacity for independent research.

ASSESSMENT

Each module will be assessed through individual or group class presentations, essays, and continuous assessment, including active participation in class.

SPECIAL FEATURES

We are one of the few centres in Ireland and UK where you can study Italian Critical Theory and the impact it has on other disciplines in the Humanities. You will study in an interdisciplinary environment, and will participate in our novel approaches to language teaching, including the application of new technologies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Increasingly, people find themselves working in a multilingual or multicultural environment. Those with good language skills will be better able to take advantage of the free movement of people, capital and service afforded by the European Union.

Our students have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of fields including second-and third-level teaching, media, administration, cultural activities, journalism, event management, marketing, public service, retail, technology, translation and interpreting, travel and tourism.
AIM
The programme aims to provide the practical, analytical, and theoretical skills necessary to the practice of professional journalism.

COURSE CONTENT
Modules include:
- News Writing and Reporting
- Project and Fieldwork
- Media Ethics
- Media Law
- Government and Politics
- Features Journalism
- Broadcast Journalism (Radio)

ASSESSMENT
Semester One: formal examinations in Media Ethics, Media Law, and Government and Politics in December. Continuous assessment, regular assignments, project work, presentations, and portfolios of work form part of the assessment of all modules.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This is a practical and hands-on programme. Students work and practice as professional journalists during the academic year. Class size is limited allowing for strong one-to-one learning support. Graduates of the programme feature regularly in national media awards.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have a Second Class Honours degree, or higher. Applicants are also required to submit a c. 700-word article of journalistic merit, which may be published or unpublished, and a personal statement of intent. Applications cannot be processed unless this requisite material is included. Other samples of work may also be included.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
16

PAC CODE(S)
GYA23

CLOSING DATE
NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

IMPORTANT: Offers for the MA (Journalism) will not be made until the 2nd listed offer date.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates of the programme work as journalists, reporters, TV presenters, researchers and editors in print, broadcasting, and new media in Ireland and abroad. Some move on from journalism to pursue careers in Public Relations, Public Advocacy, and Law.
LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY

AIM

The landscape has become an increasingly important and significant concept in today’s Ireland, and is a central avenue for both academic research as well as for contemporary heritage management.

Drawing on a wide range of expertise in prehistoric and historic landscapes, the MA (Landscape Archaeology) offers an intensive one-year programme in landscape archaeology. The course provides a critical understanding of landscapes, their components, character and relevance in today’s society.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme is based on six modules:

Landscape perspectives: you are introduced to the fascinating world of landscape studies, and its theoretical foundations.

Interpreting landscapes: this module focuses on how different archaeological landscapes can be read and interpreted based on case studies reaching from the Neolithic to the present day.

GIS and Landscape Archaeology: this is an introduction to the basic concepts of GIS, and via tutorials you will gain basic proficiency in a selection of archaeological applications in ArcGIS 9.3.

Managing landscapes: the role of archaeology in the planning process is explored. You are also introduced to the politics of landscape and Public Archaeology.

Investigating landscapes: The wide range of sources and methods used in landscape archaeology are explored, with a focus on their potential and limitation.

Presenting landscapes: Via tutorial you are introduced to Adobe Photoshop. The module also consists of a week’s field school in the Burren, Co. Clare.

ASSESSMENT

Course modules are assessed by a combination of essays, class projects, assignments and/or seminar presentations, to a total of 450 marks (50% of total). The dissertation of 15,000 words comprises the remaining 450 marks (50%).

SPECIAL FEATURES

A strong element of the programme is the field-based teaching, held in various archaeological landscapes around Ireland. A series of Field Survey workshops is also part of the programme, teaching you the basics in manual surveying, total station survey, geophysical surveys, as well as high precision GPS survey.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A NQAI Level 8 degree in Archaeology awarded at Second Class Honours Grade 2 standard overall with at least a Second Class Honours Grade 2 in Archaeology or its equivalent in education and professional experience. An interview forms part of the selection process.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

12

PAC CODE(S)

GYA80

CLOSING DATE

11 May 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are employed in many areas of the profession, while others choose to continue their studies through the medium of doctoral research. Graduates seeking employment after the completion of the course commonly find work in archaeological consultancies, in the State sector and in local authorities and are usually engaged in landscape assessment and surveys, pre-development impact assessments, and excavations.
AİM
This is a unique and pioneering programme with a focus on the interconnection between law, technology, science, and innovation. It offers students an opportunity to explore in-depth substantive social issues and questions of law and governance as these mechanisms evolve to deal with ever-changing technology and rapid scientific advances.

CO-U-RSE CONTENT
An active and dynamic learning environment is on offer, with significant interaction between students and staff. Its objective is to produce highly-skilled and competent graduates with a significant expertise in their chosen subjects.

Fundamental to the programme are a number of core modules designed to equip students with critical legal research, writing and presentation skills. Optional modules probe current controversies and legal debates caused by advances in science, technology and globalisation. These include Copyright in the Digital Era, Corporate Governance, Data Protection, Privacy and Retention, Internet Regulation and Governance, The Law of Electronic Contracts, and The Patenting and the Regulation of Biotechnology.

The dissertation, which is completed over the summer months, provides an opportunity for students to research in detail an area of their own choosing along the themes of the programme, expanding their expertise on a specific topic.

ASSESSMENT
Assessment for individual modules includes a combination of essays, presentations, group work and other methods. Students must also complete a research thesis / dissertation of 20,000 words.

SPECIÅL FEATUrÅS
RDJ Glynn Solicitors fund the establishment of a generous scholarship which is awarded on the basis of a competition open to all successful applicants for the programme. A separate application is required. Further details are available on the Law School website.

PROGRÅME(S) AVÅILÁBLE
LLM
MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must hold a Second Class Honours Grade 1 degree in law. In exceptional circumstances, applicants holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than a Second Class Honours Grade 1 standard may be considered where they have professional experience in law.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
25

PAC CODE(S)
GYL08

CLOSING DATE
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CÅRÅE OPPORTUNITIES
Our graduates practice law with large corporate law firms or in their own boutique practices, work as researchers in (for example) the Judges’ Library and the Attorney-General’s office or have gone on to study for PhD degrees in Galway and elsewhere.
AIM

Recently, there has been a shift toward a more proactive stance in relation to the overall wellbeing of populations across the life course. This programme explores issues in relation to rights, and efforts to develop, compensate for, enable, and strengthen functioning across the life course. It includes an explicit recognition of the need to refocus interventions with the life course populations toward a preventative and holistic approach to meeting need.

COURSE CONTENT

This is a two-year part-time programme and students are required to attend college two days every second week. There are seven modules in total on the programme, some of these are core modules and are taught in both years. Core modules include: introducing the life course, theoretical perspectives; social and policy perspectives on the life course; and contemporary practice issues and the life course. The additional modules divided through year one and two include: support and protection across the life course; inclusive community development; legal perspectives on the life course; health, independence and wellbeing across the life course; life course issues for practice and research; and an applied research thesis.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment of candidates will be on a continuous basis, will vary from module to module and involve a combination of essays, project work, and written assignments. These will be completed both on an individual and group basis. Central to students’ assessment will be their ‘on site’ placement and associated practice and their year two research project (minor dissertation).

SPECIAL FEATURES

Participants are employed in a range of human service settings at varying levels and roles. All students will undertake to apply their learning from the programme in a ‘placement’ style within their own work setting with a specific aspect of applied practice learning. This will be an integral component of the programme and participants will be visited by course staff in this context.
AIM
This programme provides students with the opportunity to examine literary texts within the context of the history and business of publishing. While the course is not specifically vocational, it offers a perspective on the industrial and commercial dimensions to the production of literature and provides insight into subjects such as book history and book production, copyediting, publishing law, marketing, electronic publishing and digital studies.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme is based on six modules:
Courses include: Publishers on Publishing; Electronic Publishing; Book History; Contemporary Publishing; Copyediting and Proofreading; Publishing Law; Marketing Communications; Textual Studies; Early Modern Print and Manuscript Cultures; Twentieth-century Irish Women’s Writing; Travel Literature; Literature of North America; Medieval Aesthetics and Poetic Art; Discovering the Archives; Theatre and Globalization; Theatre and Modernity in the Irish Literary Revival; Irish Playwrights Since the Sixties; Studies in Oral History, Literature and Colonialism. A minor dissertation is completed during the summer.

ASSESSMENT
Students are assessed at the end of each semester, either by examination or continuous assessment. A minor dissertation is submitted at a specified date in mid-August.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The publication of the journal ROPES is integral to the programme and students take full responsibility for its production. There are opportunities for visits to publishing houses, printers, and other relevant businesses. Some students volunteer with book fairs and literary festivals and some become interns with Irish publishers.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found positions in a wide range of fields including publishing, advertising, bookselling, journalism, arts administration, public relations, and teaching. Employers include: Gill and Macmillan, Liberties Press, Four Courts Press, the Educational Company of Ireland and Random House. Some graduates opt for further study in doctoral programmes.
AIM

This programme is offered at the Irish Centre for Human Rights within the School of Law. This Centre is one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights and humanitarian law. Law impacts on all aspects of life today and a law degree such as the LLB provides an excellent basis and training for careers in a wide variety of areas including administration, business, the media, social work, etc.

COURSE CONTENT

The LLB contains all the subjects needed for entrance examinations to the legal professions (solicitors and barristers) in Ireland, subject to prevailing entry rules. By choosing certain subjects students can become eligible for exemptions in relation to entry to the legal profession in England and Wales. The LLB is also excellent preparation for work in a legal advisory capacity in the private or public sector. The programme is structured so as to facilitate those with work responsibilities and may be taken over three or four years.

ASSESSMENT

End-of-term exams and continuous assessment.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Applications are particularly welcomed from graduates/professionals of several years standing in addition to recent graduates of all faculties seeking to broaden their qualifications.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

LLB

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The prerequisite for admission to the LLB programme is an approved university degree (or equivalent qualification) in any area. In certain circumstances an approved professional qualification may be accepted in lieu of a degree. Those holding a Law degree or who have studied Law at third-level may be granted appropriate exemptions.

DURATION

3 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

30

PAC CODE(S)

Not applicable. Apply online: www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taughtpostgraduate-courses/llb.html (hard-copy application form can be downloaded from here).

CLOSING DATE

11 May 2012 (late applications will also be considered).

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in a wide variety of areas including administration, business, the media, social work, etc. In addition, the LLB covers the entrance examination subjects and the required subjects for the legal professions.
AIM
This MSc has been specifically designed to provide recently qualified marketing graduates with professional marketing experience, while allowing Irish companies to develop and enhance their marketing capabilities. The Marketing Discipline at NUI Galway collaborates with Irish based companies to define job specifications for the marketing graduates. Participating companies come from a wide variety of industry sectors including: manufacturing, software, leisure, telecommunications and social and non-profit.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme runs from September to July. Graduates complete a two week induction programme prior to starting a 42-week paid work placement with their host company. During their placement typical tasks undertaken by the graduates include:

- market research;
- event management particularly trade show planning and participation;
- development of promotional material and advertising campaigns;
- online marketing including website maintenance, search engine optimisation and social media management;
- database management and direct mail campaigns;
- strategic marketing planning including market segmentation activities.

Ultimately the precise nature of marketing activities undertaken will be determined by the nature of the host organisation and the industry context.

During placement graduates return to campus to complete the following four taught modules:

- Professional Development in Marketing.
- Marketing Communications Management.
- Contemporary Marketing Issues.
- Marketing Research and Strategy.

Students also work on an Applied Marketing Project from the beginning of their placement.

SPECIAL FEATURES
- Graduates are paid by their host company while on placement.
- The Programme Director is available in person, by phone, and email to provide ongoing mentoring and support to graduates throughout their placement. In-company visits are carried out to review and facilitate graduate progress and performance.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MSc

MINIMUM ENTR Y REQUIREMENTS
Normally a Bachelor of Commerce or equivalent business degree, with a Second Class Honours or higher, and a significant specialisation in marketing. NQAI Level 8 or equivalent. GPA 3.0 or equivalent.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
30–35

PAC CODE(S)
GYC15

CLOSING DATE
9 March 2012. Applications after this date will only be considered if there are still places available on the programme.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Every year over 95% of graduates secure employment on completion of the programme. Some are retained by their host companies while the remaining graduates rapidly secure employment as a direct result of participation on the programme. Graduates build successful marketing careers globally in various organisations from multinationals Unilever PLC and Johnson & Johnson, to SMEs such as Supermacs and Dubarry and public sector organisations including Bord Bia and ESB ecars.
AIM

HDipAppSc: a Diploma in Mathematics bridges the gap between a four-year mathematics programme, and one that has a substantial mathematical component, but that is not to the same level as an honours degree. It opens opportunities to taught and research Masters programmes, as well as the many career options open to Mathematics graduates.

MSc: this one-year taught programme introduces students to advanced topics and concepts. It prepares students for advanced research degrees while graduates are also in demand in the financial and semi-state sectors. The programme content is dynamic and research-led. Modules are designed to offer an insight into new and emerging areas of research mathematics.

COURSE CONTENT

HDipAppSc: Students take a broad range of courses in Algebra, Analysis, Topology, Numerical Analysis, and Statistics. In addition, each student completes a project, supervised by an academic member of staff.

MSc: Students take four courses per semester. Throughout the year, students work on a minor dissertation on a topic of current interest, during which they receive training in modern research techniques, as well as developing presentation and report-writing skills. The School offers a lively environment for studying a Masters. There are several weekly research seminars on topics in various areas of mathematics. Students are also encouraged to participate in the workshops hosted by the School’s de Brún Centre for Computational Algebra.

ASSESSMENT

HDipAppSc: examination and project work.
MSc: examination (80%) and minor dissertation (20%).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

HDipAppSc: Recent graduates have found employment in the education sector, the financial and actuarial industries, as well as pursuing Masters and PhD degrees in Mathematics.

MSc: there is a strong demand for graduates with mathematical skills, and the ability to apply these skills, in financial institutions, business firms and semi-state bodies.
AIM

The programme is designed to meet the demand for qualified medical physicists. It is primarily geared toward training for physicists in the application of radiation physics in medicine but maintains a reasonable exposure to key aspects of clinical engineering so that students receive a comprehensive knowledge of the application of physical sciences and engineering to medicine.

COURSE CONTENT

The MSc consists of a fairly intense programme of lectures, workshops, laboratory sessions, tutorials, and self-directed learning, followed by a short (4–5 month) research project. The syllabus contains modules covering traditional medical physics topics (Radiation Fundamentals, Hospital and Radiation Safety) but also provides an introduction in other areas (Clinical Instrumentation). Modules in anatomy, physiology, medical informatics and safety and risk management are also provided. The course is accredited by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM) and is therefore recognised as a component of IPEM professional training.

ASSESSMENT

Assessments take the form of assignments, essays, presentations, and conventional exams. There is an increasing emphasis on self-directed learning. A small research project counts for about 30% of overall marks.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The course is unique in that it is closely integrated in the hospital. The majority of lectures and course material are delivered by hospital staff. The course provides a unique opportunity to see the operation of a busy academic hospital.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduates must hold at least a Second Class Honours Level 8 degree (or equivalent international qualification) in Physics or Experimental Physics, Electronic Engineering, or another relevant discipline as determined by the College of Science. Candidates with a primary degree without honours and with three years relevant and appropriate practical experience may be also considered.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

Up to 20

CLOSING DATE

14 July 2012

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course has been successful in its aims in providing individuals with a good grounding in medical physics. A recent survey of graduates from the MSc showed that approximately 75% of those found employment in a medical physics based career. This includes several individuals who have pursued or are pursuing a PhD. About 20% are employed broad (UK, USA, Australia, and New Zealand).
AIM

This multidisciplinary two-year programme provides students with a thorough grounding in the study of European languages, cultures and society from Late Antiquity to the end of the Middle Ages. Through small-group teaching by a team of international academics, it aims to equip students with the tools required to undertake innovative research using primary sources and material remains from the period, often in their original form.

COURSE CONTENT

The interdisciplinary requirements of this course encourage students to view the past in a multidimensional way, while the emphasis on languages and source study provides them with skills necessary for further academic research.

In the first year all students take a year-long seminar (Sources and Resources) focusing on palaeography and manuscript studies, but also treating auxiliary sciences such as diplomatic, heraldry and philology and including a teamwork Internet-based project on a medieval library. All students also take Latin and one other language (no prior knowledge of these languages is required). Modules in Archaeology, History, and Literature round out year one.

In Year Two students work with their thesis supervisors to define a thesis topic through extensive bibliographical investigation, before completing their research and writing in Semester Two. In Semester One all students continue with Latin and Sources and Resources, as well as taking a module in Archaeology, History, or Literature.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment varies according to module and includes essays, projects, presentations, and exams held in December or April/May. A dissertation must be submitted in July of Year Two.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This unique two-year programme, designed for students who might have no prior knowledge of languages or manuscript studies, equips them with the tools they need to make original contributions to scholarship. Over 70% of graduates have pursued PhDs in Ireland, England or the USA, of whom over 30% received major scholarships.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates in Medieval Studies who do not proceed to PhD research at universities like NUI Galway, TCD, Oxford, Durham, Leeds, or the University of Southern California have a reasonable expectation of finding employment in many walks of life, outside of academia. These include cultural and heritage development; library and museum studies; publishing and the book trade; print journalism; research consultancies; financial services; the civil service, teaching, and administration.
AIM
This course gives microbiology graduates a thorough training in a range of practical analytical techniques and ancillary skills necessary for careers in manufacturing and service industries, especially the healthcare, food, biomedical and pharmaceutical sectors. Different discipline resources within the University are used to create a modular course covering such diverse but essential disciplines as Analytical Microbiological Techniques, Introduction to Business and Statistics.

COURSE CONTENT
The Microbiological aspect of the course concentrates on identifying the industrial requirements in the Microbiological sector and provides training to meet their up-to-date requirements. Short, intensive courses advance participants training in Quality Management standards (GMP, GLP, HACCP), Documentation Control, Processes Validation, Microbiology skills, Environmental Monitoring, Cleanroom Technology, Parenterals products, QA & QC, Industrial bioprocesses, Cell culture, Immunological methodology, and DNA methodology. In association with these, is a laboratory-based Quality Management System, a laboratory based research project, reading assignments, tutorials and preparation of reports. The Microbiological components of the course are complemented with short intensive courses, in more general vocational skills such as business appreciation and management methods, accounting, marketing, effective communication and statistics.

ASSESSMENT
Semester One exams: December. Spring Exams: March. Semester Two exams: April/May. A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include project reports, continuous assessment of practical course work, research project work and oral presentations.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The programme facilitates maximum learning and self-development by the students through the unique structure of the core microbiological laboratory sessions developed in the programme which is structured into a microbiological ‘Start-up Company’ with each member of the class contributing by way of work skills and developing a Quality Management System.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must hold an honours primary degree (NQAI Level 8 degree, or equivalent international qualification) in Science or a related subject, with an appropriate background in Biological Sciences that includes Microbiology up to and including third year level. Candidates with three years relevant and appropriate practical experience will also be considered. IELTS score of 6.0+ (with not less than 5.5 in any one component).

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
10

PAC CODE(S)
GYS22

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Over 95% of graduates are employed in a variety of leading biotechnology, pharmaceutical healthcare, and food based industries, including: Abbott Ireland, Allergan Pharmaceuticals Ireland, Boston Scientific Ireland Ltd, Elan Corporation Ltd., Fort Dodge Laboratories Ireland, Green Isle Foods Ltd, Medtronic AVE Ireland. Positions of employment include: R&D Scientist, Quality Control (QC) Analyst, Quality Assurance (QA), Microbiologist, Production Supervisor, Food Analyst, Validation Scientist, Documentation Officer, Research Assistant, and Production Biochemists.
AIM
An exciting new programme in integrated musculoskeletal practice, aimed at establishing a method of musculoskeletal assessment, clinical reasoning and choice of appropriate treatment of the spectrum of musculoskeletal conditions presenting at the frontline. The programme incorporates, critical evaluation of the existing tenets of musculoskeletal medicine practice, and includes mastery of the skills required to undertake advanced research and develop innovative skills in practice.

COURSE CONTENT
This programme is a two-year part-time programme (90 ECTS). The first year is composed of two semesters with three modules per semester (60 ECTS), with a Master’s thesis (30 ECTS) submitted by the end of Year Two. There is an option to exit the programme at PDip level (60 ECTS) after successful completion of all modules.

The Musculoskeletal Medicine components of the programme will deal with connective tissue injury/repair; pain theory; fundamentals of examination and treatment; choice of appropriate imaging, and introduction to injection treatment. In the informatics and biostatistics modules, candidates will learn how to search, retrieve, and critically appraise scientific information, how to formulate researchable questions, and interpret evidence based guidelines and protocols related to patient information systems.

Modules/course-work includes:
• Musculoskeletal Medicine 1 & 2
• Research Thesis
• Informatics 1 & 2
• Biostatistics 1 & 2

ASSESSMENT
Assessment will take the form of formal end of module-examinations, in addition to continuous assessment, evaluation of contribution to group discussions, and module projects.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The future models of care delivery in the field of Musculoskeletal Medicine will require upskilling of doctors and physiotherapists, and advanced nurse practitioners, to meet the challenges of their new role. This course will focus on evidence based medicine/ translational medicine and learners will be required to conduct clinical research.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip, Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
This programme is open to Registered Medical Practitioners, Chartered Physiotherapists and Advanced Nurse Practitioners, or equivalent. All students must produce evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B, and indicate how supervision of injection practice will be conducted in the inter-unit periods. English language equivalent to IELTS 6.5 is also a requirement. Entry to the Masters degree programme requires successful completion of the PDip in Medical Science (Musculoskeletal Medicine).

DURATION
1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
10

PAC CODE(S)
GYM63 (Masters)
GYM64 (PDip)

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
This programme is designed to enhance the academic and professional development of professional healthcare practitioners. This course will improve professional knowledge, skills, and attitudes in daily practice (Evidence-Based Healthcare).
Neuropharmacology
School of Medicine
College of Science (interdisciplinary)

AIM

Attempting to find new drug treatments for central nervous system (CNS) diseases is a major global priority. This requires a collaboration between pharmaceutical companies, hospitals and academic institutions. The Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics has been actively engaged in neuropharmacological research for over thirty years. In 1998, the MSc was introduced to provide students with the skills necessary to develop a career in this important area of research, and aims to provide:

• A sound theoretical knowledge of neuropharmacology.
• Laboratory-based skills in various neuropharmacological techniques.
• An appreciation of the regulatory issues associated with conducting neuropharmacological research.
• The application of experimental design and statistics to neuropharmacological research.
• A detailed understanding of a range of computer packages involved in data processing and presentation.
• A research project which will allow these skills to be further developed.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme is divided into three trimesters (each of 30 ECTS) in the following manner:

Trimester 1
Principles of Pharmacology: 7.5 ECTS
Neuropharmacology I (Neuroscience): 7.5 ECTS
Continuous Assessment (PM): 15 ECTS

Trimester 2
Neuropharmacology II: 5 ECTS
Neuropharmacology III: 5 ECTS
Continuous Assessment (PM): 20 ECTS

Trimester 3
Research Project (PM): 30 ECTS
by the School’s de Brún Centre for Computational Algebra.

ASSESSMENT

A variety of different assessment strategies are employed including written examinations, laboratory practical, and mini-project reports, assignments, data handling computer exercises, experimental reasoning, essays, posters and a research project thesis.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful students will normally hold at least a Second Class Honours Level 8 degree from a diversity of undergraduate disciplines, ranging from Chemistry through Life Science subjects to Psychology. Students are also considered who have a Level 7 degree and three years relevant work experience. IELTS score of 6.0+ (with not less than 5.5 in any one component).

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYS11

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The majority of graduates of the programme have entered the workforce either in technical or research roles within hospitals, universities or companies, mostly in Ireland. In addition, approximately one-third have embarked on a PhD following graduation.
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以及人民管理

J.E. Cairnes School of Business 
and Economics

College of Business, Public Policy and Law

NUA-GHAELGE

dEISEANNA gAIRME

Is é aidhm an chúrsa seo sárolúint a chur ar na mac léinn i dTéanga, i Léann agus i Litríocht na Nua-Ghaeilge agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar a gcuid scileanna taghda, analíse agus cumarsáide sa chaoi agus go mbeidh siad in ann leanacht le leánn na Gaeilge ag leibhéal dochtuireachta más mian leo nó go mbeidh ar a gcumas féidhmiú go hiúsfeachtach a ghiobhaimiú tri Ghaeilge sa saol oibre.

ÁBHAR AN CHÚRSA

Tá an mháistreacht rointi ina tri chuid: (i) cúrsa riachtanaí teanga; (ii) trí chúrsa ar litríocht agus léann na Gaeilge a roghnaionn an mac léinn chun domhainstaidsear a dhéanamh orthu; agus (iii) triachtas 15–20,000 focal. Tugtar léachtait agus seíminéirí ar theanga, litríocht agus leánn na Gaeilge agus ar mhodhanna taighde a feardh na blana acadaí ó Mheáin Fomhair go Bealtaine. Ansin caithfidh an mac léinn triachtas a scriobh i gcaitheamh an tsamhraidh agus a leagan isteach i ndeireadh mhi Lúnasa.

MODH MEASÚNAITHE

Scrúdú teanga i Meitaithe; asti/tograi ar na modúil litríochta agus léann; agus tríachtas 15-20,000 focal fo chuirmgh nó ag bailiú.

SAINGHNÉITHE

Is faada léann na Gaeilge á shaothrú in Ollscoil na hHiéireann, Gaillimh, agus buntáiste sonrach do mhic léinn iarchéime na Nua-Ghaeilge go bhfuil an ollscoil suite ar thairseach na Gaeltachta agus gur timpeallacht lán-Ghaeilge atá in ionad seachadta an chúrsa i Aras na Gaeilge.

DEISEANNA GAIRME

Teann ceimithe le MA sa Nua-Ghaeilge ag obair sa saol acadúil agus in earnáil an oideachais fré chéile agus in earnáilacha mar an fhlinistítheoireacht, an tionscal oideachta, an státseirbhís, agus seirbhísí asfraíochtacháin agus ataongaireachta. Ina theannta sin, teann siad leis an iriseireachta, íde chléite, leictreonach agus chaocla, le hoagraiochttaí mar TG4, RTÉ agus RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta agus stáisiúin eile. Bionn iarchoimhtheoin ag obair freisin in earnáil na Gaeilge, sa Ghaeltacht agus ar fhad na tíre, le leithidí Údaráis na Gaeltachta, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Gaillimh le Gaeilge agus eagraíochtaí eile.

AN CLÁR

MA

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA

Céim UNCE leibhéal 8 nó a chomhchumhoimh Sin, Dara hOnóra nó a chomhchumhoimh Sin sa Ghaeilge (idir theanga agus abhar an chúrsa címe ar an). Cé gur Grád Onóra 2.2 sa Ghaeilge sa Chéim BA a iarrtar mar iseachaíochd do an tarchéime seo, tabharfás tús aithe d’iarrthóiri a mbeidh cáil lochtaí nios airdí acu. Caithfear comh maith Roinn na Gaeilge a chásadh roinnt iarrthóraíochtaí ó chosaint an iarchoimhtheghthse a chur ar fáil agus a chur ar fáil d’fhreastal don gcaithdearnacht lena ndealladh an t-aráchais agus an t-iarthóiríochtaí. Bheidh sé de cheart ag an Roinn scrúdú cáil lochtaí teanga a chur ar iarrthóirí.

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SPRIODHÁTA

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AIM
The programme will equip students with the knowledge and skills to pursue accreditation as an Advanced Nurse/Midwife practitioner. The programme also leads to registration as a nurse prescriber (subject to approval). Outcomes of the programme include development of the core competencies of advanced practice required for registration as a RANP with An Bord Altranais.

COURSE CONTENT
Modules include:
• Modules that prepare students for advanced practice in their specialist area, for instance, physical assessment skills and clinical decision making. Students also prepare a portfolio of advancing skills (transition to advanced practice Part 1 and Part 2).
• Core modules addressing nursing theory and research. Students also choose from a range of optional modules and undertake a research dissertation.

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework, OSCE, and clinical assessments.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The programme is approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. It is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Have attained a Masters degree in nursing, or its equivalent;
2. Be a registered nurse on the General, Midwifery, Mental Health, or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
3. Have practiced as a nurse or midwife for a minimum of six years post-registration, four of which include experience in the chosen area of expertise (exclusive of post-registration educational programmes);
4. Written evidence of support for the applicant from their Director of Nursing and written evidence of support for the applicant from an appropriate clinical supervisor.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
No limit

PAC CODE(S)
GYM35

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM

The programme will develop nurses’/midwives’ expertise and understanding of teaching in higher education and clinical settings.

COURSE CONTENT

Modules:
- Principles of Teaching and Learning
- Assessing Learning
- Curriculum Development
- Facilitating Learning and Application to Teaching
- Teaching Assessment 1, 2, and 3
- Portfolio

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and teaching assessment.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Have successfully completed a Master in Nursing/Midwifery or its equivalent;
2. Be a registered nurse on the General, Mental Health, or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais; or
   Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice;
3. Have practised as a nurse/midwife for a minimum of three years post-registration (exclusive of post-registration/educational programmes);
4. Have negotiated a placement in a School/Department of Nursing/Midwifery Education establishment which will provide them with the opportunity to meet the practice requirements of this programme.

DURATION

1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

No limit

PAC CODE(S)

GYM14

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM
This programme has been designed for registered nurses, who wish to pursue a specialist course in emergency care nursing. It aims to prepare nurses already working in emergency care settings with the necessary in-depth knowledge, skills and competencies to provide quality care to clients.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme comprises of seven modules of which two are generic/core and four are specialist exclusive to Emergency Nursing. Core modules and some aspects of specialist modules are taken in conjunction with students undertaking other PDips. The seven modules are:

- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (core)
- Using Research in Practice (core)
- Specialist Module 1 (Medical Emergencies)
- Specialist Module 2 (Major Trauma and Surgical Emergencies)
- Specialist Module 3 (Special Patient Populations)
- Specialist Module 4 (Clinical Skills Development in Emergency Nursing)
- Service Improvement Module
- Clinical Competence 1, 2, 3

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the General Nurse division of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
2. Have a minimum of two years’ post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses);
3. Be currently working in the required specialist area, i.e., Emergency, and have as a minimum six months’ clinical experience in this specialist area;
4. Have an honours degree or equivalent. Applicants who do not hold an honours degree or higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrate their capacity to complete a programme at this level. In addition to the other requirements outlined above, these applicants are required to submit a 1,000 word literature-based essay (this essay must be at the level expected of an honours degree candidate (Level 8)).

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM35

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
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NURSING: EMERGENCY CARE
Nursing: Emergency Care
School of Nursing and Midwifery
College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

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NURSING: EMERGENCY CARE
Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM

This programme has been designed for registered nurses who wish to pursue a specialist programme in caring for older people and their families. The overall goal of the programme is to further enhance nurses’ ability to provide effective, appropriate, high quality nursing care for older people.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme is comprised of seven theory modules and coursework, as follows:

- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice - core module
- Using Research in Practice - core module
- Nature and Experience of Ageing - specialist module
- Promoting Health and Wellbeing - specialist module
- Nursing Care of Older People - specialist module
- Service Improvement - option module
- Clinical Competence 1, 2, and 3 - option module
- Optional Module

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.
NURSING: INTENSIVE CARE

AIM

This programme aims to prepare nurses already working in the intensive care settings to enhance their clinical practice and effectively contribute to nursing practice within their specialist area.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme comprises of these modules:
- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (core)
- Using Research in Practice (core)
- Intensive Care Nursing 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Service Improvement Module
- Clinical Competence

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the General Nurse division of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
2. Have a minimum of two years’ post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses);
3. Be currently working in the required specialist area, i.e., Intensive care, and have as a minimum six months’ clinical experience in this specialist area;
4. Have an honours degree or equivalent. Applicants who hold neither an honours degree nor higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrated their capacity to undertake a programme at this level. In addition to the requirements outlined above these applicants are expected to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay on a topic relevant to the specialist area. To be considered for admission this essay must be judged equivalent to an honours degree (Level 8).

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM16 (full-time)
GYM39 (part-time)

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED?

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in health services.
NURSING: MASTER OF
School of Nursing and Midwifery
College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

AIM
The clinical experience the nurse brings to the theoretical knowledge gained through the programme promotes the development of expert practice. The award can also be used as a stepping stone to advanced practice and teaching qualifications.

COURSE CONTENT
Theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of nursing practice; research methodology and evidence based practice; practice development and conduct of research form the framework for reflection on practice and exploration of aspects of practice. Options are available in Education, Women’s Health, and specific clinical areas.

Modules/course-work includes:
• Core modules addressing nursing theory and research.
  Students also choose from a range of optional modules and undertake a research dissertation.

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using coursework.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Have attained at least an upper Second Class Honours degree in Nursing or Nursing Studies at H2.1 or at H2.2 with appropriate experience or a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies with appropriate experience or meet the required standard in the MHSc Nursing Qualifying Examination;
2. Be a registered nurse on the General, Mental Health or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
3. Hold a professional nursing qualification deemed to be equivalent by the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences;
4. Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice;
5. Have practised as a nurse for a minimum of two years post-registration (exclusive of post-registration/educational programmes).

DURATION
2 years, part-time | 3 years (part-time)

NUMBER OF PLACES
Minimum of 6

PAC CODE(S)
GYM27 (two years)
GYM55 (three years)

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM

This is a time of unprecedented opportunity for registered psychiatric nurses to develop pivotal roles, strengthened leadership, advance practice and improve the user and carer experience. It is important for the students to develop new roles and responsibilities, work more flexibly across boundaries, in new locations and place service users and carers at the centre of the activities. This programme will produce creative, innovative, reflective expert professionals committed to working in partnership to promote recovery and make a real difference.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme comprises of seven of these modules:
- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (core)
- Using Research in Practice (core)
- Collaboration and Interagency Working
- Partnerships in Mental Health Care (Service User/Carer/Service Provider)
- Psychosocial Interventions in Health Care
- Optional module
- Service Improvement (core)
- Clinical Assessment 1, 2, and 3

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the Psychiatric Nurse division of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
2. Have a minimum of one year post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses) in Mental Health Nursing;
3. Be currently working in the required specialist area, i.e., Mental Health, and have as a minimum six months’ clinical experience in this specialist area, working in a setting which requires him/her to care for mentally ill clients;
4. Satisfy the selection panel that they have the ability to complete the programme;
5. Applicants who do not hold an honours degree or higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrate their capacity to complete a programme at this level. In addition to the other requirements outlined above, these applicants are required to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay. To be considered for admission, this essay must be at the level expected of an honours degree candidate (Level 8).

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM17, full-time
GYM40, part-time

GARDA VETING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM

The clinical experience the nurse brings to the theoretical knowledge gained through the programme promotes the development of expert practice. The award can also be used as a stepping stone to advanced practice and teaching qualifications.

COURSE CONTENT

Theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of nursing practice; research methodology and evidence based practice; practice development and conduct of research form the framework for reflection on practice and exploration of aspects of practice. Options are available in Education, Women’s Health, and specific clinical areas.

Modules and coursework include:

- Concepts and Theories of Midwifery
- Reflective Practice I
- Advanced Research Methods
- Developing Practice
- Reflective Practice II
- Research Dissertation

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using coursework.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:

1. Upper Second Class Honours degree in nursing/midwifery or Nursing/Midwifery Studies at H2.1 or at H2.2 with appropriate experience; or Higher Diploma in Midwifery Studies with appropriate experience; or meet the required standard in the Master in Health Sciences Qualifying Examination;
2. Active registration on the midwives divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
3. Have practiced as a midwife for a minimum of two (2) years post registration.

DURATION

2 years, part-time | 3 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM28 (two years)
GYM53 (three years)

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in health services.
Nursing: Nursing/Midwifery Advanced Practice
School of Nursing and Midwifery
College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

AIM
The programme will equip students with the knowledge and skills to pursue accreditation as an Advanced Nurse/Midwife practitioner. Outcomes of the programme include development of the core competencies of advanced practice required for registration as a RANP with An Bord Altranais.

COURSE CONTENT
Theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of nursing practice; research methodology and evidence based practice; practice development and conduct of research form the framework for reflection on practice and exploration of aspects of practice. Specialist practice modules address the context of advanced practice, physical assessment skills, and clinical decision making. Substantive hours of clinical practice at an advanced practice level and supervised by appropriate healthcare professionals over the two years is integral to the programme.

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework, objective structured clinical examination, and clinical assessment.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in health services.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
1. All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
   Have attained at least an upper Second Class Honours degree in Nursing/Midwifery or Nursing/Midwifery Studies at H2.1 or at H2.2 with appropriate experience or a Higher Diploma or Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing/Midwifery Studies with appropriate experience or meet the required standard in the MHSc Nursing Qualifying Examination;
2. Be a registered nurse or midwife on the General, Mental Health, Midwifery or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the active Register maintained by An Bord Altranais; or
   Hold a professional nursing qualification deemed to be equivalent by the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; or
   Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice;
3. Have practised as a nurse/midwife for five years post-registration, three of which include experience in the chosen area of expertise (exclusive of post-registration/educational programmes;
4. Have support of the Director of Nursing in the place of employment, and written agreement for clinical supervision.

DURATION
2 years, part-time | 3 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM07 (two years)
GYM52 (three years)

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AIM

The clinical experience the nurse or midwife brings to the theoretical knowledge gained through the programme promotes the development of expert educational learning and practice. This award is an ideal teaching qualification foundation.

COURSE CONTENT

Theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of nursing practice; research methodology and evidence based practice; practice development and conduct of research form the framework for reflection on practice and exploration of aspects of practice. Specialist modules address teaching methods, facilitating learning, assessment strategies and curriculum development.

100 hours of teaching practice is completed over the two years and is an integral part of the programme.

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of course-work and teaching assessments.

SPECIAL FEATURES

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PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Have attained at least an upper Second Class Honours degree in Nursing/Midwifery or Nursing/Midwifery Studies at H2.1 or at H2.2 with appropriate experience or a Higher Diploma or PDip in Nursing/Midwifery Studies with appropriate experience or meet the required standard in the MHSc Nursing Qualifying Examination;
2. Be a registered nurse or midwife on the General, Mental Health, Midwifery or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the active Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
or
Hold a professional nursing qualification deemed to be equivalent by the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences;
or
Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice;
3. Have practised as a nurse/midwife for two years post-registration;
4. Have negotiated a placement in a School/Department of Nursing/Midwifery Education establishment which will provide them with the opportunity to meet the practice requirements of this programme.

DURATION

2 years, part-time | 3 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM08, two years
GYM54, three years

GARDA VETING/ POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in health services.
This programme will equip students with the competencies and skills needed to take on the extended role of prescribing.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme is delivered over a six-month period. The modules are delivered in a blended learning format using a combination of Blackboard and workshops in college. In addition, students will be mentored in their practice setting for the duration of the programme, which will include 12 days of direct supervision of the prescriptive process by a designated medical practitioner. The programme is comprised of three theory/practice modules and a clinical competency assessment in prescribing.

Modules include:
- Physical Assessment Skills
- Professional, Ethical, and Legal Issues of Nurse and Midwife Prescribing
- Drugs, Patients, and illness
- Clinical Competency—Prescribing

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

AIM
This programme is developed in response to a need for nurses and midwives to prescribe, in order to support high quality person-centred care.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be registered as a nurse or midwife on the live register of An Bord Altranais;
2. Currently employed as a nurse or midwife;
3. Minimum of three years recent post registration clinical experience in nursing or midwifery (within the last five years) with the equivalent of one-year full-time experience in the specific area of practice in which prescribing is proposed;
4. Possession of the competencies recognised at level 8 of the National Framework of Qualifications;
5. Evidence of undertaking continuing professional education;
6. Support from employer to undertake the programme as evidenced by a completed Site Declaration Form;
7. Confirmation of a designated nurse/midwife/medical mentor as evidenced by a completed Site Declaration Form.

DURATION
6 months, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM61

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
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NURSING: ONCOLOGY

AIM
This programme aims to prepare nurses already working in oncology settings to enhance their clinical practice and effectively contribute to oncology nursing practice. Students on the programme continue to work in their practice setting for the duration of the programme. This enables them to apply their learning to oncology nursing practice, thus maximising the impact of the programme on client care and service delivery.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme comprises of seven of these modules:
- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (core)
- Using Research in Practice (core)
- Experiencing Cancer (Specialist)
- The Cancer Trajectory (Specialist)
- Cancer Management: the Nursing Perspective on a Treatment
- Journey (Specialist)
- Optional module
- Service Improvement module (core)
- Clinical Competence

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and teaching assessments.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in health services.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the General Nurse division of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
2. Have a minimum of two years’ post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses);
3. Be currently working in a designated Oncology setting (e.g., oncology in-patient unit, haematology-oncology day unit, radiotherapy department), and have as a minimum six months’ clinical experience in this specialist area.
4. Satisfy the selection panel that they have the ability to complete the programme;
5. Applicants who do not hold an honours degree or higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrate their capacity to complete a programme at this level. In addition to the other requirements outlined above, these applicants are required to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay on a topic relevant to oncology nursing. To be considered for admission, this essay must be at the level expected of an honours degree candidate (Level 8).

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM19, full-time
GYM41, part-time

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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AIM
This programme aims to prepare nurses already working in orthopaedic settings to enhance their clinical practice and effectively contribute to orthopaedic nursing practice. Students on the programme continue to work in their practice setting for the duration of the programme. This enables them to apply their learning to orthopaedic nursing practice, thus maximising the impact of the programme on client care and service delivery.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme comprises of seven of these modules.
• Principles of Orthopaedic Nursing (specialist)
• Orthopaedic Trauma (specialist)
• Orthopaedic Specialities and Rehabilitation (specialist)
• Using Evidence in Practice (core)
• Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (core)
• Optional module
• Service Improvement Module
• Clinical Competence 1, 2 and 3

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the General Nurse divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
2. Have a minimum of two years' post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses);
3. Be currently working in the required specialist area, i.e., orthopaedics, and have a minimum of six months' clinical experience in this specialist area;
4. Satisfy the selection panel that they have the ability to complete the programme;
5. Applicants who do not hold an honours degree or higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrate their capacity to complete a programme at this level. In addition to the other requirements outlined above, these applicants are required to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay. To be considered for admission, this essay must be at the level expected of an honours degree candidate (Level 8).

DURATION
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM20 (full-time)
GYM42 (part-time)

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM

This palliative care programme is designed for general, intellectual disability and mental health nurses who are currently providing end of life care to their patients. Students on the programme continue to work in their practice setting for the duration of the programme and also avail of the opportunity to complete additional practice placements experiencing palliative care in a variety of adult and paediatric palliative care settings. This clinical experience coupled with theoretical knowledge gained on the programme enables nurses to provide the highest quality end-of-life care.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme is comprised of seven theory/practice modules. Core modules and some aspects of specialist modules are taken in conjunction with students undertaking other PDips. Modules are listed below:

- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (core)
- Collaboration with Interagency Working or Clinical Supervision (optional)
- Using Research in Practice (core)
- Palliative Approaches to Symptom Management
- End-of-Life Care: Psychological and Social Perspectives
- Care of the Child and Family with a Life-Limiting Illness
- Service Improvement Module
- Clinical Competence 1, 2, and 3

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in health services.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the General, Mental Health, or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
   or
2. Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice;
3. Have a minimum of two years’ post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses);
4. Be currently working in the required specialist area, i.e., Palliative Care, and have as a minimum six months’ clinical experience in this specialist area;
5. Satisfy the selection panel that they have the ability to complete the programme;
6. Applicants who do not hold an honours degree or higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrate their capacity to complete a programme at this level. In addition to the other requirements outlined above, these applicants are required to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay. To be considered for admission, this essay must be at the level expected of an honours degree candidate (Level 8).

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM21 (full-time)
GYM37 (part-time)

GARDA VETING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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AIm
This programme aims to prepare nurses working in any of the perioperative subspecialties to enhance their specialist nursing skills and knowledge. Students on the programme will continue to work in their existing practice setting while at the same time develop their skills of analysis and critical awareness. It is important for the students to understand and develop their roles and responsibilities within the perioperative discipline. The programme will produce creative, innovative, reflective, expert professionals committed to working in partnership to promote and make a real difference to quality patient care.

Course Content
The programme comprises of seven of these modules.
- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice
- Using Research in Practice
- Physiological Effects of Surgery
- Prevention of Injury
- Prevention of Anaesthetic Complications
- Prevention of Surgical Complications
- Service Improvement
- Clinical Competence 1, 2, and 3

Assessment
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

Special Features
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

Career Opportunities
Graduates have found employment in health services.

Programme(s) Available
PDip

Minimum Entry Requirements
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Be a registered nurse on the General Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
2. Have a minimum of two years’ post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses);
3. Be currently working in the required specialist area, i.e., Perioperative, and have as a minimum six months’ clinical experience in this specialist area;
4. Have an honours degree or equivalent. Applicants who hold neither an honours degree nor higher diploma (Level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrated their capacity to undertake a programme at this level. In addition to the requirements outlined above these applicants are expected to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay on a topic relevant to their specialist area. To be considered for admission this essay must be judged equivalent to an honours degree (Level 8).

Duration
1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

Number of Places
6 (minimum)

Pac Code(s)
GYM22 (full-time)
GYM38 (part-time)

Garda Vetting/Police Clearance
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

Closing Date
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AIM

This programme is designed for nurses (General, Psychiatric, or Intellectual Disability) who are working in a General Practice or Community setting. It aims to develop nurses’ expertise and understanding of primary care, family centred care, chronic disease management, and clinical nursing skills related to chronic illness management. This programme will provide nurses with the necessary specialised knowledge and technical skills to respond to the challenges of change in the context of an evolving healthcare environment (HSE Transformation Programme 2007–2010).

COURSE CONTENT

Modules include

- Concepts and Principles of Primary Care (core)
- Using Evidence in Practice (core)
- Service Improvement (core)
- Critical Issues in Chronic Illness
- Cardiovascular Disease in Primary Care
- Diabetes in Primary Care
- Advanced Wound Care Management
- Respiratory Disease in Primary Care
- Best Practice in Cervical Smear Taking
- Womens’ Health in Primary Care
- Empowering Clients to self manage their chronic illness
- End of Life Care: Psychological and Social Perspectives
- Collaboration and Interagency Working
- Clinical Competence

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed using a combination of course-work and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:

1. Be a registered nurse on the General, Mental Health, or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
   or
   Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice;
2. Have a minimum of two years’ post-registration experience (exclusive of post-registration courses).
3. Have at least six months’ experience in practice and or/ community nursing setting.
4. Be currently working in a practice nursing/community nursing setting which requires him/her to care for a client/family/group.
5. Have a letter of support from his/her employing line manager.
6. Hold an honours degree or equivalent. Applicants who do not hold an honours degree or higher diploma (level 8) may apply but must clearly demonstrate their capacity to complete a programme at this level. In addition to the other requirements outlined above, these applicants are required to submit a 1,000-word literature-based essay. To be considered for admission, this essay must be at the level expected of an honours degree candidate (Level 8).

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)

GYM23 (full-time) | GYM32 (part-time)

GARDA VETING/ POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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NURSING: PRACTICE NURSING/COMMUNITY NURSING
AIM
This programme is offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, NUI, Galway and the Health Service Executive. The programme aims to prepare nurses to work in the community setting as a public health nurse addressing the health care needs of the community as client. A key fundamental part of this programme is the development of nursing expertise in targeting public health needs and delivering health care services from a population health foci.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme is modular and is comprised of eight theory and six practice modules. Modules comprise of:
• Collaboration and Inter-agency Working
• Using Research in Practice
• Promoting Health and Wellbeing
• Health Across the Lifespan
• Promoting Population Health
• Public Health Nursing Praxis
• Child and Maternal Health (non midwives only)
• Service Improvement A (non midwife cohort)
• Service Improvement (midwife cohort)
• Professional Practice 1–5
• Professional Practice 1 (Child and Maternal Health) (non-midwives only)

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This programme is approved by An Bord Altranais offering a registration on completion. With both a theoretical and clinical focus the programme provides a professional qualification that facilitates the future practitioner working as a public health nurse to critically examine and support evidence based practice.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates will have the opportunity to practice autonomously within the unique setting that is community. Graduates will have developed a specific knowledge that allows for a multifaceted function as a community practitioner in the provision of primary health care and targeting public health in the community setting.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip. Apply online at: www.pac.ie/phn

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
• Be a registered nurse on the general division of the register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
• Candidates must have evidence of a minimum of two years general nursing experience within the past 5 years, of which 12 months should be consecutive, working a minimum of 74 hours per month (exclusive of post registration/educational courses);
• Unless the candidate’s name is registered in the midwives division of the register maintained by An Bord Altranais, the candidate must complete an An Bord Altranais (2005) approved module of study on Child and Maternal Health as part of the programme;
• Hold an NQAI level 8 qualification (honours degree or higher diploma) or proof of equivalency;
• Fluency in English or evidence of level 7.0 as per IELTS academic test. Applicants must satisfy the selection/admission committee that they have the ability to complete the programme;
• Applicants must demonstrate that they have undertaken a programme of study at National Qualification Framework, academic level 8. The academic transcript provided will be used as evidence to demonstrate this, which should be for the highest level award.

DURATION
1 year (full-time)

NUMBER OF PLACES
20

PAC CODE(S)
PHG01

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
Closing date is to be decided. Check website for updates.

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AIM
Nursing practice is becoming increasingly specialised and complex and practitioners need to be able to respond to this complexity and be flexible and adaptive to change. To ensure that healthcare is cost effective and appropriate it is also important that clinical actions are based upon research evidence. Practitioners therefore require critical, analytical and reflective skills and also a breadth and depth of knowledge and research understanding to underpin practice. This programme offers specialist nurses with the opportunity to meet these challenges of health care.

COURSE CONTENT
Research methodology as evidenced by the ability to design and implement a research study; evaluation and application of research findings to practice.
Modules:
• Applied Clinical Research
• Clinical Research Dissertation

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Have attained Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Level 9) with an aggregated mark of at least 60%.
2. Be a registered nurse on the General, Mental Health or Learning Disability Nurse divisions of the active Register maintained by An Bord Altranais; or Hold a professional nursing qualification deemed to be equivalent by the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; or Hold an appropriate active nursing registration as recognised in the country in which they practice 3. Have practised as a nurse for a minimum of two years post registration (exclusive of post-registration/educational programmes).

DURATION
1 year (full-time)

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM29

GARDA VETTING/PolICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in health services.
AIM
This programme is aimed at newly graduated nurses. The programme aims to prepare graduates to (1) provide person centred high quality and evidence based care in Specialist Practice setting and (2) function effectively, safely and within their scope of skilled, safe, competent and empathetic client care (within their scope of practice).

COURSE CONTENT
Students’ complete three modules while continuing to work in the clinical setting for the duration of the programme. The modules are:
- Managing Client Care in Specialist Settings (Semester One and Two, runs over 24 weeks)
- Physical Assessment Skills (Semester One, runs over 12 weeks)
- Clinical Governance: Supporting Safe Practice (Semester Two, runs over 12 weeks)

Students will complete two placements in specialist settings, each of three months duration. On placement the student will be required to develop and implement a learning contract agreed with the programme director/clinical facilitator at the beginning of each placement. Students’ skills competency will be assessed twice (minimum) during the programme.

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed using a combination of coursework and examinations.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Approved by An Bord Altranais and has a clinical focus with opportunities to develop specialist skills. The programme is offered through blended learning, a combination of online and face-to-face learning and teaching. Blended learning is an innovative and flexible approach to learning making it possible to combine working full-time with studying.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates will have opportunities to work in hospitals and other healthcare settings. Graduates may also opt to progress to studying at postgraduate diploma level in a nursing specialism.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PgCert

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must meet the following entry requirements:
1. Hold an Honours Bachelor degree at NFQ Level 8 in Nursing or a comparable qualification;
2. Be registered as a General nurse on the live register maintained by An Bord Altranais;
3. Be currently employed as a nurse;
4. Provide a letter of support from his/her employer confirming that he/she will have the opportunity to work in the required range of specialist practice settings to meet the programme learning outcomes, or where necessary, agreement that the applicant will be freed to undertake additional practice in a suitable placement setting.

DURATION
1 academic year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
6 (minimum)

PAC CODE(S)
GYM60

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE
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AIM

Health and safety has become a major concern for society. Its growing significance is highlighted by increasing legislation and regulation at Irish, European and international levels. NUI Galway has been at the forefront of providing postgraduate education in the area of Occupational Health and Safety since the early 1990s. The HDip programme is an example of one of the programmes on offer; it is multidisciplinary in nature, involving contributions from the College of Science, The College of Business Public Policy and Law, The College of Engineering and Informatics and the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

The objective of the programme is to provide graduates with a high quality qualification in the broad multidisciplinary area of occupational health and safety which will enable them to take on managerial responsibilities for these matters within an industry or to work with a regulatory agency or consultancy firm.

COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of three elements: formal coursework; laboratory practicals and continuous assessment; and a project in occupational health and safety. Students will study specific health and safety topics, such as Occupational Health, Occupational Hygiene, Ergonomics, Safety and Risk Management, Legal Studies, Management studies and research methods. Students will be exposed to relevant domain experts through seminars, team-based projects and workplace visits.

ASSESSMENT

Laboratory practicals, continuous assessment, written examinations, project in occupational health and safety.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme has been recognised by the Irish Health and Safety Authority and satisfies the academic requirements for membership of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS). The programme is also a Bord Altranais Category 11 approved course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The employment record of programme graduates is excellent. Graduates of the programme are in employed as Health and Safety Professionals, Health and Safety Managers, Health Promotion Officers, Occupational Hygienists, Ergonomists, and Health and Safety Engineers across a broad range of sectors including PharmaChem, Healthcare, Medical Device, Consulting Firms, Local Authorities, and Statutory Bodies in Ireland and abroad.
Occupational Safety Engineering and Ergonomics
School of Engineering and Informatics
College of Engineering and Informatics

AIM
The primary aim of the programme is to develop the knowledge and skills required for a career in Occupational Health and Safety and/or Ergonomics. The programme is open to a range of candidates, e.g., recent graduates, those with a primary qualification in Occupational Health and Safety and/or Ergonomics or a related area, and professionals wishing to add to their qualifications. This programme recognises prior academic achievement in relevant areas.

COURSE CONTENT
Candidates must complete at least four and up to six courses from a list of subjects provided. Courses include:

- Ergonomics
- Human and Systems Reliability
- Occupational Hygiene
- Quality Management
- Safety and Risk Management
- Research Methods
- Legal Studies
- Management Studies
- Quality Engineering
- Regulatory Affairs

In addition, candidates must submit their year’s work, which will be continuously assessed, and candidates are required to write a research thesis on a topic agreed and approved by their supervisor.

ASSESSMENT
Semester One exams: December
Semester Two exams: April/May

A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations, and case studies.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The MApplSc programme is a broad-based programme which will appeal to those from diverse backgrounds. The focus is on engineering systems, however, the knowledge gained can be applied to various disciplines and workplaces. Participants can choose the lecture courses they study to suit their background and their career aspirations.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MApplSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The MApplSc programme is open to individuals that have an honours degree from a recognised university or third level college or a pass degree, with at least three years’ relevant experience acceptable to the College of Engineering.

DURATION
1 year, full-time; 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
12

PAC CODE(S)
GYE00 (full-time)
GYE01 (part-time)

CLOSING DATE
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Ni móir d'iarraitheoirí caighdeán maith Ollscoilí a bhí i dtaca le labhairt agus scríobh na Gaeilge agus mar chuid den nós imeachta iarratais, scrúdú béal agus scrúdú scríofa a dhéanamh. Cuirtear isteach ar an gclár seo ar líne trí an Ionad Iarratais Iarchéime (PAC).

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AIM
The MA in Old and Middle Irish is designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in Irish language and literature of the period c. 600–c. 1200. It is aimed at those who already have a good basic knowledge of Irish (Medieval or Modern), or another Celtic language, and, exceptionally, at those who have the appropriate background to undertake the study of Old and Middle Irish ab initio.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme offers modules in the following:
• Grammar of Old and Middle Irish
• Literary History 600–1200
• Close reading of medieval Irish texts
• History, scholarship and culture in medieval Ireland
• Comparative Celtic linguistics

ASSESSMENT
Assessment takes three forms: written examinations, essays, and a minor thesis. Essays are completed during Semester One and Two. Written examinations are held at the end of Semester Two. The minor dissertation is completed by the end of the summer.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Staff help to identify thesis-topics which may lend themselves to eventual publication. While teaching is through English (to accommodate students from different backgrounds), the use of Irish is actively supported, and the University’s bilingual campus is of special benefit to all students of Irish, of whatever period.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have found employment in teaching and academic research, publishing, print and electronic media, and careers in the interpretation and management of culture and heritage.

The programme provides an excellent foundation for higher research programmes (MLitt and PhD) in many fields of Irish language and Celtic Studies, of the medieval, the early modern, and the contemporary period. The skills acquired are also highly relevant for research in medieval Irish history and archaeology.
AIM

This programme is offered at the Irish Centre for Human Rights within the School of Law. This Centre is one of the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights and humanitarian law. This programme aims to prepare graduates for work in the field of international peace support operations, with international organisations, non-governmental organisations and as individual advocates.

COURSE CONTENT

Obligatory subjects are: International Peace Support Operations, International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the dissertation. However, students are free to choose from a large number of optional courses which include but are not limited to: Contemporary Issues in Human Rights I, Introduction to International Human Rights, Introduction to International Criminal Law, Business and Human Rights, Counter Terrorism and Human Rights, Child Rights, European Convention on Human Rights, Conflict-Post Conflict Studies, and Minority Rights and Self-Determination.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment for individual modules includes a combination of essays, presentations, group work, and other methods. Students must also complete a research thesis/dissertation of 20,000 words.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme recognises the experience of candidates who have participated in peace operations in various parts of the world. Thus the programme provides credit for a full semester course (15 credits) in exchange for submission of a written assignment of appropriate length, reviewing field experience and lessons learned. The programme may also recognise and credit a peace operations course of appropriate duration delivered at a Centre/Institute recognised by the NUI Galway. However, in order to allow for consistent evaluation, a written paper of appropriate length will have to be submitted. The maximum credits permitted in the case of any candidate in recognition of field experience or coursework completed elsewhere are 15.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There is no defined career path after this LLM. Many graduates have gone to work with the UN, OSCE, NATO and with the EU in the field. Others are working with NGO’s in conflict and post conflict environments including the DRC, Haiti, Liberia, Sudan and Kosovo. A number of military and police personnel from Ireland and elsewhere have completed the degree with a view to enhancing their career prospects.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

LLM

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent. However those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience. Also: candidates who have completed a military Command and Staff course or its equivalent at an institute recognized by NUI Galway and who have relevant professional experience, as in the opinion of the School of Law, qualifies them to read for the LLM. Candidates who have significant experience in the field of Peace Operations and/or international human rights, for example with international organisations or international non-governmental organisations, are encouraged to apply under this rubric.

DURATION

1 year, full-time | 2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

12

PAC CODE(S)

GYL02
GYL03

CLOSING DATE

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AIM
As the only course of its kind in Ireland, the PDip in Primary Care represents a unique opportunity for a wide range of primary healthcare professionals to learn with and from each other in an interdisciplinary environment. If you are working in primary care (particularly as part of a Primary Care Team), and you want to study at the same time, then this course is for you.

COURSE CONTENT
This course will help you to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for effective multidisciplinary working in primary care, as well as fostering a critical approach to evidence-based practice and research and a deeper understanding of the role of primary care in the health service.

The course is delivered via a mix of online distance learning and face-to-face teaching workshops.

MODULES
This course is undergoing a major review and restructuring in advance of September 2012. Details of course content will be available on the course website from April 2012. www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/primary-care.html

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed by a combination of practice-based assignments, participation in online discussions, a reflective practice journal, and a multidisciplinary group project.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The combination of distance learning and face-to-face workshops allows you to engage in learning at a time and place that suit your lifestyle. The course is accredited for CME by the Irish College of General Practitioners and An Bord Altranais Category II approval is pending.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
PDip in Health Sciences. Standalone module also available. For standalone module(s) only, apply online at www.nuigalway.ie/apply

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should have a professional (health or social care) qualification, and a primary degree or equivalent experience. You should be working in a primary health care setting. Primary health care administrators are also welcome. Selection is based on ability/opportunity to apply learning to your daily work, relevant professional experience, and academic record. General computer literacy is essential as parts of the programme are delivered via distance learning.

DURATION
PDip: 8 months, full-time, in-service
Standalone module: 12 weeks, full-time, in-service
(Note: both options are suitable for those in full-time employment)

NUMBER OF PLACES
16

PAC CODE(S)
GYM12

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE
Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

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Primary care and the development of Primary Care Teams are now central to the Irish government’s healthcare transformation strategy. This course builds the leadership capacity of primary care based health and social care professionals working at the forefront of this rapidly changing healthcare environment.

Achieving at least 60% in the PDip qualifies you to apply for the one-year Masters in Health Sciences (Primary Care).
Production and Direction
School of Humanities
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

AIM

The programme offers advanced training in filmmaking integrated with courses in film history and analysis and is designed to give students a thorough understanding of the filmmaking process from both a professional and a critical perspective. Film criticism comprises approximately half of the course, with the rest of the time devoted to production practice and hands-on filmmaking experience.

COURSE CONTENT

Production Practice module covers Camera, Editing, Production, Direction, and Sound. In the first semester, students take part in directing workshops where they learn techniques such as blocking actors for camera. These are taught as hands-on exercises where all students block and shoot a scene from a feature film as a workshop exercise. Academic modules include Creative Documentary, Imaginative Responses, and Theory of Film Practice. These classes involve regular screenings, discussion, and analysis. In the second semester, students realise two short films, collaborating with teams from the MA (Public Advocacy) on one of them, and should be prepared to work flexibly in the various roles involved in the production process.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed on the various modules by a combination of film projects, essays, and presentations. Working within a team structure, students will make two short films as their final project within the programme.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The Huston School hosts an extensive range of special events and guest seminars during the year. Visitors since 2003 have included: Gabriel Byrne, Seamus McGarvey, Fionnula Flanagan, James Cromwell, John Boorman, Roddy Doyle, Colin MacCabe, Laura Mulvey, Howard Rodman, Mike Figgis, Peter Sheridan, Liz Gill, Paddy Breathnach, Alan Gilsenan, and others.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found production work in the film, television and audio visual industries, working independently and for large companies.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA, PDip. Students may only apply for the MA. Those who do not meet the minimum entry requirements may be admitted to the PDip via a Qualifying Exam.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent H2.2. GPA 3.2 or international qualification. IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable. Students who do not meet the honours degree requirement but have a Level 8 degree may be admitted to the PDip course with the possibility of progressing to the MA if they receive a minimum of 60% in their course work during the year, subject to qualifying examination and appropriate arrangements.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYA63

CLOSING DATE

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Psychology
School of Psychology
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

AIM
The HDipPsych (Conversion) is a one-year, full-time programme designed for students who have completed the BA with Psychological Studies at NUI Galway, or its equivalent. By combining the HDipPsych (Conversion) with the BA with Psychological Studies, students will have covered the course content equivalent to that of the NUI Galway BA in Psychology programme, thus qualifying graduates for entry to postgraduate professional programmes in Ireland and in the United Kingdom.

COURSE CONTENT
Students on the HDipPsych (Conversion) programme undertake selected modules from the BA Psychology Second and Third Year programme. The menu includes modules on the psychology of learning; perception, attention and performance; applied organisational psychology; psychological measurement (theory and practice); advanced research methods (both quantitative and qualitative) and computer skills training (SPSS). Students take part in a series of experimental workshops throughout the academic year and, in addition, are required to complete an independent research project under supervision. Finally, a recent innovation allows students to choose their final module from a selection of available electives.

ASSESSMENT
Assessment on the HDipPsych (Conversion) programme includes a variety of forms of continuous assessment, examination and minor dissertation across two semesters.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This programme is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) and thus satisfies the requirements specified by PSI for graduate status in psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
This programme provides an excellent foundation for further postgraduate courses of study and careers in a wide variety of domains. Completing this degree will enable a graduate access to further training to become a professional psychologist (e.g., a clinical, counselling or occupational psychologist) or to undertake a research degree in psychology (e.g., a PhD in Psychology).

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
HDip (Conversion)

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Places will be allocated on the order of results awarded at the first (summer) sitting of the Final Year of Psychological Studies at NUI Galway or an equivalent course. Students must achieve honours in both their degree subjects, except in the case of pass level mathematical subjects only where a ‘commendation’ level is required.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
12

PAC CODE(S)
GYA35

CLOSING DATE
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AIM

The HDipPsych (Full) is a two-year, full-time programme for graduates who have already received a higher degree in a field other than psychology, but who wish to pursue psychology as a career option. By completing the HDipPsych (Full), students will cover course content equivalent to that of the NUI Galway BA Psychology programme, thus qualifying graduates for entry to postgraduate professional programmes in Ireland and in the United Kingdom.

COURSE CONTENT

The HDipPsych (Full) is a two-year full-time postgraduate degree that provides detailed training in the science of psychology. Students on the programme undertake modules from the BA Psychology Second and Third Year programme. The menu includes modules on the psychology of learning; memory and cognition; developmental psychology; perception, attention and performance; biological psychology; issues in cognitive neuroscience; applied organisational psychology; social psychology; health psychology; psychological measurement (theory and practice); advanced research methods (both quantitative and qualitative) and computer skills training (SPSS). Students take part in a series of experimental workshops throughout the two academic years and, in addition, are required to complete an independent research project under supervision in their final year. Finally, a recent innovation allows students to choose an elective module from a selection of available electives across both academic years.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment on the HDipPsych (Full) programme varies from module to module. Many modules are assessed by examination and some wholly or partially through continuous assessment. Work submitted for continuous assessment includes written essays, written reports, presentations and research projects.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The HDipPsych (Full) is accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) and thus satisfies the requirements specified by PSI for graduate status in psychology. The programme qualifies graduates for entry to postgraduate professional programmes in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

HDip (Full)

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The programme is intended for graduates with at least an upper Second Class Honours level in any field other than psychology. Places are awarded on the basis of academic merit. The two-year HDipPsych (Full) is not intended for graduates who have the BA (Omnibus) with Psychological Studies from NUI Galway (or its equivalent as deemed by the College of Arts), which is intended to articulate with the one-year full-time HDip in Psychology (Conversion).

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

8

PAC CODE(S)

GYA36

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This programme provides an excellent foundation for further postgraduate courses of study and careers in a wide variety of domains. Completing this degree will enable a graduate access to further training to become a professional psychologist (e.g., a clinical, counselling or occupational psychologist) or to undertake a research degree in psychology (e.g., a PhD in Psychology).
Thinking about applying? www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PUBLIC ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM

AIM

The development of this innovative masters degree was prompted by the realisation that while there are many Management, Communications and Public Relations courses, none offers a focus on the issues and skills central to the role of those working in organisations which seek to shift attitudes and understandings in order to initiate change.

COURSE CONTENT

The interdisciplinary programme offers an opportunity for experienced advocates for social change to undertake structured studies to facilitate critical reflection, and for those interested in working in the area to achieve a specialist qualification. The course includes an overview of the global context in which advocacy takes place and encourages discussion of issues such as cross-cultural communication and social justice; relevant professional skills and media training are central to the programme.

The degree is full-time, and the year is divided into two teaching semesters, and a summer semester, during which students undertake a work placement. Students on this course also work with teams from the Production / Direction MA to realise short film projects.

This programme is offered in conjunction with the J.E. Cairnes Graduate School of Business and Public Policy in association with the Social Sciences Research Centre and the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed on the various modules by a combination of essays, presentations and projects. Students will also be required to complete a 16,000-18,000 word minor dissertation as their final assessment, to be submitted in early August.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Students work closely with the students of the MA (Production and Direction) in the commissioning of a short film in Semester One. Students also have the opportunity to attend Guest Sessions in the Huston School and the Irish Centre for Human Rights as well as participating in the Cinema Human Rights and Advocacy Summer School.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA, PDip. Students may only apply for the MA. Those who do not meet the minimum entry requirements may be admitted to the PDip via a Qualifying Exam.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent H2.2. GPA 3.2 or international qualification. IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable. Students who do not meet the honours degree requirement but have a level 8 degree may be admitted to the PDip course with the possibility of progressing to the MA if they receive a minimum of 60% in their course work during the year, subject to qualifying examination and appropriate arrangements.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYA64

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Recent graduates of this programme are working in a range of organisations both in Ireland and overseas including La Via Campesina, Lobbying Movement Amnesty International (Irish Section), Irish Aid (Iraq), The Washington Post and Croí, The West of Ireland Cardiology Foundation.
AIM

The LLM in Public Law is designed for graduates who wish to work in the field of Public Law with government and non-governmental organisations at national and international level, as well as in private practice, especially with respect to public interest litigation.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme aims to provide a solid grounding in the theory, substance and application of Public Law for future practitioners, academics and policy-makers. The programme is designed around two main themes: “the dynamics of law and social change” and “contemporary challenges in public law” and gives students a keen understanding of the most fertile areas and pressing issues for public interest litigation, in both the state and private sectors.

Led by a dynamic team of experts at NUI Galway, with national, European and international teaching and research profiles, students will acquire expertise in their chosen subjects along with an ability to appraise critically the problems which arise for law and policy-makers in this extremely important area. They will also be given the training and practice necessary to perfect their research and writing skills which are so important for high achievement and effectiveness in furthering the public interest.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in the individual modules comprises a combination of presentations, written assignments and essays. Students are also required to submit a minor thesis.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Teaching takes the form of small group seminars, which are complemented by presentations from guest speakers, who are experts in the field. Students are also encouraged to attend and, where possible, present papers at relevant conferences. They are also encouraged to publish some of their work in student and mainstream law journals.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates have embarked on career paths, ranging from, but not limited to, PhDs, lecturing, working in the Office of the Attorney General, DPP, Law Reform Commission, with law publishers, and in top law firms.
**AIM**

Regenerative Medicine is an exciting emerging discipline which aims to develop novel therapeutics to repair and regenerate damaged and diseased organs. These therapeutics utilise stem cells, gene therapy, biomaterials, engineered tissue and biologically active compounds.

This course will equip students with the skills required to make meaningful contributions to this discipline. Modules will address the science behind Regenerative Medicine, its application to human disease and its importance to modern society.

**COURSE CONTENT**

The first two semesters will consist of modules covering the scientific principles of stem cells, gene therapy, tissue engineering, immunology and pharmacology. Training in scientific concepts and techniques important to biomedical research will occur via a series of laboratory-based practical sessions. The regulatory issues involved in translating a research observation to an approved treatment for patients will be a focus throughout the course. During the summer semester students will embark on individual laboratory-based research projects.

Modules on offer include:
- Regenerative Medicine
- Translational Medicine
- Advanced Research Technique
- Tissue Engineering
- Scientific Writing
- Pharmacology
- Anatomy
- Research Project and Thesis
- Physiology: Human Body Function
- Introduction to Business
- Economic Evaluation in Healthcare
- Introduction to Biomedical Systems

**ASSESSMENT**

Modules are assessed by examinations at the end of Semester One and Semester Two and/or by continuous assessment. A variety of assessments are used throughout the programme (such as essays, projects, laboratory reports and presentations). A thesis based on the laboratory research project must also be submitted.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

As part of this MSc course students will undertake a summer-long laboratory-based research project. In previous years these projects have been based at NUI Galway, Galway University Hospital, and in research groups based in Dublin and Maynooth.

**PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE**

MSc

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should have, or should expect to obtain, at least a Second Class Honours degree in a biological / life science, medicine or nursing. Students who have a degree without Honours in a related area and have three or more years of practical experience in the subject area will also be eligible to apply for this course.

**DURATION**

1 year (full-time)

**NUMBER OF PLACES**

15–18 students

**PAC CODE(S)**

GYM00

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates of this course have found employment in biomedical device and biotechnology companies in Ireland and abroad. Many of our graduates have obtained Ph.D. studentships throughout Ireland, UK, Spain and Canada. Several graduates have gone on to study medicine. Graduates with clinical backgrounds have progressed to clinical fellowships.
AIM

This programme offers training in screenplay writing, integrated with courses in film theory and analysis, supported by regular film screenings and workshops. The ethos of the programme is 'reflective practice'—that is, understanding screenwriting as a process informed by narrative analysis, cinematic traditions and creative discussion. The programme offers thorough discussion of narrative theory and structure. There will also be the opportunity to review draft scripts with individual students.

COURSE CONTENT

The year is divided into two teaching semesters. During the first semester, you will develop your story idea to treatment stage. During this time, you will also study American film history. These classes involve regular screenings, discussion and analysis. The second semester focuses on the writing of your first draft and a choice of optional film theory related modules including Film History since 1945, Screening Irish America, Gender Sexuality and Cinema, and Imagined Irelands. The summer period is given over to writing the final draft of your feature length screenplay.

The course is a full-time programme taken over a twelve-month period (September 2012 to August 2013). The year is divided into two teaching semesters (September to December and January to April). The summer period will be used to complete a final script.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed on the various modules by essay and exam. Students will also be required to complete a feature length script as their final assessment, to be submitted in early August.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Students on the MA in Screenwriting have participated in IMAGINATIVE STORM—a highly popular annual residential creative workshop conducted in the autumn by US writers Allegra Huston and James Navé. Other successful industry-led workshops have included TV Drama, Writing for Soaps, Short Filmmaking, Writing Animation and Script Editing.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many graduates have found work as writers, a number have written and directed short films and had work supported by funding bodies and broadcasters including the Irish Film Board, Filmbase, RTE and BBC NI. Some have founded their own production companies and many work in script editing. A recent student, Will Collins, saw his feature screenplay My Brothers produced. It was directed by Paul Fraser and performed successfully at many international film festivals.
AIM

The primary aim of this course is to equip students with the skills and knowledge to be registered as social workers by the Irish registration body CORU. It provides both university-based learning and practice-based learning to students. It offers opportunities to learn about contemporary social problems, their causes and policy solutions. Also, to develop practice skills in working with individuals and their families, group work and community-based approaches to social work. Social workers are much in demand in contemporary societies and deal with a range of issues that impact upon people including those due to poverty, violence, abuse, mental health issues, addiction and disability.

COURSE CONTENT

Students complete two practice placements as well as a range of modules such as Social Work Practice and Theory; Law and Human Rights; Social Policy; Mental Health and Health Promotion; Working with Vulnerable Children and Adults; Crime Reduction and Probation Work; Human Behaviour and the Social Environment.

Practice placements are carried out in a variety of areas including child protection, domestic violence, mental health, disability, older people.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed through assignments, presentations and written examinations, research dissertation and placement portfolios. All students must pass both university-based work and the practice placements. The practice placements are assessed by practice teachers in the agencies using direct observation of practice alongside assessment of report writing and case notes.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The course is approved to provide training for students who wish to register to work as social workers under the registration process managed by CORU. Registration is essential to work as a social worker in Ireland to use the title of social worker.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• A primary undergraduate degree (minimum of Second Class Honours, Grade 2) in one of the following: BA with a major in Social Work, Sociology, Psychology Social Policy, Public and Social Policy, Youth and Family Studies or B. Soc.Sc or qualifications deemed equivalent by NUI Galway.
• A minimum of six months experience in a social work or social care setting is compulsory.

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

GYA40

GARDA VETING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A range of voluntary, public and private sector organisations: (HSE, Department of Justice, Equality, and Law Reform (Probation), Department of Environment and Local Government (Local Authorities). The non-governmental sector includes specialist services to children and families adults such as Brothers of Charity, Western Care Association, National Association for the Deaf, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, Cope, Clare Care, Enable Ireland, Barnardos, and many more.
AIM
This course is designed for social workers who are interested in advancing their professional training. It develops the skills and knowledge of social workers who teach student social workers in the agency/placement setting. It is also relevant for those professional social workers currently taking or giving supervision. In addition the management section of the course will offer the opportunity to explore management models and practices within varied social work settings.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme content for this PDip is divided into two main categories: The taught and e-learning component of the course in Semester One and the supervised placement and portfolio component in Semester Two.

Modules/course-work includes:
• Advanced Practice Teaching
• Advanced supervision
• MSW student supervision January–April
• Portfolio presentations.
• Evaluating outcomes and identifying research opportunities
• Management and Social Work

ASSESSMENT
Assessment is based on module assignments, class presentations, online activities, a group-work project, and the presentation of a Portfolio following on from the MSW student placement January to April.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The programme offers blended learning experience taking in traditional and technological concepts of teaching and learning. This will lead to participants acquiring an excellent academic theoretical framework on relevant theories, policies and practices. New perspectives on computer based distance learning techniques and practical competence while supervising a student on placement will also be achieved.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
This course will further explore the areas of advanced supervision and management with a view to career advancement and continued professional development.
Software Design and Development
School of Engineering and Informatics
College of Engineering and Informatics

AIM
This MSc is aimed at candidates with little or no IT experience, who want to pursue a career in the IT industry. The skills developed in this programme supplement the qualifications already acquired by students in their undergraduate degrees.

COURSE CONTENT
The first year follows the normal academic cycle of lectures, laboratory sessions/tutorials and provides students with a thorough foundation of IT skills. Time will also be spent on developing research interests/skills to prepare for their second year, during which students will conduct a research project and submit a thesis on their findings.

First Year subjects include:
- Databases
- Software Engineering
- Programming in C
- Object-Oriented Programming
- Internet Programming
- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Computer Networks
- Research Methods

ASSESSMENT
Semester One exams: December
Semester Two exams: April/May

A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations and case studies. Year Two culminates with the submission of a dissertation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
A wide variety of opportunities are open to graduates, including the software industry itself, or in a broad range of other sectors such as telecommunications, medical informatics, energy informatics, digital media, banking and consulting. Many graduates continue with careers related to their specialised field of research. Companies/organisations that recruited graduates recently include: Fidelity Investments, Galway; Starlight Solutions, Galway; Ericsson, Athlone.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This programme is sponsored by the Graduate Skills Conversion Programme (GSCP) initiative of the Higher Education Authority (HEA), which aims to provide graduates with the opportunity to acquire qualifications for employment in the ICT area. Students can exit this programme after Year One with a Higher Diploma (GYE12, see Page 23).

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must have a minimum 2.2 honours (Level 8) undergraduate degree (or equivalent international qualification). If applicable, applicants require a GPA score of 3.0 (or equivalent international qualification) and an IELTS score of 6 (or equivalent international qualification).

DURATION
2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
30

PAC CODE(S)
GYE03

CLOSING DATE
NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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This vocational programme is aimed at candidates with little or no IT experience. It provides a comprehensive academic foundation and focused technical training in software development techniques and tools. The skills developed here supplement the qualifications already acquired by students in their undergraduate degrees. Graduates will therefore be able to compete effectively for positions both in the software development industry and equally in other sectors, related to their original degree.

The programme includes such modules as:
- Databases
- Software Engineering
- Programming in C
- Object-Oriented Programming
- Internet Programming
- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Computer Networks
- Research Methods

A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations and case studies.

Opportunities exist in various industries, ranging from web design, gaming, banking, telecommunications, health and energy (working as skilled software practitioners). Companies/organisations that recruited graduates recently include: Cisco, Galway; HP, Galway; DCM Compliance, Limerick.

This programme is sponsored by the Graduate Skills Conversion Programme (GSCP) initiative of the Higher Education Authority (HEA). Students may transfer to the MSc in Software Design and Development (GYE03, see Page 23) subject to places being available, an interview and achievement of a minimum 2.1 result in the Higher Diploma.
“After coming from a business/IT background I was looking for a course that would provide me specifically with the technical qualifications which would allow me to find employment as a software developer. The MSc (Software Design and Development) appealed to me due to its strong focus on technical skills. The first year of the course provided me with a solid foundation in software development languages, methodologies and technologies. The division between exams, assignments, labs and group projects struck a balance between theoretical and practical work. The second year consisted of a large research project culminating in the submission of a thesis.

It allowed me to expand my knowledge on a specific area of technology that interested me while providing me with valuable research and development experience. Overall the MSc (Software Design and Development) was a great experience and has provided me with the technical skills needed to find employment as a software developer.”

David Crowe
MSc (Software Design and Development)
Thinking about applying?

www.pac.ie/nuigalway

AIM

This course is aimed at students, who have already obtained a level 8 postgraduate qualification in IT and are interested in pursuing a M.Sc. qualification. As a distance-learning programme it suits candidates who are in full-time employment and/or living abroad. The programme is in line with the University Policy for Recognition of Prior Learning in that it recognises prior academic qualifications.

COURSE CONTENT

This course is research-based only and begins with an eight-week qualifier module (e.g., an online-taught module in research methodologies) prior to start of the academic year. This module enables students to identify a research strategy, a research topic and an academic supervisor. Students then pursue their research project over one academic year, during which they complete a body of work equivalent to 800 hours of academic studies. Students can re-register for the following academic year, if they are not able to complete their thesis within one year.

ASSESSMENT

While students have to pass the qualifier module before they can continue with their research, the overall assessment is solely based on their submitted dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This distance-learning programme is sponsored by the Graduate Skills Conversion Programme (GSCP) initiative of the Higher Education Authority (HEA). The aim of this initiative is to provide graduates with the opportunity to acquire qualifications for employment in the ICT area.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must hold a second class primary degree (Level 8), preferably in a numerate discipline and a HETAC/NUI (or equivalent international qualification) accredited higher/postgraduate 60 ECTS diploma in ICT. If applicable an IELTS score of 6 or equivalent international qualification is required.

DURATION

Typically 1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

15

PAC CODE(S)

GYE15

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Recent graduates have already been in full-time employment while participating in this programme.
**AIM**

Design and shape your future with an innovative MSc in Software Engineering and Database Technologies. Developed and delivered jointly by NUI Galway and Regis University, Denver (USA), this tailor-made programme will advance your knowledge of software development and database systems. This wholly online course is particularly suited to people who are working or who have other daytime commitments.

**COURSE CONTENT**

The programme is part-time and runs over two years. You will study one online module every eight weeks, and in addition you will research and write a thesis during your second year. The programme content is extensive and varied, and includes both mandatory and optional modules, including:

- Software Engineering
- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Database Architecture
- Database Concepts
- Database Administration
- Middleware Architectures and Database Applications
- XML Concepts for Database Development
- Service Oriented Architecture Concepts
- Object Oriented Design
- Object Oriented Programming
- Distributed Systems
- Artificial Intelligence
- Real-Time Systems
- Graphics Programming

**ASSESSMENT**

This programme uses continuous assessment and a final online examination at the end of each eight-week module. There is also a minor research thesis to complete during the second year.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

This MScSED is part-time, and is both delivered and examined in a fully online environment: this provides maximum flexibility for students both in terms of their location and work schedules. Teaching is shared by NUI Galway and Regis University, and we apply a strict limit of 15 students in each ‘virtual classroom’.

**PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE**

MSc (or CPD for modular credit)

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

This degree is open to honours degree graduates (Level 8) in Science, Engineering, or other relevant disciplines, and to other graduates with three or more years of relevant experience, and to those otherwise satisfying the MSc entry standards. An IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent international qualification will be required, if applicable.

**DURATION**

2 years, part-time

**NUMBER OF PLACES**

Unlimited

**PAC CODE(S)**

GYE04

**CLOSING DATE**

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Information Technology in general, and software/database design and development in particular, is one of the success stories in the modern Irish economy—this course will equip you to participate in this vibrant, international industry. Since IT is crucial in every sector, many of our graduates also have used the course for career advancement and progression within their current employment field.
AIM

The MA in Spanish is aimed at students and language professionals who wish to consolidate and extend oral and written fluency in Spanish, in addition to developing competency in research methods. Students will extend their awareness of and sensitivity to a vast range of intercultural issues and be capable of contributing to professional and economic activities relating to the Spanish-speaking world.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme includes such modules as:

- Advanced Language Skills I and II in Spanish
- Translation Studies I
- Latin American Literature I and II
- Translation Methodology and Consecutive Interpreting I and II
- Language and Intercultural Communication

ASSESSMENT

Language work including translation into and out of Spanish will be assessed throughout the year. Content modules will be assessed through exam and/or essay. A dissertation must also be submitted.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Students will hone language and translation skills in English and Spanish and, through modules available both within Spanish and across disciplines, be exposed to a diverse range of contemporary critical debates relating to Latin American literature, cultural studies, intercultural communication, and translation studies.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Second Class Honours NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent, with Second Class Honours, Grade 2 or equivalent in Spanish

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYA41

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of our MA (Spanish) have gone on to teaching, doctoral work and translation.
AIM

The programme aims to give teachers a thorough professional knowledge and understanding of special needs and learning difficulties and to equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills and competencies to be effective in supporting the education of those with special needs and learning difficulties in various contexts. In doing so the programme also aims to provide enjoyable and rewarding learning experiences that are responsive to learners’ needs.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme consists of five modules:

- Inclusion: Perspectives and Implications for Practice
- Assessment, Planning and Applications
- Curricular Issues for Special Educational Needs
- Implications of Educational Disability
- Specialist Study

The programme involves release from schools/centres for designated block periods (a total of eight weeks over the academic year with substitute cover) with, in addition, some lectures and workshops taking place on Saturdays. The programme also includes supervised work in the teachers’ own schools/centres and a four-day placement in a special setting other than their own. Key to the programme are inclusive approaches to teaching and learning which are discussed and demonstrated with teachers supported in implementing such approaches in their schools. Participants are encouraged to engage actively with the programme and a constant emphasis is placed on developing the skills required to become effective reflective practitioners in the field of special educational needs.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through coursework assignments undertaken during the year and is linked to teachers’ developing practice.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme is fully supported by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) and provides a recognised qualification for teachers working in the area of special educational needs and learning support in mainstream and special settings. Programme fees are paid by the DES. The programme is delivered by a core team supported by a cohort of associate lecturers with a wide range of experience and expertise.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are recognised by the DES for positions as learning support and special education teachers in both mainstream and special settings.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible applicants must be graduates and qualified teachers registered with the Teaching Council of Ireland. Further eligibility criteria are included in the DES circular.

DURATION

1 year

NUMBER OF PLACES

30

PAC CODE(S)

Application is via a circular issued by the DES, usually in the previous January, and which can be downloaded from the DES website. Completed forms must be submitted to: PDip in Special Educational Needs, School of Education, NUI Galway by the closing date.

GARDA VETTING/POLICE CLEARANCE

Is required for this programme. Please see Page 19 for further information.

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for completed applications to the programme is given on the DES circular.

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AIM

The programmes in sports and exercise medicine which have been offered for many years at NUI Galway have been revised and updated in collaboration between the NUI Galway Medical School, the University of Limerick and the Physiotherapy and Medical professions. The overall intention of the programme is to produce a successful student with a wide breadth of knowledge across sports and exercise medicine and the necessary skills to put the theory into practice.

COURSE CONTENT

The course is delivered via a mix of online distance learning and face-to-face workshops. These workshops require attendance, with some based in Galway and others in Limerick.

Modules and coursework on offer include:

• Musculoskeletal Anatomy
• Sports Injury I & II
• Biomechanics
• Exercise Physiology
• Bioinformatics and Bioethics
• Pre-Existing Medical Conditions and Exercise
• Clinical Exercise Rehabilitation
• Biostatistics
• Population Health and Exercise Programming
• Medical Emergencies
• Sport, Exercise, and Performance
• Thesis

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed by a combination of practice based assignments, participation in online discussions, a reflective practice journal, and a multidisciplinary group project.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme will create a unique learning experience for students across NUI Galway and the University of Limerick, using innovative diagnostic equipment and facilities. It will introduce students to various experts in their respective fields to give valuable insights into the many applications of sports and exercise medicine.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in governing bodies of sport and the Irish sports council and working as Team doctors for amateur and professional teams.
AIM

The programmes in Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy which have been offered for many years at NUI Galway have been revised and updated in collaboration between the NUI Galway Medical School, the University of Limerick and the Physiotherapy and Medical professions. The overall intention of the programme is to produce a successful student with a wide breadth of knowledge across Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy and the necessary skills to put the theory into practice.

COURSE CONTENT

The Masters programme in Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy is a two-year, part-time programme, modular in structure made up of two semesters per year and three modules per semester (60 ECTS), with a Masters thesis (30 ECTS) submitted by the end of year two. An exit route (PDip) is available after Year Two, upon successful completion of all modules (60 ECTS). Lectures and clinical teaching take place in the evenings and weekends. In addition candidates attend clinics and keep a log of their attendance.

Modules, and coursework, include:

- Musculoskeletal Anatomy
- Sports Injury I & II
- Biomechanics
- Exercise Physiology
- Bioinformatics and Bioethics
- Pre-Existing Medical Conditions and Exercise
- Clinical Exercise Rehabilitation
- Biostatistics
- Population Health and Exercise Programming
- Medical Emergencies
- Sport, Exercise, and Performance
- Thesis

ASSESSMENT

Modules will be assessed at the end of each semester consisting of practical skills assessment and knowledge-based MCQ. Clinical modules will be assessed using OSCE and clinical case studies. A research proposal will be submitted at the end of the first year.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme will create a unique learning experience for students across NUI Galway and the University of Limerick, using innovative diagnostic equipment and facilities. It will introduce students to various experts in their respective fields to give valuable insights into the many applications of sports and exercise physiotherapy.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc and Postgraduate Diploma

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be chartered physiotherapy graduates (BSc Physiotherapy NUI) of National University of Ireland or another university deemed acceptable, and have a minimum of two years experience post qualification.

DURATION

2 years, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

12

PAC CODE(S)

GYM06

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have found employment in governing bodies of sport and the Irish sports council and working as physiotherapists for amateur and professional teams, as well as many establishing their own Physiotherapists businesses.
AIM
This MSc aims to further develop recently qualified Marketing graduates’ knowledge and critical understanding of marketing to an advanced level and to cultivate a comprehensive range of applied and analytical skills in marketing, with a strong emphasis on strategic decision making. Students will be exposed to the latest cutting edge ideas, techniques, and marketing frameworks through the analysis of industry best practice.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme comprises a mix of lectures, seminars, projects, case studies and presentations in each of the required subjects. Six subjects are offered each semester from the following:
- Strategic Marketing Policy
- Advanced Consumer Behaviour
- Services Marketing Theory
- Selling and Sales Management
- E-Business Marketing
- New Product Development and Innovation
- Special Topics in Marketing
- Applied Marketing Research
- Cases in Strategic Marketing
- Research Methods
- Strategic Brand Management
- Managing Services
- Global Marketing
- Social Marketing
- Marketing Modelling and Metrics
- Customer Service and Relationship Management

Students also complete a Research Dissertation and a Skills Development module. Supplementing the formal curriculum are frequent opportunities to hear distinguished visiting academic and industry speakers.

ASSESSMENT
Exams are held at the end of each semester (i.e., December and April/May). A range of assessment methods are integrated throughout the programme. A Research Dissertation is completed and submitted by mid-July.

SPECIAL FEATURES
This specialised innovative programme has been purposely created to meet the needs of graduates aspiring to pursue challenging senior career opportunities in the marketing profession. Designed to cultivate a generation of marketing strategists, this taught postgraduate programme is unique as it focuses on the strategic perspective of marketing.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Normally a Bachelor of Commerce or equivalent business degree, with a Second Class Honours or higher, and a significant specialisation in marketing. NQA1 Level 8 or equivalent. GPA 3.0 or equivalent.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

PAC CODE(S)
GYC22

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Gaining the MSc (Strategic Marketing) will enable candidates to build successful marketing management careers in a wide variety of industry sectors and organisations including pharmaceutical companies, publishing companies, banks, consumer products companies and business to business.

Graduates find employment in such companies as:
- GlaxoSmithKline, Kerry Group, Vodafone, Dubarry, Debenhams Ireland, Failte Ireland, and Smyths Superstore.
AIM

This innovative programme provides students with a deep and analytical understanding of strategic management, innovation, and people development in the knowledge-based economy. It provides an appreciation of the evolving environmental and organisational contexts of these areas of expertise. Students will be exposed to cutting edge research and expertise within the J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, which aims to meet employer’s needs in the Smart Economy.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme includes such modules as:
- Strategic Management
- People Management and Development
- Innovation and Technology Management
- Research Methods
- Organisational Studies and Strategic Leadership
- Global Business

ASSESSMENT

Semester One exams: December. Semester Two exams: April/May.
A range of assessment methods are integrated and assessed throughout the programme. These include essays, projects, reports, presentations, case studies, computer games and ‘away day’ activities. A dissertation must also be submitted.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme is a revision of the highly successful MSc (Corporate Strategy and People Management). This revised course provides students with a deep and analytical understanding of strategic management, innovation and people development in the knowledge-based economy. The programme focuses equally on each field and on their various interfaces.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Second Class Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree, usually a Grade 1, or a similar level of academic achievement in an equivalent business degree is required (or equivalent international qualification). IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent if applicable.

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

20

PAC CODE(S)

GYC01

CLOSING DATE

NUI Galway uses a system of offer rounds to facilitate decision making and early notification to applicants throughout the year. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. See Page 18 for full details.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A wide range of career opportunities are open to graduates in areas such as graduate management trainee programmes, financial services and business analysis, management consultancy, retail management, human resource management, policy development and research and academia. Employers of previous graduates of the programme include Accenture, AIB Capital Markets, Aldi, Amazon, Diageo, Dell, Deloitte, Enterprise Ireland (New York), Google, IDA Ireland, Mercer Consulting, Cambridge University (PhD), NUI Galway, University of Limerick.
Sustainable Resource Management: Policy and Practice
School of Natural Sciences
College of Science

AIM
This novel course is a multidisciplinary approach to environmental sustainability devised by NUI Galway and University of Limerick (UL). The course meets the needs of those graduates with continued interest in a sustainability-based taught MSc. and responds to market demands for graduates with more applied knowledge of the environmental sector. The course aims to provide participants with the skills, knowledge and experience that are required to pursue successful careers in managing environmental resources sustainably.

COURSE CONTENT
Semester One comprises three modules taught in NUI Galway: Ecosystem Assessment; Biodiversity and Conservation; and Environmental Problems and Solutions. Each module is worth 10 ECTS.

Semester Two comprises four modules taught in UL: Material and Energy Flows (9 ECTS); Urban Form and Transport (9 ECTS); Urban Household Sustainability (6 ECTS); Sustainable Life-cycle Engineering (6 ECTS).

Semester Three
Research Project worth 30 ECTS, based either at UL or NUI Galway.

ASSESSMENT
Semesters One and Two entail formal scientific and policy coursework. Delivery format comprises lectures, problem-based learning, site visits and tutorials and private study. Students undertake group projects and prepare written reports, and oral presentations for continuous assessment. There are no exams.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The course is structured around research in both institutions that is strongly linked to decision makers in industry and government organisations. In undertaking the course, it will develop graduates with necessary skills in identifying and evaluating solutions for real-world problems.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MSc
Apply online at www.graduateschool.ul.ie. Follow the links for Postgraduate study, Faculty of Science and Engineering.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
At least a Second Class Honours primary degree (Level 8—National Qualifications Authority of Ireland) in an appropriate discipline, or a professional or other equivalent qualification recognised by both the University of Limerick and NUI Galway. Appropriate disciplines include Environmental Sciences/Engineering or Geography/Biological Sciences/Ecology and Earth Sciences. Mature students with relevant experience are most welcome to apply. Applicants may be required to attend for interview.

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Opportunities exist within the “Green” economy as governments, NGOs and large corporations must work to meet environmental targets set within international obligations. Students will acquire translational and multidisciplinary skills in the environmental entrepreneurship and sustainability sector. Such skills will enable the graduates to take on managerial roles within an industrial / corporate setting, or within a regulatory body or consultancy firm.
AIM

An exciting new study programme, the Masters degree in Surgery (MCh) is designed to enhance the academic and professional development of surgical trainees by improving the level of scientific appreciation for evidence-based clinical practice. Running parallel to the basic surgical training scheme (BST) this programme will provide surgical trainees with the academic and scientific research skills needed for progression to higher surgical training schemes and academic surgery.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme will run over three calendar years. Modules details are outlined below. In addition, the learner will be expected to publish a literature review in year one, a research paper in year two, and a final thesis in year three based on original research in their chosen surgical sub speciality. The topic of the thesis will be chosen by the professor of Surgery in consultation with the student and their surgical tutor.

Modules on offer include:

- Informatics I: Retrieval and Appraisal of Scientific Literature
- Informatics II: Research methods
- Informatics III: Dissemination of Research Findings
- Biostatistics I: Critical Appraisal of Published Statistics
- Thesis Part I: Publishing a Literature Review
- Surgical Lab Skills I & II
- Biostatistics II: Statistics for Biomedical Research
- Professionalism in Surgery
- Thesis Part II: Publishing a Research paper
- Health Technology Assessment
- Thesis Part III: Finalising Thesis

ASSESSMENT

Modules will be assessed at the end of each semester consisting of examinations and continuous assessment. Clinical modules will be assessed using objective structured clinical examination and clinical case studies. Thesis assessment information will be provided to candidates early in the programme.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The combination of professional surgical training and research output will appeal to graduates intending to apply for higher surgical training (HST) schemes in surgery or similar medical specialties. Surgeons require recognised postgraduate research and academic qualifications for progression to higher surgical training schemes.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

Masters

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful candidates will hold a primary degree in Medicine and are conferred with degrees of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Obstetrics. They should also be selected for the Basic Surgical Training Programme (BST) national programme. Candidates not on the BST programme may be eligible and interviews will apply. Competence in English language equivalent to IELTS 6.5.

DURATION

3 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYM62

CLOSING DATE

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will provide evidence-based practice and research in the field of surgery. Upgraded knowledge, skills and attitudes provide new dimension to day to day care of patients in need for surgical procedures.
Thinking about applying?

www.pac.ie/nuigalway

Teagasc na Gaeilge
Acadámh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge
Coláiste na nDéan, na nEoláiochtá Sóisialta agus an Léinn Cheiltigh

AIDHM

Tá an clár seo d’iarrthóirí mhúinteoirí Gaeilge i scoileanna Gaeltachta agus Galltachta. Is é aithint an chúrsa fhorbairt ghairmiúil i modheolaíochtaí theagasc na Gaeilge a chur ar fáil do mhúinteoirí d’fhonn teagasc agus foghlaim na Gaeilge den scoth a chothú.

A proposing students aim to support Irish-speaking teachers in schools. This course aims at developing their teaching and/or in-service training.

ÁBHAR AN CHÚRSA

Beidh na modúil seo a leanas á dtairiscint ar an gcéad:
- Teoiricí maidir le híniseálbhú teanga
- Modheolaíochtaí Teagaisc Teanga
- Oiliúint Praiticiúil don Seomra Ranga
- Ólaimhacht agus Riachtanais na Foghlaim / an Mheasúnaithe
- Modheolaíochtaí Taighde
- An Ghaeilge sa Seomra Fheolaiste
- Teicneolaíocht Chomhfhaisnéise i dTeagasc Teangacha
- Polasai agus Phleánal don Ghaeilge sa Scoil

MODH MEASÚNAITHE

Beidh idir mhíniú a leanúna acu agus mhiontionscadail le cur i gceith agach mac léinn.

SAINGHNÉITHE

Tugann an clúrsa seo deis do mhúinteoirí staidéar a dhuineadh ar gach gné de cheird an mhúinteora teanga. Tugtar leaghas ar cheachtaradh an teagaisc agus ag usáidtear na foghlama i gcomhthícheála na n-athrú leathna i gceith ag achadh nó le staidéar síochána.

AN CLÁR

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RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA

Bunchéim onóra sa Ghaeilge (2.2) ag Leibhéil 8 móide Dioplóma Iarchéime san Oideachas (DIO) nó PDip in Education (PGDE). Nó Bunchéim onóra (2.2 ar a laghad) ag Leibhéil 8 móide Dioplóma Iarchéime san Oideachas, PDip in Education nó T.TG. Nó BEd le Gaeilge acadúil (2.2 ar a laghad sa Ghaeilge agus sa chéim iomlán ag Leibhéil 8) nó a chomhcholaíonn. Nó céim phas sa BEd (nó a chomhcholaíonn) nó céim phas móide an Dioplóma Iarchéime san Oideachas/PDip in Education agus cuig bliana de tháithi mhúinteoireachta.

Beidh ardcraighdeán Gaeilge de dhíth ar iartróirí.

FAD AMA

2 bhliain, páirtaimseartha

LÍON ÁITEANNA

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GYA71

SPRIOCDHÁTA

Beidh Beartas na mBabhtaí Tairiscéana i bhfeidhm in gcás fhoromhór na gcéad. Tuilleadh eolaí sa Ghaeilge agus sa chéim iomlán ag Leathanach 18.

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DEISEANNA GAIRME

Rachadh an iarchéim seo chun tarbhhe do mhúinteoirí Gaeilge agus iad ar lorg ar duine céime i scoil. Chuirteodh an chúrsa seo le muinteoirí agus iad ag dul i mbun phleanáil shiollabhas na Gaeilge nó pholasaí Gaeilge na scoile.
AIM

The programme will assist students to:
• develop an understanding of the technology commercialisation process;
• identify technology-based business opportunities, with particular focus on how to assess their market potential and how to judge their appeal to the venture capital community;
• establish the importance of innovation in the exploitation of new technological developments and the transfer process for this technology to enable commercialisation;
• gain an understanding of the importance of intellectual property and patenting as a key element of commercialisation.

COURSE CONTENT

The Diploma in Technology Commercialisation seeks to improve Ireland's expertise in Technology Commercialisation and to upskill the next generation of entrepreneurs focused on new and emerging technologies. It provides information and guidance to potential entrepreneurs in business planning, securing project finance and the knowledge needed to commercialise new technologies, products and services. The programme is delivered in association with the University of Limerick (UL) and University College Cork (UCC) under the auspices of the Atlantic University Alliance (AUA). The programme comprises 30 ECTS. There are four individual modules and a project to complete (modules = 5 ECTS each; company project = 10 ECTS).

Modules/coursework includes:
• Innovation and Technology Transfer
• Marketing Technology Products
• Project
• Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship
• Technology Finance and Capital

ASSESSMENT

Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester. A selection of assignments will be group based.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are career opportunities in both private and public sector organisations, particularly those directly involved in innovation and marketing activities and also in new/emerging technologies. As the programme is delivered on a part-time basis, the majority of students are in full-time employment or actively seeking employment while partaking in the programme.

The project module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment and is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student's own organisation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The programme is delivered using a blended approach, that is, a combination of distance/online learning materials combined with face-to-face tutorials and seminars. The online element facilitates the learning in tandem with the distance-education, hardcopy materials and periodic classroom contact. Students will be required to attend seminars on average one Saturday per month. Seminars will be held on a revolving basis at NUI Galway, UL, and UCC.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

PDip

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to hold an undergraduate degree, First or Second Class Honours (or equivalent international qualification) in any discipline, along with three years of relevant industrial experience; or an Ordinary or Third Class Honours (or equivalent international qualification) undergraduate degree, along with five years of relevant industrial experience; or a recognised professional qualification and five years of relevant industrial experience.

Transfer Options: candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may be interviewed by the Programme Board to ascertain their suitability for entry.

DURATION

1 year, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

Unlimited

PAC CODE(S)

Not applicable. Application forms and further application details are found on the programme website: www.aua.ie

CLOSING DATE

29 June 2012

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AIM
The programme will assist students to:
• Develop a knowledge and understanding of the increasingly important area of technology management.
• Build their management and leadership capabilities in this area.
• Enable them to facilitate organisational change and sustainable improvements at the enterprise level through competitive work systems and effective knowledge management.

In order to achieve these aims, module assignments and the final year thesis are company-based to enhance their benefit to the company and to the student.

COURSE CONTENT
The programme aims to develop students’ knowledge of product innovation, technology transfer and R&D processes, enabling students and companies to gain competitive advantage through their technology. It is offered under the auspices of the Atlantic University Alliance (AUA), which is a collaborative agreement between UCC, UL, and NUI Galway. Delivered on a part-time basis over four semesters, the programme will include 10 taught modules and one year-long research (thesis) module in Year Two of the programme.

Modules on offer include:
• Managing Innovation
• Information Systems and Software Management
• Managing Technology Projects
• Product Design and Development
• Innovation and Technology Transfer
• Marketing Technology Products
• Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship
• Technology Finance and Capital
• Thesis
• People and Strategic Management
• Strategy and Management of Technology
• People Management for Technology Organisations
• Lean and Six Sigma
• Lean Tools and Techniques
• Six Sigma

ASSESSMENT
Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments during the semester and a formal examination at the end of each semester. A selection of assignments will be group orientated. The thesis module will be assessed completely by continuous assessment and is ideally based upon a project carried out within the student’s own organisation.

SPECIAL FEATURES
The programme is delivered using a blended approach, that is, a combination of distance/online learning materials combined with face-to-face tutorials and seminars. The online element facilitates the learning in tandem with the distance-education, hardcopy materials and periodic classroom contact. Students will be required to attend seminars on average one Saturday per month. Seminars will be held on a revolving basis at NUI Galway, UL, and UCC.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE
MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants are expected to hold a primary honours degree (minimum H2.2 [or equivalent international qualification]), or equivalent, and have at least five years of relevant industrial experience. Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may apply for the PDip (Innovation Management) or the PDip (Technology Commercialisation). On successful completion of either of these programmes, students may apply for entry to the MSc (Technology Management) with exemptions. Alternatively, candidates who do not meet the minimum entry criteria may be interviewed by the Programme Board.

DURATION
2 years, part-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
Unlimited

PAC CODE(S)
Not applicable. Application forms and further application details are found on the programme website: www.aua.ie

CLOSING DATE
29 June 2012

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The programme is designed for managers, technical specialists, engineers or those responsible for managing technologies within their organisations. A wide range of career opportunities are open to graduates of the programme in areas such as research and development, production and operations management, information systems and management consultancy. As the programme is delivered on a part-time basis, the majority of students are in full-time employment or actively seeking employment while partaking in the programme.
AIM

Toxicology is the study of poisons, drawing heavily on life and physical sciences, as well as being an applied practically-based subject. This MSc programme is designed to acquaint students with the breadth of Toxicology, with a considerable emphasis on its practical application. The programme objectives are to:

• Gain a sound theoretical knowledge of toxicology.
• Develop a variety of analytical and writing and presentation skills.
• Become familiar with the importance of experimental design and statistical analysis.
• Conduct a research project which allows these skills to be further developed.

COURSE CONTENT

The programme is divided into three trimesters (each of 30 ECTS) in the following manner:

Trimester One
Principles of Toxicology: 10 ECTS
Principles of Pharmacology: 10 ECTS
Applied Issues in Pharmacology and Toxicology: 10 ECTS

Trimester Two
Applied Issues in Pharmacology and Toxicology II: 20 ECTS
Experimental Toxicology: 5 ECTS
Advances in Toxicology: 5 ECTS

Trimester Three
Research Project (PM): 30 ECTS

ASSESSMENT

A variety of different assessment strategies are employed including written examinations, laboratory practical and mini-project reports, assignments, data handling computer exercises, experimental reasoning, essays, posters, and a research project thesis.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this programme will be equipped with the skills necessary to embark on a career in toxicology, either within industry, academia or in governmental and international Regulatory Bodies.

PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE

MSc

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful students will normally hold at least a Second Class Honours Level 8 degree, or equivalent international qualification, from a diversity of undergraduate disciplines. Students are also considered who have a Level 7 degree, or equivalent international qualification, and three years relevant work experience. IELTS score of 6.0+ (with not less than 5.5 in any one component).

DURATION

1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES

10

PAC CODE(S)

GYS18

CLOSING DATE

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Translation Studies
School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

**AIM**
This is an interdisciplinary programme which explores and critiques the importance of translation in contemporary society. Students with a background in two languages from French, Spanish, Italian and German will consolidate and extend translation skills between these languages and English, and will also gain an appreciation of the centrality of translation in contemporary critical debates on intercultural communication.

**COURSE CONTENT**
The programme includes such modules as:
- Advanced Language Skills I and II in Spanish/French/Italian/German
- Translation Studies I
- Translation Methodology and Consecutive Interpreting I and II
- Language and Intercultural Communication

**ASSESSMENT**
Language work, including translation into and out of two of Spanish/French/Italian/German, will be assessed throughout the year. Other modules will be assessed through exam and/or essay. A dissertation must also be submitted.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**
The course broadens students’ understanding of translation not purely as a practice, but also as a process and product, and makes full use of TRADOS translation software, used in industry in translation work.

**PROGRAMME(S) AVAILABLE**
MA

**MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Second Class Honours NQAI Level 8 degree or equivalent, with Second Class Honours grade 2 or equivalent in each language.

**DURATION**
1 year, full-time

**NUMBER OF PLACES**
10

**PAC CODE(S)**
GYA42

**CLOSING DATE**
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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Graduates have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of fields including the civil service, teaching, translation and human resources. Beyond the honing of translation skills, students will develop a range of transferable skills through collaborative tasks and presentations at various stages of the course.
AIM
The MA in Writing is a one-year (48 weeks) full-time course. It is not called an MA in ‘Creative Writing’ because the course covers forms of writing in addition to fiction and poetry. This MA synchronizes with the current postgraduate offerings in Literature and Publishing and Drama and Theatre Studies in the Discipline of English. The course thus builds on existing strengths of writing for page and stage, screen and daily papers.

COURSE CONTENT
Students take six courses in total. One of these is year-long and compulsory: the Writer’s Seminar. In addition, students elect five other semester-long courses, two from one semester, and three from the other.

Semester One courses on offer: Poetry workshop, Fiction workshop, Playwriting workshop, Reviewing Irish Theatre, Discovering the Archives, Irish Playwrights Since the 60s, Contemporary Publishing, Book History, Twentieth Century Irish Women’s Writing, Theatre and Globalization, Studies in Oral History.

Semester Two courses on offer: Nonfiction workshop, Reviewing Irish Theatre, Screenwriting workshop, Feature-writing and crime reporting, Copy-editing and proofreading, Early Modern Print and Manuscript Cultures, Literature of North America, Textual Studies, Travel Literature, Imaginative Responses.

Final Project: portfolio

ASSESSMENT
Continuous assessment of regular writing assignments and end-of-semester projects (66%); year end portfolio of selected writings done in each course, revised and developed to the fullest extent possible in the time allowed (33%).

SPECIAL FEATURES
Informal ‘Writer’s Seminar’ weekly, featuring new writers. Topics include: ‘work in progress’ their ‘writing process’ or readings from work.

Galway’s Cúirt literary festival is the focus in April. Students attend seven events. Seminar assessment: weekly journals, a literary response triggered by Cúirt, and an essay on the writer’s evolving personal aesthetic.

PROGREMMES AVAILABLE

MA

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A university Arts degree (minimum standard 2.2, or US GPA 3.0) or the equivalent in education and professional experience. Students will be accepted on the basis of the degree result and a sample of recent writing (10 pages maximum).

DURATION
1 year, full-time

NUMBER OF PLACES
15

PAC CODE(S)
GYA46

CLOSING DATE
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates have gone on to doctoral programmes in the humanities, to teaching in secondary schools, to employment in journalism, magazine editing, travel writing, technical writing, public relations, etc. and to the publication of anthologies and books of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction – seven titles, for instance, in the first eight months of 2011 by graduates of this MA.
Your postgraduate experience
International students

We welcome applications from international students for postgraduate degree programmes across a wide range of disciplines. International Students make up over 12% of the entire student body at NUI Galway and we also have a large number of international faculty and researchers from around the world.

The university campus is a 15 minute walk from the centre of Galway, one of Ireland's most popular destinations for international tourists and students alike and a place that offers a safe and culturally vibrant environment where you can easily feel at home.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

There are a number of different levels of postgraduate degree programmes in the Irish Higher Education System, however the most common levels for international students studying in Ireland are Masters and Doctoral (PhD) programmes.

There are two types of Masters degrees offered at NUI Galway:

TAUGHT MASTERS (NFQ LEVEL 9)

Taught Masters normally last one or two years and consist of classes, seminars and coursework and a major project or a written dissertation. Entry to a Taught Masters is open usually to applicants holding an Honours Level Bachelor degree (NFQ Level 8) or an equivalent international qualification.

RESEARCH MASTERS (NFQ LEVEL 9)

Research Masters degrees usually last a minimum of two years and involves working on a research project under faculty supervision and the completion of a thesis. Entry to a Research Masters is open usually to applicants holding an Honours Level Bachelor degree (NFQ Level 8) or an equivalent international qualification.

PHD (NFQ LEVEL 10)

PhD (NFQ Level 10) degree programmes involve carrying out research under faculty supervision, usually for a period of four years and the completion of a thesis. Structured PhD programmes also take four years, but also include a significant amount of professional and general skills training in addition to research.

INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements vary by programme. Most of our Masters programmes are specialised and therefore require students to have studied a relevant subject at undergraduate level, though some programmes are open to students from different disciplines who are looking to study new subjects at postgraduate level.

We have many years experience assessing qualifications from different countries around the world. If you are unsure about how your academic qualifications compare to the Irish system, please contact the International Affairs Office, NUI Galway for further details.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All applicants whose first language is not English, or who have not been educated through the medium of English language during their two most recent years of study, must present one of the following qualifications in the English language:

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* with not less than 5.5 in any one section

Language tests must be undertaken no more than two years prior to commencement of your programme at the University.

NUI Galway works closely with a number of local English language schools who can provide pre-sessional English language courses for students who are marginally below our English language requirements. Contact the International Affairs Office, NUI Galway for more information.
HOW TO APPLY

International students apply for postgraduate programmes the same way as all other students, normally via the Postgraduate Applications Centre (See p. 18 for more information.)

TUITION FEES

International students from within the European Union/European Economic Area (EU-EEA) pay the same EU tuition fees as students from Ireland. Students from outside the EU/EEA are charged the full economic fees. Please refer to p. 20 for further information.

Research Masters and PhD applicants should refer to the websites of the various research centres and/or colleges of the University to find out about possible funding opportunities. International research students can also apply for funding from external funding bodies including the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET), Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), Royal Irish Academy (RIA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

COST OF LIVING

The following table gives an indication of the monthly cost of living in Galway. These costs are an approximation only as monthly costs will depend on each students individual needs and lifestyle.

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IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain and maintain a valid passport and student visa to enter Ireland for study purposes.

Nationals of the European Union (EU) countries (and certain non-EU countries including the United States, Canada and Malaysia) do not require a student visa to enter Ireland.

Non-EU/EEA students who require a student visa should apply to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service, as soon as they have received their Letter of Acceptance from NUI Galway.

All non-EU/EEA nationals are subject to immigration control at the point of entry to the Irish State. You therefore should ensure that you have your NUI Galway offer letter available to show to immigration officials to prove that you are entering the state with the intention of pursuing a course of study in Ireland. Your passport will then be stamped noting your reason for entering the state i.e. study.

All non-EU/EEA citizens are also required to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) within 30 days of arriving in Ireland. Further information is provided to students by the International Affairs Office upon arrival at NUI Galway.

GETTING HERE

Most international students arrive in Ireland at one of the two main international airports: Dublin Airport or Shannon Airport.

Dublin Airport is approximately 200 km from Galway. Two bus operators, Citylink and GoBus provide hourly bus departures from outside the main terminal building directly to Galway (3 hours.)

Shannon Airport is approximately 85km from Galway and is a popular option for students arriving from North America. Bus Eireann operates a regular service from outside the main terminal building to Galway (90 minutes).

Knock Airport is 70 km north of Galway and offers connections to some UK and European hubs.
Irish Rail provides a train service from Dublin to Galway. The Galway train station (Ceannt Station) is located just minutes from Eyre Square in the city centre and is 20 minute walk from the NUI Galway campus.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Postgraduate students at NUI Galway can choose to live in one of the NUI Galway Student Residences or in private rented accommodation.

The NUI Galway student residences provide self-catering housing for students, each within a 25 minute walk of the main campus. Most student residences provide designated rooms for postgraduate students, and are ideal for international students travelling to Galway on their own or who are not experienced in renting private accommodation.

The majority of postgraduate students live in private off-campus accommodation, such as shared apartments or houses, often with other students. Private rented accommodation may be suitable for more independent students, particularly those who know other students willing to share a house/apartment. Students opting for private accommodation rather than a student residence are advised to arrive in Galway at least one week prior to the start of term, to look for accommodation in the private rented sector. Temporary accommodation can be arranged in one of Galway’s youth hostels or bed and breakfast establishments.

**SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

NUI Galway provides a comprehensive advisory and support service for international student to help ensure that any problems of adjustment are minimised.

**International student orientation**

The International Affairs Office organises a comprehensive orientation programme for all new international students at the beginning of term. Orientation includes campus tours and library tours as well as introductions to the wide range of other support services available to all students, including campus services and facilities, accommodation, health, disability support, student counselling, chaplaincy as well as student sports clubs and societies. Orientation is also attended by representatives of the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) who advise non-EU students on registration with the local immigration office.

**English language support**

The International Affairs Office also arranges free English language classes for international students for whom English is not a first language. The weekly classes place a strong emphasis on written academic English to help international students adjust to their new learning environment.

**IN YOUR COUNTRY**

Staff from the International Affairs Office regularly travel to many countries throughout the world to develop partnerships with international universities, attend fairs and exhibitions and advise students on applying to the University. We also have a network of representatives and alumni in countries including the United States, India and China who are available to advise students thinking about NUI Galway. For more information, please contact the International Affairs Office, NUI Galway.
“The first thing that attracted me to NUI Galway was the great reputation of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, the only centre of its kind in the world. Human Rights Law is a hugely important area both in terms of international law and international relations. I chose to study this subject in order to help improve human rights and promote the humanitarian concerns in the official and civil life in China. With its excellent facilities and professional and international environment, NUI Galway is the perfect place to do this.

I have been fortunate enough to receive financial support from the Chinese government to study at NUI Galway, which made it easy for me to adapt to life in Galway. NUI Galway is a lovely place with lovely people. I would certainly recommend NUI Galway and Ireland to other international students. Galway boasts a great combination of people, culture and literature, not to mention Irish music!”

Jia WANG
Programme: PhD Human Rights
Home Country: China
The Career Development Centre offers guidance, information and employment focused support and events for postgraduate students at any stage of study. Some postgraduate students will look to a career path that follows on directly from their course or research specialism; others may want or need to consider a wider range of career options. Either way, the Career Development Centre will encourage you to develop and implement a career plan taking responsibility for upgrading your portfolio of skills, experience and qualifications which will enhance your employability on completion of your studies.

**CAREERS GUIDANCE**

The Career Development Centre team can provide you with one-to-one support to help with career planning and decision making, including free psychometric testing.

**CAREERS PROGRAMMES**

Postgraduate students can avail of a range of Careers Education programmes and events organised by the Career Development Centre. In addition, discipline-specific careers programmes for postgraduate students are often run within academic disciplines.

**EMPLOYER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The Career Development Centre organises an extensive range of employer events for undergraduate and postgraduate students, including employer led skills workshops, company presentations and seminars. The Centre also supports employer recruitment campaigns and advertises jobs on an online vacancy database. The annual Graduate Jobs Fair (see photo), coordinated by the Career Development Centre, is attended by high profile Irish and multinational companies and provides NUI Galway students with a unique opportunity to network and engage with prospective employers.

**INFORMATION**

The Careers Development Centre has a wide range of up-to-date information resources which include jobs, employers, professional bodies and career areas.

Visit the Career Development Centre at: www.nuigalway.ie/careers to access details of programmes, events and vacancies

Join us on www.facebook.com/Careers.NUIGalway

Follow us on twitter.com/#!/NUIGCareers
Photo: Students discussing job opportunities with employers at the annual Graduate Jobs Fair, coordinated by the Career Development Centre.
Igniting curiosity, encouraging scholarship

The Library offers a wide range of quality and innovative services, committed to supporting excellence in teaching, learning and research.

JAMES HARDIMAN LIBRARY

RESOURCES

James Hardiman Library provides:

- Extensive multidisciplinary print and electronic information resource base, including almost half a million e-books, 30,000 e-journals and a large portfolio of bibliographic and full text databases. These are available anytime and from anywhere through our off-campus access service. The Library also provides access to the University's rich special collections and archives.

- Designated postgraduate study space within the James Hardiman Library where you can read in comfort. The new Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Building is due to open in Autumn 2012 and will offer state-of-the-art research space adjacent to the Library’s collections for scholars.

Please visit our website to view our collections and resources: www.library.nuigalway.ie

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING AND TEACHING (CELT)

CELT’s primary aim is to support the development of an institutional culture which celebrates high quality teaching and active learning and fosters a spirit of inquiry, through:

- The provision and championing of a range of technologies (from basic audiovisual systems through to virtual learning environments, videoconferencing, podcasting and multimedia production).

- Courses (PgCert/PgDip and MA [Academic Practice]) and workshops on curricular development, pedagogies, supervision and forms of assessment (this training is available to academic staff and those acting in a teaching capacity).

- Seminars and conferences (Including our annual international Symposium on Higher Education held every June).

- Research and evaluation studies, most of which are collaborative in nature with national and international partners.

In addition, CELT is responsible for driving the University’s strategic commitment to greater civic engagement and the CKI project (Community Knowledge Initiative) has acquired an international reputation in the area of service (or community-based) learning and student volunteering.

CELT has partnerships with around 100 community organisations and NGOs and a key part of the NUI Galway student experience (at postgraduate and undergraduate levels) centres around opportunities to engage with wider society through a number of forms of civic participation and outreach work.

Further detailed information is available from our website www.nuigalway.ie/celt

Your learning environment

www.nuigalway.ie
Information Technology services at NUI Galway are provided by the Information Solutions and Services (ISS) team. The high-speed campus network supports a range of academic computing facilities for registered students. As a postgraduate student at NUI Galway, you will be able to:

- Access a first-class Information Technology service, underpinned by a high-speed campus-wide network that is reviewed and upgraded continuously
- Avail of approximately 1,600 managed computers in central locations
- Avail of over 150 licensed specialist software products on campus. Details of available software, listed by PC suite are available at [www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-andservices/students/pc_suites/pc_suites.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-andservices/students/pc_suites/pc_suites.html)

All students enjoy free access to the Internet and have their own personal email address. Students also use the University’s Virtual Learning Environment to access learning and library materials, collaborate on projects and communicate with teaching staff on a regular basis.

- Students can use their own laptop to access internet services via wireless hotspot areas across the campus
- Avail of educational pricing for national deals such as mobile broadband or software licenses
- Access scanners, CD-writers, and printing services
- Connect to a campus-wide wireless network
- Wireless connections—wireless service information, including set-up requirements are available at [www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-andservices/students/wireless/wireless.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-andservices/students/wireless/wireless.html)
- Get help with computer-related queries from the ISS Service Desk
- Code of conduct—all use of NUI Galway computing resources must comply with the University’s code of conduct, which is published at [www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-andservices/about/code_of_conduct.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-andservices/about/code_of_conduct.html)

Using ICT can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Whether you are using your own PC or NUI Galway’s facilities, you will have access to a vast range of services and resources to help you with your learning and prepare you for your career.

ICT SERVICES

A range of postgraduate services includes:

- Excellent training opportunities, including a research specific workshop series, online research skills courseware and advisory services covering topics such as: effective literature searching, using reference management software, getting published and disseminating your research and an introduction to bibliometrics.
- A structured PhD generic skills module worth 5ECTS on Graduate Research Information Skills aimed at enabling students to acquire and develop a range of research skills in order to successfully complete fourth level research.
- The facility to expose your research through the University’s open access institutional repository: ARAN.
- Expert advice from the Research Support Librarian whose primary role is to support your research process by ensuring you exploit the range of Library services and resources to the full.
- An Inter-library loan and electronic document delivery services for items not held locally.
The Community Knowledge Initiative (CKI) at NUI Galway supports students and staff to actively engage and share knowledge in the local, national and international community. NUI Galway has been recognised internationally as the lead institution in Ireland in developing civic engagement opportunities through volunteering and service learning. In 2010 the University received the MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship for its commitment to community through the flagship CAIRDE Engineering Programme.

Through our volunteering programme, ALIVE, the President of NUI Galway has recognised over 2,000 students for their volunteering efforts within diverse communities tapping into student passion and expertise. In addition, each year over 800 students annually connect academic knowledge to community through a teaching tool called service learning. It is evident that students make a real difference through real community learning to both their own development and to the wider community.

Picture: Over 1,000 volunteers, many of them NUI Galway students helped make the Galway stopover of the 2009 Volvo Ocean Race a huge international success.
NUI Galway postgraduate students have the unique opportunity to work in partnership with community through research, teaching, learning and volunteering. Each academic year, students work on community needs while sharing their research skills and academic expertise. Postgraduate students in Philosophy have analysed the economic, social and political experiences of asylum seekers and the homeless from a local and national perspective with a view towards policy change. This research culminated in the publication of significant information resources that were acknowledged in the Irish Times.

NUI Galway President, Dr James J. Browne notes, “Our University is at the forefront in Ireland of pioneering models for civic engagement, including volunteering programmes that annually actively engage over 1,500 NUI Galway students to think critically about society and their place within it. We are proud of our role in helping to shape socially-aware citizens, who are active members of their community through their voluntary activities.” For a list of postgraduate programmes with service learning opportunities and additional information on the CKI, please visit www.nuigalway.ie/cki.
SPORT AND RECREATION AT NUI GALWAY: PLAY YOUR PART

Sport is central to the life and community of NUI Galway. Whether you are an aspiring high performance athlete or simply want to keep fit, well and active with our activity/exercise programme, a swim, a visit to the gym, or to join one of the 48 sports clubs—NUI Galway has something to offer you.

SPORTS FACILITIES

NUI Galway boasts outstanding sporting and recreational facilities. The 6,500 square foot sports complex includes international standard facilities such as:

• Six lane, 25 metre swimming pool, with moveable floor for team sports
• National league basketball arena and sports hall
• 130 piece cardiovascular gym
• Dedicated elite training gym
• Two fitness studios suitable for exercise/dance classes
• Dedicated squash and racquetball courts
• A competition style climbing wall.

Outdoor sporting facilities are located close to the main campus, approximately a ten-minute walk from the main Sports Centre, Kingfisher Club. This walk is called, the warm-up walk.

Our outdoor facilities at Dangan in the Sports Pavilion include:

• An eight lane synthetic international standard track
• Grass pitches for Gaelic games, soccer and rugby
• A floodlit artificial surface catering for all field sports
• Meeting, training and first aid rooms.

In Corrib Village (a five-minute warm-up walk from the Kingfisher Club), we have two floodlit, five-a-side, soccer cages with an artificial grass surface and a tennis court. The five-a-side cages can be booked by students, on a regular basis for some recreational soccer. We also run regular five-a-side leagues—for a little extra fun as part of the off the couch programme.

WATER SPORTS

The River Corrib flows alongside the campus and provides an excellent opportunity for rowing, kayaking and canoeing. The University Boat Club is located on campus with NUI Galway’s watersports clubs proving to be a popular choice for students. The University is located just a short drive from Salthill which boasts excellent windsurfing and sailing facilities.

Established in 1963, the NUI Galway Sub Aqua Club is one of the oldest sub aqua clubs in Ireland offering courses from trainee right through to instructor level, including many optional courses such as ‘Rescue Diver’ and ‘Boat Cox’n’.

By joining one of NUI Galway’s sports clubs you can enjoy the many magnificent dive sites on the west coast of Ireland. Many of our Watersport Club members have gone on to work in the diving industry, including commercial and deep wreck diver Barry McGill, who is currently working on the multimillion dollar Lusitania exploration and Marine Archaeologist Delia Ní Chioibháin who travelled the world on a Rolex scholarship and is currently working on marine archeology in Scandinavia. There are a number of NUI Galway Marine Scientists currently working on diving related studies around Galway.

www.clubs.nuigalway.ie

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The aim of the NUI Galway Sports Scholarships Scheme is to help support students with outstanding sporting potential achieve their goals in both their sporting and academic careers. We wish to challenge and support athletes to do the extraordinary, to stand apart and to realise their sporting potential.

Students who receive a scholarship can avail of a range of services including: financial aid, medical aid, nutritional support, sports psychology, strength and conditioning training, physiotherapy, sports science as well as mentoring. The programme is designed by profiling the performance of individual athletes, finding out what their needs are and helping them access the right supports to ensure they achieve success.

Athletes receive individual attention and support and are challenged to get the best out of themselves. The support programme for these elite athletes is comprehensive and is designed to support their sporting success and development both during and after their time in NUI Galway.

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The University has a full time Elite Sports Development Officer to support the Scholarship athletes and ensure that there are excellent medical and sporting facilities on campus.

The Scholarship Scheme has played a very positive and significant role in the development of a number of key individuals in a variety of sports. Participants of the programme currently include a number of All Ireland Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie winners, as well as a number of Senior Inter County players. Many of our Collingwood Soccer team play in the League of Ireland and we have Basketball players who play with the four national league teams in both the Men’s and Women’s leagues.

Former Scholarship holders include four who competed at the Beijing Olympics - Paul Hession (200m Athletics), Olive Loughnane (20k Walk in Athletics), and Alan Martin and Cormac Folan (Heavy Weight Rowing). The Scholarship scheme has also supported numerous national champions and Irish Internationals in a broad range of sports.

Please note that all applicants for sports scholarships must satisfy the academic criteria for entry to NUI Galway and must apply through PAC in the usual manner. The Scheme is open to all sports whose national federations are recognised by the Irish Sports Council.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview in the first week of September. Gary Ryan is the Elite Sport Development Officer and can be contacted at +353 91 495 979 or gary.ryan@nuigalway.ie

To find out more about how to apply for a sports scholarship, visit www.nuigalway.ie/sports/scholarships_info.html The closing date for applications is July 31.

FOCUS SPORTS

A number of focus sports will be identified and developed as elite sports within the University. To assist these sports we are developing high performance support structures around them in areas such as coaching, medical, sports science and technical support to assist their performance at a national and international level. Over the next number of years we will further develop this programme with the aim of becoming a leading academy for the development of athletes in a few recognised sports.

SPORT AND RECREATION

The Sports Unit is located in the main Sports Centre, Kingfisher Club on the North Campus of the University.

Students are the primary responsibility of the University and because of this the University tries to put in place both recreational and competitive sporting activity.
Activity at all levels can act as the key to a healthy and balanced lifestyle. It can be a way to meet like-minded friends and give a sense of personal achievement by learning new skills and fine-tuning already athletic competencies. This applies to whatever level you choose to participate at. The University’s recreational sports programme incorporates a complete approach to a student’s health, fitness and wellbeing.

**OFF THE COUCH: WWW.OTC.NUIGALWAY.IE**

Our Off the Couch recreational programme, offers a non-competitive opportunity for our students to participate in sports. Some of the activities we offer include:

- Futsal – indoor five aside
- Five-a-side soccer in the soccer cages at Corrib Village
- Fun runs on campus

**SPORTS CLUBS**

NUI Galway has 50 exciting clubs which gives you an opportunity to have fun, meet friends and participate with fellow students.

Joining a sports club not only gives you the opportunity to stay fit, well and happy while at university, it also enables you to meet new friends and provides lasting memories of college life.

Our clubs are supported by experienced coaches who are there to provide a positive experience while you take part. All levels of abilities are catered for within these organised sports clubs.

At the start of each semester a Clubs Day is held in the Sports Centre for all students. It is during this day that you can meet the sports clubs committees, view demonstrations by the clubs and discuss with them the activities and training times of each of their sports. Check out our website for the scheduled clubs day

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

Our sports clubs are run by student committees. The invaluable skills of leadership, time management and finance are seen as additions to educational development and ensures that many of our students further their future career paths by being involved in a sports club Committee.

The Alumni Leadership programme is on offer to our sports club committees. This award involves a leadership programme, business mentoring, presentation and interview skills as well as an opportunity to compete for the prestigious Alumni Leadership award.

[www.clubs.nuigalway.ie/alumnileadership.html](http://www.clubs.nuigalway.ie/alumnileadership.html)

**OUR SPORTS CLUBS INCLUDE:**

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Camogie Capoeira
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Darts
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Frisbee
- Gaelic Football
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey
- Hurling
- Inline Hockey
- Judo
- Karate
- Kayak
- Lacrosse
- Mountaineering
- Mountain bike
- Muay Thai
- Pool and Snooker
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Snowsports
- Soccer
- Softball Squash
- Sub-Aqua
- Surf
- Swimming and Waterpolo
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Windsurfing

All our clubs are open to both genders.

As a member of a sports club you also have the opportunity to travel. Our sports clubs travel extensively throughout Ireland and Europe meeting other students and participating in fun and competitive sporting activities. Kathy Hynes is the Development Officer for University Sports Clubs. All our sports clubs are online please checking the web link for further information.

[www.clubs.nuigalway.ie](http://www.clubs.nuigalway.ie)
With over 100 student-led societies on campus, all tastes and interest groups are catered for. The 722 committee members organised 3,832 events last year including social, educational, and cultural events to add to the vibrancy of the campus.

Societies have a total membership of 7,517 registered individual student members. The societies have a combined membership of 31,714 with students joining an average of 4.22 societies — variety is the spice of life!

In volunteered hours society committee members provide the equivalent of 100 full-time workers providing social, cultural, and educational support to the University community.

Societies have contributed over €1.5 million to charity.

JOIN THE WINNING TEAM
Our societies are officially the best in the country and are top of the leader board for society wins at the BICS National Society Awards. Our societies have won numerous awards at national and intervarsity level.

SOCIAL LIFE
Societies provide the ideal way to make new friends who share your interests. Discover a new interest, pursue a hobby, or learn a new skill. They organise trips (last year 1,331 travelled), events, guest speakers, workshops, classes, parties, and the glamorous gala balls.

SOCIALITIES AND THE COMMUNITY
Societies organise many community outreach programmes, including debating, the Schools Musical Competition as well as volunteering with and fundraising for national and international charities. Our Voluntary Services Abroad Society sends fifth-year medical students throughout the developing world and raises over €100,000 annually. The founder of our Draíocht Society won the International Junior Chamber ‘Most Outstanding Young Person in the World (in the category of Humanitarian Aid)’ award and traveled to Osaka to receive her prize.

POSTGRADUATE SOCIETIES
We have some societies set up specifically to cater for postgraduate students such as The Postgrad Research and Mature Students Societies. To spark your interest, societies cover a wide range of interests from Baking to Baha’i, Science Fiction to Physics, Comics to Accountancy, Break Dancing to Human Rights, Poker to Juggling, and we even have a Nothing Specific Society! We also encourage students to set up their own new societies.

AWARDS AND BURSARIES
Last year the societies launched the Spirit of 78/80 bursary with the help of University Alumni and presented six €1,000 bursaries, five for performance, and one for volunteering. The Musical Society also hosted NUI Galway’s Got Talent which presented €1,000 to the winner for his Irish dancing skill.

DEDICATED SOCIETY SPACE
The societies’ dedicated facilities are the best in Ireland and comprise performance spaces, meeting rooms, acoustic rooms, editing suites, and an art and dark room plus a dedicated team of support staff in the Socsbox who not only support the work of the societies but sell all their merchandise and tickets. The Societies’ Office stays open all year round to facilitate students who study in the University over the summer months.

YOUR SPACE
www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie is a dedicated website which allows the students and staff to manage their own contact information, join clubs and societies and much more. You can also sign up for the ‘What’s Happening Guide’, your weekly list of what’s on on campus.
NUI GALWAY SOCIETIES

ARTISTIC AND PERFORMING SOCIETIES

- Art
- Choral
- Comedy
- Cumann Drámaíochta
- Dance
- DJ
- Drama
- Film
- Juggling
- Music & Ents
- Musical
- Orchestra
- Photography
- Radio
- Rock
- Subhóró
- Traditional Music
- Writers

ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- Accountancy and Finance
- Archaeology
- BACOn
- Biomedical Science
- Botany
- Business
- Chemistry
- Children’s Studies
- Classics
- Cumann Staire
- Economics
- Energy
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- G-eos
- German
- Hispano
- Irish Studies
- Italian
- Law
- Maths
- Marine
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Occupational Therapy
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Postgraduate Research
- Psychological
- Zoology

DEBATING AND POLITICAL SOCIETIES

- Cumann de Barra (Fianna Fáil)
- Labour Youth, Literary & Debating
- Political Discussion Society
- Ógra Shinn Féin
- United left Alliance Society
- Young Fine Gael
Societies

SOCIAL ACTION / RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

- Amnesty
- Ashurbad
- Baha’i
- Best Buddies
- Camara
- Christian Union
- Draíocht
- Ecology
- Feminist
- FLAC
- Gaisce (President’s Award)
- Goal
- Human Rights
- Life
- Muslim Youth
- Palestine Solidarity
- Rotaract
- Skeptic
- Sláinte
- St Vincent de Paul
- Suas
- Voluntary Services Abroad

SOCIAL AND GAMING SOCIETIES

- Agricultural
- Anime & Manga
- Chess
- Chinese
- Comic Book
- Cumann Sóisialta
- Computer
- Connect
- Cumann Craic
- Fantasy & Science Fiction
- Food & Drinks
- GIG (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender)
- Igo
- International Students
- Lotus
- Mature Students
- Malaysian
- NOM (Baking)
- North American Students Society
- Nothing Specific
- Organic Gardening
- Poker
- Polish
- Quiz
- Rovers
- Vegetarian
Whether this is your first time moving away from home or you have rented accommodation before, finding the right place to live is crucial to a happy and successful university experience. To help make this move easier for you, we are here to offer support and advice on making the right choice.

There are a variety of accommodation options to choose from and we advise you to consider all the options available before making your choice.

These options include:

- Lodgings (living with a family, meals and bills included in rent)
- Private sector accommodation (consists of private sector flats, houses and bills are additional to rent).
- Student Residences (bills included in rent)
- Corrib Village (on campus)
- Dúináras
- Amhra House
- Lisdonagh
- Gort na Coiribe
- The Student Village at Menlo Park Apartments
- Cúirt na Coiribe
- Atlantis Apartments
- Centrepoint Apartments
- Donegan Court

**HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

Costs vary significantly depending on the type of accommodation you choose. Student residences cost an average of €110 per week for a single room (including bills). Single rooms in private rented accommodation can range from €75–€100 (excluding bills). Digs can cost up to €160 for 7 days (including bills and meals).

**KEY TIPS FOR RENTING**

- Always view a property before paying a deposit
- Always bring a friend or parent with you when meeting a landlord
- Ensure you have a rental agreement
- Always read and understand the Rental Agreement before signing
- Always get a receipt for the deposit paid and rent in advance
- Always make a list of furniture and appliances with the landlord. Damage or loss of property is a regular reason for losing a deposit.
- If there are any outstanding repairs, ask the landlord to state in writing that they will be repaired—take photos if necessary.

**FIND OUT MORE**

You can call to our office on the first floor of Aras Uí Chathail, telephone us on 091 492 364, email us at: teresa.kelly@nuigalway.ie or angela.walsh@nuigalway.ie or check our website www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/accommodation/
Living in Galway
About Galway

**GALWAY CITY—A UNIVERSITY CITY**

Galway is an exciting place to be a postgraduate student. It is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe and is big enough to have everything—shopping facilities, theatres, restaurants, music venues, and sports facilities—but is also small enough to get to know people easily and keep in touch with your friends.

NUI Galway is located just five minutes walk from the heart of Galway City and as such our students play a big part of city life. Students make up 20% of the population in Galway. They bring youth, energy and excitement to the city and this added dimension is what makes Galway the place to be.

Galway really is ‘a university city’—the campus is in the heart of the city centre, with all amenities on your doorstep and within walking distance.

**A LIVELY, ENERGETIC CITY**

The unique combination of a vibrant and growing city, with a thriving university means that Galway has something to offer everyone and caters to young people like few other places can. It has a reputation as a young and student-friendly city. There is always lots to do in Galway. With its colourful medieval streets, attractive waterways, wealth of music sessions and other cultural and sporting events, you will be spoilt for choice in Galway.

**A SPORTING CITY**

Galway is a great sporting city. Whatever you are into—from horse racing, Gaelic games, soccer and rugby to rowing, water sports, greyhound racing and more—you will find it in Galway. Being a sporting city—Galway has got it all. The city will host the final leg of the 2011–12 Volvo Ocean Race, the world’s premier offshore ocean race.

**CITY OF CULTURE**

Galway also known as the City of the Tribes, takes centre stage on Ireland’s western seaboard. Situated at the mouth of Galway Bay, steeped in history and teeming with musicians, street performers, artists and actors, Galway is renowned as a culture capital of Ireland.

Galway is a cultural centre attracting thousands to its many festivals throughout the year. A few of the big attractions include:

- The Cúirt International Festival of Literature, the Galway Arts Festival, the Galway Races and the Oyster Festival. Theatre lovers are particularly blessed with a number of superb theatre companies based in Galway, including the world-renowned Druid Theatre Company, the national Irish language theatre Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe, and the Town Hall Theatre, a state-of-the-art theatre staging all of the performing arts including concerts, ballet, musicals and opera.

- Galway also has strong links with the Irish language, music and song. Irish theatre, radio and television form a big part of Galway life with An Taibhdhearc, the National Irish Language Theatre, TG4 and RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta all located in or close to the city.

A short ferry or plane trip will soon have you taking in the sights of the Aran Islands, located off the coast of Galway. While there, you can soak up the heritage the islands have to offer including Dún Aonghasa, a semi-circular stone fort overlooking the Atlantic, believed to be the best example of its kind in Europe, situated on the south side of Inismór.

**GETTING HERE**

Getting to and from Galway couldn’t be easier. Buses run regularly to the four corners of Ireland and the train station, located just off Eyre Square, offers fast, comfortable travel wherever you want to go. Galway airport is located slightly outside the city, with Shannon and Knock airports just over an hours journey by car.
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On graduating from NUI Galway, you become a member of the NUI Galway Alumni Association. This Association exists to promote a life-long link between you, your college friends and the University. As a member of this club you are kept in touch, through publications and events, with your alma mater and classmates, as well as almost 75,000 fellow NUI Galway graduates all over the world.

**STAY CONNECTED—NUI GALWAY ALUMNI**

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Postgraduate Applications Centre
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Irish Nationalisation and Immigration Service
(Study Visa advice)
www.inis.gov.ie

Education in Ireland
(Information about the Irish education system)
www.educationinireland.ie

Discover Ireland
(General information for international visitors)
www.discoverireland.ie

National Bus and Train Companies
www.citylink.ie
www.gobus.ie
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Airports in Ireland
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www.irelandwestairport.com—1 ½ hours to Galway
www.corkairport.com—3 hours to Galway
www.galwayairport.com
Interdisciplinary taught courses

Graduates may be eligible for courses offered through other Colleges, and do not need to concentrate their search for a programme in their own specific College. For example, an Arts graduate could choose to apply to a Law course (e.g., LLB) or a Business course (e.g., HDip [Business Studies]).

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