



NUI MAYNOOTH

Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

Maynooth & Kilkenny

Evening Degrees

Bachelor of Arts Honours - Level 8

BA Local Studies

BA Community Studies

Department of Adult and Community Education,
National University of Ireland Maynooth

Welcome

National University of Ireland Maynooth has a long tradition of providing learning opportunities for mature students. The BA Local Studies and BA Community Studies (Honours – Level 8) degrees are designed specifically for such students. They are offered at the NUI Maynooth Campus and Kilkenny Campus on a part-time modular basis. The in-built flexibility of the degrees is designed to accommodate the many demands that mature students face when they return to education.

Since the degree programmes were first offered in 1997 they have attracted students from a variety of backgrounds. Feedback from students who have graduated indicate that the rewards that accrue from completing the degree greatly outweigh the challenges posed by the experience. The friendships, the increase in self-confidence and the opportunity to explore ideas in an academic setting are often cited as the most cherished aspects of their experience.

Nine University Departments are involved in the delivery of the two degree programmes and a Course Management Team oversee their ongoing development. A Degree Manager ensures that the management of the degrees meets the expectations of students. A Support Officer works closely with students to ensure that the specific needs of individuals can be addressed.

All the Departments and those involved in the management and delivery of these degrees are committed to providing positive and accessible learning opportunities for mature students.

We hope you will find the information in this prospectus helpful and that it will encourage you to join us on an exciting learning journey.

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Bachelor of Arts Degree Programmes (Honours) (Evening Part-Time Degrees – Level 8)

PROGRAMME 1	BA LOCAL STUDIES (HONOURS - Level 8)
PROGRAMME 2	BA COMMUNITY STUDIES (HONOURS – Level 8)

INTRODUCTION

The National University of Ireland Maynooth offers modular part time honours degrees in Local Studies and Community Studies. These programmes were developed in response to the demand for inter-disciplinary, flexible progression routes for adults to degree level. They are offered in the evening to facilitate adults who are unable to attend on a full-time basis during the day. They represent a further expansion of NUI Maynooth provision for mature students. With such innovative features as flexible delivery, modularisation, credit accumulation and recognition of accredited prior learning, students may advance in a systematic and learner friendly way towards a primary degree.

The programmes are offered at the NUI Campus, Maynooth and at the University's Kilkenny Campus.

STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Over a five year cycle of delivery the following two programmes are provided:

- **Programme 1** Local Studies
- **Programme 2** Community Studies

Students on the degree may choose to follow either the Local Studies programme or the Community Studies programme. It is not possible to attend modules from both programmes, except where Common Modules are offered.

The inter-disciplinary nature of the programmes means that the various University Departments have responsibility for module delivery.

1. Local Studies:

Participating Departments - History, Geography, Ancient Classics, Nua Ghaeilge, Language Centre, Sociology, Anthropology, Adult & Community Education.

2. Community Studies:

Participating Departments - Adult & Community Education, Applied Social Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, History.

Module titles for both programmes, together with their associated credit values, are illustrated on pages 6-9.

SEMESTERS

Each academic year has two semesters. Semesters are blocks of fourteen weeks, consisting of twelve weeks class contact and two weeks study and examinations.

Each academic year on-campus is typically structured as follows:

Semester 1	
September - December	12 weeks class contact + 2 study weeks
Semester 2	
January - May	12 weeks class contact + 2 study weeks
Summer Modules	
(Optional)	Monday-Friday full-time 1 week

Lectures are offered over two or three nights per week, usually Tuesday, Wednesday and, at times Thursday, from 6.00-10.00pm.

MODULES

Each programme is offered through modules. A module is a “block” of learning in which a particular topic is taught and assessed. Most modules are “stand alone” and can be studied as separate blocks. All modules carry credits towards the degree. The modules of study are delivered through a combination of regular lectures, tutorials, presentations, field courses and short summer schools.

The modules carry different credit weightings as follows:

Module Credits **5** Class Contact Hours **24**
 Module Credits **10** Class Contact Hours **48**

CREDITS

The degrees are based on the accumulation of credits. Students must accumulate 180 credits to successfully obtain their degree. Credits are awarded on successful completion of end of semester assessment. The flexibility of the degrees means individuals can accumulate a

maximum of 20 credits or a minimum of 5 credits per semester.

RECOGNITION OF ACCREDITED PRIOR LEARNING

Accredited Prior Learning (APL) is considered for exemption from specific programme modules. NUI Maynooth courses and/or accredited higher education courses provided by other institutions and successfully completed by applicants are considered for APL. A University Committee appraises the applications and credits are awarded to individual students through NUI Maynooth academic procedures.

A student can transfer a maximum of 60 credits for APL.

Applicants to the degree must indicate on their Application Form the names of higher education courses for which they may be seeking credits through APL. Copies of certificates for such named courses will be required only from applicants who are offered a place on the degree.

ASSESSMENT AND AWARDS

Each module on the degree programmes is assessed. In general assessment methods include assignments, project work, written examinations and presentations. All students must complete a thesis. On accumulation of 90 credits (allowing for 30 APL credits) students will be awarded a NUI Diploma in Arts (Local & Community Studies). On achieving 180 credits the student is awarded a BA Local Studies (Honours-Level 8) OR a BA Community Studies (Honours – Level 8).

Choosing a Path through the Degree

Students on the degree may choose to follow either the Local Studies programme or the Community Studies programme. However, students are not required to make a final decision on which programme they wish to follow until they have successfully completed Semester 1.

Semester 1.

In Semester 1 a student will be expected to successfully complete the common obligatory modules:

- CM1:** Study Skills & Student Support;
- CM04:** Introduction to Information & Communication Technologies;
- CM5:** Introduction to Programmes: Local Studies & Community Studies.

Please note the following:

- The Introduction to Information & Communication Technologies module assumes that students have basic IT/word processing skills.
- Students who have previously achieved the award of Diploma in Arts or a higher award may apply for an exemption in Study Skills.

All students must successfully complete the Common Introductory Modules in Semester 1.

PROGRAMME SELECTION: LOCAL STUDIES OR COMMUNITY STUDIES

In order to complete the degree students are expected to:

- Choose sufficient modules from either the Local Studies programme OR the Community Studies programme to accumulate 180 credits for award of the degree;
- Complete a Thesis (20 credits) as part of their programme.

Students must have completed 120 credits before registering for Thesis.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Students on the part-time degrees have access to all services and supports available in the University, with the additional services of a Student Support Officer. A Study Skills and Student Support module is offered in the first semester of the programme.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the degree programmes should be mature students, i.e. aged twenty-three years or over by 1st January in the year of admission. NUI Maynooth encourages applications from adults who may not have completed second level education. The number of places offered will be restricted so it may not be possible to offer places to all applicants in any one year.

Non-European Applicants

The University welcomes applications from non-EU applicants. For information regarding fees for non-EU applicants visit the University's website at: www.nuim.ie/international.

Language Proficiency

Both programmes are delivered through English. Students are advised that to benefit from their chosen programme they should be proficient in both written and spoken English.

FEES

Fees are calculated on the credit weighting of each module and are payable at the beginning of each semester.

How and Where to Apply

Application for admission is made direct to Maynooth or Kilkenny. It should be made on the official Application Form available from:

MAYNOOTH CAMPUS

BA Office,
Department of Adult and Community Education,
National University of Ireland Maynooth,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.

Tel: 01 708 4587/ 708 3948

Fax: 01 708 4687

Email: evening.degrees@nuim.ie

Web: <http://adulteducation.nuim.ie/courses>

KILKENNY CAMPUS

Programme Manager,
Kilkenny Campus (NUI Maynooth),
College Road,
Kilkenny,
Co. Kilkenny.

Tel: 056 777 5910 / 777 5919

Fax: 056 776 1369

Email: Kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie

Web: <http://kilkenny.nuim.ie/courses>

Completed application forms should be returned to the same address.

*The information in this prospectus is intended only as a guide for applicants.
NUI Maynooth reserves the right to alter any aspect of this information at any time.*

BA Local Studies Programme

DEPARTMENT	CODE	MODULE TITLE	CREDITS
Introductory Modules			
	CM1	Study Skills and Student Support	5
	CM5	Introduction to Programmes	10
	CM04	Introduction to Information & Communication Technologies	5
Level 1 Modules (recurring)			
History	LS01A/ LS01B	Introduction to Local History (over 2 semesters)	20
Geography	LS2	Introduction to Maps & Landscapes	10
Level 2 Modules			
Adult Education	CM14	Project Planning & Management	5
	CM20	ICT for Research and Learning	5
Anthropology	CM11	Urban Society II: Critical Studies of Global Processes In Local Communities	5
	CM017	The Anthropology of Work, Sport & Leisure	5
	CM18	Nationality & Language	5
	CM19	Historical Anthropology: Local Communities through Time	5
	CM34	Introduction to Anthropology	5
	CM35	Anthropology of Development	5
	CM36	Anthropology of Europe	5
	CM32	A History of Ethnographic Thought	5
Classics	LS13	Latin for Local History I	5
	LS17	Latin for Local History II	5
Geography	CM10	Urban Society I: Global Processes in Local Settings	5
	CM12	Continuity & Change in Rural Ireland	5
	CM13	Evolution of the Irish Landscape	5
	CM16	Local & Regional Development: Theory & Practice	5
	LS10	The Local Physical Environment	5
	LS26	Case Study of Landed Estates & Landscapes: Estates, Farms & Settlements	5

History	LS4	Introduction to Irish Archaeology I	5
	LS8	Introduction to Irish Archaeology II	5
	LS12	Landscape Archaeology	5
	LS34	Practical Archaeology	5
	LS7	Ireland 431-1014	5
	LS11	Ireland 1014-1400	5
	LS15	Ireland 1400-1603	5
	LS19	Ireland 1603-1800	5
	CM15	Ireland 1800-Present	5
	LS16	Irish Art & Architecture before 1600	5
	LS20	Irish Art & Architecture 1600-1900	5
	LS24	Case Study in Urban History	5
	LS32	Europe in the Nineteenth Century	5
	LS33	Europe in the Twentieth Century	5
	LS35	Irish Cultural Nationalism	5
	CM24	Gender Studies in Local Context	5
	LS43	Economic History	5
	LS5	Research Methods for Historians	5
Nua Ghaeilge	LS6	Irish for Local History 1	5
	LS9	Irish for Local History 2	5
	LS14	The Irish Language, Literature and Folk Tradition	5
	LS21	Irish Place Names (Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge and the School of Celtic Studies offer additional specialist modules during each cycle, specific topics dependent on staff availability. Previous modules have included topics as diverse as <i>Bardic Poetry</i> ; the <i>Literature of the Basket Islands</i> ; the <i>Early Irish Sagas</i> and <i>Scottish-Gaelic Poetry</i> . Lectures for these modules are in English, and texts are studied in translation.)	5
Sociology	CM25	Culture, Identity & the Media	5
	CM49	Political Institutions: theory & practice	5
	CM50	Democracy and Active Citizenship	5
All Departments	LS98	Thesis Preparation	10
	LS99	Thesis Completion	10

- LS:** Local Studies Module
CS: Community Studies Module
CM: Common Module – offered on both Local Studies and Community Studies programmes

Summer Modules

In addition, residential and non-residential modules for both programmes are offered during the Summer allowing participants to augment the modules completed during the Autumn and Spring semesters.

BA Community Studies Programme

DEPARTMENT	CODE	MODULE TITLE	CREDITS
Common Introductory Modules : Semester 1.			
	CM1	Study Skills and Student Support	5
	CM5	Introduction to Programmes	10
	CM04	Introduction to Information and Communication Technologies	5
Level 1 modules (recurring)			
Sociology	CS1A	Social Analysis I: Theorising Society	5
	CS1B	Social Analysis II: Locating Modern Ireland	5
Adult Education	CS02	Models of Community Development	10
	CS3	Introduction to Adult Development & Learning	5
	CM6	Community Engagement & Learning	5
	CM28	Critical Thinking (e-learning)	5
Level 2 modules			
Adult Education	CS9	Psychology of Adult Development	5
	CS12	Counselling Theories	5
	CS27	Substance Misuse & Dependence	5
	CS018	Community Education as Praxis	5
	CS21B	Adult & Community Education: Policy & Practice	5
	CS33	Guidance & Counselling in Adult Learning	5
	CM14	Project Planning & Management	5
	CM20	ICT for Research & Learning	5
	CM39	Theory & Practice of Working with Groups	5
	CM40	The Reflective Learner	5
	CM41	Development Theories	5
	CM42	Designing & Implementing Community Education Programmes	5
	CM43	Philosophy of Adult & Community Education	5
	CM44	Drama Facilitation	5
	CM45	Theatre of the Oppressed: Theory & Methods	5
	CM46	Drama in Education	5
	CM47	Devising for Issue Based Theatre	5
	CM48	Groupwork & Facilitation Skills	10
Anthropology	CM11	Urban Society II: Critical Studies of Global Processes in Local Communities	5
	CM017	The Anthropology of Work, Sport & Leisure	5
	CM19	Historical Anthropology: Local Communities through Time	5
	CS07B	Medical Anthropology	5

	CS34	Anthropology, Identity & Representation	5
	CS35	The Anthropology of Ethnicity	5
	CM18	Nationality & Language	5
	CM34	Introduction to Anthropology	5
	CM35	Anthropology of Development	5
	CM36	Anthropology of Europe	5
	CS48	Youth Culture: The Meaning of Style & Rites of Passage	5
	CS49	Material Culture	5
Applied Social Studies	CS4	Public Administration	5
	CS07A	Introduction to Social Policy	5
	CS05	Community Work: Principles & Approaches	5
	CS023	Community Work: Policies & Issues	5
	CS50	Youth and Community Studies	5
	CS017	Youth Work in Ireland	5
Geography	CM10	Urban Society I: Global Processes in Local Settings	5
	CM12	Continuity & Change in Rural Ireland	5
	CM13	Evolution of the Irish Landscape	5
	CM16	Local & Regional Development: Theory & Practice	5
History	CM15	Ireland 1800-Present	5
	CM24	Gender Studies in Local Context	5
Sociology	CM25	Culture, Identity & the Media	5
	CS019	Gender, Power & Identity	5
	CS28	Social Research	5
	CS29	Living in a Consumer Society	5
	CS31	State, Governance & Community	5
	CS40	Class & Community	5
	CS52	Sociology of the Body and Sexuality	5
	CS030	Communities in a Global World	5
	CS53	Contemporary Social Theory	5
	CM49	Political Institutions: theory & practice	5
	CM50	Democracy and Active Citizenship	5
All Departments	CS98	Thesis Preparation	10
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