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Prospective students can download a copy of this prospectus from our website at:
www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning



WELCOME

Welcome to NUI Galway's Adult Learning & Professional Development courses. In this prospectus, you will find all the advice and information you need on studying part-time at NUI Galway.

For over 50 years we have been offering an extensive range of professional, part-time and flexible courses in a variety of subject areas. Awards are offered at Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Masters level. We are also introducing new short, accredited courses called MicroCreds which have a focus on upskilling and career development.

Like many sectors of society, we have come through challenging times arising from the recent global pandemic. We adapted our courses to fully online delivery with the assistance of our teaching staff who are experienced educators and have a particular interest in working with adult learners. We know from student feedback that returning to learning can be challenging, particularly if you are working and have family commitments. To assist you, we provide a range of specialist support services, which will help you progress through your chosen course.

So, whether you want to enhance your career or study for your own enjoyment, whether you live near Galway or further away, or whether you have had a little or a lot of formal education – keep reading, investigate the possibilities and consider which path suits you best!

The team at the Centre look forward to welcoming you to NUI Galway and wish you every success in your learning journey.

Nuala McGuinn

Director, Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development

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WHY STUDY AT NUI GALWAY

NUI Galway was founded in 1845 and celebrated 175 years of excellence in 2020. For almost two centuries, the University has been a defining presence and recognisable landmark in Galway City and has been providing adult education for over 50 years.





NUI Galway's Strategic Plan to 2025 is built on a foundation of core values that define our purpose and priorities. Our values are a statement of intent to the world and guide us in everything we do. We champion our core values of **respect, excellence, openness and sustainability**. These values reinforce each other and together they enhance our university's distinctiveness. Our courses, research areas, engagements in the region and further beyond reflect these values and mission.

During its 50+ years of working with adult learners, the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development has accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge in the development and delivery of courses from Foundation level through to Masters and in meeting the needs of our students; from the early beginnings of outreach, extra-mural courses to the fully accredited flexible courses available today. We have part-time study options in such fields as Archaeology, Business Studies, Information Technology, History, Psychology, Social Care, Languages, Science & Technology, Early Childhood Studies, Play Therapy as well as many others.

FLEXIBLE MODES OF DELIVERY

We offer classroom-based courses, online and blended learning courses which accommodate students who have busy professional and personal lives. Modular study options are also available, allowing you to take modules on a standalone basis so that you can study at your own pace and fit your part-time course around your work and personal life. Over time the accumulation of modules can lead to an award. Take a look at our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) section and new MicroCreds section to find out more about this new study option (see pg. 39).

EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS

Our lecturers and tutors have a particular interest in working with adult learners and have an in-depth knowledge of their subject area, with insights into the latest research and development findings. They are skilled online educators using the latest digital technologies to support their teaching. They are supportive of you and provide encouragement and feedback at every stage of your learning journey.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

You will experience smaller class sizes, giving you the chance to really get to know your classmates and lecturers and participate fully in an adult learning community. Our teaching approach provides you with an opportunity to discuss and debate your subject area, plus share real-life experiences. It also provides opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and to use examples from the workplace and other relevant life experiences, recognising that all learning counts.

EXCELLENT CAREER PROSPECTS

NUI Galway is the oldest and largest university in the west of Ireland and is consistently one of the top Irish universities for employability of graduates. Our adult learning courses provide a practical and applied approach to your chosen subject area. Successful completion of a part-time course has provided students with opportunities for promotion, increased earning capacity and professional recognition in their workplaces.

STUDENT SUPPORT

You will be offered a range of specialist support services, including study and examination techniques, academic writing workshops, careers advice, and group tutoring where required, which will help you to succeed in your chosen course.

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

NUI Galway is counted among the Top 300 universities in the world according to the QS and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, putting it in the top 2% globally. Our global success is a result of our continued focus on research excellence and impact, and the quality of our teaching.

A RICH ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

The library holds many special collections and provides rich resources for undergraduate and postgraduate study and research.

WORKING WITH INDUSTRY AND ORGANISATIONS

We have developed courses in collaboration with industry, community organisations and professional bodies. Our courses provide practical, real-world knowledge and skills that are career-focused and industry relevant, and can be tailored to suit the needs of a particular organisation. Courses are planned in close association with employers to ensure that skills are developed according to the required competency development frameworks of the industry and to meet the continuing professional development standards of overarching professional bodies.

Students will have an opportunity to enhance their knowledge through our informative course materials and interactive teaching style. They will also be able to apply their learning directly in the workplace by undertaking assessments, which are practice-based and apply to authentic workplace problems, ensuring an immediate return on time and investment for employers and employees.

NUI Galway is consistently one of the top Irish universities for employability.

Our students will also develop key transferable skills during the course of their studies, including critical-thinking, problem-solving and teamwork skills which will assist them in their daily working lives. The development of these skills will have an impact on a much wider scale, providing a higher skills base, greater workplace productivity, and increased innovation for employers.

Our current partners include:



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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin
Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) CREDIT

A range of our courses also support CPD, through which professionals maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge and skills to meet the professional competencies required in their working lives.

There are a number of opportunities to take modules on a flexible, standalone basis from our suite of courses on offer. Courses may take place over 1–2 days or via online learning over a number of weeks. Each module has a specific number of credits attached to it and you may consider this option for upskilling and developing your continuing professional development portfolio to meet the requirements of your industry sector and/or profession.

For our full list of CPD modules, visit our CPD website:

www.nuigalway.ie/cpd



BEING A PART-TIME STUDENT AT NUI GALWAY

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

Deciding to enrol on a Certificate, Diploma or Degree course is an important step in your life. It will require an immense time commitment on your part and there is also a financial consideration, so making the right course choice is essential.

It is important that you spend time researching the options available and exploring the course most suited to your educational needs. You might want to consider some of the following when you are making your choice:

- Research which course suits your talents, experience and interests before you begin studying;
- Consider what pace of study (full-time, part-time or modular) suits your needs best;
- Read the relevant section of this information booklet and contact the course administrator listed if you require further course details, or perhaps set up an appointment to meet them if you wish to discuss the course in person;
- Attend any of the information sessions or online events provided by the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development. A list of upcoming events can be found at: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/events. Information sessions for entry in September of each academic year usually take place in June of that year. We also run a number of online webinars on upskilling and professional development options during the year so keep up to date with our website for upcoming events;
- Discuss any skills requirements or professional development opportunities with your employer or Learning and Development Unit to identify possible career pathways and training requirements in your company;
- Check course entry requirements – while there are no formal educational entry requirements for many of our courses, certain courses require candidates to have some work experience in the area of study, partake in an informal interview or perhaps meet the University's entry criteria for adult learners. As each course varies, you are advised to contact the course administrator for specific details;
- If you are unsure about which course to take, you could consider a foundation course in Science, Technology and Engineering or in Business Studies. These courses are valuable as preparatory ones for students interested in progressing to further studies in Science, Engineering, Information Technology or Commerce. You could also consider taking a short course or MicroCred to upskill and explore other career options.

MANAGING YOUR STUDY

We are conscious of the many demands placed on you as an adult learner and that is why all new courses are developed on a modular basis. This means that you are provided with manageable amounts of learning to enable you to combine your work and family commitments with your studies. As a general rule, it is recommended that if you are a student in a classroom-based course, you should spend at least two hours studying or researching at home for every hour spent in class. This may need to increase coming up to examination time.

The amount of study time involved in a blended learning course depends on the individual student, your familiarity with the subject area, the length of time you have been away from formal study and also the number of modules you choose to take each year. While you complete each module at your own pace, you must also allow time to complete assignments by the stated deadlines. Most blended learning courses involve attendance at workshops or classroom-based lectures at different stages during the academic year. The number and duration of these activities vary across the different courses. If you choose to apply for a fully online course you will not be required to attend class, however you will be supported at home, by an online tutor, for each module on offer. Most part-time courses require a commitment of 10–15 hours study per week, which includes reviewing course materials and recommended readings, participating in online activities, liaising with your module tutor, completing assignments and preparing for examinations.

Assessment is required for all courses that lead to a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Masters. Course assessment is generally a combination of continuous assessment, including written essays, written examinations, and projects or practical assignments, for example, field trips. Some courses which do not lead to an award, for example, the short, non-accredited courses, do not involve any assessment (see pg. 79).

MODES OF STUDY

Our part-time courses at NUI Galway are offered in a number of flexible ways for adult learners. These include:

Classroom-based

For our classroom-based courses, you attend lectures each week in NUI Galway or at our outreach locations. As well as the time spent in the classroom, you also spend time studying on your own, reviewing course materials and completing assignments. Classes generally take place in the evenings or at weekends, while a small number of part-time courses are offered during the day. Formal examinations may also be scheduled for these courses at the end of each semester.

Blended learning

Certain courses are taught using blended learning, which allows you to study at times that suit you best. Blended learning is a blend of face-to-face classes and online learning. With blended learning, most of your learning content is accessed online through the VLE (virtual learning environment), and you also meet face-to-face in class a few times during the semester. Blended learning is a combination of self-instructional learning materials, traditional face-to-face lectures and workshops, online discussions, self-assessment activities and continuous assessments. A number of our blended learning courses also require students to attend formal examinations, though this requirement will vary depending on the course you are applying for. When you enrol on a blended learning course, you will have access to self-instructional learning materials, to use at your own pace, through our online learning portal.

Blended learning courses also involve online activities. Your online tutor will provide help and feedback in your online classroom activities and you will also be able to discuss course topics with other students on a virtual discussion board. Before embarking on a blended learning course, you should be comfortable with using computers and basic software packages. Please review the **Online learning** section below for online learning requirements. Your course tutors and the course administrator will provide you with training and support when you begin the course. There are also a range of online tutorials available to you on our New Students Launchpad showing you how to navigate the online learning portal: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/newstudents

Online learning

In an online learning course you receive all your course materials and teaching through the online learning portal. There is no requirement to attend class on campus at any stage during the course. You will interact with your module tutor and fellow students online. Discussion forums are provided as part of each module through which all communication occurs and in some courses webinars are provided on a regular basis that connect students and their tutors in real time. In a fully online course, students are encouraged to actively engage with the online discussion forums in their module, as communication is at the heart of online learning.

There are some basic computer skills that you need in order to be a successful online student. All of your learning materials will be accessed through our virtual learning environment (VLE) called Blackboard. You will also use Blackboard to submit assignments and interact with your classmates through discussion boards and Zoom.

Some basic computer skills needed for online students are:

- Being comfortable using the Internet. You will need to use a web browser such as Chrome or Firefox, both for accessing Blackboard and for completing online research for your assignments. A stable broadband connection is essential.
- Basic knowledge of computer terminology like knowing what the following terms mean; app, browser, documents, files, icons, software, hardware, etc.
- Being able to perform basic computer tasks such as using a keyboard and a mouse, copying & pasting between documents, using a spell checker, managing files & folders on your computer, saving files in different formats and uploading & downloading files to and from an online site.
- Using email to send and receive messages, adding attachments to an email message, downloading attachments from an email message.
- Good understanding of a word processor (i.e. Word) and presentation software (i.e. PowerPoint). NUI Galway provides the MS Office suite to all students for free.
- Using a discussion board to communicate with your classmates: posting & replying to messages and creating online accounts for apps you might be asked to use.
- Setting up and using multi-factor authentication for secure access to the university systems.

In some modules, you might be asked to create a video for an assignment. You can do this using your smart phone or a webcam. If your course requires specialist software, NUI Galway provides free student access to many other software applications.

You can find more detailed advice about being an online learner on our website at: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/discover-online-learning

Modular

A number of the blended learning and online courses at NUI Galway allow you to take your course at your own pace, one module at a time, over an extended period. This enables you to complete an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification in your own time, although some time limits apply. This flexible approach to learning takes into account your learning needs, the amount of time available to you to study each year, your work, and family commitments.

COURSE FEES

Fees payment schedule

Once a student accepts a course place, an advance booking deposit is paid. This is a non-refundable deposit which becomes part of the overall fee once the student has registered. The deposit is generally €400–€500, but may vary across courses and must be paid online, using the online application system via credit or debit card to accept your course place. The remaining fee may be paid in two instalments (i.e. on course commencement and at the start of semester 2).

Alternative payment plans may be put in place for students to pay course fees on a flexible basis. If you require this facility, you are advised to contact the course administrator to find out more about this payment option.

Non-EU students should note that non-EU fees must be paid in full prior to registration.

Funding and scholarship options for your course

A number of supports are available to students to assist them in covering the costs of tuition fees and other course-related costs.

If you are in employment, you may avail of:

1. Employer Support

In certain cases, employers may sponsor tuition fees where the course of study has direct relevance to the workplace, while other students may seek support from local community or development organisations.

2. Income Tax Relief

Students in employment may be eligible for income tax relief on certain third level courses at the standard rate of tax. For specific details on this scheme, contact your local tax office or visit the Revenue website: www.revenue.ie

3. Springboard/ICT skills funding

Under this scheme a tuition discount of 90% is offered to students who are in employment, and unemployed students are fully funded. This scheme applies only to specific courses in areas of high skills needs within the Irish economy. A list of all Springboard and ICT skills funded courses are available on the following website: www.springboardcourses.ie

4. Skillnet funding

Skillnet Ireland provides funding to enterprise groups through the Training Networks Programme. The programme supports a wide range of industry sectors and geographical regions who collaborate to address skill needs within their sector or region. Each year a number of our part-time courses are approved for funding through these networks, e.g. Next-Level Skillnet provides support for students on our Science & Technology and IT Online courses. For further information check out: www.skillnetireland.ie/our-networks

If you are unemployed and in receipt of a payment from the Department of Social Protection, the following schemes may apply to you:

1. Adult Learning Tuition Scholarship

A tuition discount of 30% is provided for a number of courses in this prospectus for students who wish to upskill for the purposes of re-employment. Students must be registered as unemployed and in receipt of one of the following:

- Job Seekers Benefit
- Job Seekers Allowance
- One-Parent Family Allowance
- Disability Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- Community Employment Scheme
- Social Insurance Contribution Credits

2. Springboard/ICT skills funding

Under this scheme a 100% discount (i.e. fully funded place) is offered to unemployed students. This scheme applies only to specific courses in areas of high skills needs within the Irish economy. A list of all Springboard and ICT skills funded courses are available on the following website:

www.springboardcourses.ie

If you are a member of an under-represented group in higher education, the following schemes may apply to you:

1916 Scholarship Fund

This bursary scheme is offered on a regional basis and is aimed at students from under-represented socio-economic groups and communities; entrants with disabilities; first time mature entrants; members of the Irish Traveller community; students entering on the basis of a further education award; and part-time flexible learners. Further details are available on www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/faqs/fees-funding-&-scholarships/

Uversity Scholarships

The Uversity Scholarship provides multi-annual financial support for first time degree entrants. Scholarships are not limited to any particular subject area and will enable recipients to complete a degree in one of the participating institutions in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, which includes NUI Galway. Further details are available on www.uversity.org

Fee refunds

Once registered, you are liable for the full course fee regardless of whether you attend or complete the course. The University accepts no obligation to refund any fees or part thereof. However, if you wish to appeal this decision, please contact the course administrator who will advise you on this process. It is essential that you appreciate clearly the various requirements of the course for which you are registering. It is recommended that you contact the course administrator for guidance on course suitability.

Are there additional course costs?

Course fees generally cover tuition costs and all course materials. However, for certain courses, you may be required to purchase additional textbooks.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The following are the entry requirements for our part-time and full-time courses:

Part-time: If you are aged 21 years or over by January 1st of the year of admission to a part-time course, you are classified as a mature student and may matriculate on the grounds of mature years alone. Therefore, many of the courses detailed in this prospectus state that there are no formal entry requirements involved.

If you are aged under 21 on January 1st of the year of admission to a part-time course and are applying for a part-time course at NUI Galway, you may, in certain circumstances, be asked to fulfil the matriculation requirements for the University.

These include the following: a pass in at least six subjects (selected according to College/School requirements), in the Leaving Certificate Examination or equivalent, including the following:

For applicants sitting the Leaving Certificate in 2017 and subsequent years:

- Grade H5 in two subjects
- Grade H7/O6 in the remaining four subjects

OR

For applicants who sat the Leaving Certificate prior to 2017:

- Grade D1 in two subjects on the higher course and
- Grade E (Higher Course) or Grade D3 (Ordinary) in the remaining four subjects

If you do not meet this matriculation requirement, you may be allowed to submit applications for some courses and you will be assessed on suitability for entry on a case-by-case basis.

Full-time courses: If you are applying to the CAO for a full-time course on the grounds of mature years alone, you must satisfy the NUI regulation and be of mature years (at least 23 years of age on or before January 1st of the year of entry to first year lectures in a constituent university or recognised college). If you are under 23 years of age, you will be assessed for entry through the CAO on the basis of your Leaving Certificate points only.

English language requirement

An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English for the course you are interested in taking. IELTS/TOEFL is not required for the language diplomas listed in this prospectus.





APPLICATION PROCEDURE

You complete an application form online by logging onto www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply. On the online application form, you provide your contact details and outline your educational background, any previous courses undertaken and any additional information that may be required to assess your suitability for the course for which you are applying. You will also be required to upload a copy of your birth certificate or passport or driving licence, as formal proof of ID and pay the course application fee (non-refundable), which is around €35.

Consult the course page in this prospectus for details on closing dates and make sure that you adhere to these dates. The process of assessing applications and offering places may take between four and six weeks. Additional registration details and communication from the relevant department will be issued to you approximately two weeks before the course commences, informing you of the registration date and lecture times for the course.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

The University acknowledges that all learning is valuable and that knowledge and skills can be acquired from a range of learning experiences.

RPL is a process that may allow you to gain admission to a course or to gain exemptions from some parts of a course, based on demonstrated learning that you may have achieved through another course, or through work or other learning experiences. RPL may reduce the time it takes you to complete a course and may also result in a lighter course load. RPL includes:

1. Recognition of Prior Certified Learning

Where you have already received an award for a formal course taken at another institution or training organisation, this prior learning may be recognised and may entitle you to exemptions from some parts of a course here in NUI Galway.

The types of courses that can be considered include:

- Adult Education Certificates or Diplomas
- University courses, full-time or part-time
- Short, accredited courses
- Other third-level and professional courses

Where exemptions are granted they are normally limited to a maximum number of credits. The awarding of exemptions applies to specific courses only – check with the relevant course administrator regarding the exemption policy of a specific course.

2. Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning

This involves recognising learning which has been gained through experience in the workplace, in voluntary work or elsewhere. This type of learning is usually referred to as experiential learning. In this case, you must produce a portfolio or complete a number of written assignments to support the claim for admission or exemption. As a general principle, credit is given for learning, not for experience as such.

For further information, please contact the course administrator or go to the following webpage: www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/recognition-of-prior-learning

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ARTS &

SOCIAL SCIENCES





As a student of the arts and social sciences you will study human culture, society, and the relationships among individuals within a society from different perspectives. Through our broad range of subjects, you can study the rich heritage, traditions and cultures of the past as well as gain an understanding of current societal trends which influence our future. Our humanities courses include subjects relating to literature, history, archaeology and Irish studies, languages and psychology.

Our Diploma courses develop the foundational skills that allows us to learn, live, and work productively as individuals and with other people. Students of the arts and social sciences utilise and master the keys skills of communication, observation, teamwork and applying critical, analytical thought to problems throughout their studies. This produces graduates that are highly valued by employers, as they have the necessary skill set to communicate complex and abstract information in a human context. These are the skills present in those that perform in the top levels of industry – people who bring a fresh perspective and offer intuitive solutions and ideas to the rapidly changing ways in which we work, live, and relate to each other. Graduates can contribute innovative and creative forms of thought through their cultural awareness and understanding of the world at large.

As our Diplomas are delivered on a part-time basis, students have the advantage of accessing education and developing their skills through flexible means. Courses conducted through blended learning offer a series of workshops with experienced lecturers and tutors, as well as at-home assignments and readings delivered through our virtual learning environment. For students of the Diploma in Archaeology and the Diploma in Irish Studies Online, the courses are delivered fully online, allowing you to access and engage in the materials in a time and place that suits you. The online discussion board ensures that students from all over the world can contribute and build relationships with like-minded classmates.

In studying Humanities and Social Sciences, you are not only gaining a range of highly transferable skills that make graduates a valuable asset in a vast range of employment areas, you are gaining a rich base of knowledge, which creates active, informed and critical citizens in both local and global society.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- You will explore the whole story of Ireland's archaeological past, from the general to the specific.
- This course is offered fully online and is a world leader in this area – you will learn alongside classmates from all over the world.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning*

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September

*Please refer to our Online Learning section on pg. 11

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APPLY ONLINE:

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

Diploma in IRISH ARCHAEOLOGY



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This diploma is the ideal course for anyone with an interest in the Irish past, whether amateur or professional. The latter might include primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, heritage employees, those employed in the tourism industry, and local government employees. Archaeology is a constantly changing discipline, fed by new discoveries, new theoretical approaches and new analytical methods. These discoveries continue to revolutionise the subject's potential to inform us about the past and to give us a valuable long perspective on how this past has shaped our present.

This 2-year course has four broad aims:

1. To introduce students to the discipline of archaeology.
2. To present the archaeology of Ireland as a way of understanding ten thousand years of human settlement on this island.
3. To study aspects of current archaeological research in Ireland in detail.
4. To promote interest in Ireland's heritage at a national and international level.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Mesolithic to Megalithic: Ireland in the Stone Age
- Metal and Warriors: Bronze and Iron Age Ireland
- Saint, Scholar, Viking, Norman: Medieval Ireland

Year 2

- Key themes in Irish Prehistoric Archaeology
- Key themes in Irish Medieval Archaeology
- Irish Archaeology Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

All teaching and student-teacher interactions will take place online in the course's online learning environment. Course content comprises illustrated text, online asynchronous discussions with lecturer and classmates, and multi-media content that includes recorded mini-lectures and recorded site visits. There are no live teaching sessions, rather set tasks to be completed by specified days of the week, removing the requirement to be online at any particular time.

Support will be provided to students to help them become familiar with the online learning environment. The assessments take the form of weekly online reports and discussions, and essays completed at the end of each module.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Career opportunities exist in heritage and tourism, archaeological consultancy, and the museum and education sectors.



"The course has given me the confidence to appreciate that what I have studied is correct, accurate and the best available. This diploma has also been delivered with the most recent research available, which is especially important in the field of archaeology."

- Martin Breen

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is delivered fully online, you will learn alongside classmates from all over the world.
- This course is a world leader in this area and you will explore the reasons behind pre-conceived notions of 'Irishness'.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September

*Please refer to our Online Learning section on pg. 11

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Diploma in IRISH STUDIES



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course will appeal to those who are interested in Ireland's past and culture including (though not limited to!) primary school teachers, secondary school teachers and heritage employees. It is also suitable for those who are employed in the tourism industry.

The Diploma in Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary introduction to the discipline of Irish Studies and offers an excellent opportunity for those interested in Ireland, especially those without access to traditional courses in this area. The purpose of the diploma is to provide a basic introduction to Irish life and culture through the disciplines of archaeology, history, literature in English and in Irish (presented in translation), political science and sociology, and traditional Irish music and dance.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Early Christian Ireland, 431–1169
- Medieval Ireland, 1169–1603
- Early Modern Ireland, 1603–1845

Year 2

- Modern Ireland, 1845–1998
- Social and Political Change in Contemporary Ireland, 1922–2003
- From Ceili to Riverdance: Irish Traditional Music and Dance in the 20th century

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

All teaching and student-teacher interactions will take place online in the course's online learning environment. Course content comprises illustrated text, online asynchronous discussions with lecturer and classmates, and multi-media content that includes recorded mini-lectures and recorded site visits. There are no live teaching sessions, rather set tasks to be completed by specified days of the week, removing the requirement to be online at any particular time.

Support will be provided to students to help them become familiar with the online learning environment. The assessments take the form of weekly online reports and discussions, and essays completed at the end of each module.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

The information and skills introduced by this course may contribute to careers in a wide variety of areas, such as in the heritage, tourism and education sectors.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- It is designed to meet the needs of adult students returning to education and to enable those working in the social care field to further develop and enhance their understanding, knowledge and skills.
- It aims to provide students with a professional education in the principles and practice of social care.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 180

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

4 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,905 **Non-EU:** €3,405

Start date: September

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Bachelor of Arts (SOCIAL CARE)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The BA (Hons) Social Care provides teaching of theoretical concepts applied to social care practice. It was developed within the context of the professionalisation of social care work and includes both theoretical and practice components. This BA (Hons) Social Care course is approved by [CORU](#) - the Health and Social Care Regulator.

This course reflects the depth and breadth of social care work both in terms of service users groups, such as children, individuals with disabilities, adults or older people and in terms of service diversity, such as residential, community or independent living services. Current students and graduates of this course work across the range of statutory, voluntary and private social care services and settings.

YOUR MODULES:

Below is a sample of some of the modules taught over the four years:

Year 1

- Introduction to: Social Care Practice and Care Skills
- Legal, Ethical and Professional Practice in Social Care
- Social and Health services: History, Systems and Context

Year 2

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Communication and Relationship Skills

Year 3

- Working with People with Disabilities
- Professional Autonomy and Accountability
- Working with Children and Young People

Year 4

- Working with Adults and Older People
- Management and Leadership
- Social Care and Health Promotion

200 hours of practice placement is also completed in each year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a minimum of one year's full-time (or equivalent) experience in care work in either a formal or informal capacity. Applicants must have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills and meet Garda Vetting/Police Clearance requirements. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Students receive interactive materials for home study and attend workshops (all held at NUI Galway) for each module. Assessment is based on a combination of written assignments, practical work, work placement supervisor's reports, online work, project work and examination (or any combination of these) in each year of the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates of the course are employed by statutory, private and voluntary bodies and work with a variety of groups including children, young people, adults, older people and individuals with disabilities. In addition, graduates of the course have gone on to pursue study on both taught and research postgraduate courses.



"The course has given me the opportunity to meet and network with other professionals from different areas of the care sector and has opened my eyes to career options I had not previously considered."

- Rob Partridge

02

BUSINESS &

MANAGEMENT





Our business courses are offered at undergraduate diploma and degree level providing you with in-depth knowledge and practical skills in the management and development of business enterprises, in strategic planning for large and small organisations, and in the key skills for effective business administration.

At postgraduate level, students have an opportunity to specialise in a particular aspect of business, such as leadership development, innovation management or technology commercialisation. Special purpose awards in marketing, management, and change management are on offer for students seeking a professional development opportunity or for those who require a specific business skill to complement their existing qualification.

Business graduates are in demand worldwide as business practices and operations affect every aspect of modern society. Our graduates are working in diverse roles in marketing, sales, finance, services, information systems, human resources, project management, management, and business consultancy. The variety of career pathways and employment opportunities available to business graduates ensures the continued popularity of this subject area among adult learners.

In undertaking a business degree, you will perfect your communication, business negotiation, presentation, and written skills. Our teaching approach focuses on developing your ability to think critically, solve problems in innovative ways, and effectively manage your time, all of which are essential professional skills which can be applied across a range of organisational settings.

All our business courses are delivered through fully online or blended learning modes ensuring a flexible approach to course delivery and access to course materials regardless of geographic region. The variety of award types and specialisations available at undergraduate and postgraduate level, in addition to opportunities for the recognition of prior learning, makes a part-time course in business an exciting and manageable opportunity to enhance your career.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This part-time evening course is taught in collaboration with Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) with specific focus on business and maths subjects.
- It acts as a foundation course to further studies at 3rd level.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 6

Duration:
26 weeks, part-time

Mode of study:
Classroom-based

Fees: EU: €380
(€60 if unemployed)

Start date: September

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Diploma in FOUNDATION STUDIES (BUSINESS)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course is taught at both NUI Galway and GMIT Castlebar with students able to choose which location is best for them to study at.

The course is aimed at those interested in applying for entry to full-time or part-time degrees in Business, Arts and Law at either NUI Galway or GMIT and who need the academic subjects in order to meet the entry criteria as Mature Students.

YOUR MODULES:

The course includes Accountancy, Economics, Mathematics, Business Skills, Information Technology, Skills for College and Career, Academic Study Skills and Academic Writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

This course is for Mature Students (aged 22 and over) either employed or unemployed. An aptitude for maths is required.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Classroom-based classes are held in NUI Galway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 10pm and on some Saturdays from 10am to 5pm.

Classes in GMIT Castlebar are held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The duration of the course is 26 weeks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Upon completion and successful passing of this course, students are eligible to apply for full-time and part-time degrees in relevant areas at NUI Galway or GMIT.



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“The supports available to mature students in NUI Galway are second to none. There is always someone available to advise and assist with any queries. I am currently enrolled on the Bachelor of Commerce course having completed this course.”

- Han Nguyen

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

This course is suitable for those who have completed a level 8 degree in a non-business discipline and want to obtain a business qualification to further their careers.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 60

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,320 **Non-EU:** €2,820

Start date: September 2023

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Higher Diploma in BUSINESS STUDIES



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The Higher Diploma in Business Studies can provide you with the theory and skills required to realise your career goals in a business-related environment. It will provide you with an opportunity to develop the fundamental skills of business administration. This course will equip you with the concepts, skills and knowledge necessary to play an active role in the management and development of business enterprises. The course provides non-business graduates with a pathway to progress to level 9 postgraduate studies in business.

YOUR MODULES:

You will study a range of business modules delivered by the following core business disciplines:

- Accountancy and Finance
- Business Information Systems
- Business Law
- Economics
- Marketing and Management

Other modules include:

- Negotiation Skills
- Leading & Managing People
- Business Strategy
- Information Management for Business

All modules assume no previous knowledge of the subject areas.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants require a level 8 honours degree of H2.2 standard or above. This course is open to graduates of any discipline who wish to acquire a grounding in business practices. Applicants are expected to possess a good level of computer literacy.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This course is delivered through a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, reading material, assignments and online discussions. Two accountancy modules include an end-of-semester on-campus examination; all other modules are examined by continuous assessment.

Accountancy examinations are held on-campus. Students domiciled overseas should contact the Course Administrator regarding exam arrangements in advance of applying for the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates can progress in a diverse range of industries, such as marketing, financial services, information systems and human resources. Graduates can also pursue further postgraduate study at Masters level, such as the MSc Marketing, MSc Industrial Relations, and HR Management courses.



"Access to the online lectures, podcasts and other learning materials around the clock made it an easy decision to enrol for this course. All lectures were made available via live online sessions. They were then saved and could be re-watched later. This was very convenient and was important to me as sometimes I was not free to attend live lectures due to time-zone constraints. "

- Eric Corcoran

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is suitable for those who wish to obtain a general business degree to further their career.
- The course is delivered fully online: you can access the course from any location in the world, provided you have internet access.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 180

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

4 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €3,155 **Non-EU:** €3,655

Start date: September 2023

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Bachelor of COMMERCE



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course is aimed at those who enjoy business-related subjects and are curious about how firms, markets and economies operate. It is ideal for those with a flair for decision-making and a talent for sales. If you are innovative, entrepreneurial or creative, the Bachelor of Commerce Online can provide you with the theory and skills required to realise your career goals in business.

The course aims to enable students to develop a range of transferable skills and competencies necessary for a career in business. It will help with the acquisition of contemporary knowledge and specialisation in business practice and contains content that reflects changes in business, management and the global economy.

YOUR MODULES:

You will study a range of business modules delivered by the following core business disciplines:

- Accountancy and Finance
- Business Information Systems
- Business Law
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Marketing
- Management & Statistics
- Implementing Digital Innovation
- Business Intelligence & Analytics
- Marketing Management
- Management Skills
- Business Law
- Ireland in the Global Economy
- Marketing Analytics & Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants who have successfully completed the Diploma in Foundation Studies (Business) are automatically eligible for admission. Applicants must hold a minimum of pass Mathematics at Leaving Certificate level (or equivalent) and possess a good level of computer literacy. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This course is delivered through a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, screencasts, reading material, assignments and online discussions. Numeracy based modules (accountancy, maths and statistics) are examined by end of semester examinations. All other modules are examined by continuous assessment.

Accountancy exams are held on-campus. Students domiciled overseas should contact the Course Administrator regarding exam arrangements in advance of applying for the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates will be well positioned to pursue a career in many business-related areas such as: management and management consultancy, economic policy advisory services, marketing, human resource management, information systems management, finance (including banking and insurance), entrepreneurship and public relations. Graduates may also progress to a postgraduate course at NUI Galway or further afield.



"The variety of modules was wonderful. Brilliantly, lectures are recorded, so all of the learning material can be accessed at a time that suits. There were also podcasts. I travel a lot for work, so was able to learn even while driving. I did not feel remote from my lecturers or classmates at any time. There was great interaction throughout the four years."

- Emer Gielty

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course aims to enable those with non-business backgrounds, to fulfil their potential and progress to middle management roles.
- The Diploma in Critical Business Skills is approved by Engineers Ireland as a CPD learning opportunity for engineers.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,405 **Non-EU:** €2,905

Start date: September

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APPLY ONLINE:

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Diploma in CRITICAL BUSINESS SKILLS



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course is designed to develop digital, transversal, management and leadership skills within graduates.

The syllabus will use methods of self-reflection to evaluate personal performance and professional development. Participants will assess personal strengths, characteristics and skills that impact on workplace performance. They will design strategies to enhance personal and organisational strengths and manage weaknesses.

Graduates should also develop the fundamental skills necessary to adapt to market trends and prepare for the future.

YOUR MODULES:

Students will study modules such as:

- Critical Thinking
- Leading and Managing People
- Negotiation Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 award in any discipline of no less than 90 ECTS. Three years of industry experience is desirable, but not essential. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This course is delivered through a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, reading material, assignments and online discussions. Modules are assessed by continuous assessment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates can progress in a diverse range of industries, such as financial services, information systems and human resources.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- The Diploma in Management is aimed at those who seek a management qualification to develop their careers.
- Graduates will be equipped with key concepts, knowledge and skills to enable them to embark on a career in management and be employable in a range of industries and sectors.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €995 **Non-EU:** €1,495

Start date: September 2023

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Diploma in MANAGEMENT



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This diploma aims to provide you with an opportunity to understand the principles of contemporary management and enhance your leadership capability.

You will also gain an in-depth appreciation of management's role in achieving organisational outcomes and success and the role of organisational psychology and behaviour for effective business practice. This will enable students to apply their knowledge to a wide range of organisational settings.

YOUR MODULES:

The following modules are taught on the Diploma in Management:

- Contemporary Management Thought
- Leading and Managing People
- Critical Thinking
- Management Skills
- Organisational Psychology and Analysis
- Negotiation Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants are expected to possess a good level of computer literacy, see general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This course is delivered through a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, screencasts, reading material, assignments and online discussions.

Negotiations Skills is taught via a 3-day weekend workshop. There are no end-of-semester examinations. Modules are examined by continuous assessments.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates will be equipped with the knowledge and skills required to embark on a career in management or enhance their capacity to perform in current management roles. This course is also suited to self-employed managers seeking to add value to their organisation.

The Diploma in Management provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions are granted for modules successfully completed on the diploma.



"The online delivery involves a mix of live & recorded lectures, with significant online resource availability. The structured delivery on Blackboard, whilst initially intimidating, becomes easily navigable and a superb resource. Additionally, access to the library (online and physically) and the support of fellow students is of immense assistance. The course is challenging and does require a significant time commitment, but is certainly manageable with careful time management and structuring. Having been successful in a recent interview, I think the course has equipped me with relevant information and confidence to advance in my career."

- Declan Costello

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is aimed at students who seek a qualification to enhance employment opportunities and career progression.
- The modules covered in this course provide a solid foundation in the principles and practice of marketing in a global context.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €995 **Non-EU:** €1,495

Start date: September

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Diploma in MARKETING



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This diploma is ideal if you wish to understand the principles of marketing, understand marketing's role in business and become knowledgeable of key marketing concepts.

You will develop essential skills in marketing, research, services and negotiation and be able to apply this knowledge to a wide range of industry settings.

YOUR MODULES:

- Foundations of Marketing Thought
- Negotiation Skills
- Marketing Management
- The Marketing of Service
- Qualitative Marketing Research
- Marketing Analytics & Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants are expected to possess a good level of computer literacy, see general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This course is delivered through a virtual learning environment using live online lectures, podcasts and presentations, screencasts, reading material, assignments and online discussions.

Negotiations Skills is taught via a 3-day weekend workshop. There are no end-of-semester examinations. Modules are examined by continuous assessment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates will be equipped with the fundamentals to embark on a career path in marketing and marketing management. Graduates may also be employable in a range of organisations and sectors.

The Diploma in Marketing provides a progression route to the part-time Bachelor of Commerce (Online) should graduates wish to progress to degree level. Exemptions are granted for modules successfully completed in the diploma.



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“I believe that the part-time Diploma in Marketing has unlocked my potential. I was always interested in marketing and I wanted a career in progressive field. I was looking for ways to step out of my comfort zone and improve my skills. This course was definitely the right choice. The course significantly helped me to improve my skills on a professional and personal level. Shortly after enrolling to the course I could feel an enhancement in my professional abilities and I could feel fulfilled going towards my goals and do something extra on the top of my day-to-day job.”

- Kamila Hanáková

03

COMMUNITY

EDUCATION





In the context of changing times and unfolding lives, individuals will need access to learning throughout their lifecourse, in correspondence with the range of transitions, life events, and turning points now commonplace in modern society. Access to learning opportunities enhances the ability to cope with, influence, and shape the community and society we are part of, therefore learning is not a particular stage in life but an on-going requirement that all individuals should be supported to access regardless of age.

Community Education has a specific responsibility regarding the promotion of community engagement through reciprocal partnerships with the community, voluntary, and statutory sectors in the design and delivery of research, teaching, and learning courses of societal concern. Such courses highlight the central importance of training and education in enabling communities and the individuals within them to acquire the critical skills and knowledge necessary to collectively bring about change, and to challenge structural inequalities, all of which contribute to a more just, equitable, and vibrant democracy.

Successive government reports and new policy initiatives highlight the importance of citizen engagement in attaining a participatory democracy. However, citizens need to be equipped with the knowledge and confidence necessary to become effective participants. Targeted community development and education initiatives have the proven ability to harness untapped potential from within communities.

Community Education courses at NUI Galway are developed and delivered in conjunction with practitioners to provide high-quality expertise in community, family, and youth work to ensure participants are equipped to work (paid/unpaid) in a variety of settings (private/voluntary/statutory). This ensures the provision of courses which fully reflect and support the actual 'lived lives' of individuals, and the corresponding needs and requirements of a changing society.

The suite of Community Education courses on offer include pre-development short term courses; a broad range of Certificate and Diploma courses in the fields of Youth and Community Development Practice (level 7); in addition to a 4-year part-time degree course in Community, Youth and Family Studies (level 8). In order to further enhance lifelong learning opportunities, applicants with related accredited learning and relevant experiential learning may also qualify for modular exemptions, which carry corresponding financial and work-load reductions.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course seeks to facilitate real change at community level by providing participants with the relevant skills and knowledge to engage with a rapidly changing policy and practice context at national and international levels.
- It facilitates genuine access to higher education opportunities, which respond to the personal and professional life journey of learners.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15 (Cert), 30 (Diploma)

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

7 months (Cert),

1 year (Diploma), part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €505 (Cert), €800 (Diploma)

Non-EU: €1,005 (Cert),

€1,300 (Diploma)

Start date: September 2023

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Certificate/Diploma in COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

Both the Certificate and Diploma courses aim to equip community activists with a thorough understanding of community development combined with the practical skills necessary to engage effectively in the community/voluntary and statutory sectors. Engagement of personnel from these sectors with both academic and practitioner experience ensures the ongoing currency of the policy and practice orientation of these courses. The courses are highly participative incorporating the practical life experiences of each participant.

YOUR MODULES:

The Certificate course involves the completion of the first three modules below and the Diploma course involves the completion of all 6 modules:

- Community Development Theory and Practice
- Social Analysis
- Communication, Group Work and Leadership Skills
- Research Techniques
- Public Policy
- Project Planning, Development and Evaluation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Ideally applicants should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a community or voluntary organisation, see general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is assessed through a range of individual and group assignments which are undertaken by participants throughout the year. There is also an attendance requirement – a minimum of 75% attendance at weekly classes (3 hours) and 6–8 Saturday workshops throughout the year is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

There are many career opportunities open to you on completion of this course. Some graduates have gone on to further studies, such as the BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies, while others have improved their employment prospects in the field of community development policy and practice.



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“This course has allowed me to be more educated and informed, and in turn, more confident in my own position within my organisation and within my community.”

- Siobhan Carroll

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This is an interdisciplinary degree focusing on Community, Youth and Family Studies, but also broadly incorporating community development, youth work, community-based family support, adolescence, health, political, and general socio-economic studies.
- The dynamic nature of this area of study places particular importance on the skills of inquiry and investigation, and on this basis research is an integral component of this course.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 45 (Cert), 90 (Diploma), 180 (Degree)

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year (Cert), 2 years (Diploma), 4 years (Degree), part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,985 **Non-EU:** €3,485

Start date: September

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Bachelor of Arts (COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND FAMILY STUDIES)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course prepares students for work in community/voluntary and state sectors actively supporting community, youth and family life in a rapidly changing society. It is an interdisciplinary course drawing upon selected components of sociology, politics, community development, family studies and law. It explores community, youth and family structures and patterns in a variety of cultural contexts, while also providing practical skills and understanding to promote individual, family, youth and community development leading to positive social change.

It is a broad, educational course, and places specific emphasis on knowledge and skills for personnel working within a range of sectors that seek to support and enable families, young people and communities to function effectively and thrive within society. Each year of this course seeks to introduce students to key concepts, theories and practical skills relevant to youth, family and community work practice and policy in Ireland and abroad.

YOUR MODULES:

Sample modules in year 1 include:

- Introduction to Learning
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Family and Society
- Social Research Skills
- Understanding Communities
- Youth and Society
- Group Work and Community Leadership

An indication of the range of modules each year is available on the course webpage.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence this course; however, students should have appropriate experience in youth, family, or community work, and ideally should be in a position to undertake course assignments and projects relating to practical aspects of Community, Youth, and Family Studies. There is no minimum set of hours required – for example, any kind of voluntary experience in the community development sector would be of benefit when undertaking this course, as reflective practice is emphasised as

part of the overall learning experience. Students should also have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Blended methods of delivery involve a combination of classroom-based, online, and flexible learning provision. Course assessment incorporates a range of assessment methods, including assignments, projects, reflection journals, exams etc., which purposely seek to measure knowledge, skills and competencies aligned with the course learning outcomes.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Some graduates have progressed on to postgraduate study, doing courses in social science, family support, community development and social work. There are also many career opportunities for graduates of this course due to the broad range of discipline areas covered. Examples include community care, community development work, family support services and youth work services.



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“The degree was delivered on a part-time basis. From the start, the Course Directors understood adult learners’ needs and commitments and were very supportive. My peers, of varying age, were from diverse backgrounds. We had all experienced very different life experiences which made for lively and informative classroom debate.”

- Marie Simpson

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- The course provides high quality, life relevant education for youth and community workers/volunteers to develop their capacity to promote community development, education, community involvement, active citizenship and social inclusion in working with young people.
- Engagement of personnel from the community, voluntary and statutory sectors, ensures the ongoing currency of the policy and practice orientation of this course.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: EU: €800

Non-EU: €1,300

Start date: September/October

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Diploma in

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The Diploma in Youth and Community Development Practice is designed to enable community activists and youth workers gain a thorough understanding of youth and community development, combined with the practical skills necessary to work effectively in this field. Participants will have the opportunity to explore youth and community development in detail and to learn from the experiences of initiatives elsewhere.

The flexible nature of this course enables participants to acquire formal accreditation within the increasingly professional community and youth work environments.

YOUR MODULES:

- Understanding Communities
- Youth & Society
- Group Work and Community Leadership
- Social Research Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Ideally applicants should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a youth, community or voluntary organisation. Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence the Diploma in Youth & Community Development Practice, but prospective students should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The classes are delivered via blended learning including a series of monthly workshops on Saturdays throughout the academic year September - May. Participants are required to submit a range of different assessments per module. There is also an attendance requirement - a minimum of 75% attendance (per term as well as for the overall academic year) is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course, due to the nature of the course delivery which places great emphasis on active experiential learning within a group learning setting via in-class exercises and discussions.

Attendance is calculated as part of the overall programme assessment at the end of the year when presented to the Programme Board. It is important to note that achieving the minimum attendance does not signify optimal attendance; key components of the course take place in each timetabled class throughout the duration of the course, so it's in each student's best interest to attend all classes throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

There are many career opportunities open to you on completion of this course. Some graduates have gone onto further studies, such as the BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies, while others have improved their employment prospects in the field of youth work and community development policy and practice.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course provides an opportunity for participants to examine the socio-economic and cultural context of youth work policy and practice in Ireland and the EU.
- The flexible nature of this course enables participants to acquire formal accreditation within the increasingly professional youth work setting.
- Engagement of personnel from the community, voluntary and statutory sectors, ensures the ongoing currency of the policy and practice orientation of this course.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

7 months, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €505 **Non-EU:** €1,005

Start date: September/October

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Certificate in YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This part-time certificate provides a high-quality youth work course enabling people working (paid/unpaid) within the youth work sectors, whether private, voluntary or statutory, to gain additional skills and knowledge in response to the changing youth work context. The course has been designed in collaboration with organisations/employers in the wider youth work sector to ensure that graduates are equipped to work in a variety of settings.

As this is a part-time course, using blended learning methods, you can structure your learning and study time while working in a youth work environment. The course is innovative in promoting active learning with assessments based on real-life situations in a youth work environment.

YOUR MODULES:

- Understanding Communities
- Youth and Society

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Ideally applicants should have experience of working (paid/unpaid) in a youth group, community or voluntary organisation. Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence the Certificate in Youth Work Practice, but prospective students should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is innovative in promoting active learning with assessments based on real-life situations in a youth work environment.

The classes are delivered via blended learning including a series of monthly workshops on Saturdays throughout the academic year. Participants are required to submit a range of assessments per module. There is also an attendance requirement - a minimum of 75% attendance (per term as well as for the overall academic year) is mandatory in order to successfully complete the course, due to the nature of the course delivery which places great emphasis on active experiential learning within a group learning setting via in-class exercises and discussions. Attendance is calculated as part of the overall programme assessment at the end of the year when presented to the Programme Board.

It is important to note that achieving the minimum attendance does not signify optimal attendance; key components of the course take place in each timetabled class throughout the duration of the academic year, so it's in each student's best interest to attend all classes throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

There are many career opportunities open to you on completion of this course. Some graduates have gone onto further studies, such as the BA in Community, Youth and Family Studies, while others have improved their employment prospects in the field of youth work policy and practice.

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EARLY

CHILDHOOD

STUDIES





Over the last 25 years, the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) field in Ireland has been a focus of state policy, programme initiatives, and funding streams. Research evidence consistently demonstrates that high-quality early years care and education experiences not only support young children's development and long term outcomes, they support families, facilitate parental employment, and contribute to economic prosperity.

Nurturing Skills: The Workforce Plan for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare 2022-2028 is a welcome development in the Early Years Sector, as it sets out an ambitious yet achievable direction for the Early Childhood Education and Care & School-Age Childcare workforce in Ireland. The new funding model, Partnership for Public Good, will address long-standing challenges to the professionalisation of the sector, including pay scales and career pathways. The future for ECEC in Ireland has never been brighter.

The suite of awards offered through the Early Childhood Education and Professional Practice at NUI Galway ensures graduates are well placed to contribute to the development and delivery of enriching early years experiences in a range of settings, from preschools to full daycare/crèche services, to afterschool groups and childminding settings. Graduates of our Bachelor degree contribute to the evolving field in managerial, supervisory, support, and development roles, as well as mentoring, inspecting and tutoring positions. As the sector continues to develop, graduates of NUI Galway possess the skills, knowledge and experience to effectively contribute to, and impact on, that development.

Exit awards are achieved after year 1 (certificate), year 2 (diploma), supporting employment in professional roles in registered early years settings. Graduates of the full 4-year degree are recognised for higher capitation (Level 8) in the funded ECCE Scheme.

Entry to our part-time course is encouraged by those wishing to achieve an award in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC), as well as those who have a partial or relevant award, with a goal of completing their certification. The University's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process offers varied entry routes into the Degree course at advanced stages, once criteria are met.

Graduates of the BA in Early Childhood Education and Professional Practice may also consider postgraduate options to further your academic development and career prospects, e.g. MA in Social Work, or graduates may consider a postgraduate qualification in Family Support Studies, Health Promotion, Primary Teaching, or general graduate studies.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Approved by the Qualifications Advisory Board as meeting the requirements of the Professional Award Criteria and Guidelines standards for the sector.
- Graduates meet criteria for Higher Capitation funding under ECCE Scheme (DCEDIY).
- Greater State attention to develop a 'Graduate-Led Workforce' has created significant employment opportunities for degree-holders.
- Scholarships available.
- Creates career opportunities in support, development, mentoring and lecturing roles within ECEC in Ireland and internationally.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 240

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

4 years, flexible

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: TBC Non-EU: TBC

Start date: September 2023

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Bachelor of Arts (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course enhances the personal and professional capacities of Early Years Educators to adapt to the ever-changing Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) landscape in Ireland. Students enhance their current skills, existing knowledge and reflective abilities to deliver high-quality, child-centred care and education, applying this to daily practice in their work settings. It builds on practical experience, developing the learner's skills through exposure to theory, social policy, research practice and work based experiential learning opportunities.

Opportunities for observational visits to ECEC settings, other than their workplace, will enhance and expand their developing knowledges, skills and values. This course is designed for practitioners or managers in crèches, pre-schools, school-age childcare services, special education services, family support sector and child-minding settings as well as those in development, mentoring and other leadership roles.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Introduction to Learning
- The Developing Child
- Child and Family in Irish Law
- Safeguarding Young Children in Early Years
- Ecology of Health in Early Childhood
- Professional Reflective Practice I

Year 2

- Curriculum Approaches in Early Childhood
- A Nurturing Pedagogy: Working with Young Children
- Exploring Quality in Early Childhood Practice
- The Right to Play
- Professional Reflective Practice II

Year 3

- Social and Cultural Worlds of Children and Families
- Effective Leadership & Professionalism for the Early Years Sector
- Management Skills for Early Years Environments
- Understanding Children's Early Learning
- Professional Reflective Practice III

Year 4

- Promoting Inclusion in Early Years Care and Education
- Critical Reflection, Democratic Practice and Professional Identity
- Social, Family, Child Policy: Critical Analysis
- Research Dissertation
- Professional Reflective Practice IV

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates with experience working in the early years sector (or related area) are welcomed to apply. Applicants should ideally have 2 years minimum experience; however, varied professional and voluntary experiences will be considered. Students enrolled in the course must be currently employed (or prepared to volunteer) in an early years related setting as the course commences and have documented support from their employer for work-based elements of the course (see pro forma as part of submission). Applicants must qualify as an adult learner (over 21 years of age), see general entry requirements (pg. 13). Applicants must have computer proficiency and access to the internet.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered through a blended learning model, including online/distance learning and attendance at monthly face to face, full day Saturday workshops. Varied assessment techniques, with significant developmental feedback include: written assignments, reflective learning journals, portfolios, group projects and written examinations. Significant academic support is provided to students.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

This degree opens many doors for exciting career opportunities. Newly emerging leadership roles in Early Years settings, as set out in the Workforce Development Plan for the sector, seek graduate-educators. Past graduates have gained employment as Better Start and Aim Mentors (POBAL), as Development Workers in County Childcare Committees, as Inspectors (Tusla/Education) and as lecturers at third level institutions. Graduates may progress to postgraduate courses such as the MA in Social Care, Family Support Studies or Health Promotion at NUI Galway.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- It provides participants with an opportunity to study play therapy at an advanced level, acquiring the skills necessary to work as professional play therapists or establish their own play therapy service.
- It enables participants to apply the therapeutic perspective of play therapy to other types of work with a wider client group.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30 (Cert), 30 (Diploma)

NFQ Level: 9

Duration:

20 months (Cert), 20 months (Diploma), part-time

Mode of study:

Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €3,850 (Cert),

€3,950 (Diploma)

Non-EU: €4,350 (Cert),

€4,450 (Diploma)

Start date:

Summer School: Early July

Weekend Format: October &

February*

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APPLY ONLINE:

Applications are made directly through APAC, www.apac.org.uk

Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in PRACTICE-BASED PLAY THERAPY

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course is offered in collaboration with the Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy (APAC). It focuses on alleviating a child's emotional, social and mental health problems using play and creative arts therapies. It is suitable for those wishing to add therapeutic play skills to their existing psychological therapy skills and/or those working with children, including teaching staff, nurses and social workers, counsellors, psychotherapists or psychologists.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1: Postgraduate Certificate

- Orientation to setting up and developing practice-based play therapy
- Using symbolic play therapy tools and metaphor safely
- Using expressive arts therapies
- Practicum: clinical placement (100 hours working with children)

Year 2: Postgraduate Diploma

- Working therapeutically and representing children with severe problems
- Establishing a play therapy service
- Working therapeutically and developing skills with children
- Practicum: clinical placement (100 hours working with children)

Each stage normally requires a minimum of 20 months to complete, spanning two academic years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have at least two years' experience working with children in the relevant sectors and should normally possess a first or second class honours degree in psychology, education, childhood studies or social work, or have a recognised equivalent professional qualification in a health, social services or education related field. Ordinary degree (level 7) or a minor award (level 7) candidates may be considered for entry under Recognition of Prior Learning.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using a mix of teaching methods including essential experiential and practical exercises as well as theoretical material. Students must complete 1–2 written assignments per module, undertake 100 hours of clinical practice work with children and have a satisfactory report from their clinical practice supervisor.

*For attendance, students can choose either of the following options:

1. Summer School: 15 consecutive days
2. Weekend Format: five 3-day weekends

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

The course provides the necessary skills for participants to work therapeutically with children as play therapists. It is used by counsellors, psychotherapists, psychologists, teaching staff, occupational therapists, nurses and social workers. Participants also progress to careers in service management, play therapy training and running their own children's therapy business.



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"This course has been one of the most fulfilling experiences I have ever had. It provided a safe and supportive space to grow in understanding of self and others. The facilitators showed a huge amount of competency, professional skills and kindness."

- Diana Bigioi

50 YEARS OF INSPIRING AND ENGAGING ADULT LEARNERS!

As NUI Galway celebrates 175 years since its foundation, the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development also celebrated another significant milestone in 2019 – the 50th anniversary of adult learning courses at the University.

NUI Galway started its first 'Extra-Mural Adult Education' courses in 1969 to promote community & regional education. These courses covered topics like local development and empowered people to provide leadership in their communities. Many of these courses were the predecessors to some of the part-time courses still offered at the Centre today.

Over the past five decades Adult Learning has continued to develop a wide range of part-time, flexible courses for Adult Learners that have been delivered regionally through classroom-based learning, nationally through blended learning and now internationally through online learning.

	1969	Today
Courses	2	40+
Enrolments	240	1550+

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“With an ever expanding portfolio of courses on offer including online, blended and classroom-based learning options, we have developed a wealth of experience and expertise in supporting adult learners in their learning journey.”

*- Nuala McGuinn,
Centre Director*

www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning/50years

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HEALTH

PROMOTION





The Discipline of Health Promotion at NUI Galway offers numerous part-time Specialist Certificate and Postgraduate Certificate courses, which are co-ordinated, assessed, and accredited by the University.

These courses are developed and taught in conjunction with a variety of partner organisations (e.g. Croí, Diabetes Ireland, Dental Health Foundation, Irish Heart Foundation, HSE, Mental Health Ireland and National Institute for Preventative Cardiology) and government departments (e.g. Department of Health and Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation).

These courses are aligned with the most recent government policy documents (e.g. the Healthy Ireland Framework 2019–2025; Changing Cardiovascular Health National Cardiovascular Health Policy 2010–2019; and Smile agus Sláinte – National Oral Health Policy 2019), which are aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of the population in Ireland.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

Participants of this course will gain the skills and competencies required for the effective implementation of health promotion interventions and project management.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 9

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,070 **Non-EU:** €2,570

Start date: September

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APPLY ONLINE:
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Postgraduate Certificate in **HEALTH PROMOTION** (Approaches to Cardiovascular Health and Type 2 Diabetes Prevention)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course aims to enhance health professionals' understanding of the determinants of health, the prevention of disease, lifestyle factors and associated patterns of inequality. It is particularly suited to health professionals working in nursing, public health, pharmacy, physiotherapy, medicine, and the health and weight loss industry.

Designed for healthcare professionals, the course equips students with an in-depth understanding of how to critically assess the evidence base, understand national and international approaches to the promotion of cardiovascular health and the prevention of diabetes, and appreciate the role of advocacy in influencing health and environmental (public) policies.

YOUR MODULES:

The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.

- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Specialism in Cardiovascular Health and Type 2 Diabetes Prevention
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A primary degree is required; each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted on the online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates of this course have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. The completion of this course may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the Masters/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward up to 20 ECTS.



"I have progressed in my career and am working now on large interventions in health and wellbeing for homeless populations in Dublin's Simon Community. Overall this course has strengthened my working prospects, skillset in this area and my confidence."

- John Treanor

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is designed for professionals working in different sectors who wish to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies of mental health promotion and their implementation in practice.
- This unique course has been jointly developed by NUI Galway and Mental Health Ireland.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 9

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,070 **Non-EU:** €2,570

Start date: September

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Postgraduate Certificate (MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course aims to provide participants with professional education and training in the principles and practice of promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. This course is open to those working in a professional capacity in areas such as mental health, health promotion, public health, primary care, education, community work, nursing, social work, psychology and allied fields.

Course participants will acquire an understanding of the concepts, principles and evidence base for mental health promotion and the practical implementation of mental health promotion interventions from a national and international perspective. Course participants will gain skills and competencies for the effective implementation of evidence-based mental health promotion interventions.

YOUR MODULES:

The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.

- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Mental Health Promotion Specialism
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A primary degree is required; each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted on the online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates of this course have an opportunity to move into a mental health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. Completion of this course may also extend the remit of their job to include mental health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the Masters/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward up to 20 ECTS.



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As someone who was, for years, very apprehensive about returning to study I can honestly say that the tutors and the design of the course work itself have made this more easily achievable. Through blended learning and monthly face-to-face lectures, I have met many friendly staff and classmates from a variety of backgrounds.”

- Alan Gallagher

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

This course aims to provide students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of health promotion as applied to the promotion of oral health.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 15

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €1,405 **Non-EU:** €1,905

Start date: September

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Specialist Certificate in **HEALTH PROMOTION (ORAL HEALTH)**

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course encompasses a body of specialist knowledge and skills on health promotion, the causes of oral ill-health and oral health promotion. Students will learn about health promotion theory and integrating theory into practice. The evidence base for health promotion development is explored, and students will develop skills in implementing evidence-based interventions. Communication and facilitation skills are developed.

YOUR MODULES:

The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.

- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Specialism in Oral Health
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted via online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

This course will provide students with an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or achieve promotion within their work. Completing the course may also extend the remit of their job to include oral health promotion.



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“In addition to the oral-health-specific components, there was coverage of communication and presentation topics, which have allowed me to put my acquired knowledge into practice in the most effective way.”

- Susan McCartney

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

This course is suitable for a variety of professions and settings. It is particularly suited to those working in health promotion, human resources, management, public health, nursing, occupational health and safety, and the ever-growing corporate wellness industry.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 9

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €2,070 **Non-EU:** €2,570

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Postgraduate Certificate in HEALTH PROMOTION (WORKPLACE WELLNESS)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course guides students through the stages of effective intervention design, such as needs analysis, planning, implementation and evaluation. This will be embedded in an understanding of the fundamentals of Health Promotion and framed around real-world experience and examples. Course participants will gain skills and competencies for the effective implementation of evidence-based Health Promotion interventions and project management. Specialists in workplace health and wellbeing will become essential agents of change within organisations throughout the world.

YOUR MODULES:

The course comprises three modules. The first two modules include participation in workshops and self-paced instructional materials with assignments for independent study, while the third module focuses on project work.

- Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion
- Specialism in Workplace Wellness
- Project Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A primary degree is required. Each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per the personal statement submitted on the online application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This is a blended learning course, with a combination of participatory workshops, project work and self-paced learning using online materials. The three modules are assessed by means of continuous assessment based on essays and project work throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates of this course have an opportunity to move into a health promotion post connected with their work or to achieve promotion within their work. Completing the course may also extend the remit of their job to include health promotion. Successful graduates who wish to apply to the Masters/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion course offered by NUI Galway can carry forward up to 20 ECTS.



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“This course has given me plenty of opportunity to practice and discuss various ways of improving the health of our working populations. The course material itself is an invaluable resource in guiding and directing the implementation of a workplace wellness programme.”

- Mary Malone

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY





Our Information Technology (IT) courses are delivered online, providing a high degree of convenience and flexibility for students who wish to work full-time while gaining a recognised qualification at Diploma or Masters level. Students receive their course materials through our online learning platform and communicate with their classmates and their online facilitators through online discussion forums.

The IT Online courses are delivered in 8-week cycles with students required to submit assignment work, for which they receive feedback and grades online, on a weekly basis. As part of our student-centred approach, a team provides support to the student in the background if and when required.

The second largest exporter of computer and IT services in the world, Ireland hosts many global leaders in technology, e.g. IBM, Apple, Microsoft and HP (enterprise-ireland.com, 2020). Our IT Online courses serve this vibrant technology industry in Ireland and provide skilled employees to this sector.

Students from non-IT backgrounds have used IT Online to successfully transition to careers in the software and database industries. Students with software and/or database experience can bring their knowledge up to date while gaining a recognised award from a highly regarded university. Previous graduates have taken up careers as programmers, database administrators, scrum masters, and team leads, among others. The courses provide skills to make the student workplace-ready.

The Diploma in Software Engineering allows a student to progress to the second year of the Masters in Software Engineering and Database Technologies or to exit with a level 8 diploma award. If the student exits at that point, the option is there for the student to return at a later point.

When researching a thesis area as part of the Masters course, a student has the opportunity to choose the IT-related topic that they wish to specialise in, e.g. a business or product idea, work-related project, or a personal-interest topic.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Students will develop skills, knowledge and competencies in software engineering areas, which are in high industry demand.
- Graduates may transfer directly to year 2 of the Masters in Software Engineering and Database Technology.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €4,850

Non-EU: €5,350

Start date: Late August

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Diploma in **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course is ideal for those who wish to re-skill in the software development space. The student engages with an interesting and challenging curriculum, improving their employability and promotional opportunities while gaining a recognised qualification.

This is a conversion course, building knowledge from the basics to help a student to change career. The course is also ideal for those working in the area who would like to gain a recognised qualification.

YOUR MODULES:

Core modules:

- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Software Engineering
- Object Oriented Programming

Elective modules:

- Object Oriented Design
- Distributed Systems and the Cloud
- Artificial Intelligence

Modules offered may change to reflect industry requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

This course is open to level 7 (or higher) graduates. Applicants with a level 7 qualification must have at least 3 years' relevant experience. Applicants with a level 8 (or higher) qualification may not require the work experience element if their qualification is in Science, Engineering or a related area.

An IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required if applicable.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered fully online and students study one module every eight weeks over the academic year. Modules are assessed via weekly assignments (e.g. programming tasks, essays), online discussions and an examination (online).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

This course will equip you with the knowledge to begin a career in the Information Technology sector. Alternatively, graduates may progress directly into year 2 of the Masters in Software Engineering and Database Technology.



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“By achieving a third level qualification in Software Engineering, I accomplished a long held personal & professional goal. Having achieved the Diploma has allowed me a distinct advantage in my workplace.”

- Neil Keane

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Students will develop skills and competencies in software and database areas, which are in high industry demand.
- Students may focus their year 2 thesis research on a topic of personal or professional interest (e.g. business idea, work-related project), providing opportunity for professional development in the workplace.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 90

NFQ Level: 9

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €4,885 **Non-EU:** €5,385

Start date: August 2023

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Masters in

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AND DATABASE TECHNOLOGY



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This is a conversion course, building knowledge from the basics in order to help the student transition to a career in the software and database sectors. Alternatively, this course suits those working in the software or database sectors who wish to gain a recognised qualification.

Students engage with a challenging curriculum in a flexible, online environment. Students improve their employability gaining highly sought-after skills.

YOUR MODULES:

- Computer Architecture and Operating Systems
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Software Engineering
- Object Oriented Programming
- Object Oriented Design
- Distributed Systems and the Cloud
- Artificial Intelligence
- Introduction to Relational Databases
- Fundamentals of Databases
- Introduction to Information Retrieval
- Data Mining

Students are supervised during thesis preparation and a Thesis Fundamentals module is part of a student credits. Modules may change to reflect industry requirements.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

This course is open to level 7 (or higher) graduates. Applicants with a level 7 qualification must have at least 3 years' relevant experience. Applicants with a level 8 (or higher) qualification may not require the work experience element if their qualification is in Science, Engineering or a related area.

An IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent is required if applicable.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered fully online and students study one module every eight weeks, typically over two academic years. (Students can extend their study period if they wish and spread modules over three years for example). Modules are assessed via weekly assignments (e.g. programming tasks, essays), online discussions and an online examination. Students also deliver a final thesis.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

This course will equip you with the knowledge to transition to a career in the Software and/or Database sectors. Graduates have also progressed to PhD research.



"Our online forums allowed for interaction and collaboration with our classmates. Even though we did not meet apart from the introductory day and at our graduation, there was plenty of opportunity to get to know each other, offer support and learn from each other. I really enjoyed the collaborative and cooperative learning environment that was nurtured by our course coordinator and lecturers."

- Lorna Boyd

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LANGUAGES





We provide an exciting range of language courses, extending from the ancient world to the most contemporary developments in European languages, literatures, and cultures. A range of Irish language courses are also on offer catering for students who wish to gain fluency in Irish for employment in the public sector, translation services, or media. Whether you seek to learn a language for enjoyment or to enhance your professional profile, there has never been a better time to develop your linguistic skills.

Having the ability to communicate in several languages is an invaluable asset, offering graduates a range of personal and professional benefits. Languages equip students with excellent linguistic and critical thinking skills, giving graduates a distinctive edge in a competitive global market. The demand for multilingual professionals in the Irish and global job market has risen sharply in recent years, creating career opportunities for graduates both at home and abroad, particularly in the areas of international trade and commerce, customer service, the diplomatic service, and the tourism and hospitality industry.

Communicating through another language also deepens your connection to other cultures, fostering an appreciation for the traditions, religions, arts, and history of the people associated with that language, and allows students to gain a global perspective on the contemporary world.

With our high-quality language courses, you will receive teaching and guidance from experienced lecturers and tutors – many of whom are native speakers – in a friendly and welcoming environment based in the most multicultural university and city in Ireland. The courses accommodate learners of all different levels, from complete beginners to intermediate and advanced level.

With the exception of our Italian and French online diplomas, most of our language courses follow a classroom format, with the immersive weekly classes complimenting the at-home assignments prescribed to build fluency and confidence in your communication skills. Using a collaborative, communicative approach to language learning, you are encouraged to participate from the beginning of the course.

Students are split into small tutorial groups to ensure the highest quality of learning and engagement in the guided speaking, listening, and comprehension activities provided through individual and group tasks. Through these interactive teaching methods, you will quickly gain confidence and master communicating in your chosen language.

CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRITHE?

Tá an cúrsa dírithe ar dhaoine ar spéis leo cultúr dúchais na hÉireann. I measc na n-ábhar a chlúdaítear tá:

- Deasghnátha, nósanna agus tuiscintí traidisiúnta
- Na healaíona dúchais: amhránaíocht, ceol & damhsa
- An cultúr ábhartha: bealaí maireachtála agus ceirdeanna dúchasacha

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 30

Leibhéal NFQ: 7

Fad:

2 bhliain, páirtaimseartha

Modh Seachadta:

Foghlaím chumaisc, móide
3 cheardlann sa bhliain in
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Teastas/Diplóma sa CHULTÚR DÚCHAIS

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA:

Is í aidhm an chúrsa seo eolas a roinnt le rannpháirtithe le go bhfaighidh siad léargas ar shaibhreas an chultúir dhúchais. Gheobhaidh rannpháirtithe léargas freisin ar acmhainní agus ar shaothair bainteach leis an gcultúr dúchais, agus gheobhaidh siad deis forbairt phearsanta a dhéanamh agus cur lena gcáilíochtaí oideachais.

MODÚIL:

Bliain 1

- Cúlra & Comhthéacs an Bhéaloidis
- Gnéithe de na hEalaíona Dúchais
- Deasghnátha agus Nósmaireacht Thraidisiúnta

Bliain 2

- An tOsnádúr sa Bhéaloideas
- An Cultúr Ábhartha
- Aicmí na nAmhrán

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA:

Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán sásúil Gaeilge acu agus spéis acu sa chultúr dúchais. De bharr go mbeidh cuid mhór den chúrsa á chur ar fáil trí chianfhoghlaím ar an idirlíon, ní mór go mbeadh ríomhaire agus ceangal leathanbhanda ag rannpháirtithe.

CUR I LÁTHAIR AGUS MEASÚNÚ:

Cuirfear an cúrsa páirtaimseartha Diplóma seo ar fáil ar an idirlíon den chuid is mó, ar bhealach a thabharfaidh go leor saoirse do rannpháirtithe ó thaobh na foghlama de. Is measúnú leanúnach i bhfoirm aistí agus obair eile a bheidh i gceist (ní bheidh aon scrúdú le déanamh). Caithfear bliain 1 a phasáil chun cáiliú do bhliain 2..

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA:

Cé go bhfuil an cúrsa seo dírithe ar gach duine a bhfuil spéis acu san ábhar, bhainfeadh daoine atá ag obair nó ar mhaith leo oibriú i réimsí áirithe tairbhe as freisin, mar shampla:

- Turasóireacht chultúrtha
- Forbairt pobail
- Ealaíona cruthaitheacha
- Múinteoireacht bhunscoile/mheánscoile



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“Mholfainn go mór an cúrsa diplóma seo d'éinne gur mhaith leo feabhas a chur ar a gcuid eolais faoin gcultúr dúchais. Tá ábhair agus struchtúr an chúrsa thar barr agus is fiú freastal ar na ceardlanna más féidir. B'eispéaras luachmhar dom é agus tá mé fíorbhuíoch den fhoireann agus de mo chomhfhoghlaimoirí. Tá súil agam go dtabóidh daoine eile an deis freastal ar an gcúrsa san am atá ag teacht.”

- Anne Ryan

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course provides a stimulating learning environment in order to prepare highly proficient linguists for careers in which French is a key requirement.
- It will enable you to grow in your personal capacities and to develop characteristics of self-confidence and self-reliance in French and to have the capacity to adapt to changing circumstances both at work and in the everyday francophone environment.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September

*Please refer to our Online Learning section on pg. 11

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Diploma in Arts (FRENCH)



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course is open to anyone with an interest in French and who wishes to gain fluency in the language. The Diploma in French is not suitable for complete Beginners as it is offered at two levels: intermediate and advanced.

This course aims to enable students with an interest in French to acquire a high level of written and oral communication skills in the language through a variety of practical language exercises. Students will also study major cultural issues in the contemporary French-speaking world. In their second year, students will be introduced to the world of French literature. As the course progresses, students should be able to converse on and comprehend a variety of topics and situations.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Introduction to French Language – Written and Spoken
- French Language – Written, Spoken and Comprehension
- Introduction to Civilisation, Culture and Society in France
- Oral French – Parlons Français 1

Year 2

- Improvers' French 1 – On Écoute, on Écrit et on Parle 1
- Improvers' French 2 – On Écoute, on Écrit et on Parle 2
- French Culture – Connaître le Monde

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DIRECT ENTRY TO SECOND YEAR:

Application to enter year 2 of the Diploma in French is available to those who have completed an equivalent course at third level or who have lived in a Francophone country for an extended period. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Applicants should apply online for the course and contact the Programme Director to discuss an advanced entry application.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Classes will be held on Monday evenings. For direct entry to second year students, classes will be held on Tuesday evenings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Surveys indicate that employers value language skills among their workforce, placing a premium on the ability to make contact and communicate with global trade partners and to understand overseas business environments. For those with appropriate French language skills, there are possibilities to work in the following fields: international business, international agencies, the tourism and hospitality industry and the diplomatic service. There is also the possibility of proceeding to Degree level and beyond in French.



"I was delighted to find out that NUI Galway offered an Evening Diploma in French as that suited me very well as regards work hours. I wanted to brush up on my school-level French, as France is our regular holiday destination, and who knows, we might even retire there! The course was very well structured, and the lecturers were excellent. I'd highly recommend this course to others interested in improving and further developing their French skills."

- John Breslin

CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRITHE?

- Múinteoirí atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh
- Foghlaimeoirí lánfhásta
- Daoine le céim acu cheana féin i ndisciplín seachas an Ghaeilge
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh cur leis na cáilíochtaí atá acu
- Daoine atá ag iarraidh obair san Earnáil Phoiblí

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 60

Leibhéal NFQ: 8

Fad:

2 bhliain, páirtaimseartha

Modh Seachadta:

Foghlaim chumaisc

Táille Bhliaintuill: EU: €3,055*

Non-EU: €3,555

Tús an chúrsa: Meán Fómhair

*Is féidir le múinteoirí cur isteach ar An Scéim um Aisíoc Táillí Múinteoirí, tá níos mó eolais ar fáil ag an nasc seo: www.mie.ie/en/study_with_us/refund_of_fees_scheme/

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Ard-Diplóma sa GHAELGE FHEIDHMEACH

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA:

Tá sé mar aidhm ag an Ard-Diplóma seo freastal ar éileamh na mac léinn go gcuirfí saincháilíocht ag leibhéal 8 ar fáil dóibh ionas go n-éascófaí an próiseas aitheantais a bhaineann leis an gComhairle Mhúinteoireachta.

Is cúrsa dhá bhliain atá i gceist leis an Ard-Diplóma (Gaeilge Fheidhmeach) atá dírithe go príomha ar mhic léinn a bhfuil céim onóracha bainte amach acu cheana féin i ndisciplín seachas an Ghaeilge ach atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a shaothrú mar ábhar acadúil ag leibhéal 8.

MODÚIL:

Bliain 1

- Cruinneas na Gaeilge 1
- An Prós Comhaimseartha
- Stair na Meán Gaeilge
- Uirlisí an Aistriúcháin agus na Téarmaíochta
- An Scríbhneoireacht Acadúil

Bliain 2

- Cruinneas na Gaeilge 2
- Na hEalaíona Traidisiúnta
- Litríocht Chomhaimseartha na Gaeilge 1
- Litríocht Chomhaimseartha na Gaeilge 2

RIACHTANAS IONTRÁLA:

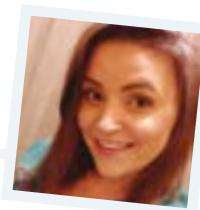
Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil Gaeilge ar a dtail acu. Beidh grád C3/H4 (ardleibhéal) sa Ghaeilge riachtanach. Sásaíonn sé sin gnáthriachtanais iontrála na hOllscoile.

CUR I LÁTHAIR AGUS MEASÚNÚ:

Caithfidh mic léinn a bheith páirteach i ndíospóireachtaí agus fóraim phlé ar-líne i rith na bliana acadúla uilig. De ghnáth bunófar na measúnuithe seo ar imeachtaí i rith an mhodúil chomh maith le haiste nó togra scríofa ag deireadh an tseimeastair.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA:

Tabharfaidh an tArd-Diplóma seo cáilíocht aitheanta sa Ghaeilge do chéimithe, cáilíocht a chuirfidh go suntasach lena gcuid deiseanna infhostaitheachta, san earnáil oideachais go háirithe. Beidh deiseanna freisin ag céimithe ar obair sna meáin chumarsáide, sa tseirbhís phoiblí, in earnáil an aistriúcháin agus san earnáil phoiblí.



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“Rinne mé an tArd-Diplóma seo chun na riachtanais atá ag an gComhairle Mhúinteoireachta a shásamh agus a bheith i dteideal an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh i meánscoil go dtí leibhéal na hArdteiste. Bhí foireann an chúrsa go hálainn, tuisceanach, cabhrach i gcónaí agus chabhraigh sin liom go mór agus mé ar an mbóthar le cáilíocht a bhaint amach sa teanga.

Do dhaoine ar suim leo teangacha, ar suim leo an Ghaeilge nó ar mhaith leo barr feabhais a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge, mholfaínn an tArd-Diplóma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach dóibh.”

- Dariona Nic Dhonnacha

CÉ AIR A BHFUIL AN CÚRSA SEO DÍRITHE?

- An Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Beidh an cúrsa seo oiriúnach do dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán ard Gaeilge acu cheana féin sa scríobh agus sa labhairt agus a dteastaíonn uathu barr feabhais a chur ar a gcuid scileanna teanga.
- An Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Tá an cúrsa seo oiriúnach d'fhoghlaimeoirí a bhfuil grád H4 nó níos airde sa Ghaeilge bainte amach acu ag leibhéal na hArdteistiméireachta nó a bhfuil cumas ag leibhéal B1 de réir an Chomhchreata Eorpaigh acu sa Ghaeilge.

SONRAÍ AN CHÚRSA

ECTS: 30

Leibhéal NFQ: 7

Fad:

2 bhliain, páirtaimseartha

Modh Seachadha:

Seomra ranga

Táille Bhliantúil: €990

Mic léinn: €250

Foireann/Alumni OÉG: €660

Tús an chúrsa: Meán Fómhair

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An Dioplóma sa GHAEILGE (LEIBHÉAL B2 & C1)

PRÓIFÍL AN CHÚRSA:

Is iad seo na h-aidhmeanna le haghaidh leibhéal C1 den Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge: go ndéanfar tuiscint a chothú sna mic léinn ar Cheart na Gaeilge, go gcurfar le cumas na mhic léinn an Ghaeilge a shealbhú sa tslí agus go mbeidh siad inniúil ar chumarsaid éifeachtach a dhéanamh sa teanga. Go dtabharfar léargas don mhac léinn ar chultúr agus ar shaíocht Ghaeltach na hÉireann agus meon dearfach i leith na Gaeilge a chothú sna hiarrthóirí a neartóidh a n-iompar Gaeilge sa saol mór.

Is iad aidhmeanna leibhéal B2 den Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge ná saibhriú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna teanga atá ag na mic léinn cheana féin agus forbairt agus leathnú a dhéanamh ar na scileanna seo, ionas go mbeidh ar a gcumas iad féin a chur iniúil go sásúil i réimse leathan chomhthéacsanna.

Tabharfar léargas freisin ar ghnáthúsaid laethúil na Gaeilge agus na mic léinn a chumasú chun páirt réasúnta gníomhach a ghlacadh i ngnáthchumarsáid laethúil ina saol pearsanta agus gairmiúil.

RIACHTANAIS IONTRÁLA:

Leibhéal C1: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil ardchaighdeán Gaeilge acu agus a bhaineann amach an caighdeán sásúil sa Triail Socrúcháin Teanga.

Leibhéal B2: Fáilteofar roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil eolas maith acu ar an teanga cheana féin (de bharr a dtréimhse scolaíochta, mar shampla). Caithfear Triail Socrúcháin Teanga a chomhlíonadh freisin.

CUR I LÁTHAIR AGUS MEASÚNÚ:

Beidh ar mhic léinn dhá mheasúnú a dhéanamh le linn gach aon bhliain den chúrsa. Léamhthuiscint agus cluastuiscint a bheidh i gceist sna measúnuithe seo.

Déanfaidh rannpháirtithe an chúrsa scrúdú cainte agus scrúdú scríofa ag deireadh gach bliana.

DEISEANNA FOSTAÍOCHTA:

Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (C1): Cuirfear le deiseanna fostaíochta i réimse leathan gairmeacha i saol na Gaeilge, ina measc tá an mhúinteoireacht, an chraoltóireacht agus an iriseoireacht.

Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge (B2): Beidh deiseanna fostaíochta i réimse leathan gairmeacha ina bhfuil cumas idirmheánach Gaeilge ag teastáil. Tá Dioplóma B2 sa Ghaeilge aitheanta ag an Roinn Oideachais mar cháilíocht iontrála sa Ghaeilge dóibh siúd atá ag cur isteach ar chúrsaí sna Coláistí Oiliúna Múinteoirí.



“Molaim d’aon duine a bhfuil suim acu sa teanga an cúrsa seo a thógaint. Bainfidh tú sult is sásamh as na ranganna’s feabhas ag teacht ar chaighdeán do chuid Gaeilge.”

- Seosamh Caomhánach

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

German is not only the official language of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, but is spoken in regions of France, Italy, Poland and many other East European countries. It is also a valuable language in doing business in Europe. Through the course's module on German culture, students will gain a deeper insight into a region that plays a vital role in central Europe's intellectual and economic life, as well as in its cultural history.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September

*Please refer to our Blended Learning section on pg. 11

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Diploma in Arts (GERMAN)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course introduces students to the basic elements of German and is designed for those who have no previous knowledge of the language. Whether your interest in German has a business focus or you want to explore interesting and beautiful cities like Berlin or Munich, the Diploma in German can get you started.

This 2-year course will help you develop the skills to communicate successfully in the German-speaking world while exciting your curiosity about other cultures.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Introduction to Beginners' German
 - Written and Spoken
- Beginners' German Continued – Written, Spoken and Comprehension
- Introduction to aspects of 20th Century German, Swiss and Austrian Culture

Year 2

- Intermediate German – Written and Oral Comprehension 1
- Intermediate German – Listening and Oral Comprehension 2
- Contemporary German, Austrian and Swiss Society
- German Conversation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DIRECT ENTRY TO SECOND YEAR:

If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by a written examination that will take place in August.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Classes will be held for beginners on Wednesday evenings. For direct entry to second year, classes will be held on Thursday evenings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Knowledge of German is more useful than ever for career opportunities involving international trade, customer service within multinational companies, as well as the tourism industry.



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“I started the Diploma to develop reading comprehension in German but by the end of the course I had gained so much more. The method of teaching and learning allowed me to pursue the coursework at my own pace, in tandem with my own research and teaching.”

- Charles Doyle

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is suitable for those who require knowledge of Irish for personal or professional reasons.
- Level A2 is designed for those who have no prior knowledge of the language and level B1 is suitable for those who are able to communicate at a basic level in Irish and/or have previously studied the language.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum) €990

NUI Galway Student fee: €250

NUI Galway Staff/Alumni: €660

Start date: September

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Diploma in IRISH (LEVELS A2 AND B1)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The aim of this course is to develop students' understanding of the written and spoken language and enable them to take a basic part in everyday communication through the medium of Irish. This Diploma also enables students to gain the confidence and necessary language skills to communicate through the medium of Irish in everyday situations and to further develop and foster their existing language skills. The course provides students with an insight into the everyday usage of the Irish language and enables them to participate in conversations on topics that are familiar or of personal interest.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Level A2: This course is for complete beginners. Therefore, there are no formal entry requirements for this course.

Level B1: This course is suitable for those who have a prior knowledge of the language. Applicants must complete a language placement test. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Students are required to complete two assessments during each year of the course. This consists of a reading comprehension and a listening comprehension test. Course participants sit an oral and written examination at the end of each year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

The Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge A2 is used as a stepping stone to progress to higher levels of the Diploma, and a lot of our students pursue a career in primary and post-primary teaching after undertaking these courses.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is classroom-based so you can meet new people, practice your new language skills or improve your existing level with fellow language enthusiasts.
- This course is open to all levels, beginners and those who have previously studied in Italian.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September 2023

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Diploma in Arts (ITALIAN)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

Students will be introduced to the basics of the Italian language in order to develop competence in handling common situations of everyday life. The course concentrates on all of the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and uses carefully selected authentic material to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. In addition, a cultural module introduces students to the main trends in Italian art, cinema, history and culture.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Italian Language Level 1 – Parts 1 & 2
- Italian Culture and Language Level 1

Year 2

- Italian Language Level 2 – Parts 1 & 2
- Italian Culture and Language Level 2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13). If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year (online only). Your level will be assessed by a written examination.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Classes will be held one evening per week. All modules in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module takes the form of essays and written assignments during the semester and a written examination at the end of the semester.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Learning a new language provides invaluable skills. There is no doubt that the profile of the professional of the future will be that of a person who can adapt quickly and effectively to new situations and environments, who speaks more than one language, and who is at home in more than one country. Language students will be mobile, cosmopolitan, and ready and happy to embrace and negotiate different cultures and traditions.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is offered fully online and can be taken at beginner and intermediate level.
- This award-winning course will allow you to explore the vibrant culture of Italy and learn a fascinating new language.
- You will develop new communication skills, new modes of interaction and ICT competences for the workplace and for lifelong learning.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September

*Please refer to our Online Learning section on pg. 11

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Diploma in Arts (ITALIAN) ONLINE



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The Diploma in Italian is designed to give participants enhanced language skills for personal, travel and professional purposes. This course is based on a collaborative, communicative approach and students are encouraged to participate in virtual class activities with their peers and e-tutors.

The online course is particularly suitable for students who need flexibility in their time and mode of study and/or live outside of Galway. Basic computer skills are sufficient for the online students, including an ability to download and upload files, navigate websites, and use emails and Skype-style applications. An introductory session at the beginning of the course will explain in very simple terms how to use these applications and will take students through all the steps necessary to become familiar with these learning tools.

Please note: both the Beginners' and the Intermediate level are part-time, 2-year courses.

YOUR MODULES:

Beginners' - Year 1

- Italian Language Skills 1 – Level 1, Parts 1 & 2
- Oral and Intercultural Skills – Level 1

Beginners' - Year 2

- Italian Language Skills – Level 2, Parts 1 & 2
- Oral and Intercultural Skills – Level 2

Intermediate* - Year 1

- Italian Communication Skills 1 – Level 1, Parts 1 & 2
- Italian Cultural Landscape 1

Intermediate* - Year 2

- Italian Communication Skills 2 – Level 1, Parts 1 & 2
- Italian Cultural Landscape 2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13). If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year of the Beginners' level or for the Intermediate Level. Your level will be assessed by an online examination.

This examination is free and dates will be announced in April. Only one attempt per level per candidate is allowed.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered through a combination of:

- Online material and activities
- Videos
- Audios
- Screencasts
- Live online sessions with tutors

There are 12 live online sessions per year. These include tutorials and conversation. Each session lasts 50 minutes.

Sessions will be delivered live online via our Virtual Learning Environment on Wednesday evenings. Note that the day of classes may be subject to change according to lecturers' schedules.

New content is made available online every Monday for the 24 weeks of the course (per year). You will be able to organise your study according to the time you have available, however you will need to complete most activities within 7 days, some within 14 days.

The course is assessed through a combination of continuous assessment, participation activities, project work and final written/oral exam. All assessed work is completed online.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Learning a new language will provide invaluable skills. Graduates who can speak more than one language adapt quickly and effectively to new situations and environments. Language graduates will have the opportunity to be mobile, cosmopolitan and ready to negotiate and embrace different cultures and traditions.

*If you wish to enrol for the Intermediate level or go directly into Year 2 of the Diploma in Italian Online (beginner level), you need to pass an entry test. This online examination is free and will take place during the last week of August. Applicants should apply online for the course and contact the Course Administrator to arrange an invitation to the exam. Only one attempt per level per candidate is allowed.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

The Diploma in Spanish provides an opportunity for students who have little or no previous knowledge of the language to embark on a structured, 2-year course of study to develop communication skills in Spanish that will facilitate travel, education or work.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Classroom-based

Fees: (per annum)

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date: September

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Diploma in Arts (SPANISH)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The Diploma in Spanish is designed for those who wish to develop Spanish language skills for personal, educational or professional reasons. Classes are taught and assessed by tutors who are native Spanish speakers. Over the two years of study, students will learn Spanish grammar and work on their reading, listening, speaking and writing skills.

Classes are split into small groups for weekly oral classes to maximise the opportunities for oral practice and interaction. On completion of the course, students will have the necessary oral, comprehension and writing skills to deal with a range of situations encountered in everyday life in Spain and Latin America.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Introduction to Beginners' Spanish
- Beginners' Spanish
- Oral Spanish
- Introduction to Contemporary Spain

Year 2

- Improvers' Spanish 1 & 2
- Oral Spanish
- Introduction to Latin America

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DIRECT ENTRY TO SECOND YEAR:

If you already have prior knowledge of the language, or a Leaving Certificate in the subject, you can apply for direct entry to the second year. Your level will be assessed by a written examination at the NUI Galway campus during the last week of August. Applicants should apply online for the course and contact the Programme Director to arrange an invitation to the exam.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Classes are taught one evening per week from 6.30 to 9.30pm. Continuous assessment will be based on tests and writing exercises conducted in class. There will be two written examinations, one at the end of Semester 1 in December, and one at the end of Semester 2, in April. There will also be an oral examination in April.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

This course will give you a level of Spanish that allows you to engage actively with people in everyday situations through Spanish. It also gives you 30 ECTS (credits), which are transferable to many degree courses within the EU. It will not qualify you to teach Spanish at Secondary Level, as it does not meet all the requirements of the Teaching Council of Ireland.



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"I have been visiting Spain for several years and while I have picked up some vocabulary and phrases along the way, I have always wanted to learn the language in a more formal and structured but enjoyable way. This course has been thoroughly enjoyable. I have confidence in speaking, reading and writing the Spanish language because the tutors gave me such a concrete foundation in language structure, verb tenses and conjugations. I now have the necessary skills to continue to improve."

- Mary Haugh

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SCIENCE &

TECHNOLOGY





Our Science & Technology courses offer participants rewarding career opportunities in a variety of areas, such as to join thriving industry sectors or the facility to upskill and be ready to avail of promotional possibilities. Our courses are developed to address current and future requirements of the high-tech sector ensuring that our graduates are well positioned to withstand the challenges of working in a changing economic environment. They also improve employability for career changers in a variety of technology-rich industries, such as high-end manufacturing of medical and other precision devices, supply chain, and technical support services.

The courses offer a comprehensive range of educational opportunities and pathways to progress. There are three levels of academic awards available at undergraduate level: Diploma, Degree or Specialist Diploma. In addition, students can take modules for Continuous Professional Development (CDP) on a standalone basis

Modules are developed and delivered by lecturers with extensive experience as practitioners and academics. Our Diploma and Degree students learn through a blend of online resources, attendance at tutorials on campus, laboratory sessions (no more than once a month), and completion of company-based projects. Our Specialist Diploma students have the flexibility of attending tutorials fully online, with the exception of our Specialist Diploma in Corporate Environmental Planning, which includes a 1-day field trip. Courses are structured so that you study a range of core modules covering principles of science, engineering, management, and IT at appropriate levels, and also take elective modules so that you have the opportunity to specialise in an area of particular value to you.

Those taking our diploma and degree courses can choose from a wide range of science, technology, and management modules, so you can focus on areas that are relevant to your career path. These include modules such as: Operations Engineering or Design of Engineering Systems at level 7 and CAD Modelling, Environmental Science or Regulatory Compliance at level 8. For those taking specialist diploma courses, you can study the following areas in depth: Lean and Quality Systems, Medical Device Science, Automation and Control, or Corporate Environmental Planning.

Science & Technology part-time courses were developed by academic staff in consultation with industry specialists specifically to address current gaps and future skills requirements, producing graduates with the necessary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills to meet these needs.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is suitable for those who want to upskill in the areas of engineering materials, manufacturing processes and electronic manufacturing technologies.
- It addresses the critical shortage in skills in the areas of automation and machine control, supply chain management and manufacturing processes.
- It was developed in consultation with industries who continue to have input into both development and delivery.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €2,180

Non-EU: €2,680

Start date:

September

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(Specialist Diploma) AUTOMATION AND CONTROL



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course aims to develop knowledge around the issues and opportunities associated with automation and control technology and to improve skills in the areas of engineering materials including metals, ceramics, polymers and composite materials; manufacturing processes, both traditional and recently developed; and electronic manufacturing technologies.

Students gain an understanding of industrial control systems, robotics and automated production lines.

YOUR MODULES:

- Machine Design
- Automation 1
- Manufacturing Technology
- Automation 2
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification of no less than 90 ECTS. An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using an online learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately 10 hours per module). The delivery model also includes self-directed learning elements. Students complete a project over the academic year which requires them to apply their knowledge to real world scenarios

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates find employment in well-established industries which are embedded in the local economy, providing a basis for sustainable long-term employment and career advancement. Graduates can opt to progress to the BSc in Science & Technology Studies (NFQ level 8) with credit for their studies.



“I am currently working as a R&D/Lab Technician, where in the NPD department we are responsible for product and process design. We strive to use the latest technology to deliver world class solutions to our customers. The course has improved my professionalism, the proper application of the knowledge gained has improved the quality and efficiency of my work, which will have a positive impact on the company.”

- Magdalena Rygiel

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- You will gain a formal qualification in Apiculture from a third level Institution recognised at QQI level 7.
- This course will be useful if students wish to pursue beekeeping or other bee-related initiatives as a business venture.
- This course is run in association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Associations (FIBKA).

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees (per annum):

EU: €1,185 **Non-EU:** €1,685

Start date:

September

*Please refer to our Blended Learning section on pg. 11

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Diploma in Scientific Studies (Apiculture) BEES & BEEKEEPING

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This Diploma will be of interest to beekeepers or those considering becoming a beekeeper and to those with an interest in the world of insects, pollinators, the decline of bees and pollinators more generally.

The course provides great insight to the fascinating world of social insects and their role in our world. It provides key insights to what's important in relation to the honeybee, one of the most important insects in the world today. So, if you are interested in biodiversity, pollinators, conservation of native resources, this might be a course of interest to you.

The honeybee and honeybee health will be of particular focus in the course. There is a practical component so students must have access to a hive so that they can learn skills in beekeeping.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Entomology
- Behaviour in Social Insects
- Fundamentals of Beekeeping Practice

Year 2

- Genetics and Evolution of Hymenoptera
- Honeybee Health
- Advanced Beekeeping

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must submit a personal statement giving reasons for why they want to complete the Diploma and what makes them suitable as candidates. Preference may be given to those who would benefit from having a qualification in this field, e.g. beekeepers. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course will be delivered in a blended learning format. Lectures will be taught online via the NUI Galway Virtual Learning Environment in a mixture of live and recorded lectures. The practical elements will take place primarily onsite at NUI Galway. Apiary-related practical activities will take place at the NUI Galway research apiary.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

There is increasing recognition of the contribution beekeepers make towards the environment and sustaining biodiversity. At the same time, beekeeping is emerging as a career path. This diploma will be recognised internationally under the QQI qualifications framework, which will open the door for employment opportunities at home and abroad.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This is a practice based course for professional development and role specialisation.
- You will be positioned to support your organisation to achieve better environmental performance leading to improved resource efficiency and direct cost savings.
- You will be equipped to assume environmental leadership and management positions in a range of organisations in the private and public sectors.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €2,230

Non-EU: €2,730

Start date:

September

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Specialist Diploma in

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This 1-year course will provide students with a holistic perspective on environmental planning to assist in the development of best practice in environmental management, resource efficiency, sustainable design and technologies. It will raise awareness and facilitate behavioral change to a culture of environmentally sound practices. The course will empower students to incorporate sustainable practices into the daily running of their organisations. Supporting the growth of the green/circular economy through improved sustainability and competitiveness will be a key outcome from this course.

YOUR MODULES:

Students will undertake six of the following modules:

- Environmental Science
- Environmental Leadership in Organisations
- Environmental Management for Organisations
- Environmental Legislation and Compliance
- The Lean Organisation and Technology
- Energy Management

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 award of no less than 90 ECTS. An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English for the course you are interested in taking.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using an online learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately 10 hours per module). The delivery model also includes self-directed learning elements. Innovative and authentic assessment methods are used throughout the course which will enable learners to demonstrate capabilities and competencies as well as academic knowledge. Methods may include written assignments, e-learning and multi-media exercises, group projects, presentations, and reports etc.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Many opportunities exist for individuals who have knowledge and skills relating to environmental planning in both the corporate and public sector. As organisations become more aware of their environmental responsibilities, they will be seeking individuals who have the capacity to provide leadership in developing solutions for contemporary environmental issues.

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

You should study this course if you are interested in **how**, **why**, and **where** we study the Earth, **when** key events in Earth's history occurred, and **what** we can learn from the past to help us deal with future challenges.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees (per annum):

EU: €985 **Non-EU:** €1,485

Start date:

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Diploma in Scientific Studies (EARTH & OCEAN SCIENCES)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course will appeal to those with an interest in our natural environment and the outdoors. It may be professionally beneficial for geography teachers, environmental scientists, engineers and archaeologists. The aim of the Diploma in Scientific Studies (Earth & Ocean Sciences) is to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of the Earth's solid geology and its coastal ocean, with hands-on, practical experience of the techniques employed within the fields of geology, oceanography, and Earth observation.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Planet Earth
- Earth Materials
- Our Coastal Ocean

Year 2

- Geology of Ireland
- The Peopled Planet
- Observing Earth

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course will use online lectures and practical exercises, as well as monthly weekend workshops and field trips to study the Earth's origins, materials and processes at all scales from the atomic to the planetary level; internal and external; and locally, nationally, and internationally.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

A number of graduates from an earlier version of the course have since gone on to study for a degree in Earth & Ocean Sciences.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Develop a breadth of gemmological knowledge of a wide range of gem materials and their characteristic features and properties.
- Learn how to test accurately a variety of gem materials using both standard gemmological equipment and advanced laboratory techniques.
- Acquire awareness of the essential aspects of valuation and appraisal theory.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees (per annum):

EU: €985 Non-EU: €1,485

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Diploma in Scientific Studies (GEMMOLOGY)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The Diploma in Gemmology is suitable as an introductory course for people with general interest in gemstones, as well as those working in the jewellery and related trades. The course is open to everyone and is designed for those with no previous training in gemmology.

This course aims to provide students with a broad introduction to the study of gemstones. It teaches a range of laboratory-based techniques used to identify gemstones and provides students with hands-on experience in identification protocols using a comprehensive collection of gemstones.

Classes will be held with a blended learning approach with practical workshops carried out on a monthly basis in NUI Galway using professional gemmological instrumentation provided to the students on the day.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Students on the course find employment in gemmological work (quality control, authentication) and jewellery (retail, design) trades. Students may also find work as valuers for the insurance industry.

YOUR MODULES:

Year 1

- Geology and Gemstones
- The Crystallography and Mineralogy of Gemstones
- Optical Properties of Crystals

Year 2

- Gemstone Properties and Instrumentation for their Determination
- Recording Gemstone Properties
- Gemstones and the Commercial World

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course consists of lectures, laboratory demonstrations and practicals, including tuition on good practice in the identification of gemstones from the University's teaching collection, which comprises in excess of 1,000 cut stones. All modules are individually assessed through continuous assessment and by examination (written and practical) at the end of each year. The option of attending a 1-day Diamond Grading course at the headquarters of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain in London will also be available to 2nd year students.



"I had always appreciated the goldsmith heritage in my father's family and wished that I could join the "circle of jewellers" in my home country. Life sent me on a different career path but I maintained a keen parallel interest in jewellery design and manufacture. Deciding to apply for this course has proven to be hugely rewarding. The understanding, appreciation and insights into the grading and valuation of these magnificent gems I have now gained has provided me with the "missing piece of the puzzle. Despite the long commute from my home each week to attend lectures, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to gain and apply my newly acquired knowledge in a potential new career in the future."

- Josquin San Luis

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Students will develop an understanding of lean thinking and lean tools and gain a technical knowledge of quality science and specialist knowledge of Six Sigma techniques.
- You will understand enterprise modelling and simulation with an emphasis on optimising business processes and skills in change management.
- You will also have an appreciation of lean and quality systems within manufacturing and services sectors.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €2,115

Non-EU: €2,615

Start date:

September

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(Specialist Diploma)

LEAN & QUALITY SYSTEMS



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course is intended for those who wish to focus their skills with a view to moving into specialist and hybrid lean roles, e.g. internal lean consultants, waste minimisation specialists, process optimisation advisors. It is also suitable for those who wish to upskill and specialise. On completion of the course, graduates will have highly marketable, up-to-date knowledge and skills relevant to product, process and service optimisation and improvement. Expertise in Lean and Six Sigma is currently in strong demand across all sectors.

YOUR MODULES:

- Lean Thinking/Lean Tools
- Quality Science – Six Sigma
- Problem Solving Tools & Techniques
- Enterprise Modelling & Simulation
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification of no less than 90 ECTS. An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using an online learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately 10 hours per module). The delivery model also includes self-directed learning elements. Students complete a project which requires them to apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates find employment in well-established industries which are embedded in the local economy, providing a basis for sustainable long-term employment and career advancement.

Graduates can opt to progress to the BSc in Science & Technology Studies (NFQ level 8) with credit for their studies.

The Specialist Diploma in Lean & Quality Systems is approved by Engineers Ireland as a CPD learning opportunity and contributes 600 hours towards an engineer's CPD requirement.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Students will develop specialist knowledge of the medical devices sector and technical knowledge and skills in design, development and manufacture of medical devices, including knowledge of best practice and regulatory standards within the sector.
- You will understand the science and engineering behind medical devices and study human anatomy, physiology and disease states which can be monitored or improved by medical devices.
- You will also appreciate best practice, industry standards, policies and regulations within the medical device sector.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees: EU: €2,230

Non-EU: €2,730

Start date:

September

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(Specialist Diploma)

MEDICAL DEVICE SCIENCE

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course is of benefit to people who require upskilling for career advancement within the medical devices sector, or for those looking for focused re-skilling with a view to a career change. On completion of the course, participants will have highly marketable, up-to-date knowledge and skills relevant to the medical devices sector. Students practice, and are assessed on, a range of technical and transferable skills relevant to meeting future skills needs in the workforce.

YOUR MODULES:

- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Biocompatibility & Device Design
- Mechanics of Solids
- Medical Device Science
- Regulatory Compliance
- Product & Process Development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification of no less than 90 ECTS. An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately 10 hours per module). The delivery model also includes self-directed learning elements. Innovative and authentic assessment methods are used throughout the course which will enable learners to demonstrate capabilities and competencies as well as academic knowledge.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Graduates of this course already working in the industry will be well placed to move into management roles. Graduates from a science or engineering background can transfer existing skills and develop specialist knowledge in order to move into the medical devices sector. Graduates can opt to progress to the BSc in Science & Technology Studies (NFQ level 8) with credit for their studies.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Regulatory affairs & quality professionals at all career and experience levels are involved in activities throughout the product lifecycle, and most are involved to some degree in bridging the gap between regulatory-related functions and organisation and business activities.
- This course will equip graduates with essential knowledge and skills to work in a regulatory affairs environment within the highly successful and growing Irish medical technology industry sector.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €4,500

Non-EU: €8,000

Start date:

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Certificate in

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY AFFAIRS & QUALITY



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This level 8 Certificate provides students with an introduction to the core elements of the product development lifecycle and the associated role of a medical technology regulatory affairs and/or quality professional. The course ensures that students acquire a good, fundamental understanding of all applicable regulations and skills to address the ever-changing environment of medical technologies regulatory affairs and quality.

The course aims to provide participants with a fundamental grounding in medical device regulatory and quality requirements. It will provide the necessary training to convert personnel with life sciences qualifications to transition into specialist roles in medical technology quality assurance and/or regulatory affairs functions and upskill medical technology professionals in the regulatory framework in their existing roles. It fosters participants' intellectual development and develops skills for working and communicating effectively through various media.

YOUR MODULES:

- Introduction to Quality Management Systems
- Fundamentals of EU Medical Device Regulations
- Auditing and Compliance
- Fundamentals of US Medical Device Regulations
- Risk Assessment
- Validation and Calibration

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Students with a level 7 or higher qualification in Science or Engineering are eligible for this course. Students with a level 7 or higher qualification in a non-technical subject area but who hold a minimum of 5 years' relevant medtech industrial experience in regulatory affairs or quality are also eligible for this course.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Students will be assessed through continuous assessment which will include written assignments, team-based assignments, and open-book exams using multiple choice, matching questions as well as short and long answer questions.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Completing this course will open up new opportunities and career paths, in quality and/or regulatory affairs, in both Ireland-based and international medical technologies enterprises.

The course meets a skills gap as highlighted in the SOLAS "Difficult to fill vacancies" survey of 2021 where 46% of employers expressed difficulty in filling roles related to quality assurance engineering and regulatory compliance (process, validation, automation, manufacturing, and quality engineers).



"The Masters is well worth pursuing, broadens knowledge with regard to regulatory compliance in European and Global markets."

- Dymphna Power

REASON TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

The course is taught at NUI Galway with laboratories held in GMIT. The course is aimed at those interested in applying for entry to full-time Science, Engineering and IT degrees at either GMIT or NUI Galway and who need the academic subjects in order to meet the entry criteria to apply as Mature Students.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 6

Duration:

26 weeks, part-time

Mode of study:

Classroom-based

Fees: EU: €380

(€60 if unemployed)

Start date:

September

CONTACT

Kathleen Hartigan

Mature Student Officer

+ 353 (0)91 492695

maturestudents@nuigalway.ie



APPLY ONLINE:

[www.nuigalway.ie/
adultlearning/apply](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply)

Diploma in Foundation Studies (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The course is taught at NUI Galway with laboratories held in GMIT. The course is aimed at those interested in applying for entry to full-time Science, Engineering and IT degrees at either GMIT or NUI Galway and who need the academic subjects in order to meet the entry criteria to apply as Mature Students.

YOUR MODULES:

The course includes Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, IT, Skills for College and Career, Academic Study Skills and Academic Writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

This course is for Mature Students (aged 22 and over) either employed or unemployed. An aptitude for maths is required.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Classroom-based classes are held in NUI Galway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 10pm and on some Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. Laboratories are held in GMIT. The duration of the course is 26 weeks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Upon completion and successful passing of the course, students are eligible to apply for full-time and part-time degrees in relevant areas at either NUI Galway or GMIT.



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“I’ve found being a mature student to be refreshingly fun in comparison to the first time, straight out of school. It has given me a new perspective and I’ve found I am a lot more motivated in my studies, after having experienced life outside of academia.”

- Ciarán McCarthy

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course provides students with a comprehensive grounding in the theoretical foundations of Science and Engineering.
- It introduces students to areas of applied and specialist knowledge found in today's high-tech environments.
- You will develop important managerial skills such as problem solving, decision-making and advanced communication skills.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 120

NFQ Level: 7

Duration:

2–4 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees (per annum)

EU: €3,905 Non-EU: €4,405

Start date:

September 2023

CONTACT

Course Administrator

+ 353 (0)91 494060

sciencetech@nuigalway.ie



APPLY ONLINE:

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

(Diploma)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course focuses on the knowledge and skill requirements of high-tech industries. The modular structure is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling students to balance study with work and other commitments and to accumulate credits over a timeframe that suits their lifestyle. Learning is delivered via a blend of distance and online resources, on-campus tutorials and labs, and company-based projects.

YOUR MODULES:

20 modules cover foundations of Science, Engineering, Management and IT; a range of electives allow participants to specialise in an area of particular interest to them. Key modules include:

Year 1

- Chemistry
- Introduction to Management
- Information Technology
- Introduction to Operations Engineering
- Maths

Year 2

- Human Biology Fundamentals
- Introduction to Environmental Science
- Design of Engineering Systems
- Introduction to Management Science
- Statistics
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applications must hold a Pass in Pass Leaving Certificate Mathematics. An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English for the course you are interested in taking.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, e-learning & multimedia activities and written exams. Project modules are assessed by submission of written reports and presentations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

The course is primarily intended to support those seeking career advancement in a variety of high-tech industries such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and manufacturing. It will also appeal to those with a personal interest in Science and Technology.



"The course was delivered through blended learning, with tutorials delivered in the classroom on a Saturday and online through blackboard. The modules were graded through a combination of continuous assessments and an end of semester exam, I found this very good as you could be well on your way to passing the module before taking the exam which took a lot of pressure off the exam. The course has a great variety of modules and being able to choose four elective modules, allowed me to tailor some of the course to suit my needs for what I wanted to help in my career."

- Martin McNamara

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course provides students with a comprehensive grounding in the theoretical foundations of Science and Engineering.
- It introduces students to areas of applied and specialist knowledge found in today's high-tech environments, through the provision of elective streams allowing you to specialise in areas of interest to you.
- You will develop managerial skills such as problem solving, decision-making and advanced communication skills.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 120

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

2–4 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees (per annum):

EU: €3,905 **Non-EU:** €4,405

Start date:

September

CONTACT

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APPLY ONLINE:

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(Degree)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course focuses on the knowledge and skills requirements of high-tech industries. The modular structure is designed with flexibility in mind, enabling students to balance study with work and other commitments and to accumulate credits over a timeframe that suits their lifestyle.

The modular structure enables you to study at a pace that suits you. The syllabus provides a comprehensive grounding in the foundations of Science, Engineering and Technology, and introduces areas of specialist knowledge found in high-tech operational environments.

YOUR MODULES:

There are 11 core modules and 2 elective streams, comprising of 4 modules each. Core modules include:

- Applied Innovation
- Environmental Science
- Health & Safety Systems
- Materials Science & Processes
- Product & Process Development
- Project Management
- Regulatory Compliance
- Management Information Systems
- Research Methodology
- Technology Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Project

In addition to the core modules, students take 2 elective streams including Automation and Control, Lean and Quality Systems, Medical Device Science, Corporate Environmental Planning and Regulatory Affairs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have a level 7 qualification. An International English Language Testing System (IELTS)/TOEFL certificate is required if English is not your first language to indicate your competency in written and spoken English.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

The course is delivered using a blended learning approach with Saturday workshops (approximately monthly). The delivery model also includes online learning and self-directed learning elements. Modules are assessed by a combination of written assignments, e-learning and multimedia activities, and written exams. Project modules are assessed by submission of written reports and presentations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

The course is primarily intended to support those seeking career advancement in high-tech industries such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and manufacturing or those with an interest in specialising in a particular area of science and technology.



"The course is flexible in nature and allows students to select subjects they are interested in from a wide-range of modules covering many aspects of Science and Engineering. There are mandatory modules designed to give you a broad grounding in the fundamentals but you can choose to study the subjects that interest you most alongside these. You can complete a course schedule similar to standard college semesters, or tackle less modules as your time allows. The material is taught via a mixture of online learning and classroom tutorials and/or labs at the weekends."

- Denis Lymer

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TRAINING & EDUCATION STUDIES





If you are working in education and training, learning and development, or leadership development, our agile courses are developed to help you become that professional educator. With participants drawn from industry, further and higher education, and community sectors, our courses are designed to meet your professional goals.

Our courses are offered at various levels and are quality assured through programme partners, e.g. the Teaching Council of Ireland. You can also choose from a range of 1-year special purpose continuing development courses that are industry friendly and in high demand, such as Technology Enhanced Learning and Learning and Development.

Across our courses you can expect opportunities to develop your professional knowledge and skills through practical and meaningful work-based learning activities that are transferable to your working environment. All of our courses are developed around continuous assessment and do not require participants to sit end of semester examinations.

Flexible learning options are also on offer if you are not sure where you want to go next. Some of our course modules can be taken on a standalone basis through Continuing Professional Development (CPD). It is a great way of accumulating academic credits and availing of exemptions should you wish to progress further.

Training & Education Studies partners with institutions, companies, and services to deliver tailor-made, part-time courses. We have successfully provided consulting, design, development, accreditation, and delivery of bespoke solutions to multiple organisations over a 10-year period. Our strong track record has allowed us to collaborate with multiple stakeholders such as: AbbVie, Foroige, SOLAS, and other public and private entities.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- Learning and development are critical agents of change in public and private organisations.
- Participants develop skills, competencies and knowledge to enhance the learning and development function in their organisations
- Participants specialise with three key pillars of change: Learning and Development, Coaching and Mentoring, and Blended Learning.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €2,585

Non-EU: €3,085

Start date:

September

CONTACT

Adult Training & Education Studies

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trainingeducation@nuigalway.ie



APPLY ONLINE:

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

Diploma in LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This course is specifically targeted at those who have coordination, managerial and supervisory responsibilities in corporate and private sector learning and development roles. It aims to develop effective and responsible leaders who can design, develop and operationalise strategic plans within their remit. It also affords participants the opportunity to re-skill for new opportunities within the learning and development environment in preparation for emerging skills requirements and new work practices.

YOUR MODULES:

- Organisational Management: Learning and Development
- Coaching for Improved Performance
- The Virtual Learning Environment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants are normally required to have coordination, managerial and or supervisory experience in the lifelong learning sector (e.g. further education and training (FET), corporate, public or community service). However, applicants who are new to learning and development are also invited to apply for this course. See general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Participants attend 2-day workshops for each of the three course modules. This course employs continuous assessment projects demonstrating learning through realistic work-related activities. Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals. All assessments are grounded in participants' workplace contexts.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Participants' transferable learning and development skills are in high demand for the roles of practitioners, project managers, team managers, and strategic managers across workplace training and education, learning and development, and management/leadership functions.



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- This course is specifically aimed at upskilling practitioners working in the further education sector
- It allows participants to obtain a further education teaching qualification to facilitate registration with the Teaching Council of Ireland.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 60

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

2 years, part-time

Mode of study:

Blended learning

Fees (per annum):

EU: €3,560 **Non-EU:** €4,060

Start date: September

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APPLY ONLINE:

www.nuigalway.ie/adultlearning/apply

Professional Diploma in EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION)

YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

The aim of the course is to provide student teachers with a recognised teaching qualification. It provides trainee teachers with the professional knowledge, understanding and pedagogical skills required to carry out their further education teaching roles and responsibilities.

The course content guides student teachers in developing the theoretical knowledge and professional competencies required to successfully teach in the further education sector. Throughout the course, student teachers will complete microteaching sessions and will engage in ongoing reflection on their practice. Teaching placement in line with Teaching Council of Ireland requirements is a core component of the course.

YOUR MODULES:

- Psychology of Learning: Theories & Concepts
- Programme Design Development & Assessment
- Teaching Practices & Learning Methods
- Professional Teaching Practice
- Quality Assurance: Monitoring & Evaluation
- The Learning Society: Context, Structure & Policy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Level 8 primary degree or level 7 ordinary degree with an additional qualification.

TEACHING PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must demonstrate that they are in a position to undertake the teaching practice requirements of this course in year 2.

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

This course is delivered through six 2-day workshops that span over two academic years. Three workshops are delivered in year 1 and three additional workshops in year 2.

Assessment methods include written assignments, practical assignments (videos), online activities, learning portfolios, projects and a teaching portfolio.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Students who successfully complete the course are qualified to teach in the Further Education sector.



"I am an energetic and dedicated Chinese Teacher with more than ten years of experience teaching in China & Ireland. I chose to study this course because I was eager to develop my professionalism and become a teaching council recognised qualified teacher. The two years of this learning journey was very challenging but meaningful and enjoyable. The six modules offer a range of insights into the teaching profession, such as teaching and learning theories, curriculum programme design, lifelong learning context and policies. The lecturers are incredibly professional and helpful."

- Jun Yan

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE:

- The digital landscape is increasingly influencing society, education and the workplace. Organisations have identified a skills shortage in the area of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL), which has created a demand for training in this area.
- This hands-on course accelerates participants' development of key TEL skills that can be applied and embedded into private and public sector workplaces.

COURSE FACTS

ECTS: 30

NFQ Level: 8

Duration:

1 year, part-time

Mode of study:

Online learning

Fees: EU: €2,585

Non-EU: €3,085

Start date:

September

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Diploma in

TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING



YOUR PART-TIME COURSE:

This in-demand course aims to develop the capabilities of participants who are interested in incorporating digital learning practices, tools and strategies in their own professional contexts. The course content is designed to bring participants through hands-on tasks and strategies that support blended learning and teaching, online curriculum design and digital leadership. Each participant is provided with their own private online course to allow the development of new knowledge and skills that can be applied to all digital settings.

This course is suitable for practitioners, managers and leaders in the areas of teaching and learning, learning and development, change management and strategic leadership.

YOUR MODULES:

- TEL eLeadership
- Blended Learning Design
- Blended Learning and Teaching

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A working knowledge of applications such as MS Office or equivalent, see general entry requirements (pg. 13).

DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT:

Participants attend 2-day online workshops for each of the three course modules. This course employs continuous assessment projects demonstrating learning through realistic work-related activities. Assessment includes written assignments, group projects, online contributions and reflective learning journals. All assessments are grounded in participants' workplace contexts.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FURTHER STUDY:

Participants' transferable TEL skills are in high demand for the roles of practitioners, project managers, team managers, and strategic managers across workplace training and education, learning and development and management/leadership functions.



"I found TEL exciting and rewarding – exciting for the vast technological options and supports you can use to support in the learning experience and rewarding for how it can enhance the learning experience within the classroom and online. The course was structured in such a way that I found that I was constantly learning about new software and learning resources whilst being able to apply it to the fundamentals of adult learning."

- Lorraine Thornton

SHORT COURSE SERIES (NON-ACCREDITED)

Each year the Centre runs a series of short courses (non-accredited) over two months – October and November.

Taking a non-accredited short course is a great choice if you are interested in a particular subject area, but haven't had an opportunity to study it before and would like to gain a deeper insight into it. Or perhaps you are considering taking a higher education course for credit as a Mature Student and want to experience learning at an introductory level? Whatever your motivation, or your interest, taking a short course is a great way to meet interesting people, discuss your ideas with others and find out more about your subject area while also experiencing the world of lifelong learning.

Courses consist of eight weeks of lectures (typically one evening per week) in a number of general interest areas including Archaeology, History, English Literature, Creative Writing, Film Studies, Philosophy, Languages, Health & Wellbeing, Astronomy, History of Art and many others. There are no assessments on the short courses. Attendance and participation are based on your interest in the subject area, the pursuit of your personal development and the joy of learning.

The range of courses on offer vary each year so check out the Short Courses website for further details:

www.nuigalway.ie/shortcourses



BEING A STUDENT AT NUI GALWAY: STUDENT FACILITIES

STUDENT SUPPORTS

As a student registering for one of our courses, you may have been away from formal education for some time. You may doubt your own ability to succeed, or find submitting assignments and doing written examinations a daunting prospect. The staff at the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development are aware of these anxieties. Our lecturers and tutors are conscious of the difficulties that students experience in returning to education. They are fully supportive and are there to assist you in any way possible. Help is there when you need it – all you have to do is ask.

Comprehensive course orientation, additional study skills, examination techniques, applied writing skills and reading skills are offered to students on our Certificate, Diploma and Masters courses. A formal module called "Introduction to Learning" is also a core part of our Degree courses and covers the essential skills to equip you on your learning journey.

Students also have access to a range of online study resources at the Academic Skills Hub: www.nuigalway.ie/academic-skills. These workshops will assist you in preparing course assignments and doing end-of-semester examinations. You are encouraged to avail of these services particularly during your first year's study programme. Students who attend our workshops and avail of the online course regularly comment on how useful these materials are, especially in providing valuable study tips and techniques.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)

NUI Galway is committed to equality of opportunity and values the participation of students with disabilities in its educational programmes. The University welcomes applications from you as a student with a disability and makes provision, wherever possible, to facilitate access and participation and support you as an independent learner.

Support is provided to students who have a disability or learning difficulty, including:

- Autism spectrum disorder, including Asperger's syndrome
- ADD/ADHD
- Blind/vision impaired
- Deaf/hard of hearing
- DCD—dyspraxia/dysgraphia
- Mental health condition
- Neurological condition
- Significant ongoing illness
- Physical disability
- Specific learning difficulty, including dyslexia and dyscalculia

The DSS works closely with the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development, assisting your participation in our range of part-time courses.

Disability Support Service

Tel: 091 492813

E-mail: disabilityservice@nuigalway.ie

www.nuigalway.ie/disability





JAMES HARDIMAN LIBRARY

The library offers a wide range of quality and innovative services, and staff are committed to supporting excellence in teaching, learning and research. The library also provides a variety of study spaces for staff, students and researchers of the University. These range from individual study spaces for quiet study and group study rooms where students can work together on projects to our browsing room aimed at providing a place to take a break from serious study by reading a newspaper or a novel.

Information resources and off-campus services: the library provides access to nearly 540,000 print books, 400,000 e-books and over 70,000 e-journals. If you are registered on a blended learning course or if you are unable to access the library on a regular basis, you are encouraged to use the e-books and e-journals, which are available through the off-campus services from any location using an internet connection.

There is also an extensive collection of unique archives in areas such as history, literature, politics and theatre. The Special Collections include wonderful collections of rare and local books, maps and newspapers.

Help and support: the Customer Services Team will give you any assistance you need to find your way around the collections, whether print or online. The team of information assistants will provide you with the training and advice needed to navigate the information resources and literature in your particular subject area. The Academic Writing Centre provides one-to-one support and assistance with academic writing.

The library also provides tours and training courses at the beginning of the academic year that will introduce you to all the facilities in the library. The library website also provides a range of online library guides and tutorials on information skills and research services. Check the library website or inquire at the library for more details:

www.library.nuigalway.ie

CAREERS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The Careers Development Centre offers a comprehensive range of guidance and information services to all students and will assist you in the management of your own career development.

The Centre helps students with some of the following areas:

- Deciding what to do next – further work and study opportunities
- Obtaining careers information
- Finding out how to develop skills that employers want
- Finding a job
- Information on career events on campus and further afield

Seminars are held on specific career areas, employability skills and postgraduate study throughout the academic year. Seminars are also organised for particular focus groups, for example, mature students and adult learners. The Careers Connect online guidance service includes access to a virtual

careers library via the Career Development Centre where you will find further career information and useful contact details.

www.nuigalway.ie/careers

SPORTING FACILITIES

NUI Galway boasts outstanding sporting and recreational facilities. The 6,500 square-foot sports complex includes international-standard facilities, such as:

- 6-lane, 250-metre swimming pool, with movable floor for team sports
- National League basketball arena and sports hall
- 130-piece cardiovascular gym
- Dedicated elite training gym
- Two fitness studios
- Dedicated squash and racquetball courts
- A competition-style climbing wall

Outdoor amenities include:

- An 8-lane synthetic international standard track
- A complex catering for Gaelic Games, rugby, soccer, hockey and cross-country
- Floodlit artificial surfaces catering for multiple sports
- Tennis courts

Regular classes with professional tuition are provided, where you can acquire new expertise or improve existing skills. If you are interested in competitive activities, intervarsity sport may be of special interest. As a student at NUI Galway, you can avail of reduced membership fees for the University gym and leisure facilities.

www.sports.nuigalway.ie

STUDENT SOCIETIES

The University is also home to over 85 active societies, covering a large range of sporting and non-sporting extracurricular interest and activities. Societies cover such diverse activities as canoeing, rowing, basketball, photography, hillwalking and debating. Society spaces are available in Áras na Mac Léinn and include performance spaces, meeting rooms, acoustic rooms, a dance studio, an art room, screening rooms, a dark room and computer and editing suites. These are all available for student use.

Participating in a society allows students to learn new skills, explore their interests, create a community of friends with similar interests and goals, and, of course, have great fun. Being a member of a society also gives you access to high-profile speakers, educators and potential employers. It gives you an opportunity to unleash your creative potential. There is something for everyone.

www.socs.nuigalway.ie





IT FACILITIES

On registration, you will get an email account, secure file storage, unlimited internet access, and access to Microsoft 365 apps and Microsoft Office. You will have access to other software products and hardware and can avail of offers through the HEAnet store. There are over 1,600 computers available on campus in dedicated computer suites. There is campus-wide free WiFi so you can use your own laptop, netbook or smartphone. You can also avail of scanners, CD writers and printing services. You will also use NUI Galway's Online Management System to access learning and library materials, collaborate on projects and communicate with teaching staff. To make your campus life easier you can download the NUI Galway mobile app to learn about the University, stay informed of campus news and events, explore full-time/part-time courses, and browse sports, clubs, societies, and volunteering opportunities.

If you have any difficulties with these, you can contact the information desk at the User Support Centre, Information Solutions and Services. You will also be given your own email account as an NUI Galway student.

User Support Centre

Tel: 091 495777

Email: usersupport@nuigalway.ie

www.nuigalway.ie/information-solutions-and-services



MATURE STUDENTS OFFICE

As an adult learner, you can study on a part-time or a full-time basis. This prospectus concentrates on the part-time courses available in NUI Galway. However, if you are considering returning to full-time education, you should apply to the University for entry to full-time study as a mature student once you are over 23 years of age. A quota of places is reserved each year in the Colleges of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies; Science, Engineering and Informatics; Business, Public Policy and Law; and Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

You apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO). We have a Mature Students Officer who will provide you with support and advice regarding study options:

Mature Students Officer

Kathleen Hartigan

Tel: 091 492695

Email: maturestudents@nuigalway.ie

www.nuigalway.ie/mature

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT NUI GALWAY

If you are interested in postgraduate study, NUI Galway offers a wide range of graduate level Diploma courses, Masters degrees and Doctoral research degrees in each College. Renowned internationally for its quality in teaching and research, the University has a student body of over 3,600 postgraduates.

While many of these courses are geared for full-time students, a growing number of part-time study options are also available. You can download the postgraduate prospectus from the University website or contact the course administrator for further information:

Postgraduate Admissions Office

Tel: 091 495999

Email: postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie

www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses

ADULT LEARNING STUDENTS



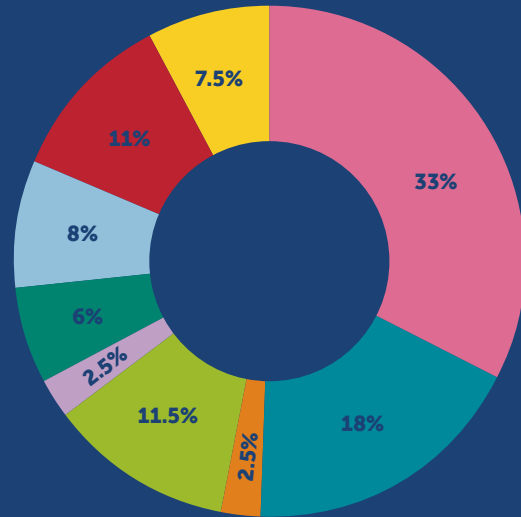
1150+

graduated
in 2020/21



83%

in employment
(full-time, part-time,
self employed)



New Entrants 2020/2021

- Arts & Social Sciences
- Business & Management
- Community Education
- Early Childhood Studies
- Health Promotion
- Information Technology
- Languages
- Science & Technology
- Training & Education



Age Range

49%

21-34
years old

44%

35-54
years old

7%

55+
years



70%

took a part-time course
for professional reasons



28%

took a part-time course
for personal reasons

Adult Learning First Year Survey 2020

SCHOLARSHIPS



130+

received Springboard+ funding
for their part-time course



50+

availed of the Adult Learning
Tuition Scholarship

84%



rated their overall experiences
as excellent or good

89%

indicated that they would
choose an adult learning
course with NUI Galway again

ISSE (National Student Survey 2021)

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EXPERIENCE LEARNING



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