A Guide for North American Students

Founded in 1845, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe – University of Galway is one of Ireland’s oldest and largest universities. University of Galway is an international university with global ambition, but with deep roots in Galway City and the West of Ireland – a region renowned for its unique culture, creative industries, marine ecology, medical technologies and innovation.

The University’s main Galway campus covers over 105 hectares of land along the river Corrib. The campus is home to world-leading teaching and research facilities across the sciences, social sciences and humanities, delivered through four colleges, 19 Schools and five Research Institutes – Data Science Institute (DSI), Ryan Institute, Whitaker Institute for Innovation and Societal Change, Institute for Lifecourse and Society, Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities and Social Studies – and a range of research centres and clusters.

With over 4,000 international students and 480 international staff from 122 countries, University of Galway contributes greatly to the diversity and dynamism of Galway City and the West of Ireland as a region.

Courses
Visit our website for a list of courses available.

Research collaborations with 3,267 institutions in 114 countries
Top 2% of universities in the QS World rankings
110,000 alumni worldwide

1st in Ireland for sustainable development
Most biodiverse University campus in Ireland
Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes vary, visit our website for an up-to-date list.

You will also find a comprehensive overview of English Language Requirements and learn more about the Pre-Sessional courses we offer to help students prepare for academic study. We also provide in sessional language and academic skills development courses throughout your studies with us.

How to Apply

To apply to University of Galway, simply scan the QR code below or visit our website.

Applications open on 1 October each year and are submitted online. There is a non-refundable application fee. We recommend you apply early as your chosen programme may close early if full and you should allow sufficient time for your visa application etc.

Scholarships

Scholarship offerings can vary from year to year and may be contingent on your chosen programme of study. Rest assured that all applicants will be informed of available scholarship opportunities throughout the academic year.

Visit our website for updates and information on how to apply for scholarships. As many of our applicants are considered for scholarships as part of the application process, please ensure you include a comprehensive personal statement with your application.

Meet Our Students

“I chose Ireland because growing up I experienced American Irish culture, including the food and music, and learned about the history of Ireland but I had never actually been to Ireland itself. I wanted to take classes that would be fairly unique to this country. So, I went for modules in the Celtic civilization course and geography classes that would have field labs in an Irish setting. Highlights of courses in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies are hearing the Irish language, doing outdoor labs on Irish beaches and parks, and having dedicated professors interested in Ireland past and present who share that with us.”

Maggie McCracken
BA in Environmental Science

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