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Business & International
Management

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2026



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INTRODUCTION

University of Galway

University of Galway is located on the banks of the River Corrib about 10-minute walk from the centre of Galway City. From Queen's College to National University of Ireland, the University's past is intertwined with the history of Galway and Ireland. Founded in 1845 with an initial intake of 63 students, University of Galway is now a thriving institution with over 19,000 full and part-time students, of whom 3,972 are international students representing over 115 countries across the globe and making up over 20% of the student population.

University of Galway is comprised of the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies; College of Science & Engineering; College of Business, Law and Public Policy and College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences. The University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and diplomas of international standard, providing students with opportunities for personal and academic development, as well as giving them the knowledge and skills needed to pursue successful careers. The University's approach to innovative programme development means that courses are developed to reflect the ever-changing needs of society, the labour market and the economy.

The Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development Office at University of Galway runs a series of part-time, flexible learning programmes for adult learners. Flexible learning options are available in Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering, Science and Technology Studies. The International Summer School Office operates under the auspices of Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development.

In tandem with its extensive range of programmes, the University campus has expanded and developed. Over recent years, University of Galway has embarked on a visionary development programme aimed at improving the University's campus facilities and student amenities. This major investment programme includes planning for new buildings, as well as extensions and renovations of existing facilities. The University is well on the way to creating the Campus of the Future, welcoming more students each year, and developing a prestigious and innovative University.

International Summer School

The International Summer School at University of Galway offers programmes in Irish Studies, Irish Language, Business and International Management, Ecology, Geology and Archaeological field schools. It also provides academic credit for the Galway Archaeological Field School, Achill Archaeological Field School, Caherconnell Archaeological Field school and the Irish Field school of Prehistoric History.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Teaching Methods

Teaching will be by means of lectures, seminars and internships. All students of the Business & International Management Summer School take part in trips to the Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher, Ailwee Caves and Caherconnel Stonefort, Kylemore Abbey and Aughnanure Castle. Students of SS1153 Economic Policy in Ireland will participate on one field trip to Dublin to meet key policy makers and analysts. Students will have access to library and audio visual facilities of the University. Assessment for those requiring credit will be carried out on a continuous basis and through final examinations

Credits

In order to quantify learning and to place a value on it, courses are divided up into credit units. Credits awarded represent a standard number of class contact hours and average workload for a course. This workload includes lectures, practical work, seminars, internships, educational excursions, field trips, private work and examinations. Each course carries 3 Semester Credits (US) or 6 ECTS Credits (i.e. European Credit Transfer System), at an undergraduate level.

Assessments

Assessment for all students requiring credit will be as follows for each 3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits course:

Attendance at lectures, workshops/performances and participation in seminars
One essay of 1,500 words
One final examination

For undergraduate students, essays should be 1,500 words. For graduate students, essays should be 3,000 words and at the appropriate (graduate) level.

Guidelines for submission of essays will be given by Course Directors during introductory classes.

Graduate Credit

In addition to the assessment requirements above, an extended essay will be required for graduate credits. Graduate Students must arrange to meet with their course lecturer for essay topic approval. Students are asked to note that work submitted should be original work in accordance with University plagiarism regulations. It is not permissible for students to submit the same essay for more than one course
<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/plagiarism/>

Canvas Learning System

All summer school students who have registered with University of Galway have automatic access to the Canvas Virtual Learning Environment. This includes access to course information, course announcements, course materials and general notifications.

It is your responsibility as an University of Galway student to regularly access Canvas and your University of Galway email account in order to keep up-to-date with:

- Course announcements
- Course materials
- Assignment requirements
- Assignment submission dates

Details on how to log into Canvas are available online

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Academic Director: Dr. Geraldine Dooley

This course consists of two courses, delivered in parallel providing students with a multi-disciplinary approach to studying business and developing the skills to work within an international business setting. The Economic Policy field trip is designed to complement the course taught and is an integral element in the overall course structure.

SS1153 Economic Policy in Ireland

3 US Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Module Director: Dr. Brendan Kennelly

This course is designed to provide students with the analytical and historical foundation for studying contemporary public policy issues in Ireland. It begins with a brief overview of how the Irish economy has evolved in the past 25 years and identifies and outlines a series of key public policy issues in areas such as health, housing, the environment, and social protection. It proceeds to develop an economics framework for analysing these issues which covers the concepts of efficiency, equity, market failure, welfare state, and cost benefit analysis. This framework is then applied to the various public policy issues identified earlier in the course. The course will include a field trip to Dublin to meet key policy-makers and analysts.

SS1155 International & Cross-Cultural Management

3 US Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Module Director: Dr. Maria Bratislava

This module examines how national culture impacts the conduct of business, organisations and people management in a comparative global context, by increasing awareness and understanding of the skills required by managers seeking to work abroad as international executives. Are the pressures of globalisation resulting in the convergence of management practice across cultures or is there evidence to suggest that cultural divergence shapes management practice? This module will be of great interest to students wishing to understand the impact of national culture on managerial practice within and across cultural divides; and managing and working in cross-cultural teams.

FIELD TRIPS

Business and International students have the opportunity to participate in three field trips along with the Irish Studies students. The following are some of the trip destinations:

Aillwee Caves is a fascinating underground attraction in County Clare, featuring dramatic caverns, waterfalls, and ancient geological formations. Guided tours explore stories of bears, fossils, and the region's natural history. Above ground, students can experience the Birds of Prey centre, where eagles, hawks, falcons, vultures, and owls are showcased by expert handlers who explain each species and their behaviours.

Caherconnell Stone Fort is a medieval ring fort located in the heart of the Burren, County Clare. The fort offers insight into early Irish life through its impressive dry-stone walls and archaeological discoveries. Visitors can enjoy interactive exhibits and sheepdog demonstrations that bring the area's heritage to life.

Kylemore Abbey is a stunning 19th-century abbey set beside a tranquil lake and surrounded by the mountains of Connemara, County Galway. Originally built as a private castle, it later became home to a Benedictine community of nuns and is rich in history, romance, and heritage. Visitors can explore the beautifully restored rooms, the neo-Gothic church, and the award-winning Victorian Walled Garden.

Aughnanure Castle is a well-preserved 16th-century tower house located near Oughterard in County Galway and was once the stronghold of the powerful O'Flaherty clan. The castle features thick stone walls, a spiral staircase, a banqueting hall, and a defensive bawn that reflect life in medieval Ireland. Guided tours bring the castle's turbulent history to life with stories of battles, sieges, and clan rivalries.

The **Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher** Day Return Tour offers a memorable journey through some of Ireland's most iconic coastal landscapes. Visitors enjoy self-guided time exploring one of the Aran Islands, experiencing traditional Irish culture, ancient stone forts, and rugged island scenery. The tour also includes a cruise along the base of the Cliffs of Moher, providing breathtaking views of the towering sea cliffs from the Atlantic Ocean. This day trip combines history, culture, and dramatic natural beauty into one unforgettable experience.

Clothing for Field Trips

We organise our field trips well in advance of the summer school, but unfortunately we cannot predict or control the weather. As Irish weather is unpredictable it is best to be prepared for rain or wind, especially on field trips which require you to be outside. Prepare to dress in layers and ensure that you have waterproof clothing and footwear for wet days and sunscreen for hotter days.

In some parts of rural Ireland, you may not be able to use a debit/credit card so ensure you bring cash with you.

We advise you to bring a packed lunch with you on the day trips.

INDUCTION SCHEDULE

Introductory class, meet tutor and course enrolment

Monday, 15 June			Venue
9.00 a.m.	Director's Welcome	Nuala McGuinn	MY243
9.15 a.m.	Academic Directors Introduction	Dr. M. Ní Fhuartháin	MY243
10.00-10.30	International & Cross Cultural Mgt	Dr. M. Bratislava	MY129
11.30-12.30	Economic Policy in Ireland	Dr. G. Dooley	MY129
3.30	Campus Tour – meet in Aras Moyola Foyer		
5.00–7.00pm	Welcome Reception in SULT, Student Centre		
7.00 p.m.			

ID Cards distribution & Campus Tours will take place throughout the day.

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Sunday 14 June	Students arrive & check into Goldcrest Village Student accommodation from 4pm.									
WEEK 1										
DAY 1 Monday 15 June	INTRODUCTORY LECTURES VENUE: Aras Moyola is a 12-minute walk from your accommodation in Goldcrest Village. There is no shuttle bus service. Get Directions at: https://clients.mapsindoors.com/nuigalwayweb/ or https://www.google.com/maps/ NOTE: Students must attend both courses SS1153 and SS1155.									
9:00 am	9:15 am	9:30 am	10:00 am	11:30am	11:30am	12:30pm	1:30pm	2.30pm	3:30pm	5:00-7.00pm
Welcome Address Director of International Summer School Nuala McGuinn MY 243			SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management Maria B MY129	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management Maria B MY129	SS1153 Economic Policy Geraldine Doolan MY129				Campus Tour from Aras Moyola to SULT	Welcome Reception Student Union Bar 5-7pm

WEEK 1	9:00 am - 11:00 am	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	4:00 –6:00 pm	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Tuesday 16 June	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management	Provisional Company Visit				Film 1: Michael Collins (1996) MY243 (6-9pm)
Wednesday 17 June	SS1153 Economic Policy				Sean-Nós Dancing The Space (4.30 -5.30pm)	
Thursday 18 June	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management	Provisional Company Visit				
Friday 19 June	Visit to Aillwee Caves and Caherconnell Stone Fort (Group 1)					
Saturday 20 June	Visit to Kylemore Abbey and Aughnanure Castle (Group 2)					
Sunday 21 June	Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher (Group 1)					

WEEK 2	9:00 am - 11:00 am	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	2:00pm - 4:00 pm	4:00 –6:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday 22 June	SS1153 Economic Policy		Introductory Irish MY129			Film 2: The Guard MY243 (5-9pm)
Tuesday 23 June	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management	Provisional Company Visit				
Wednesday 24 June	SS1153 Economic Policy		Introductory Irish MY129		Sean-Nós Singing Large Acoustic Room (4.30 -5.30pm)	Film 3: An <i>Cuilín Ciúin</i> (2022) MY243 (5-9pm)
Thursday 25 June	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management	Provisional Company Visit				
Friday 26 June						
Saturday 27 June						
Sunday 28 June						

WEEK 3	9:00 am - 11:00 am	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	4:00 –6:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday 29 June	SS1153 Economic Policy		Introductory Irish MY129			Film 4: <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i> (2022) MY243 5-9pm
Tuesday 30 June	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management	Provisional Company Visit				
Wednesday 01 July	SS1153 Economic Policy		Introductory Irish		Sean-Nós Dancing	Film 5: Kneecap

			MY129		The Space (4.30-5.30pm)	MY243 (5-9pm)
Thursday 02 July	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management	Provisional Company Visit				
Friday 03 July	Independence Day BBQ					
Sat 04 & Sun 05	FREE WEEKEND					

WEEK 4	9:00 am - 11:00 am	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	4:00 –6:00 pm	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday 06 July	SS1153 Economic Policy		Introductory Irish MY129			
Tuesday 07 July	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management					
Wednesday 08 July	SS1153 Economic Policy Trip to Dublin					
Thursday 09 July	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management					

FINAL DAY	9:00-10:00am	10.00am-11.00 am	11:00am-12:00pm	12:00pm-1:00 pm	1:00pm-2:00pm	1:00pm-2:00pm	2:00pm-3:00pm	3:00pm-5:00	5:00pm – 7:00 pm
Friday 10 July	SS1155 Int'l & Cross Cultural Management						SS1153 Economic Policy		Farewell Reception SULT (5-7pm)
Saturday 11 July	STUDENTS CHECK OUT OF ACCOMMODATION BEFORE 10am								

Lectures take place as follows unless notified to you by your lecturer (NB: 17 th & 18 th lectures in Engineering Building)	Events and Activities (Open to All Students) (Sign up for Sean-Nós Dance & Irish Language with course assistant)
<p>SS1153 Irish Economy: 9am-11am on Mon & Wed in MY124</p> <p>SS1155 International & Cross Cultural Management: 9am-11am on Tues & Thurs in MY124</p> <p>Change of Teaching Venue: Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th Lectures in APEB ENG-017 (ENG2002, ENG-2034, ENG-2033, ENG2035)</p>	<p>Welcome Reception: from 5-7pm on Monday 15 June in SULT</p> <p>Independence Day BBQ: from 5-7pm on Friday 3 July in SULT</p> <p>Farewell Reception: from 5-7pm on Friday 11 July in SULT</p> <p>Sean-Nós Dancing: from 4.30-5.30pm on Wed 17 June in The Space & 01 July (Dancing) in The Space</p> <p>Sean-Nós Singing: from 4.30-5.30pm, Wed 25 June singing in The Large Acoustic Room</p> <p>Irish Language Lectures (6 classes): from 1 – 2pm on Monday & Wednesday in MY129</p> <p>Film Showings (5 films): from 4-9pm on Tuesday/Monday/Wednesday in MY243 (exception on 17 June venue ENG-G017)</p>
Excursions	Module Excursions and Fieldtrips for REGISTERED Students
<p>Group 1</p> <p>Friday 19 June: Visit to Aillwee Caves and Caherconnell Stone Fort</p> <p>Saturday 27 June: Visit to Connemara to Kylemore Abbey and Aughnanure Castle</p> <p>Sunday 21 June: Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher Day Return Tour</p>	<p>Wednesday, 08 July: SS1153 Economic History trip to Dublin to meet policymakers in Dáil Éireann Meet at Galway Bus Station, Fairgreen for the Citylink Bus to Dublin (Direct)</p>

SS1153 Economic Policy in Ireland

6 ECTS/ 3 US Semester Credits

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course is designed to provide students with the analytical and historical foundation for studying contemporary public policy issues in Ireland. It begins with a brief overview of how the Irish economy has evolved in the past 25 years and identifies and outlines a series of key public policy issues in areas such as health, housing, the environment, and social protection. It proceeds to develop an economics framework for analysing these issues which covers the concepts of efficiency, equity, market failure, welfare state, and cost benefit analysis. This framework is then applied to the various public policy issues identified earlier in the course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the module the student should be able to:

- Outline how the Irish economy has evolved over the past 25 years with particular attention to key public policy objectives
- Describe the main mechanisms of resource allocation in modern societies
- Define the main social objectives for the allocation of societal resources
- Apply the theoretical framework of market failure and cost-benefit analysis to examine the role of public policy in the Irish economy
- Describe the role, objective and impact of the welfare state
- Present and apply a set of theories of society to explore the nature of welfare state systems in Ireland and comparable countries
- Present an economic analysis of public policy in a number of sectors including health, education, income redistribution and energy

REQUIRED READINGS

O'Hagan et al. The Economy of Ireland: Policy-Making in a Global Context, 14th Edition, Palgrave, 2021, various chapters

Le Grand et al, The Economics of Social Problems, Chapters 1 and 10 Other readings will be placed on Canvas.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:

1. Attendance and participation in lectures (20%)
2. Policy brief on a selected issue of interest and current debate in Ireland (40%)
3. Final exam (40%)

COURSE OUTLINE:

Topic	Readings
1. Introductory Lecture	

2. Historical Background	O'Hagan et al, Chapters 1 and 8; O'Grada and O'Rourke, 2021
3. Social Objectives for Resource Allocation; 4. Market Failure and the Role of Government	Le Grand et al, Chapters 1 and 10;
5. Theories of the Welfare State	Esping Andersen and Myles, 2012
6. Inequality and Poverty	O'Hagan et al, Chapter 9
7. Energy and Environment	O'Hagan et al, Chapter 13
8. Housing	O'Hagan et al, Chapter 14
9. Field trip to Dublin: Health, Transport, Culture	O'Hagan et al, Chapter 16; other readings to be added
10. Education	O'Hagan et al, Chapter 15; Cullinan & Flannery
Final exam	

SS1155 International & Cross-Cultural Management

6 ECTS/ 3 US Semester Credits

COURSE OBJECTIVE

International managers operate in a dynamic global environment and contemplating cultural difference and similarity is a central theme in International Management & Business. This course examines how national culture impacts the conduct of business, organisations and people management in a comparative global context, by increasing awareness and understanding of the skills required by managers seeking to work abroad as international executives. Are the pressures of globalisation resulting in the convergence of management practice across cultures or is there evidence to suggest that cultural divergence shapes management practice? This course will be of great interest to students wishing to understand the impact of national culture on managerial practice within and across cultural divides; and managing and working in cross-cultural teams.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the module the student should be able to:

- Critically appreciate cross-cultural awareness and cross-cultural management;
- Develop cross-cultural awareness/ competence to work effectively in a different cultural setting and/or manage and collaborate in cross-cultural teams;
- Discuss a range of international management practices and how culture impacts upon them. For example: motivation, cross-cultural communication and decision-making, negotiation and trust;
- Explicate the implications of cultural similarities and difference for managerial behaviour such as managing and leading within and across cultural divides;
- Analyse and critique theory and research on national cultures, and to convert theory and research into practice;
- Apply an understanding of the challenges and opportunities of working in global virtual teams

CORE READINGS

- Browaeys, M.J., Price, R. (2024). *Understanding Cross-Cultural Management*, 5th edition. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.
- Deresky, H., Miller, S.R. (2024). *International Management: Managing Across Borders and Cultures, Text and Cases*, 10th edition. Harlow: Pearson Education Limited.
- Steers, R., Osland, J.S., Sz kudlarek, B. (2023). *Management Across Cultures: Challenges, Strategies, and Skills*, 5th edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Moussa, M., Doumani, T., McMurray, A., Muenjohn, N., Deng, L. (2022). *Cross-Cultural Performance Management: Transcending Theory to a Practical Framework*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS

- Akande, A. (ed). (2025) (forthcoming). *Modern Cross-Cultural Management: Understanding Diversity in Global Business*. London: Springer.
- Moran, R.T., Abramson, N.R., Chan, A., Marie-Marguerite, S. (2023). *Managing Cultural Differences: Global Leadership Skills and Knowledge for the 21st Century*, 11th edition. London: Routledge.
- Richter, N.F., Strandskov, J., Hauff, S., Taras, V. (2022). *International Business Strategy and Cross-Cultural Management: An Applied Approach*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Thomas, D.C., Peterson, M.F. (2017). *Cross-Cultural Management: Essential Concepts*, 4th edition. London: SAGE Publications.

RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- Journal of World Business (JWB)
- Management International Review (MIR)
- International Business Review (IBR)
- Thunderbird International Business Review (TIBR)
- European Journal of International Management (EJIM)
- Cross-Cultural Management (CCM)
- International Journal of Cross-Cultural Management (IJCCM)
- Human Relations (HR) 14

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS

1. Attendance and Participation in Lectures (15%)
2. Decision Memo (30%)
3. Out-of-class Negotiations Pack (25%)
4. Group Project (preferable) or Fieldtrip-Based Essay (30%)

COMPANY VISITS

- Details of company visits will be finalised on course commencement;

Draft Overview of Teaching Schedule

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to the Global Business Environment and Cross-Cultural Management
Week 1	Understanding Culture: Breaking Through the Boundaries
Week 2	The Fundamentals of Cross-Cultural Interaction and Communication: Boosting Your Negotiations Skills and Resolving Conflicts
Week 2	Culture, Leadership, and Decision-Making
Week 3	(Organisational) Culture and Corporate Structures
Week 3	Fostering Inclusion and Diversity in Organisations
Week 4	Learning the Fine Art of Global Collaboration
Week 4	Global Staffing
Week 4	Wrap-Up Session

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

All academic administration queries should be directed to the summer school office on summerschool@universityofgalway.ie

Application

Visit our website for information on [how to apply online](#) and submit an application through the [Online Application Portal](#). The closing date for receipt of applications is **30 March**. Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis.

Fees

Tuition and accommodation costs must be paid in full, in Euro by Electronic Funds Transfer before **30 May**. University of Galway does not offer funding or financial aid to students to take part or complete any of the International Summer School programmes.

Registration

After you accept your online offer, a registration email will issue to your home email address with further information about registration and instructions on how to activate the student [Campus Account](#) and register for [Multi factor authentication](#). Once registered, all communication will be to your university email address, and it is the student's responsibility to check their student email regularly.

Results

Module results will be available to view online through Canvas, the online virtual learning environment. Questions about your results should be directed to your lecturer in the first instance. If you need an original hard copy transcript of your result, please contact the summer school administrator.

Deferrals, Repeats, Appeals and Rechecks

Discuss your results with your lecturer in the first instance.

International Summer School Grading System

The International Summer School Grading Chart below is the recommended model approved

University of Galway %	US Grade	US GPA
70 – 100	A	4.00
60 – 69	A-	3.667
	B+	3.333
50 – 59	B	2.667
40 – 49	B-	2.333
	C	2.00
0 – 39	C-	1.667
	D+	1.33
	D	1.00
	F	0

TRAVEL AND VISA ADVICE

Visas

You can check if you need a study visa on the website of the Irish [Immigration Service](#). More detailed advice about study visas can be accessed at [Immigration and Health Insurance - University of Galway](#). As a summer school student, you will spend approximately three weeks in Ireland and therefore do not need to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau. When checked by immigration officials on arrival in Ireland, your passport will be stamped up to the end of your summer school course. Should you wish to stay for a longer period, you may need to liaise with the Garda National Immigration Bureau after arrival to facilitate an extension to your stay. **Please ensure you bring your passport and original letter of offer with you to show to immigration officials at your point of entry to Ireland.**

Travel

The major airports in Ireland are Shannon (on the west coast, approximately 55 miles from Galway) and Dublin (on the east coast, approximately 135 miles from Galway). Shannon Airport is the closest international airport to Galway City.

1. [Shannon International Airport](#) is a 2-hour drive from Galway City. Shannon Airport is serviced by [Bus Éireann](#).
2. [Dublin International Airport](#) is a 2 ½ hour drive from Galway City. It is serviced by the most regular bus connections from Dublin Airport to Galway City centre: [Citylink](#), [GoBus](#) and [Bus Éireann](#).

A regular train service provided by [Irish Rail](#) operates from Dublin (Heuston Station) to Galway. The [Airlink](#) bus service provides regular departures from Dublin Airport to the city centre and Heuston Station. Airlink prepaid tickets can be bought at the Bus and Rail information desk at the airport. They can also be bought from the vending machines located at the bus departure points on the arrival's road. You can get a taxi from the airport to the centre of the city, but the bus is less expensive and just as quick.

Arrival in Galway

Upon your arrival at Galway Coach Park/Bus & Train Station, located adjacent to Eyre Square, several taxi services are available which can take you to check into your accommodation in [Goldcrest Village](#). [City Direct](#) provide bus services within Galway City and operate from Eyre Square.

Tourist Information

General information may be obtained from Ireland West Tourism Information Office, Forster Street. Tel. 091 537700 which is open 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday and closed Sunday.

Accommodation

Students will be housed in self-catering apartments at [Goldcrest Village](#) on University campus in Galway City. Housing provides students with single rooms in fully furnished, self-catering apartments. Laundry facilities are available on site. Bed linen, crockery, etc are provided in the apartments. Student residences are a 12-minute walk to classes on campus.

Cost of Living Guidelines

As kitchen/cooking facilities are available at [Goldcrest Village](#) student residence, it is cost effective to buy groceries at local supermarkets and self-cater. Allow €80 - €100 per week to buy groceries. There is a small grocery store available at Corrib Village. Local supermarkets ([Dunnes Stores](#), Eyre Square Shopping Centre and Headford Rd., [Tesco](#), Headford Rd, [Lidl](#), Headford Rd, [Aldi](#), Headford Rd) are within a 15-minute walk of Corrib Village.

Local transportation: The average bus fare within the city is €2.70. Taxis cost from €15 - €20 (Within the general Galway City area).

Books and supplies: Approx. €60 - €80 depending on courses chosen.

Laundry/toiletries: Laundry at [Corrib Village](#) is coin operated and approximate costs are €3 per wash and €2 to dry (full machine loads). Toiletries can be purchased quite reasonably at supermarkets or local pharmacies.

Social Activities: Entrance to cinemas: €9 approx. student rate applies with a valid student ID card. Theatre tickets cost slightly more.

Health Care

There are a number of doctor's surgeries within walking distance of the university and operate a student discount for their services.

[Dr. Fergil Colohans Surgery](#) in the Headford Road Shopping Centre (Tel 091-565664). This service is available at a discounted student rate.

[Doctors Clinic](#) located at 32 Newcastle Road, (Tel 091 520340) is a General Practitioner's Service available to students.

[Doctor 365](#) located at University Halls, 3 Newcastle Rd, Galway, H91 WY01 (0818) 000 365

Emergency medical help

In the case of a serious accident, dial 112 for emergency services and request an ambulance. An **Accident & Emergency** service is available at University College Hospital Galway. This facility is located on the Newcastle Rd, close to University of Galway. Students with ongoing medical conditions are advised to contact the International Summer School Office (summerschool@universityofgalway.ie) in advance of arrival to discuss your medical support requirements. We advise that all students have private health insurance in place prior to arrival.

Time Management

One of the greatest challenges facing summer school students is time management. You will need to balance the commitments of attending class, doing course work and participating on field trips, while also making time to enjoy all that Galway City and its festivals have to offer. You may also want to visit other parts of Ireland while here. You will have a very busy schedule while in Galway, so it is worth considering scheduling time before the start, or at the end of the summer school to allow time to travel and enjoy a vacation.

Weather/Clothing

Ireland has a temperate climate and does not experience extremes of heat or cold. It does, however, have high rainfall levels. The weather is unpredictable and can change dramatically in a short period of time. For more advice on what to pack please see [here](#)

UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND STUDENT SERVICES

Virtual Learning Environment

The virtual learning environment used at University of Galway is called [Canvas](#) . All course materials, reading lists, assessment information is uploaded to Canvas and all interactions including live lectures, discussion boards, class announcements, emails will be communicated through Canvas. This online system uses your student email account as the main contact point for all programme information. You are obliged to regularly check this email account for all programme announcements and important information.

Student Campus Account

Once you are registered as a student, have activated your [campus account](#), registered for [Multi-factor Authentication \(MFA\)](#), changed your password then you will be able to access your [Student Email](#) account, which is provided by the University in collaboration with Microsoft.

The James Hardiman Library

The James Hardiman Library is located on the main campus. Library staff provide support, help and training to support you with your studies, research, or teaching. For more information click [here](#).

Information Solutions and Services

Information Solutions and Services provide several IT Services for students and a User Support Helpdesk to trouble shoot any student IT issues. Full details of services and contacts can be found on [here](#).

Printing Service

The print service allows users to print, copy and scan documents using the Multi-Function Printers (MFP) located around campus. Print jobs can be sent to a Multi-Function Printer (often referred to as a 'Print Queue', i.e., when you click File, Print and select your printer) via [PC's \(PC Suite\)](#), [Email \(through your University of Galway e-mail account\)](#) or [Wi-Fi \(requires wireless package download\)](#). For more information, please see [here](#).

Students' Union Shop

The Students' Union operates the campus shop, which is located in the basement of the library building, where students can buy newspapers at discounted rates, NUI Galway hoodies and t-shirts, phone credit, laptop bags, stationery, refreshments, lab coats, dissection kits, confectionery, minerals, hot beverages and all the grocery essentials you will need.

Restaurant Facilities

With 16 restaurants/cafés on campus, ranging from contemporary cafés and Fairtrade coffee/tea houses to an extensive food hall and café bar, there is something to suit all tastes at University of Galway! View the full list of facilities please refer to our website [here](#).

Gym/Sports Facilities

Students will have access to the [Kingfisher Sports Centre](#) at a reduced student membership rate. This facility includes a 25-metre swimming pool, state of the art gym, saunas and steam room.

SUMMER SCHOOL CONTACTS

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Useful Links

[Overview of IT Student Services](#)

[Canvas for Students](#)

[Campus Account](#)

[Student Email](#)

[Print Service](#)

[Library Guide](#)