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# QQI/FET/FETAC *Progression Guide*

2025







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# University of Galway QQI/FET/FETAC Progression Guide 2025

The aim of the Access Centre is to create a supportive learning environment where students who have experienced socio-economic disadvantage, students with disabilities and mature students are enabled to access and succeed in third level education. This involves a wide range of educational approaches and specialist services that include Access Programmes, Disability Support Service, and Betty Attwood - Educational Support Worker for Care Experienced, and are targeted at large numbers of students who are classified by the Higher Education Authority as 'non-traditional'.





## Come and meet with us

Open Days are the perfect opportunity for you and your family to experience life at University of Galway. Visit us and immerse yourself in our vibrant and diverse community. Meet our world-leading academics, our current access students and see how they can inspire you.

### **University of Galway open days:**

Find out more...

[www.universityofgalway.ie/opendays](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/opendays)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/mature](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/mature)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/adult-learning](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/adult-learning)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre)

[www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/cao/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/cao/)

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Disclaimer; whilst every effort is made to ensure contents are accurate, the QQI/FET/FETAC Progression Guide is issued only for the guidance of students. It does not impose or infer any legal obligations on the University of Galway. Course syllabi, fees, regulations or other information given may be altered, cancelled or otherwise amended at any time. The QQI/ FET/FETAC Progression Guide does not confer any rights on a student registered for any course of study.

# How to apply as a QQI/FET/FETAC Applicant *for Full-time Degrees*

University of Galway is committed to providing entry routes to its undergraduate programmes for prospective students who have been awarded recognised QQI/FET/ FETAC Level 5 and 6 qualifications.

In order to be considered for a place on these programmes, students are required to have completed the requisite Level 5 or Level 6 course and hold a minimum of five distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in the requisite modules.

Award codes begin with 5M (for example 5M2102 Business Studies) for level 5 awards and 6M (for example 6M3674 Community Development) for level 6 awards. Older awards have a different naming convention, but many have been updated to this new 5M and 6M convention.

Please note that places are limited for QQI/FET/FETAC applicants on degree programmes.

Some degree programmes have additional entry requirements. These usually take the form of distinctions (80% or greater) in specific modules which prospective students are required to hold to be eligible to apply. Please pay particular attention to these additional entry requirements if they apply to your desired course of study.

Successful applicants may only be admitted on a competitive basis to Year One of a degree programme. QQI/FET/FETAC applicants should apply online through the Central Applications Office ([www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)) for all University of Galway's fulltime undergraduate courses.

The cost of applying through the CAO is approximately €45.

There is an online discounted rate of €30 if you apply before 20 January.

## Find out more:

[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

[www.qqi.ie](http://www.qqi.ie)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/  
undergrad-admissions/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/)

# Scholarships and Financial Supports

University of Galway encourages QQI/FET/FETAC applicants to apply for some of its attractive scholarship opportunities.

There are some scholarships that applicants can apply for before even receiving a college offer. Others are awarded on merit or for socio-economic reasons.



## 1916 Bursary Fund

The 1916 Bursary is a financial award to encourage the participation and success of students from sections of society that are significantly under-represented in higher education.

The 1916 Bursary is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) and aims to encourage participation and success by students who are most socio-economically disadvantaged and from groups most under-represented in higher education.

To be eligible for a 1916 Bursary, all applicants must meet, Financial, Priority Group and College Entry eligibility criteria.

Full details available at <https://1916bursary.ie/>

## The University of Sanctuary Scholarship

The University of Sanctuary Initiative at University of Galway aims to increase public awareness of International Protection and Traveller-specific topics across campus, in order to address the low levels of participation of International Protection Applicants, refugees, vulnerable immigrant groups, and Irish Travellers in third level education. These groups are too frequently excluded from education due to inequitable societal barriers, and we feel that through our actions we can make University of Galway a much more inclusive and equitable campus.

Full details available at [www.universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre/scholarshipsfunds/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre/scholarshipsfunds/) or email [uni.sanctuary@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:uni.sanctuary@universityofgalway.ie)

## Mature Student Entrance Scholarship

The University awards several Entrance Scholarships annually to mature students based on academic merit.

## University Scholarship

University Scholarships are for adult learners who wish to complete a Bachelor's (Ordinary or Higher) Degree, for the first time.

For full details of scholarships please visit <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/scholarships/>

## Financial Aid Fund

Some students may find themselves experiencing financial difficulties despite being careful with money during their time at university. All full-time students who attend a course of at least one year's duration leading to an undergraduate qualification are eligible to apply for the Financial Aid Fund. Applicants are means tested (taking financial situation and family circumstances into account). The application forms are usually available online from late September/early October.

For more information, go to <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/financialaidfund/>

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<http://www.universityofgalway.ie/opendays/>

# Disability Support Service

Support for students with a disability, ongoing physical or mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty.

Students with a disability, ongoing health condition (physical or mental), or a specific learning difficulty, are encouraged to register with University of Galway's Disability Support Service (DSS). Approximately one in twenty students at University of Galway is registered with the DSS. You can find out more about this service and how to register at [www.universityofgalway.ie/disability/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/disability/).

Most of the students who register with the DSS present with one or more of the following:

- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Attention deficit disorder (ADD)/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Blind/vision impaired
- Deaf/hard of hearing
- Neurological condition, including epilepsy and brain injury
- Speech and language communication disorder
- Physical disability, including mobility issues
- Developmental coordination disorder (DCD) - Dyspraxia/ Dysgraphia
- Mental health condition
- Significant ongoing illness
- Specific learning difficulty (SLD), including dyslexia or dyscalculia

## Register for disability support

To register for support, you will need to complete our online registration form at [www.universityofgalway.ie/disability](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/disability) and provide evidence of your disability, ongoing health condition, or specific learning difficulty. Once the form is submitted students will be contacted to arrange a needs assessment appointment with a Disability Advisor.

Supports and reasonable accommodations will be determined through an individual needs assessment; taking into account the nature and impact of your disability, evidence of disability, and course requirements.

For more information please visit

[www.universityofgalway.ie/disability](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/disability)

E: [disabilityservice@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:disabilityservice@universityofgalway.ie)

T: +353 91 493553

or visit the Access Centre,  
Ground Floor Áras Uí Chathail.





# Student Supports

The following are a number of student support services that you can avail of as a full-time student:

## **Return to Learning programme**

The Access Centre's Return to Learning programme is offered in August to new incoming QQI / FETAC students, so as to prepare them academically, socially and practically before the semester begins. The programme comprises of a series of workshops including practical study skills sessions, memory techniques, practical computing and advice on making the transition to third level education as well as information on the support services in the University. These workshops provide you with an opportunity to meet fellow mature students, make friends, and familiarise yourself with our campus.

## **Orientation**

The University runs an orientation week for all new first years in early September with an opportunity to hear college talks from the Deans, learn about academic and personal supports, and receive timetables and library tours.

For other student supports such as Chaplaincy, Counselling, Creche and others please see [www.universityofgalway.ie/student-services/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-services/)

For more information please visit

[www.universityofgalway.ie/academic-skills](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/academic-skills)

[www.library.universityofgalway.ie](http://www.library.universityofgalway.ie)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/public-sites/s-u-m-s](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/public-sites/s-u-m-s)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/students](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/students)



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## Returning to Education – Access Diploma Programmes

University of Galway's Access Centre offers pre-university preparatory Access and Foundation diploma programmes for under-represented groups in higher education, including those from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, students with disabilities and mature students including adults who may be in employment.

The preparatory programmes are student centred and are delivered in a very supportive environment by experienced tutors and staff. The overall aim is to give the chance of college to everyone and to provide an opportunity to progress to full-time or part-time degrees once the foundation year is completed. Each year over 200 students progress to university and excel in their new degrees. Continued support is provided to all students by the Access Centre.



## Subjects

Subjects offered are in the areas of Humanities, Science and Business and alongside core subjects such as Academic Writing, Study Skills, Technology and Career/College Guidance. Upon completion and meeting certain grades, students' progress to full-time degrees in these areas including Health Sciences, Law and Engineering.

Mature Students are those aged 23 years or over.

School Leavers are those aged 22 year or under.

## Outreach Access Courses

These free programmes are delivered in centres such as Tuam and An Cheathrú Rua which is a bi-lingual programme. They are made up of both Mature and School Leavers from disadvantaged backgrounds. These courses provide the opportunity to progress to University of Galway or ATU Sligo upon completion offering a range of subjects.

## Diploma in Foundation Studies Science, Technology and Engineering

This is a joint diploma delivery with ATU and is a fee-paying evening programme that runs two evenings and some Saturdays from September to May and is suitable for those over 22 who are interested in moving onwards to a full-time or part-time degree in University of Galway or ATU in areas such as Engineering, Science, Computer Science and Health Sciences. Academic subjects include Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Support Modules include Academic Writing, Study Skills, Technology and Career/ College Guidance. Fees are €380 for employed and €60 for unemployed.

## Diploma in Foundation Studies Business, Arts and Law

This is a joint diploma delivery with ATU and is a fee-paying evening programme that runs two evenings and some Saturdays from September to May and is suitable for those over 22 who are interested in moving onwards to a full-time or part-time degree in University of Galway or ATU in areas such as Business, Humanities and Law. Academic Support Modules include Academic Writing, Study Skills, Technology and Career/ College Guidance subjects include Maths, Economics, Business Skills and Accountancy. Fees are €380 for employed and €60 for unemployed.

## Progression Criteria to Degrees and Scholarships

All Modules studied in all Access and Diploma courses must be passed and completed and attendance required is 85%. All courses are classroom based over 2 semesters with exams, assignments and continuous assessment. Certain subjects require A's and practical work experience for some degrees including Health Sciences and Nursing (School Leavers) All students who want to proceed to full-time degrees apply to the CAO before 20 January for a discounted fee of €30. Places in degrees are allocated according to grades and competition for places. Certain high achieving mature students who enter 1st year of a full-time degree may receive a scholarship of €1,500 subject to terms and conditions. Other funding may be available through the Financial Aid Fund and Access Funds for School Leavers.

## How To Apply

Applications to all Access Foundation Diploma Programmes are completed online. Interviews apply. Details of documents required are available on the Access Centre website.

Applications to Diploma in Foundation Studies Science, Technology and Engineering/ Business, Arts and Law are completed online from July. No interviews apply. Information will be posted on the Access Centre website.

Find out more:

[www.universityofgalway.ie/access](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/access)

[www.universityofgalway.ie/mature/part-time](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/mature/part-time)



"Oscar Wilde once said that "success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result" and as you can see from my story QQI pathways create the conditions. So, if you are even thinking about attending university, know that there are a range of services to assist you in your journey and you can do it!"

**Dr Rosemary Crosse**  
UNESCO Child and Family  
Research Centre Institute for  
Lifecourse and Society

"I applied to Bachelor of Arts in University of Galway in 2016 through a FETAC course. I completed a FETAC course in business administration; I gained a wide range of skills in computers and communications which have helped me in my studies. From completing the FETAC course I felt more confident and prepared for the transition into university. Studying in University of Galway is an amazing experience, its friendly staff and students provide the university with an amazing atmosphere."

**Laura**  
(Bachelor of Arts – Geography,  
Sociology & Politics)



"I am a final year undergraduate student studying a Bachelor degree in General Nursing at University of Galway, I started this course in 2014. I achieved this from gaining all distinctions in a pre-nursing course I carried out in GTI. I found my overall experience in GTI invaluable and a great stepping stone to further education. I really feel that it helped me to gain the confidence I needed in my studies and the placements that I have done throughout my years in University of Galway. I am at such an advantage in my course, as a lot of the subjects that I had studied in GTI were reflective of that in University of Galway. The notes that I gathered at GTI still avail for studying and assignments. At University of Galway the lecturers are great to work with, they are always on hand for guidance and clinical placements are a privileged experience that I thoroughly enjoy."

**Danielle**  
(Bachelor of Nursing Science – General)

"I applied through the CAO to University of Galway in 2015; using my QQI Level 5 award in Business Studies, I secured a place on the Bachelor of Arts programme. I studied Psychology, French and Spanish in first year and I'm continuing with French and Spanish to degree level - in fact, I'm currently in Spain on my ERASMUS year as a result! Academically, going from further education to higher education is certainly a step up, but in a good way. You really learn how to apply the skills you learn at Levels 5 and 6, especially in modules such as 'Communications.' Thankfully, there are a range of supports available, both academically and nonacademically, where you can learn all the skills you need to succeed on whatever course you choose! There's something for everyone on campus. You can meet for a coffee in Smokey's, join a club and get fit or join a society and meet like minded people who share your interests. There are also plenty of opportunities for volunteering and personal development and, if you like a challenge, you might consider attending the 'Dioplóma sa Ghaeilge' course in the evenings to learn some Irish or something similar! I hope you have a great time at University of Galway - you won't recognise yourself in four(ish) years' time!"

**Caolán**  
(Bachelor of Arts)

# Eligible Courses

The following list contains all the QQI/FET/FETAC level 5 and 6 courses recognised by University of Galway:

## Level 5 awards recognised by University of Galway

AWARD	QQI/FETAC COURSE	ELIGIBLE COURSE
5M5163	Theatre Performance	GY101 GY118 GY119 GY135
5M2464	Journalism	GY101 GY105 GY110 GY111 GY113 GY118 GY119 GY122 GY123 GY125 GY127 GY129 GY132 GY135 GY136 GY137
5M2009	Early Childhood Care & Education	GY101 GY109 GY110 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY133 GY135 GY137
5M21473	Certificate in Early Learning & Care	GY101 GY109 GY110 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY133 GY135 GY137
5M2786	Community Care	GY101 GY110 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY135 GY137 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254
5M5165	Trade Union Studies	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
5M1940	Computer Aided Design	GY261
5M2208	Design	GY261
5M2012	Furniture Design and Making	GY261
5M2468	Business Administration	GY101 GY113 GY119 GY125 GY135 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY252 GY261
5M2111	International Trade	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY252 GY261
5M1997	Office Administration	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
5M2102	Business Studies	GY101 GY113 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY127 GY132 GY135 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
5M2071	Call Centre Operations	GY261
5M0828	eBusiness	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY252 GY261
5M2067	Information Processing	GY101 GY113 GY119 GY125 GY132 GY135 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY252 GY261
5M3789	Legal Studies	GY101 GY113 GY119 GY125 GY132 GY135 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
5M2069	Marketing	GY101 GY113 GY119 GY125 GY127 GY132 GY135 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY252 GY261
5M2105	Retail Practice	GY261
5M2061	Engineering Technology	GY261 GY402 GY405 GY406 GY408 GY410 GY413 GY414
5M5010	Construction Technology	GY261 GY402 GY405 GY406 GY408 GY410 GY413 GY414
5M2109	Security Systems Technology	GY261

AWARD	QQI/FETAC COURSE	ELIGIBLE COURSE
5M2110	Security Studies	GY261
5M2083	Hospitality Operations	GY261
5M5011	Tourism with Business	GY101 GY105 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY135 GY261
5M2154	Cultural and Heritage Studies	GY101 GY105 GY110 GY111 GY119 GY122 GY123 GY125 GY127 GY132 GY129 GY135 GY136 GY137 GY261
5M2181	Applied Social Studies	GY101 GY104 GY105 GY109 GY110 GY111 GY113 GY118 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY127 GY129 GY132 GY133 GY135 GY136 GY137 GY261
5M3114	General Studies	GY101 GY104 GY105 GY109 GY110 GY111 GY118 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY127 GY129 GY132 GY133 GY135 GY136 GY137 GY261
5M2073	Languages and European Studies	GY101 GY105 GY110 GY111 GY113 GY119 GY122 GY125 GY127 GY128 GY129 GY135 GY136 GY137 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY261
5M2149	Sound Production	GY119 GY130 GY135 GY261
5M2146	Multimedia Production	GY119 GY135 GY261
5M2145	Motor Technology	GY261 GY405 GY413
5M4339	Health Care Support	GY515 GY516 GY517
5M4468	Community Health Services	GY101 GY104 GY113 GY135 GY261 GY515 GY516 GY517
5M3050	Community Development	GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254
5M4349	Nursing Studies	GY261 GY515 GY516 GY517
5M3807	Laboratory Techniques	GY134 GY261 GY301 GY303 GY304 GY308 GY309 GY310 GY313 GY314 GY318 GY319 GY320 GY321 GY322 GY402 GY405 GY406 GY408 GY410 GY413 GY414
CELTX	Electronic Technology	GY109 GY125 GY133 GY134 GY301 GY303 GY304 GY308 GY309 GY310 GY313 GY314 GY318 GY319 GY320 GY321 GY322
CITXX	Information Technology	GY109 GY119 GY125 GY133 GY134 GY206 GY301 GY303 GY304 GY308 GY309 GY310 GY313 GY314 GY318 GY319 GY320 GY321 GY322 GY350
5M0529	Software Development	GY109 GY119 GY125 GY133 GY134 GY135 GY206 GY261 GY301 GY303 GY304 GY308 GY309 GY310 GY313 GY314 GY318 GY319 GY320 GY321 GY322 GY350
5M0536	Computer Systems and Networks	GY109 GY125 GY133 GY134 GY206 GY261 GY301 GY303 GY304 GY308 GY309 GY310 GY313 GY314 GY318 GY319 GY320 GY321 GY322 GY350
5M5048	Creative Media	GY119, GY127, GY135, GY111
5M5267	Food Science	GY134 GY261 GY301 GY303 GY304 GY308 GY309 GY310 GY313 GY314 GY318 GY319 GY320 GY321 GY322
5M3635	Education and Training	GY101 GY104
5M2011	Music Performance	GY130
5M20599	Music	GY130
5M18519	Film and Television Production	GY119 GY127 GY135
5M5151	Certificate in performing Arts	GY118
5M4732	Youth Work	GY137

## Level 6 awards recognised by University of Galway

AWARD	QQI/FETAC COURSE	ELIGIBLE COURSE
6M5154	Maintenance Skills Technology	GY405 GY413
6M2115	Supervisory Management for Manufacturing	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY261
6M4385	Retail Management	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY261
6M4587	Management	GY125 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
6M4985	Business	GY101 GY110 GY113 GY119 GY123 GY125 GY127 GY132 GY135 GY137 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY261
6M3618	Arts Administration	GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
6M5013	Administration	GY101 GY110 GY113 GY119 GY125 GY127 GY135 GY137 GY201 GY206 GY209 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254 GY261
6M0691	Software Development	GY101 GY119 GY125 GY127 GY135 GY206 GY350
6M0695	Computer Systems and Networks	GY109 GY125 GY133 GY206 GY350
6M2007	Early Childhood Care & Education	GY101 GY109 GY110 GY119 GY125 GY127 GY133 GY135 GY137
6M21471	Advanced Certificate in Early Learning & Care	GY101 GY109 GY110 GY119 GY125 GY127 GY133 GY135 GY137
EMMWD	Multimedia & Web Development	GY101 GY111 GY119 GY122 GY125 GY127 GY135
6M3674	Community Development	GY101 GY113 GY125 GY129 GY135 GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254
6M5014/ BITSX	International Contact Centre Service	GY101 GY119 GY135
6M20602	Music	GY130
6M3115	Information, Advice and Advocacy	GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254
6M2218	Social and Vocational Integration	GY250 GY251 GY252 GY254
6M5012	Tourism with Business	GY261
6M18534	Film and Television Production	GY119 GY127 GY135
6M3566	Certificate in Drama	GY118

# Quick Guide for QQI/FET/FETAC Applicants

The following list contains the number of places allocated for QQI/FET/FETAC applicants across all our undergraduate programmes. Some degree programmes have additional entry requirements. These usually take the form of distinctions (80% or greater) in specific modules or a special language requirement which applicants are required to hold in order to be eligible to apply. Please pay particular attention to these additional entry requirements, if they apply to your desired course of study. Further details on these additional requirements can be found in each of the 'Colleges' section of this guidebook.

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	QQI/FET/FETAC PLACES AVAILABLE	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
GY101	Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)	30	No
GY104	Bachelor of Arts ((Psychology)	1	Yes
GY105	History	1	No
GY109	Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics and Education)	3	Yes
GY110	Bachelor of Arts Children's Studies	6	No
GY111	Bachelor of Arts with Creative Writing	1	No
GY113	Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights	5	No
GY118	Bachelor of Arts in Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies	2	No
GY119	BA with Journalism	7	No
GY122	Na Dána (Cumarsaid)	2	Yes
GY123	Bscs Applied Social Sciences	5	No
GY125	Bachelor of Arts (Digital Arts and Technology)	2	No
GY127	Arts (Film and Digital Media)	2	No
GY128	Arts (Global Languages)	2	No
GY129	Arts (Global experience)	2	No
GY130	Bachelor of Arts (Music)	2	No
GY132	BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)	2	No
GY133	BA Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies) 2	2	Yes
GY134	Bscs in Geography and Geosystems	2	Yes
GY135	Arts (Global Media)	10	No
GY136	Na Dána (Leann Teanga)	2	Yes
GY137	Bachelor of Arts (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)	15	No

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	QQI/FET/ FETAC PLACES AVAILABLE	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
GY201	Commerce	20	Yes
GY206	Business Information Systems	5	Yes
GY209	Commerce (Global Experience)	2	Yes
GY250	Law and Business	5	Yes
GY251	Law (BCL)	5	No
GY252	Bachelor of Law and Human Rights	1	No
GY254	Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice	1	No
GY261	Business Studies (Shannon College of Hotel Management)	3	Yes
GY301	Science (Undenominated)	30	Yes
GY303	Biomedical Science	4	Yes
GY304	Biotechnology	4	Yes
GY308	Environmental Science	4	Yes
GY309	Financial Mathematics and Economics	4	Yes
GY310	Marine Science	4	Yes
GY313	Environmental Health and Safety	4	Yes
GY314	Earth and Ocean Sciences	4	Yes
GY318	Biopharmaceutical Chemistry	4	Yes
GY319	Mathematical Science	4	Yes
GY320	Physics with degree options	4	Yes
GY321	Genetics and Genomics	4	Yes
GY322	Agricultural Sciences	4	Yes
GY402	Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)	4	Yes
GY405	Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)	4	Yes
GY406	Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Computer)	4	Yes
GY408	Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical)	4	Yes
GY413	Bachelor of Engineering (Energy Systems)	4	Yes
GY414	Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	4	Yes
GY410	Bachelor of Science (Project and Construction Management)	4	Yes
GY350	Bachelor of Science (Honours) Computer Science and Information Technology	4	Yes
GY515	General Nursing (Galway & Portiuncula)	6	Yes
GY516	Mental Health Nursing	3	Yes
GY517	Midwifery Science	1	Yes



# College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

The College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies is at the cutting edge of new thinking in every subject offered within our programmes. Our degrees are designed to inspire your intellectual curiosity, build your capacity for creative and critical thinking.

## JOINT HONOURS

### GY101 **Bachelor of Arts**

Places: 30

Holders of QQI (FETAC or NCVA Level 5/6) qualifications in any of the following awards will be considered for entry

5M2154/ECHSX, 5M2073/ELESX, 6M5014/BITSX, 5M2102/BBSXX, 5M2468/BBSAX, 5M4468/DCHSX, 5M3114/ELAXX, 5M2181/EASSX, 5M5163, 5M2464, 5M3789, 5M2067, 5M2069, 6M4985, 5M5011, 6M0691, EMMWD, 6M5013, 6M3674, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M2007, 6M21471, 5M2786

### GY104 **Arts (Psychology)**

Places: 1

5M2181, 5M4468, 5M3114, 5M3635

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification which includes a distinction in 5N0754 (Psychology) will be considered for entry to GY104.*

### GY105 **Arts (History)**

Places: 1

5M2181, 5M3114, 5M5011, 5M2464, 5M2154, 5M2073

### GY109 **Arts (Mathematics and Education)\***

Places: 3

5M3114, 5M2181, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M2007, 6M21471, CELTX, CITXX, 5M0529, 5M0536, 6M0695

*\*Additional Conditions: Applicants must have a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification, which includes a distinction in the module 5N1833/ C20139 Mathematics or Grade H5 or O1 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics.*

### GY110 **Bachelor of Arts Children's Studies**

Places:

Arts (Children's Studies): 4

Arts with Children's Studies: 2

5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M2007, 6M21471, 5M2154, 5M2073, 5M2464, 5M2786, 6M4985, 6M5013

### GY111 **Arts with Creative Writing**

Places: 1

5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2464, 5M2154, 5M2073, EMMWD, 5M5048

### GY113 **Arts with Human Rights**

Places: 5

5M2073, 5M2102, 5M2468, 5M4468, 5M2181, 5M2464, 5M3789, 5M2067, 5M2069, 6M4985, 6M5013, 6M3674

- GY118 Arts (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M5163, 5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2464
- GY119 Arts with Journalism**  
**Places: 7**  
 5M2181, 5M2102, 5M2069, 5M3114, 6M0691, EMMWD, 5M2464, 6M2007, 6M21471, 6M4985, 6M5013, 5M2154, 5M2073, 5M0529, 5M2009, 5M21473, 5M2067, 5M2146, 5M2149, 5M2468, 5M2786, 5M3789, 5M4468, 5M5011, 5M5048, 5M5163, 5M18519, 6M3674, 6M4985, 6M5013, CITXX, 6M5014, 6M18534
- GY122 Arts (Cumarsaid agus Gaeilge)\***  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2464, EMMWD, 5M2154, 5M2073
- \* Additional Conditions: Cuirtear fáilte roimh iarratais ó dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán H5 san Ardeistiméireacht bainte amach acu sa Ghaeilge (ardleibhéal), nó a bhfuil an grád 'le gradam' bainte amach acu in 5N1631/6N2398 Gaeilge agus a shásaíonn Stiúrthóir an Chláir maidir lena gcumas sa teanga. \* Additional Conditions: Applications are welcomed from people who have a minimum of Grade H5 (higher level) in Irish in the Leaving Certificate, or who have a distinction in 5N1631/6N2398 Irish and who satisfy the Course Director as to their competence in Irish.*
- GY123 Arts (BSc Applied Social Sciences)**  
**Places: 5**  
 5M2181, 5M2102, 5M3114, 5M2464, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M4985, 5M2786, 5M2154, 5M5011
- GY125 Bachelor of Arts (Digital Arts and Technology)**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2154, 5M2073, 5M2102, 5M2468, 5M3114, 5M2181, 5M2464, 5M3789, 5M2067, 5M2069, 6M4985, 5M5011, 6M0691, EMMWD, 6M5013, 6M3674, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M2007, 6M21471, 5M2786, CELTX, CITXX, 5M0529, 5M0536, 6M4587, 6M0695
- GY127 Arts in Film & Digital Media**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2181, 5M2102, 5M2069, 5M3114, 6M0691, EMMWD, 5M2464, 6M2007, 6M21471, 6M4985, 6M5013, 5M5048, 5M2154, 5M2073, 5M18519, 6M18534
- GY128 Arts (Global Languages)**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2073
- GY129 Arts (Global experience)**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2073, 5M2154, 5M2181, 5M3114, 6M3674, 5M2464 GY130 Arts (Music) Places: 2 5M2011, 5M2149, 5M20599, 6M20602
- GY132 BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2154, 5M3789, 5M2102, 5M2464, 5M2067, 5M2069, 6M4985
- GY133 BA Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies)\***  
**Places: 2**  
 5M3114, 5M2181, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M2007, 6M21471, CELTX, CITXX, 5M0529, 5M0536, 6M0695
- \*Additional Conditions: Applicants must have a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification, which includes a distinction in the module 5N1833/ C20139 Mathematics or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology or Grade H5 or O1 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics*
- GY130 BA (Music)**  
**Places: 2**  
 5M2011, 5M2149, 5M20599, 6M20602

**GY134 Bachelor of Science in Geography and Geosystems\***

**Places: 2**

5M3807/CASLT, CELTX, CITXX,

*\*Additional Conditions: Applicants must have distinctions in the following modules: 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or C20174 Mathematics for Engineering or C20175 Mathematics for Computing And three of the following modules:*

5N2746/C20006 Biology  
5N2747/C20011 Chemistry  
C20012 Computer Architecture and Systems  
C20013 Computer Programming  
5N1606/C20016 Electronics  
5N1774/C20018 Electronics-Digital  
5N2751/C20033 Laboratory Techniques  
5N1638/C20040 Mechanics  
5N1460/C20048 Physics

Or one of:

5N0783/B20012 Database Methods  
or  
5N1977/B20028 Spreadsheet Methods.

5M0529, 5M0536

*\*Additional Conditions: Applicants must have a distinction in the Maths for Information Technology module (5N18396) and 4 further Distinctions, 3 of which must be in any of the following modules covering both courses:*

5N0541 - Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming  
5N0548 - Computer Systems Hardware  
5N0583 - ICT Security Policy and Management  
5N0690 - Communications  
5N2928 - Operating Systems  
5N2772 - Software Architecture  
5N2927 - Programming and Design Principles  
5N2929 - Networking Essentials

5M5267

*\*Additional Conditions: Applicants must achieve a Distinction (80% or better) in the Mathematics module (5N1833/C20139) and 4 further Distinctions, 3 of which must be in any of the following modules:*

5N0737 Microbiology  
5N2748 Food Chemistry  
5N1460 Physics  
5N2006 Nutrition  
5N2746 Biology  
5N2747 Chemistry  
5N2751 Laboratory techniques

**GY135 Arts (Global Media)**

**Places: 10**

5M2181, 6M3674, 5M2102, 5M2464, EMMWD , 5M2009, 5M21473, 5M2067, 5M2069, 5M2073, 5M2146, 5M2154, 5M2468, 5M2786, 5M3114, 5M3789, 5M4468, 5M5011, 5M5048, 5M5163, 6M0691, 6M2007, 6M21471, 6M4985, 6M5013, 6M5014, 5M0529, 5M2149, 5M18519, CITXX, 6M18534

**GY136 Na Dána (Léann Teanga)\***

**Places: 2**

5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2154, 5M2073, 5M2464

*\* Additional Conditions: Cuirtear fáilte roimh iarrtais ó dhaoine a bhfuil caighdeán H3 san Ardteistiméireachta bainte amach acu sa Ghaeilge (ardleibhéal), nó a bhfuil an grád 'le gradam' bainte amach acu in 5N1631/6N2398 Gaeilge agus a shásaíonn Stiúirthóir an Chláir maidir lena gcumas sa teanga.*

*\* Additional Conditions: Applications are welcomed from people who have a minimum of Grade H3 (higher level) in Irish in the Leaving Certificate, or who have a distinction in 5N1631/6N2398 Irish and who satisfy the Course Director as to their competence in Irish.*

**GY137 Bachelor of Arts (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)**

**Places: 15**

5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2009, 5M21473, 6M2007, 6M21471, 5M2154, 5M2073, 5M2464, 5M2786, 5M4732, 6M4985, 6M5013



# College of Business, Public Policy, and Law

University of Galway has a long history and is internationally recognised for producing high-quality, market-ready graduates in all areas of Business, Public Policy and Law. We offer a wide range of programmes, which are all taught by staff who are at the forefront of original thinking and innovation, ensuring you get the best student experience for your future career.

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## GY201 **Commerce\***

Places: 20

5M0828, 5M1997, 5M2067, 5M2069, 5M2102, 5M2468, 5M5165, 5M2111, 6M5013, 6M3618, 6M4985, 6M4587, 6M4385, 6M2115

*\* Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification including a pass in the module 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or Grade O6 in Mathematics Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level, or better will be considered for entry to first year Commerce (GY201).*

## GY206 **Business Information Systems\***

Places: 5

5M1997, 5M2069, 5M2468, 5M5165, 5M0536, 5M0529, CITXX, 5M2102, 5M2111, 5M0828, 5M2067, 6M5013, 6M3618, 6M4985, 6M4587, 6M4385, 6M2115, 6M0695, 6M0691

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification including a pass in the module 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or Grade O6 in Mathematics Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level, or better will be considered for entry.*

## GY209 **Commerce (Global Experience)\***

Places: 2

5M0828, 5M1997, 5M2067, 5M2069, 5M2102, 5M2468, 5M5165, 5M2111, 6M5013, 6M3618, 6M4985, 6M4587, 6M4385, 6M2115

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification including a pass in the module 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or Grade O6 in Mathematics Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level, or better will be considered for entry to first year Commerce (Global Experience) (GY209).*

## GY250 **Law and Business\***

Places: 5

5M3789, 5M0828, 5M1997, 5M2067, 5M2069, 5M2102, 5M2468, 5M5165, 5M2111, 6M5013, 6M3618, 6M4985, 6M4587, 6M4385, 6M2115, 5M2073, 5M2786, 5M3050, 6M3674

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification including a pass in the module 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or Grade O6 in Mathematics Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level, or better will be considered for entry.*

GY251 **Law (BCL)**

Places: 5

5M2102 5M5165, 5M1997, 5M3789, 5M2073,  
5M2786, 5M3050, 6M4587, 6M3618, 6M5013,  
6M3674, 6M3115, 6M2218, 6M4985, 6M4385,  
6M2115

GY252 **Bachelor of Law and Human Rights**

Places: 1

5M3789, 5M0828, 5M1997, 5M2067, 5M2069,  
5M2102, 5M2468, 5M5165, 5M2111, 6M5013,  
6M3618, 6M4985, 6M4587, 6M4385, 6M2115,  
5M2073, 5M2786, 5M3050, 6M3674, 6M3115,  
6M2218 GY253

GY254 **Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice**

Places: 1

5M5165, 5M1997, 5M2102, 5M3789, 5M2786,  
5M3050, 6M4587, 6M3618, 6M5013, 6M3674,  
6M3115, 6M2218

GY261 **Business Studies (International Hotel Management – Shannon College) \***

Places: 3

5M1940, 5M2208, 5M2012, 5M2468, 5M2111,  
5M1997, 5M2102, 5M2071, 5M0828, 5M2067,  
5M3789, 5M2069, 5M2105, 5M5267, 5M3807,  
5M2061, 5M5010, 5M2145, 5M2109, 5M2110,  
5M4349, 5M4468, 5M2083, 5M5011, 5M2154,  
5M2181, 5M3114, 5M2073, 5M2149, 5M2146,  
6M2115, 6M4385, 6M4587, 6M4985, 6M3618,  
6M5013, 5M5165, 5M0529, 5M0536, 6M4587,  
6M5012

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification, including a pass in the module 5N1833/ C20139 Mathematics or Grade O6 in Mathematics Leaving Certificate Ordinary Level or better, will be considered for entry to first year Business Studies (International Hotel Management – Shannon College) GY261.*



# College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

The College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences comprises three schools: Health Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery, and Medicine. We work to provide programmes that are grounded in clinical expertise and cutting-edge research to best prepare you for a challenging career in the changing healthcare environment.

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## GY515 **Bachelor of Nursing Science (General - Galway and Portlucna)**

Places: 6

Holders of QQI (FETAC or NCVA) Level 5 qualifications in any of the following awards:  
5M4349/DCHSN, 5M4468/DCHSX, 5M4339/DHSXX

*\*Additional Conditions: Distinctions must be achieved in all of the following: 5N0749/D20001 Anatomy and Physiology 5N4325/D20012 Nursing Theory and Practice and either 5N1279/D20032 Human Growth and Development or 5N2746/C20006 Biology.*

## GY516 **Bachelor of Mental Health Nursing**

Places: 3

Holders of QQI (FETAC or NCVA) Level 5 qualifications in any of the following awards:  
5M4349/DCHSN, 5M4468/DCHSX, 5M4339/DHSXX

*\*Additional Conditions: Distinctions must be achieved in all of the following: 5N0749/D20001 Anatomy and Physiology 5N4325/D20012 Nursing Theory and Practice and either 5N1279/D20032 Human Growth and Development or 5N2746/C20006 Biology.*

## GY517 **Bachelor of Midwifery Science**

Places: 1

Holders of QQI (FETAC or NCVA) Level 5 qualifications in any of the following awards:  
5M4349/DCHSN, 5M4468/DCHSX, 5M4339/DHSXX

*\*Additional Conditions: Distinctions must be achieved in all of the following: 5N0749/D20001 Anatomy and Physiology 5N4325/D20012 Nursing Theory and Practice and either 5N1279/D20032 Human Growth and Development or 5N2746/C20006 Biology.*



# College of Science and Engineering

Studying Science and Engineering at University of Galway provides students with a world of opportunities. We work with industry to ensure that our programmes produce graduates who are highly skilled and trained to address the challenges of society today. Our programmes are research-led and recognised internationally, with 96% of our graduates are working or in further study within 6 months of their graduation.

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## GY301 **Undenominated\***

Places: 30

## GY303 **Biomedical Science\***

Places: 4

## GY304 **Biotechnology\***

Places: 4

## GY308 **Environmental Science\***

Places: 4

## GY309 **Financial Mathematics & Economics\***

Places: 4

## GY310 **Marine Science\***

Places: 4

## GY313 **Environmental Health & Safety\***

Places: 4

## GY314 **Earth & Ocean Science\***

Places: 4

## GY313 **Environmental Health & Safety\***

Places: 4

## GY319 **Mathematical Science\***

Places: 4

## GY320 **Physics (Applied, Astrophysics, Biomedical, Theoretical)\***

Places: 4

## GY321 **Genetics and Genomics\***

Places: 4

## GY322 **Agricultural Sciences\***

Places: 4

### Eligible Awards:

- 5M3807/CASLT Laboratory Techniques
- CELTX Electronic Technology
- CITXX Information Technology

*\*Additional Conditions: only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification, which must include distinctions in the modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or C20174 Mathematics for Engineering or C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N18396 Mathematics for Information Technology and three of the following modules will be considered for entry to first year of Science courses listed above:*

- 5N2746/C20006 Biology
- 5N2747/C20011 Chemistry
- C20012 Computer Architecture and Systems
- C20013 Computer Programming
- 5N1606/C20016 Electronics
- 5N1774/C20018 Electronics-Digital
- 5N2751/C20033 Laboratory Techniques
- 5N1638/C20040 Mechanics
- 5N1460/C20048 Physics

*Or one of: 5N0783/B20012 Database Methods or 5N1977/B20028 Spreadsheet Methods.*

**Eligible Awards:**

- 5M0529 Software Development
- 5M0536 Computer Systems and Networks

*\* Additional Conditions: only those applicants who achieve a Distinction (80% or better) in the Maths for Information Technology module (5N18396) and 4 further Distinctions, 3 of which must be in any of the following modules covering both courses will also be considered for entry to first year of Science courses listed above:*

- 5N0541 Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming
- 5N0548 Computer Systems Hardware
- 5N0583 ICT Security Policy and Management
- 5N0690 Communications
- 5N2928 Operating Systems
- 5N2772 Software Architecture
- 5N2927 Programming and Design Principles
- 5N2929 Networking Essentials

**Eligible Awards:**

- 5M5267 Food Science

*\*Additional Conditions: only those applicants who achieve a Distinction (80% or better) in the Mathematics module (5N1833/C20139/ 5N18396) and 4 further Distinctions, 3 of which must be in any of the following modules will also be considered for entry to first year*

- 5N0737 Microbiology 5N2748 Food Chemistry 5N1460 Physics
- 5N2006 Nutrition 5N2746 Biology 5N2747 Chemistry

**GY402 Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)\***

**Places: 4**

5M3807, 5M2061, 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics or C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing, 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY405 Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)\***

**Places: 4**

5M3807, 5M2061, 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY406 Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Computer)\***

**Places: 4**

5M3807, 5M2061 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY408 Bachelor of Engineering (Biomedical)\***

**Places: 4**

5M3807, 5M2061 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY413 Bachelor of Engineering (Energy Systems)\***

**Places: 4**

5M3807, 5M2061 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY414 Bachelor of Engineering  
(Electrical and Electronic)\***

Places: 4

5M3807, 5M2061 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY350 Bachelor of Science (Honours) Computer  
Science and Information Technology\***

Places: 4

5M0536, CITXX, 6M0695, 5M0529, 6M0691

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*

**GY410 Bachelor of Science  
(Project and Construction Management)\***

Places: 4

5M3807, 5M2061 5M5010

*\*Additional Conditions: Only those applicants with a Distinction (80% or better) in a minimum of five modules in the qualification may be admitted to the above programmes provided they have a distinction in one of the following modules 5N1833/C20139 Mathematics, C20174 Mathematics for Engineering, C20175 Mathematics for Computing or 5N0556 Maths for STEM or 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology*



# Financial Information

Returning to full-time education can place a strain on your finances. There are many factors to be considered - rent, utility bills, food, travel and class materials for example. It is important to evaluate whether you can financially afford to pursue a full-time degree.

## Undergraduate Fees

EU undergraduate fees consist of three elements: 1. Tuition Fee (tax exempt) 2. Student contribution charge 3. Student facilities levies (covers cost of registration, examinations and student services).

### 1. Tuition fee

Under the 'free fees' initiative from the Department of Education and Skills, the state pays the tuition fee for eligible full-time, nonrepeat undergraduate EU students who:

- Are first time undergraduates
- Hold EU nationality or official refugee status
- Have been ordinarily resident in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to an approved full-time course. If you do not satisfy the above criteria for 'free fees', you may be eligible for 'EU fees'. There are two ways to qualify for EU fees, through nationality or residency:
- **Nationality:** If the student holds EU nationality or official refugee status and where a student has received ALL his/her full-time post-primary education within the EU, but has not been resident for three of the five years immediately prior to university entry, the student is eligible for EU fees. Euro nationality can be proved with an EU passport, an original Irish Birth Certificate, an original EU National Identity Card or official Irish refugee status.
- **Residency:** The student's principal residence for the purpose of taxation must have been in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to an approved third-level course. (Prior residence as a full-time student alone does not qualify a student for EU fee rates). If you do not qualify for the Free Fees Initiative or a Student Grant, then you may be liable to pay the full

tuition fees for your programme of study. For all information in relation to fees and related criteria, please refer to

[www.universityofgalway.ie/fees](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/fees)

### 2. Student contribution charge

The student contribution charge, which will be approximately €3,000 in 2025, is payable by all students. However, students who have applied and are successful in their application for a higher education grant or scholarship will have this student contribution charge paid on their behalf by the scholarship provider or higher education grant authority.

### 3. Student facilities levies

This is payable by all students and will be circa €140 in 2025. Further information may be obtained from the Fees Office.

Find Out More

[www.universityofgalway.ie/fees](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/fees)

## SUSI Student Grants

Student Grants are applied for online and are administered centrally through SUSI. If you are eligible, it may cover all or part of your fees and assist you with maintenance payments to contribute to living expenses while you study. The residency requirement in the State for grant eligibility is three out of the past five years for new applicants, be a holder of an EU passport and have official refugee status. The duration of the break in studies required for re-entry as an independently assessed mature student is three years.



## Important Dates for Applicants

CAO	Deadline	Fee & Application
Closing Date	1 February 2025, 5pm	€45 online or paper
Late applications	1 May 2025, 5pm	€60 online, €90 paper
Change of Mind	Until 31 January 2025, 5pm	Free
Change of Mind	5 February-1 March 2025, 5pm	€10
Change of Mind	4 May-1 July 2025, 5pm	Free

# Frequently Asked Questions

## When do you apply?

Applications for admission to all full-time undergraduate degree courses are made through the CAO. Applications can be made online, or alternatively, please contact the CAO office to request a hard copy application form. Using a single application form, you may choose from the entire range of courses listed in this guide. You may apply for up to 10 courses in the Level 8 category and 10 courses in the Level 7 category. Please note that all undergraduate degrees taught at University of Galway are Level 8 degrees.

For more information, contact  
Central Applications Office, Tower House,  
Eglinton Street, Galway City, Ireland.

T: +353 (0)91 509 800  
E: [info@cao.ie](mailto:info@cao.ie) W: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

## How are applicants assessed?

University of Galway recognises certain QQI/FET/FETAC Level 5 and 6 qualifications as pathways to a number of its undergraduate programmes. In order to be considered for a place on these programmes, students are required to have completed the requisite Level 5 or Level 6 course and hold a minimum of five distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in the requisite modules.

For more on the kind of QQI/FET/FETAC level 5/6 awards recognised by University of Galway, see the 'Eligible Courses' page of this guidebook. For more on the specific QQI/FET/FETAC scoring scheme used by all HEI's, see [cao.ie](http://cao.ie)

## What happens if I am successful and accept a place at University of Galway?

Registration: late August to late September. Registration details will be provided via email to all students after the Leaving Certificate results are released. A Return to Learning Programme will run in late August. You will receive all information on the Return to Learning programme by email in July 2025 and you will be invited to register as a student online. Main Campus Student Orientation usually occurs the first week in September.

## What full-time degrees are open to Further Education applicants?

University of Galway has recently increased the number of places available for QQI/FET/FETAC applicants from 60 to over 220 places across the four colleges that make up this University. Further information on the undergraduate programmes available for QQI/FET/FETAC applicants can be found on the 'Quick Guide' page in this guidebook.

## Can I make a late application to University of Galway after February 1st?

Yes. Late applications from QQI/FET/FETAC applicants are accepted up until the closing date of 1st May 2025.

## Can I use the change of mind option for University of Galway's programmes?

Yes. The CAO online Change of Mind facility opens in early May and closes on 1 July at 5pm.

## When will I know if my application has been successful?

If you are offered a place at University of Galway you will receive official notification of this from the CAO, usually in early August. The date by which you must accept your offer will be clearly stated on the CAO notification. It is essential that you are aware of the date for accepting your offer.

You may accept your offer online ([www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)) in the event that you are away from your address.

Your responsibility... If you change your address any time between February and the end of June you should update the CAO with your correct address.

## Can I apply to Shannon College of Hotel Management as a QQI/FET/FETAC Applicant?

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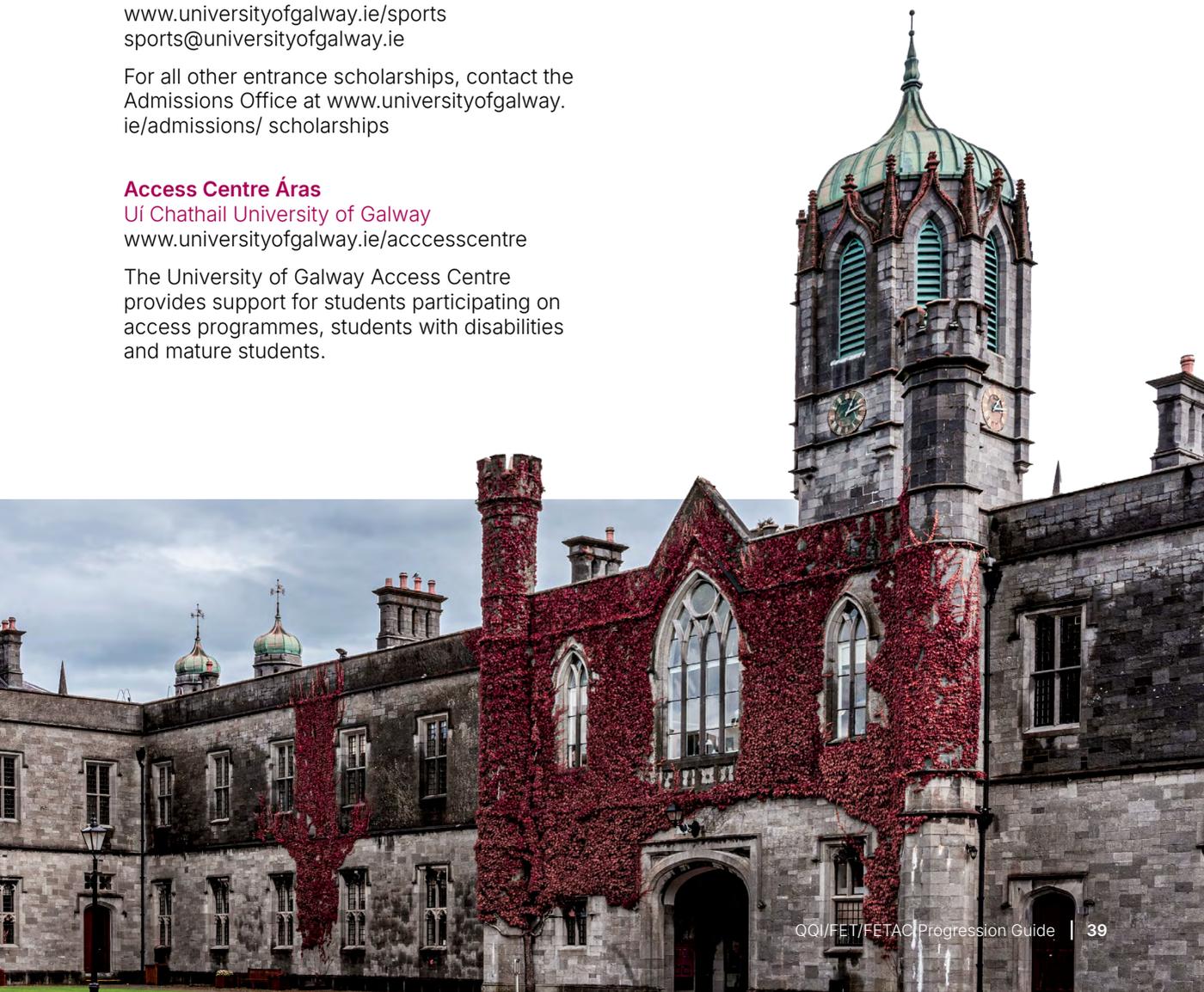
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