



Scoil na hEolaíochta Polaitiúla agus na Socheolaíochta School of Political Science and Sociology

 Government has a profound impact on our lives and the functioning of society. Government policies affect everything from our health and wellbeing, to the affordability of housing and transport, the quality of the environment and the viability of businesses and voluntary organisations. The BA Government (Politics, Economics) and Law) will enable you to better understand public affairs and emerging critical issues and to develop the skills necessary to make a real difference in your chosen career path, whether in public, private or voluntary and non-profit sectors.

• Do you want to better understand how government works and how public policy can be improved? Do you want to examine how democracy, politics, economics and law interact to shape public and social policy? Are you interested in working in a career where knowledge of government, public policy, business and law are important? If so, the BA Government (Politics, Economics, and Law)

### **Bachelor of Arts Government (Politics, Economics and Law)**

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

#### Year One

 Introduction to Politics Practicing Politics Introduction to Government Practicing Government

• Principles of Micro and Macro Economics

• Skills for Economics

• Tort Law

Irish Legal Systems

•Legal Skills

### **Year Two**

- International and Global Politics
- European Politics
- Methods for Social and Political Science Modern Political Thought

Study Abroad There are opportunities to study in another **European university in Third** Year under the ERASMUS scheme (e.g., in Belgium, Finland, the Netherlands or Estonia) or to study for one semester at a university in the USA.

- Contract Law
- Constitutional Law
- Financial Economics

 Economics of Public Policy Irish Economic History • Housing Law & Policy Environmental Law

#### at University of Galway is for you.

I choose to study BA Government as I was interested in the multi-disciplinary nature of the course with the opportunity to undertake three different subjects. Throughout my time on this course, I have had the opportunity to study in the University of Ottawa in Canada for 6 months, which gave me the chance to gain an international perspective on my studies. One thing I really like about this course is the smaller class size, as it means help is easily accessible from the school and the department. Earlier this year we received funding and support for a student led publication called "The Government Collective" which is something that would have been hard to do if there was a larger class size to cater for. Overall, I've had a fantastic experience over the past four years and will look back at my time studying BA Government in University of Galway fondly. - Lisa Basquel.

Graduates may pursue post-graduate study in government, public policy and administration, journalism and media, business and management, economics and enterprise or further study and professional training in law. Students with a minor in Law will be exempted from the first year the three-year LLB

Further

Study



 Intermediate Micro and Macro Economics • Mathematics and Statistics for Economics Legal Methods and Research

### **Year Three**

 Professional Skills for Government and Policy Study Abroad Policy, Lobbying and Advocacy Work Placement

• Government Field Trip

### **Year Four**

Political Liberty

Contemporary American Politics

- Contemporary African Politics
- Comparative Public Policy
- Thinking Politically

 Government and Public Policy • Public Economics

 Introduction to Sustainability • Green Political Thought • Governing the Poor • Design your Life Navigating the Digital World

• Environmental and Natural Resource Economics •Health Economics

Administrative Law

• European Union Law

• Criminal Law

programme and students majoring in Law may enter third year, subject to achieving a 2.2 award.

## Career Prospects

This degree combines the study of politics, economics and law. In doing so the degree creates career opportunities in local and national government, business, voluntary / non-governmental organisations, consultancy, public affairs, the EU and global development agencies. The multidisciplinary nature of the degree opens opportunities in public administration, policy analysis, industrial relations, public relations, journalism, social work, community work, political advocacy, management, economics and law.



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