



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMH
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

**Discipline of Geography, Climate & Sustainability
1st Year Timetable 2026/2027**

First year - 1BA

Semester 1

ECT s	Module	Module Coordinator	Day, Time	Assessme nt
5	TI150 Principles of Human Geography	Prof Frances Fahy	Mondays 3pm: OhEocha Theatre Tuesdays 5pm: Anderson Theatre Wednesdays 12pm: Kirwan Theatre	CA / MCQ
10	TI1102/TI1103 Geography in Action (GiA)	Dr Eugene Farrell	Details in GiA handbook on Canvas	CA

Semester 2

5	TI151 Principles of Physical Geography	Dr Gordon Bromley	Mondays 3pm: OhEocha Theatre Tuesdays 5pm: O'Flaherty Theatre Friday 11am: Kirwan Theatre	CA / MCQ
10	TI1102/TI1103 Geography in Action (GiA)	Dr Eugene Farrell	Details in GiA handbook on Canvas	CA

Key contacts

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 1 BA Programme Coordinator

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Academic Calendar 2026/2027

Academic Year 2026-2027	
Orientation 1st years	Thursday 3rd September to Friday 4th September*
Start of teaching all years	Monday 7th September (*1st Year Undergrad to be confirmed)
End of teaching all years	Friday 27th November (12 weeks of teaching)
Study week	Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December
Semester 1 exams start	Monday 7th December
Semester 1 exams end	Friday 18th December (10 days of exams)
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 19th December
2027	
Start of Teaching	Monday 11th January 2027
Easter	Good Friday 26th March to Easter Monday 29th March
End of Teaching	Friday 2nd April (12 weeks of teaching)
Field Trips	Monday 5th to Friday 9th April
Study Week	Monday 12th to Friday 16th April
Semester 2 Exams Start	Monday 19th April
Semester 2 Exams End	Thursday 6th May
Autumn Repeat Exams	Tuesday 3rd August to Friday 13 August (9 days of exams)
Holidays	Easter: Good Friday 26th March to Easter Monday 29th March 2027
	Bank Holidays: Monday 26th October 2026 / Monday 1st February 2027 / Wednesday 17th March 2027
	Monday 3rd May 2027 / Monday 7th June 2027 / Monday 2nd August 2027

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Module Outlines 2026/2027

Module: TI 151 Principles of Physical Geography
Coordinator: Dr Gordon Bromley, Dr Eugene Farrell, Dr Chaosheng Zhang

This course is designed to provide insight and understanding to the fundamental concepts and principles of physical geography as an academic discipline. In doing this, the course explores how the physical environment functions; how different environmental systems interact and how the physical environment impacts on human activities. The course explores the various components that make up these environmental systems, such as the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere. In addition the course also provides some understanding of how these fundamentals apply to Ireland and in so doing gives an insight into the richness of the physical geography of Ireland. Major Themes covered in TI 151: The Biosphere: Biogeography – species distribution and ecosystems, The Atmosphere: Weather and Climate, The Hydrosphere: Rivers The Geosphere: Coasts

Module: TI 150 Principles of Human Geography
Coordinator: Professor Frances Fahy, Dr Kathy Reilly, Dr Elaine Williams

This course seeks to introduce key problems, concepts and contexts within human geography. Its focus is a contemporary one: it strives to illuminate the world of today by exploring and analysing the origin of central issues that make the headlines (or not) in the media and beyond. The course places lectures alongside the information given in the textbook; for examination purposes, both are essential. Major Themes covered in TI 150 (subject to change depending on staff availability) Rural Geographies, Cultural Geographies, Environment and Society, Social Geographies, Economic Geographies, Political Geographies, Development Geographies, Urban Geographies.

Module: TI 1102 and TI 1103 Geography in Action (GiA)
Coordinator: Dr Eugene Farrell

This module introduces first year geography students to a range of skill-based exercises designed to enhance their learning experience and develop their research competences. Supported by on-line lectures and class-based tutorials, students undertake a series of exercises on referencing, academic writing, mapping, data analysis and fieldwork that will reinforce the skills geographers use every day. Further information on each exercise and submission dates is available in the TI1100/TI1101 handbook on Canvas.