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A Level Quick Guide to Courses

2027



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UG Courses



1st in Ireland for Sustainable Development, 62nd in the World



8th in the World for Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG12)



23rd in the World for Partnerships for the Goals (SDG17)



48th in the World for Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG3)



58th in the World for Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG6)

At University of Galway,
we have been **shaping ideas,**
inspiring change, and **pushing**
boundaries since 1845.

The world needs bold thinkers and fresh perspectives. With curiosity as your compass, you'll successfully tackle global challenges in a university rooted in research and driven by innovation.

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Quick Guide to SDGs

	CAO Code	Course Name	Requirement to GCSE Level					Additional Requirements (Requirement at A-Level)	CAO Points 2026 ¹ P
			English	Maths	Second Language [†]	Lab Science Subject [‡]	Other Subjects		
Arts	GY101	BA (Joint-Honours)	●		●		4		337
	GY104	BSc (Psychology)	●		●		4		534
	GY105	BA (History)	●		●		4		343
	GY109	BA (Mathematics and Education)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Maths or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE. Garda/Police Vetting.	371
	GY110	BA Children's Studies: Arts with Children's Studies (AWC)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	389
	GY110	BA Children's Studies: Arts (Children's Studies) (ACS)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	389
	GY111	BA (English and Creative Writing)	●		●		4		413
	GY113	BA with Human Rights	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	380
	GY118	BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)	●		●		4	Audition not required	404
	GY119	BA (Journalism)	●		●		4		367
	GY122	BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)	●		●		4	Grade C in A-Level Irish	357
	GY123	BSc (Social Sciences and Sustainability)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	341
	GY127	BA (Film and Digital Media)	●		●		4		379
	GY128	BA (Global Languages)	●		●		4	Grade C in A-Level European Language other than Irish and English	356
	GY129	BA (Global Experience)	●		●		4		401
	GY130	BA (Music)	●		●		4	Audition not required. Students can take the course without having studied Music at GCE/GCSE.	413
	GY132	BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)	●		●		4		402
	GY134	BSc (Geography and Geosystems)	●	●		●	4		357
Business & Law	GY135	BA (Global Media)	●		●		4		342
	GY136	BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	●		●		4	Grade B in A-Level Irish	405
	GY137	BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	339
	GY201	Bachelor of Commerce	●	●	●		3		451
	GY202	Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)	●	●	●		3	Grade B in A-Level French	510
	GY203	Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level German	467
	GY204	Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Spanish	506
	GY206	BSc Business Information Systems	●	●	●		3		474
	GY207	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Accounting	509
	GY208	Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Irish	488
	GY209	Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)	●	●	●		3		530
	GY250	Law (BCL) and Business	●	●	●		3		509
	GY251	Law (BCL)	●		●		4		509
	GY252	Law (BCL) and Human Rights	●		●		4		508
	GY254	Law (BCL) Criminology and Criminal Justice	●		●		4		507
	GY261	BBS International Hotel Management	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College	#468
	GY262	BComm International Hotel Management	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College	#706
	GY263	BBS Global Luxury & Experience Management NEW	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College Interview as part of selection process	N/A

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Science & Engineering	GY301	BSc Science	●	●		●	3		455
	GY303	BSc (Biomedical Science)	●	●		●	3	Garda/Police Vetting	544
	GY304	BSc (Biotechnology)	●	●	●	●	2		511
	GY308	BSc (Environmental Science)	●	●		●	3		434
	GY309	BSc (Financial Mathematics and Economics)	●	●	● or	●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths	520
	GY310	BSc (Marine Science)	●	●		●	3		443
	GY313	BSc (Occupational Health and Safety Management)	●	●		●	3		410
	GY314	BSc (Earth and Ocean Sciences)	●	●		●	3		432
	GY318	BSc (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)	●	●		●	3		532
	GY319	BSc (Mathematical Science)	●	●			4	Grade C in A-Level Maths or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE	531
	GY320	BSc (Physics)	●	●		●	3		444
	GY321	BSc (Genetics and Genomics)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE	463
	GY322	BSc (Agricultural Science)	●	●		●	3		410
	GY323	BSc (Zoology)	●	●		●	3		473
	GY350	BSc Computer Science and Information Technology	●	●			4	Grade D in A-Level Maths or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE	440
	GY401	Undenominated Engineering	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths [□]	543
	GY402	BE and ME (Civil Engineering)	●	●		●	3		521
	GY405	BE and ME (Mechanical Engineering)	●	●		●	3		554
	GY406	BE and ME (Electronic and Computer Engineering)	●	●		●	3		510
	GY408	BE and ME (Biomedical Engineering)	●	●		●	3		555
	GY410	BSc (Project and Construction Management)	●	●		●	3	Grade E in A-Level Maths or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE [□]	510
	GY413	BE and ME (Energy Systems Engineering)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths [□]	543
	GY414	BE and ME (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths [□]	520
Medicine & Health	GY501 (6 Year)	Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics) (BAO)	●	●	●	●	2	Minimum A-Level requirements – the equivalent of 480 points from the same sitting of the A2 examination (must achieve the required subjects over GCSE/GCE and must achieve the grades in one sitting) and completion of the required Admissions Test (HPAT-Ireland). Medical Clearance Requirements. Garda/Police Vetting.	730*§
	GY501 (5 Year)	Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics) (BAO)	●	●	●	●	2	In addition to the above requirements: Grade C in A-Level in two of Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Physics/Chemistry or Agricultural Science. Note that this is a minimum additional requirement. Allocation of places is divided between the 5 yr and 6 yr programme on the basis of A-Level results in science subjects in that particular intake. Garda/Police Vetting.	730*§
	GY502	BSc (Occupational Therapy)	●	●	●	●	2	Meet any professional requirements stipulated	542
	GY503	BSc (Speech and Language Therapy)	●	●	●	●	2	Medical Clearance Requirements	542
	GY504	BSc (Podiatric Medicine)	●	●	●	●	2	Garda/Police Vetting	476
	GY505	MPharm (Pharmacy)	●	●		●	2	One Laboratory Science subject at minimum grade of C in A-Level. Medical Clearance Requirements. Garda/Police Vetting.	589
	GY515	Bachelor of Nursing Science (General) Galway and Portiuncula	●	●		●	3	All applicants required to have medical screening and Garda/Police Vetting: this will include medical assessment, and if necessary, vaccination prior to the first clinical placement, in accordance with the policies of University of Galway and the HSE West & North West Health Region.	451
	GY516	Bachelor of Nursing Science (Mental Health)	●	●		●	3		403
	GY517	Bachelor of Midwifery Science	●	●		●	3		498

For GCE/GCSE A-Level Applicants

Students intending to study an undergraduate degree programme in University of Galway must satisfy the minimum entry requirements stipulated by the NUI for the respective Colleges and also any additional requirements for particular programmes. All subjects must be recognised for matriculation purposes as follows:

Matriculation

University of Galway welcomes applicants presenting General Certificate of Education (GCE) and General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) results. To matriculate, students presenting GCE and GCSE examinations must obtain a pass in at least six recognised subjects in accordance with programme requirements, as well as obtaining the following:

GCE

At least a Grade C at advanced level in two recognised subjects (Grade A with Grade E, or Grade B with Grade D, are considered equivalent of two Grade Cs).

Bonus Points for Maths

Bonus points for mathematics: 25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in A2 Mathematics. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.

GCE AS Level/GCSE

At least a Grade 4 (C) in four recognised subjects. The results of Leaving Certificate and GCE/ GCSE examinations may not normally be combined for purposes of application.

Acceptable Subjects

Not all GCE and GCSE subjects are recognised and some subjects may not be accepted in combination with one another. For further information and the full list of GCE and GCSE subjects acceptable for matriculation, consult the Entry Requirements section online. Find out more by searching for 'entry requirements': www.nui.ie

Irish Language Requirement and Exemption

If you were born outside the Republic of Ireland, you do not require Irish as a subject for entry to University of Galway. Candidates from Northern Ireland and Great Britain presenting GCE/GCSE qualifications will automatically be granted exemption from Irish and are not required to apply to the NUI for exemption.

GCE/LC Points Equivalence from 2026

Grade	Best 3 A-Levels	4th Subject A-Level	AS Level/ EPQ ¹
A*	192	24	24
A	165	24	24
B	142	20	20
C	120	18	18
D	100	16	16
E	67	14	14

Extended project Qualification (EPQ) is scored as an AS level (A* is available in this). Throughout this section AS level can be read to mean AS level or EPQ.

www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/school-leavers/a-level/

Please note that a maximum of four different recognised subjects (not being mutually exclusive) may be considered for scoring purposes. AS grades, if presented, will normally only be accepted for the year immediately preceding the grades in the A2 subjects. Grades in the same subject in A2 and AS level cannot be combined. Only GCE grades awarded at the same date can be considered for computation. AVCE subjects, or those titled as applied subjects, are NOT currently accepted for matriculation or entry purposes. Please refer to our website for approximate minimum A-level grades required for entry in 2027.

Find out more

www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels
www.universityofgalway.ie/cao
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Open Days

Friday 2 October 2026

Saturday 3 October 2026

Saturday 13 March 2027



Notes

† Students who are certified to the University by the appropriate professional authority as having a serious hearing impairment are exempt from the 'second language' requirement, and are permitted to matriculate as follows: English and any other five subjects recognised for matriculation registration purposes, provided College requirements are otherwise satisfied.

Laboratory Science Subjects
‡ Where a laboratory science subject is required, acceptable subjects include **Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science.**

For **School of Engineering** degree programmes (GY401–GY414), **Technology** is also accepted as a laboratory science subject.

In addition, for **GY410 BSc (Project and Construction Management) only – Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics (DCG)** or **Construction Studies** are also acceptable.

Computer Science is accepted as a laboratory science subject for courses in the **College of Science and Engineering**; and for **GY134 BSc (Geography and Geosystems).**

□ The University holds an **Engineering Maths Qualifying Examination in August** each year for entry to the **Engineering Programmes**. Candidates who reach the appropriate standard are deemed to have satisfied the additional Mathematics requirement.

‡ **Lab Science Subjects**
□ **Maths Qualifying Examination**
* **Random Selection**
¶ **First Round Points 2026**
Includes Interview
§ **Includes HPAT Results**

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