



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHÉ
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

A Level Quick Guide to Courses

2024



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34
for UN-SDGs
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Open Days
6–7 October 2023
9 March 2024

| CAO Code | Course Name | Requirement to GCSE Level | | | | | Additional Requirements (Requirements at A-Level) | CAO points 2023 ¶ |
|----------|--|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| | | English | Maths | Second Language † | Lab Science Subject ‡ | Other † Subjects | | |
| GY101 | BA (Joint-Honours) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 336 |
| GY104 | Bachelor of Science (Psychology) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 531 |
| GY105 | Bachelor of Arts (History) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 352 |
| GY109 | Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics and Education) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics or 8 or above in GCSE (A). Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements. | 418 |
| GY110 | Arts (Children and Youth Studies) | ● | | ● | | 4 | Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements. | 400 |
| GY111 | Bachelor of Arts (English and Creative Writing) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 440 |
| GY113 | Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights | ● | | ● | | 4 | Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements. | 357 |
| GY118 | Bachelor of Arts (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies) | ● | | ● | | 4 | No auditions or portfolios are required as part of the admissions process. | 369 |
| GY119 | Bachelor of Arts (Journalism) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 418 |
| GY122 | BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge) | ● | | ● | | 4 | Grade C in A-Level Irish. | 484 |
| GY123 | Bachelor of Science (Social Sciences) | ● | | ● | | 4 | Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements. | 347 |
| GY125 | Bachelor of Arts (Digital Arts and Technology) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 410 |
| GY127 | Bachelor of Arts (Film and Digital Media) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 440 |
| GY128 | Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages) | ● | | ● | | 4 | Grade C in A-Level European language other than Irish and English. | 350 |
| GY129 | Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 430 |
| GY130 | Bachelor of Arts (Music) | ● | | ● | | 4 | No audition required. Students can take the course without having studied music at GCE/GCSE. | 430 |
| GY132 | Bachelor of Arts (Government, Politics, Economics and Law) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 400 |
| GY133 | Bachelor of Arts Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade D in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE. Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements. | 435 |
| GY134 | Bachelor of Science (Geography and Geosystems) | ● | ● | | ● | 4 | | 413 |
| GY135 | Bachelor of Arts (Global Media) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 350 |
| GY136 | BA sna Dána (Léann Teanga) | ● | | ● | | 4 | Grade B in A-Level Irish. | 436 |
| GY137 | Bachelor of Arts (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice) | ● | | ● | | 4 | Students must satisfy the Garda/Police Vetting requirements. | 358 |
| GY201 | Bachelor of Commerce | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | | 441 |
| GY202 | Bachelor of Commerce (International with French) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade B in A-Level French. | 520 |
| GY203 | Bachelor of Commerce (International with German) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade C in A-Level German. | 519 |
| GY204 | Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade C in A-Level European language other than Irish or English. | 502 |
| GY206 | Bachelor of Science (Business Information Systems) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | | 507 |

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| GY207 | Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Accounting. | 520 |
| GY208 | Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Irish. | 475 |
| GY209 | Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience) | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | | 543 |
| GY250 | Law and Business | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | | 517 |
| GY251 | Law (BCL) | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 522 |
| GY252 | Bachelor of Law and Human Rights | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 501 |
| GY253 | Law and Taxation | ● | ● | ● | | 3 | | 521 |
| GY254 | Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice | ● | | ● | | 4 | | 534 |
| GY261 | Bachelor of Business Studies (International Hotel Management) | ● | ● | ● | | 2 | Students based in Shannon College of Hotel Management. | 467 # |
| GY262 | Bachelor of Commerce (International Hotel Management) | ● | ● | ● | | 2 | Students based in Shannon College of Hotel Management. | 715 # |
| GY301 | Bachelor of Science | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 440 |
| GY303 | Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Students must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting requirements. | 577 |
| GY304 | Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2 | | 463 |
| GY308 | Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 430 |
| GY309 | Bachelor of Science (Financial Mathematics and Economics) | ● | ● | ● or ● | | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics. | 509 |
| GY310 | Bachelor of Science (Marine Science) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 477 |
| GY313 | Bachelor of Science (Environmental Health and Safety) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 400 |
| GY314 | Bachelor of Science (Earth and Ocean Sciences) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 402 |
| GY318 | Bachelor of Science (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 554 |
| GY319 | Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Science) | ● | ● | | | 4 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE. | 566 |
| GY320 | Bachelor of Science (Physics—degree options in Applied, Astrophysics, Biomedical, Theoretical, Climate) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 454 |
| GY321 | Bachelor of Science (Genetics and Genomics) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics or Grade A (8 and above) at GCSE. | 521 |
| GY322 | Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Science) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 423 |
| GY350 | Bachelor of Science (Computer Science and Information Technology) | ● | ● | | | 4 | Grade D in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE. | 521 |
| GY401 | Undenominated Engineering | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics α. | 533 |
| GY402 | Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Civil) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 512 |
| GY405 | Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Mechanical) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 532 |

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| GY406 | Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electronic and Computer) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics. | 532 |
| GY408 | Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Biomedical) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics. | 548 |
| GY410 | Bachelor of Science (Project and Construction Management) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Grade E in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE Mathematics □. | 510 |
| GY413 | Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Energy Systems) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | Grade C in A-Level Mathematics □. | 520 |
| GY414 | Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 510 |
| 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 (applicants 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). Must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting and medical clearance requirements. | 729*§ |
| 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. (https://www.universityofgalway.ie/medicine-nursing-and-health-sciences/undergraduatecourses/). | 729*§ |
| GY502 | Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2 | Meet any professional requirements stipulated. Must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting and medical clearance requirements. | 555 |
| GY503 | Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2 | | 554 |
| GY504 | Bachelor of Science (Podiatric Medicine) | ● | ● | ● | ● | 2 | | 463 |
| GY515 | Bachelor of Nursing Science (General) Galway and Portlucan | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 452 |
| GY516 | Bachelor of Mental Health Nursing | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | All applicants will be required to have medical screening and Police/Garda vetting: this will include medical assessment, and if necessary, vaccination prior to the first clinical placement, in accordance with the policies of NUI Galway and the Saolta University Health Care Group. | 391 |
| GY517 | Bachelor of Midwifery Science | ● | ● | | ● | 3 | | 463 |

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.

‡ Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint), Agricultural Science or Computer Science, Technology is accepted as a Lab Science subject for Engineering courses GY401 to GY414. For GY410 Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics or Construction Studies are also acceptable. Computer Science is accepted as a Lab Science subject for courses in the College of Science and Engineering.

□ 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.

* Not all on these points were offered places

¶ Based on Round One 2023 CAO Points Equivalences

Test, interview etc

§ Includes HPAT results

Information

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. NB 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 2018

This table may be revised for 2024 intake.

| Grade | Best 3 A-Levels | 4th Subject | |
|-------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | A-Level | AS Level |
| A* | 185 | 45 | 31 ¹ |
| A | 156 | 38 | 26 |
| B | 131 | 32 | 22 |
| C | 106 | 26 | 18 |
| D | 84 | 20 | 14 |
| E | 63 | 15 | 11 |

¹ Extended project (EPQ) is scored as an AS level and an A* is available in this.

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 2023.

Find out more:

www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels
www.universityofgalway.ie/cao
www.universityofgalway.ie/admissions