



University of Galway Erasmus Exchange Factsheet 25/26

Our University

Established in 1845, **University of Galway** is one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious universities, with a distinguished record in teaching and research. As a **research intensive institution** it boasts more of the world's most influential scientific minds than anywhere else in Ireland and it has the highest success rate in Ireland for prestigious European Union research funding. Its talent has been bolstered by a recent €400m capital campaign which has provided the University with the most modern state-of-the-art facilities.

University of Galway has a rich and varied student life offering a wealth of experience outside the classroom. With over **110 societies and over 50 clubs** you can share your passion for your favourite sports, hobbies, and interests with other students. Joining a Society will help you make friends, learn new skills, pursue your interests, broaden your horizons, and go on great trips.

Galway City

Galway is an exciting place to be a student. It is big enough to have everything; shopping facilities, theatres, restaurants, music venues, and sports facilities – while small enough to feel intimate and welcoming. **Set between Connemara and the Burren, on the broad sweep of Galway Bay, our location is as distinctive as it is beautiful.** Galway casually combines the energy of a young and diverse population, with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition.

We are renowned as a place where arts and theatre are celebrated. The city is a cultural hub, attracting thousands to its many festivals throughout the year. Galway is Ireland's third largest city, and it's easy to get around. Once you get to know our city, we're sure you'll grow to love it.

University of Galway

Address	University Road, Galway, Ireland		
Website	www.universityofgalway.ie		
Erasmus ID Code	IRL GALWAY01	ECHE Number	28471
Erasmus Website	universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/		
Contacts	<p>Kristin Anderson // Erasmus Executive kristin.anderson@universityofgalway.ie Overall management of Erasmus programme and funding (Europe/KA131), Bilateral Agreements, Staff Mobility, ENLIGHT Mobilities, Multi-Lateral Agreements</p> <p>Clodagh Murphy // Incoming Erasmus Coordinator incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie Deals with nominations, applications, and transcripts, as well as general enquiries from current and prospective inbound Erasmus students.</p> <p>Jodi Blumenfeld // Outgoing Erasmus Coordinator outgoingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie // T +353 91 493749 Administrative support in relation to procedures and grant payments, as well as general queries, for outbound studies and traineeships</p>		
Academic Coordinators	For details visit: universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/contactcoordinators/		

Application Procedure

Application Process	Details are available at universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/admissionprocedures/ A link to our online application form will be sent to all students who have been nominated by their home universities.			
Nomination deadlines	Full Year / Sem 1	15th May	Sem 2	15th October
Application Deadlines	Full Year / Sem 1	31st May	Sem 2	31st October
Decision Response	Students will receive an acceptance e-mail within 5 weeks of the application deadline.			
Recommended Language Skills	Except for courses offered through Gaeilge (Irish), teaching is through English. We do not have a specific exam-based requirement for English, but students need to have a good command of both written and spoken English. We would suggest Level B2 on the CEFR . For incoming teaching staff, we would recommend Level C1 .			

Academic Information

Course Catalogue	All courses offered to visiting students are listed in our handbooks located on our website										
How many modules/credits can be taken in each semester?	Each class is weighted at 5 or 10 ECTS credits. You can take up to 30 ECTS credits per semester, which is a normal course load for University of Galway students.										
Where can I find timetables?	Timetables are available on discipline websites. These are linked in the relevant discipline area of the student handbook.										
English Classes	Our English Language Centre provides English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Workshops for all Erasmus students to develop their English-language skills. Please note that this course does not carry ECTS credits.										
When will academic transcripts be sent?	Within 6 weeks of the end of the examination period, transcripts will be sent to the international offices of partner institutions.										
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Academic Calendar 2024-2025

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Orientation	Thursday September 4 th - Friday September 5 th	Thursday January 10 th - Friday January 11 th
Start of Teaching	Monday September 8 th	Monday January 12 th
End of Teaching	Friday November 28 th	Friday April 2 nd
Exams Start	Monday December 8 th	Tuesday April 21 st
Exams End	Friday December 19 th	Friday May 8 th
Public Holidays	Monday October 27th	Monday February 2nd Tuesday March 17th Friday April 5th Monday April 6st Monday June 1st
A complete list of Academic Terms dates is available to view on universityofgalway.ie/registry/academic-term-dates/		

Accommodation

On-Campus

University of Galway has a small number of on-campus beds dedicated to our Erasmus Students. To ensure a fair process, we will be holding a lottery for these beds.

Students must have been nominated and applied by April 30th to be entered into the lottery.

We emphasize the importance of students exploring the option of private accommodation in the meantime. Most students (across domestic, international and study abroad) live off-campus in private accommodation. Many students live on the outskirts of the city and commute via public transport. Because this is the usual practice, we are well set up to help students source off-campus accommodation.

We regret that, apart from this, the university is not able to reserve accommodation for incoming Erasmus students. *All accommodation enquiries should be directed to the **Accommodation Advisory Service**.*

Off-Campus

University of Galway's [Accommodation Advisory Service](#) offers advice and assistance.

University of Galway has a purpose-built portal for off-campus accommodation called [Studentpad](#).

Please note: Accommodation demand is always high, and we highly recommend starting students start their accommodation search as soon as possible. Students should also be on high alert for Accommodation scams.

Other Useful Information

Visa Information

Information and assistance are available via:

E-mail incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie

Website universityofgalway.ie/international-students/offerholders/visasandimmigration/

Insurance Information

Please refer to the following webpage:

universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/

Health Matters

For information regarding medical care, supports for students with disabilities, and mental health supports, please refer to the following webpage:

universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/

University of Galway Facts

Top 2%
of universities in the
QS world rankings




Research collaborations
with 3,267
institutions
in 114
countries




Most
biodiverse
university campus in Ireland

€71m
research
fund
>50
research collaborations
with industry in 2021



98%
of graduates in
employment or
further education
(2021)



World top
50
for UN-SDGs



With over
19,000
students
18%
of which are
international
students from
122
countries
(2021/22)



110,000
alumni worldwide
(2021)



1st
in Ireland for
sustainable
development
(2021)



3 researchers on the
Clarivate list of Highly
Cited Researchers (2021)

Useful Links

University of Galway offers a wide range of services for students.
Click on the icons below to find out more.



Accommodation



Library



Student Health
Services



IT Support



Student Counselling
Service



Disability Support
Service



Restaurant Facilities



Social Activities