



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

An Féilire Ginearálta General Calendar

2026 - 2027

GENERAL CALENDAR

The Calendar is valid for 2026-27 academic year. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the contents of the Calendar are accurate, the Calendar is issued for the guidance of students and staff only. The Calendar is not an offer to supply courses of study nor is it in any way to be construed as imposing any legal obligation on the University to supply courses either at all or in part in respect of any subject. No guarantee is given that courses, syllabuses, fees or regulations may not be altered, cancelled or otherwise amended at any time. The Calendar confers no rights on any student registered for the Session 2026-27.

UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY PUBLISHES THE FOLLOWING CALENDARS:

- General Calendar

COLLEGE CALENDARS

- The College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies
- The College of Business, Public Policy and Law
 - The J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics
 - The School of Law
- The College of Science and Engineering
- The College of Medicine and Health

University of Galway
(Constituent University of the National University of Ireland)

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University has had four different names:

- In 1849, it was called Queen's College Galway
- In 1908, it was changed to University College Galway, or UCG for short
- In 1997, it was changed again to National University of Ireland Galway, or NUI Galway for short
- In 2022, it was renamed to University of Galway

For more information on the history of the University, please go to [Our History & Heritage](#) page.

UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY ACTS 1929 AND 2006

The legal status of University of Galway and the legal and statutory framework within which it works is set out in national legislation and in the internal statutes of the University.

Since the foundation of the University, University of Galway has been governed according to its Statutes. Further information is available from [Legislation, Statutes & Regulations](#) page.

Udarás na hOllscoile

ÚDARÁS na hOLLSCOILE

Údarás na hOllscoile oversees the overall governance of the University in accordance with the [Universities Act 1997](#) as amended by the [Higher Education Authority Act 2022](#). Its role is to provide active strategic direction and leadership to enable the University to succeed in its mission of education and research and to oversee the work of the President and the University Management Team.

For a list of Údarás na hOllscoile members, please visit [Governing Authority Membership](#) page.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY ÚDARÁS NA hOLLSCOILE

Údarás na hOllscoile has four Sub-Committees as follows;

- Finance & Resource Committee
- Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Human Resources Committee
- Standing, Strategic Planning and Governance Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee

Further information on the Sub-Committees and their membership is available in [Governing Authority Committees](#) page.

THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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Information on the Academic Council and the role it plays in setting the academic direction of the University, is available on [Academic Council](#) page. The information available includes;

- The role of the Academic Council
- Meeting dates
- Committee documentation
- Academic Council members

The following information is also available on the [Academic Council](#) page;

- Graduate Studies Board
- Library Strategy Committee
- Teaching and Learning Committee
- Research and Innovation Committee
- Quality Enhancement Committee

ACADEMIC COUNCILS STANDING COMMITTEE

For a list of members in the Academic Council Standing Committee members, please visit [Academic Council Standing Committee](#) page.

THE COLLEGES

UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY - COLLEGES

University of Galway has 4 Colleges:

- The College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies
- The College of Business, Public Policy and Law
- The College of Science and Engineering
- The College of Medicine and Health

Schools & Disciplines

There are 19 Schools and over 60 Disciplines in the University of Galway.

For further information on all the Colleges, Schools and Disciplines, please visit [Colleges and Schools website](#).

College Deans & Heads of Schools

For a listing of College Deans and Heads of Schools, please visit [Senior Academic Roles](#) page.

ACADAMH na hOLLSCOLAÍOCHTA GAEILGE

Chun eolas a fháil ar Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, cliceáil [anseo](#).

SEMESTERS AND OTHER DATES

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Please go to [Academic Term Dates](#) page for information on:

- Semester term dates
- Exam start and end dates
- Public holidays

CLÁRÚCHÁN - REGISTRATION

For further information relating to Registration dates, please visit the [Registration website](#).

LAETHANTA OSCAILTE - OPEN DAYS

For Undergraduate Open Days, please refer to

[Undergraduate Open Days](#)

For Postgraduate Open Days, please refer to

[Postgraduate Open Days](#)

THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING ENROLMENT AND RE-ENROLMENT

For general information relating to the following categories, including enrolment of new students and re-enrolment, please visit the [Admissions Office website](#). The website also contains information in relation to policies and regulations:

- Non-EU undergraduate admission
- Undergraduate admissions
- Postgraduate admissions
- Adult Learning and Continuous Professional Development

DISCIPLINARY STATUTES AND RULES

STATUTES DEALING WITH DISCIPLINE

The Student Code of Conduct sets out guidelines for students at the University of Galway and is overseen by the [Dean of Students](#).

The information contained within the [Student Discipline Process](#) page provides an overview of the below:

- Policies and documents
- Roles and responsibilities
- Process map
- Related processes

A CODE FOR UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

For further information and a list of policies for students please visit [Policies for Students](#) page.

FEES

University Fees

For further information on regulations governing the payment of fees, please visit [Student Fees website](#). The website also includes information on:

- Understanding course fees
- Online fee payment options
- Reception location and opening hours
- Fees office contact details

Fee Payment Deadlines

Fees are billed on registration but can be paid in two instalments, the first 50% by the 31st October in semester 1 and the balance by the 31st January in semester 2.

Year 1 International students must pay 50% fees in advance of registration and the balance by 31st Jan in Semester 2 (excludes Medicine UG students).

THE EXAMINATIONS SECURITY GROUP

The Examinations Security Group, in accordance with procedures laid down by the Academic Council, investigates all suspected breaches of the University's Examination Regulations and Procedures (excludes those which take place at in-house examinations).

Further details are available on the [Examinations Office website](#).

APPEAL OF EXAMINATION RESULTS PROCEDURES FOR THE DISCUSSION, CHECKING AND APPEAL OF EXAMINATION RESULTS

The purpose of which is advise students of the procedures for the discussion, checking and appeal of examination results. Further details are available on the [Examinations Office website](#).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OFFICE

University of Galway has an Academic Integrity Policy, QA220 Academic Integrity Policy, that sets out the code of practice for dealing with instances where students breach academic integrity by engaging in academic misconduct.

The Academic Integrity Office works collaboratively with students, academic staff, and professional services to promote academic integrity and support fair and consistent decision-making in cases of academic misconduct.

For further information, please visit the Academic Integrity Office's [Policy & Procedures](#) page. This applies to both current students and those who have already graduated or left the University.

An Ghaeilge san Ollscoil

Ní hionann saol na mac léinn in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe agus an saol in aon áit eile i bhfianaise gur campas eiseamláireach dátheangach é campas na hOllscoile, i gcathair dhátheangach na Gaillimhe. Tá muid an-bhródúil as an nGaeilge agus is cuid lárnach dhomhain dár bhféiniúlacht agus dár saol í. Buntáiste mór é do mhic léinn a bhfuil suim acu staidéar a dhéanamh ar an nGaeilge go bhfuil pobal bríomhar cainteoirí Gaeilge san ollscoil, agus go bhfuil pobal na hOllscoile fite fuaite i bpobail Ghaeilge agus Ghaeltachta.

Tá rogha cúrsaí Gaeilge ar fáil ag leibhéil éagsúla, agus i réimsí éagsúla, in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe. Aimsigh tuilleadh eolais anseo: [Gaeilge Bheo - Ollscoil na Gaillimhe](#).

Seoladh an chéad straitéis don Ghaeilge san Ollscoil in 2021 – [Straitéis na Gaeilge 2021-2025, Oifigeach na Gaeilge](#).

The student experience here in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe is unique given that our campus is a bilingual campus, situated in the heart of the bilingual city of Galway. We are very proud of the Irish language here in the University and it is a central and deep part of our identity and lives. Students who wish to study Irish here have a particular advantage given that we have a vibrant community of Irish speakers in the University, and that the University community is intertwined with Irish and Gaeltacht communities.

We offer a range of Irish courses at various levels in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe. You will find more information here: [Gaeilge Bheo - Ollscoil na Gaillimhe website](#).

The first strategy for the Irish language was launched in the University in 2021. Further information is available on [A Strategy for the Irish Language 2021-2025](#) page.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please refer to the below links for office opening hours;

Student Registry Helpdesk

[Student Registry Helpdesk opening hours](#)

Fees Office

[Fees Office opening hours](#)

Accommodation Advisory Service

[Accommodation Advisory Service opening hours](#)

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE AT WORK

The role of the Health and Safety Office in University of Galway is to advise and support Údarás na hOllscoile, the University Management Team, all other levels of Senior University Management (as the employer), Staff and other relevant stakeholders on how to manage safety in our workplace as required by the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005 and other specific work regulations.

The main University of Galway safety policies and procedures are contained in the University of Galway Safety Statement (link to [Safety-Statement-2026-FINAL.pdf](#)), which sets out the responsibilities of the main University managers to ensure that these requirements are met in accordance with the 2005 Act and other specific work regulations.

There is further guidance on the website to assist safety leaders in their safety leadership role and requirements. University staff also have specific duties under the 2005 Act, which includes their responsibility to take care to protect their own safety and health at work and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

Below are some of the safety documents and guidance that can viewed on the [Health and Safety website](#) under the following headings:

- Emergency information
- Fire safety information
- Incident reporting
- Safety statements and risk assessments
- Safety Training
- Safety Responsibilities
- FAQs

UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY LIBRARY

The University of Galway Library proactively supports and enhances the teaching, learning, and research activities of the University. The Library is central to your academic success, serving as the University's hub for scholarly information, discovery, sharing, and publication.

The Library Catalogue is your gateway to access a vast array of information resources both in print and online: books, e-books, journals and databases. The Archives and Special Collections Reading Room provides access to primary source material through Archival collections and Special Collections of rare books.

The Library offers a range of spaces and services designed to support study, collaboration, and creativity. Located at the heart of the main campus, the James Hardiman Library provides individual and group study areas, access to extensive print collections, PC suites, and a dedicated Makerspace.

Additional branch libraries are located at the Clinical Sciences Institute on the grounds of University Hospital Galway, and at Shannon College of Hotel Management.

Library staff are committed to supporting teaching and research. Assistance is available through the Library and IT Service Desk (both online and in the James Hardiman Library), as well as through workshops and one-to-one support on academic skills, research, and publishing. The Academic Writing Centre - University of Galway also provides one-to-one support and workshops on essay writing.

Information on library services, collections, and spaces is available at library.universityofgalway.ie.

INFORMATION SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES

Réitigh agus Seirbhísí Faisnéise Information Solutions and Services

Information Solutions and Services (ISS) provides a broad range of IT services for students and staff at University of Galway including:

- University Microsoft 365 account for students
- Copies of Microsoft Office for students to install on their own devices
- Online Learning Environment - Canvas
- WiFi network on campus
- Printing Services
- PC Suites across campus with PCs for students to use
- Access to specialist software
- Drop-in, in-person IT support and advice service in the Library
- Telephone helpline for IT issues and queries – 091 495777
- Online IT support system

To view the IT services available for students, please visit the [Information Solution and Services](#) website.

Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development (CALPD) offers an extensive range of professional, part-time and evening courses. These flexible courses allow you to study at your own pace in a wide range of subject areas. Our Centre website provides you with details on;

- Choosing a course
- Information on pathways to qualifications and fees/funding
- Adult learning courses guide
- Information on Micro-credentials
- Information on flexible undergraduate and postgraduate study opportunities

Further details and a full list of courses are available, on [Centre for Adult Learning Professional Development website](#).

REGULATIONS FOR HIGHER RESEARCH DEGREES

REGULATIONS FOR HIGHER RESEARCH DEGREES PhD DEGREE

A PhD degree is obtainable in any of the Colleges in University of Galway. Information can be found on the PhDs and Research Masters page at <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/research-postgraduate-programmes/> in relation to;

- Finding a Supervisor / PhD Project
- Scholarships & Funding
- Research Programmes
- Entry requirements and application procedures

Further information is also available on the Graduate Studies Office page at <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/graduatestudies/> in relation to;

- Prospective Students
- Current Students
- Guidelines, Regulations & Forms
- Researcher Development
- Structured PhDs

BURREN COLLEGE OF ART

Burren College of Art provides a range of programmes from Study Abroad undergraduate to full postgraduate degrees (Post Baccalaureate (HDip), MFA/MA/PGDip in Studio Art or Art & Ecology, and MPhil/PhD in Studio Art.)

Further information is available on all courses offered, please visit [Burren College of Art website](#).

SHANNON COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

[Shannon College](#) website has further information in relation to:

- Courses
- Work placement
- Upcoming events
- International students
- Contact details

ALUMNI RELATIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Alumni Relations at University of Galway.

With a dedicated team of two staff members, the Alumni Relations Office plays a vital role in strengthening lifelong relationships between the University of Galway and its 135,000+ alumni around the world. We foster a strong sense of community, pride and connection through meaningful communications, events and initiatives that celebrate our graduates and keep them engaged with their alma mater.

Our work includes:

- Sharing alumni news and University updates through channels like Alumni Links ezine, Cois Coiribe, social media and graduate features
- Organising reunions and alumni events both on campus and internationally
- Delivering the prestigious annual Alumni Awards programme and hosting the flagship Alumni Awards Gala Banquet
- Partnering with academic and professional units to support alumni engagement efforts across the University

We welcome opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across the University to share alumni stories, celebrate their achievements and connect graduates with students and staff.

You can contact us on alumni@universityofgalway.ie or visit

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/alumni-friends/>

Galway University Foundation

Since its establishment in 1998, Galway University Foundation has been engaged in generating financial support for University of Galway's programmes and activities from a range of private individuals and institutions.

Visit [Galway University Foundation website](#) for information in relation to:

- Donor Impact
- Focus Areas
- Ways to support
- Team Members
- Board Members
- Governance and Finances

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Excellence Scholarships

The University of Galway Excellence Scholarships are awarded every year to high achieving entrants to the full-time degree courses offered by University of Galway. Further details of scholarships awarded can be found on the [University of Galway Excellence Scholarships](#) page.

Scholarships at University of Galway

A list of the scholarships awarded annually to first year registered students are available on [Scholarships website](#).

University of Galway Choral Scholarship Scheme

University of Galway Choral Scholarships are offered jointly by the University of Galway and St Nicholas Schola Cantorum. For further information please visit the [Choral Scholarships - University of Galway](#).

NUI Scholarships and Prizes

The National University of Ireland (NUI) offers a range of awards each year to students, graduates and scholars across the NUI federal system, which includes University of Galway as one of the four constituent universities. Full details of all competitions, including eligibility criteria and closing dates, are available on the [NUI Awards](#) page or email: awards@nui.ie.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Scholarships for Mature Students

University of Galway awards 30 scholarships to mature students entering a full-time undergraduate degree programme. The Scholarship is awarded for the first year of the degree programme. More information is available on the [Mature Scholarships](#) page.

Postgraduate Scholarships at University of Galway

A list of the postgraduate scholarships, taught and research across all disciplines are available on the [Postgraduate Scholarships](#) page.

University Scholars & University Awards

Students who obtain the minimum requirement at the relevant examination as specified in the [University Scholar Scheme](#) will be awarded a scholarship prize.

For information on the various College awards and prizes awarded to students across the University, please visit [University Scholars](#) & [Awards](#) pages.

MEMORIAL LECTURES

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MONSIGNOR P. DE BRÚN

The Monsignor de Brún Memorial Fund is derived from a Testimonial to Right Reverend Monsignor Pádraig de Brún, M.A., D.Sc., subscribed by his many friends to mark the occasion of his retirement from the Presidency of University of Galway. An eminent and remarkably versatile Scholar, especially gifted in the study of Languages and of Mathematical Science, Monsignor de Brún was President of the University from 1945 to 1959. The Memorial Fund, which amounted to €508 on 15th December 1960, comprised the balance of the Testimonial Fund left after defraying the costs of a bronze portrait bust (which was presented to Monsignor de Brún, in Galway, in May, 1960).

The income from the Fund shall be used to endow a public lecture in the University, to be known as Léacht Chuimhneacháin an Mhonsignor P. de Brún.

The Lectures shall be given on subjects in the Sciences and in the Humanities (including Fine Arts), alternately, every two or three years.

The Lecturers shall be Visiting Lecturers selected by the President.

Proposals for the Lecture may be submitted to the President at his request.

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

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The list(s) of accommodation available for students of University of Galway, can be viewed on [Accommodation Advisory Service website](#).

[Cois Coiribe](#) is a bi-annual online magazine for alumni and friends of the University of Galway, produced by the University's Content Unit. In each edition, we highlight the achievements of our graduates who have made significant contributions in areas such as arts and culture, engineering, science, business, sport, and public life, both in Ireland and internationally. We also provide insights into campus life today with sections on University News, Research Highlights, Student Stories, and Special Features. Explore past editions here:

<https://impact.universityofgalway.ie/publications-overview>.

University Examination Papers: for information on how to obtain past examination papers please visit [Past Exam Papers link](#).

Information on financial support for further and higher education may be obtained from [HEA Student Finance website](#).

All communications dealing with Matriculation should be addressed to the Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, or via email to exemptions@nui.ie.

