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Shannon College of Hotel Management

# Shannon College of Hotel Management

## Undergraduate Prospectus 2026



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## UPCOMING SHANNON COLLEGE EVENTS

### REGISTER NOW

#### Shannon College on Campus Events

- Thursday 9th October Open Evening 5:30pm
- Wednesday 19th November Open Day 2pm
- Tuesday 20th January Open Evening 5:30pm

#### Dublin Panel Discussion

- Wednesday 21st January 6:30pm

We recommend that you arrive at the times outlined above to ensure you enjoy the full experience.

#### Virtual Information Session

- Monday 1st December Virtual Information Session 6:30pm
- Thursday 30th April Virtual Information Session 6:30pm

For a full list of events or to register for an upcoming event, please visit: [www.universityofgalway.ie/shannoncollege/events/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/shannoncollege/events/)

#### Meet us at a location closer to you

Our team travels around Ireland and the world to meet with students, get in touch with us to see if we will be visiting a location close to you.

Ireland - Contact Emma Daly:  
[edaly@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:edaly@universityofgalway.ie)

International - Contact Sarah O Mahony:  
[sarah.omahony@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:sarah.omahony@universityofgalway.ie)

If it is not possible for you to meet our team in person, please contact [sarah.omahony@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:sarah.omahony@universityofgalway.ie) to arrange a zoom call to learn all about Shannon College and the opportunities we offer.

We also welcome private campus tours. To book a private tour contact:

Joan Markham at [joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie)



## ABOUT US

Shannon College of Hotel Management is a College of the University of Galway. The Shannon College campus is located in Shannon, Co Clare, adjacent to Shannon International Airport. Shannon College of Hotel Management was founded in 1951 and was Ireland's first dedicated College of Hotel Management. The College has 74 years experience in Business & Hospitality Education and has an expansive alumni network across every continent.

In addition to graduating with a BBS or a BComm in International Hotel Management, the Irish Hospitality Institute (IHI) also awards a full professional membership to the Shannon College graduates.



### Shannon College Heritage Crest

The Shannon Crest is a proud symbol of the heritage of the college. The crest symbolises the Wings of Tourism lifting the Harp of Ireland showing the hugely important role tourism plays in the Irish Economy.

### Professional Practical Training

Professional practical training is a core component of a Shannon College degree. Particularly in Year 1 (in Shannon College) and in Year 2 (on placement), students develop practical skills and a level of attention to detail to match the professional standard found in the world's top hotels. The training involves 20 hours per week in Year 1 rotating between Culinary Kitchen Practical, Restaurant Services Practical, Accommodation Services, Front Office Operations and Information Technology, Skills for Work Life, HACCP and Food Science.

### Professional Ethos

The structured environment at Shannon College empowers students to develop a high level of professionalism and a sense of Hospitality. Shannon College students are easily identified by their college business suit. The ethos of 'Commitment to Excellence' is central to the teaching and learning at Shannon College and students develop leadership, organisational and teamwork skills by participating in college events such as graduation, open days, fundraising, social and sports activities.

### Business Education

Students gain a firm grounding in all key areas of business and management which help students to develop their business skills, commercial awareness, innovation and management skills. This allows students to have a successful career in Hotel Management and many other fast changing global business careers.

## 100% Employment on Graduation Day

Since 1951, Shannon College has maintained a 100% employment record every year on graduation day for all degree students. This unrivalled record is a reflection of the hard work and achievements of students throughout their degree at Shannon College.

The employment record is facilitated by:

The industry readiness of students after completing a Shannon College degree

The structured work placements throughout the degree programme

The long standing relationship between Shannon College and our hotel partners

The reputation of our graduates worldwide



# HOTEL PARTNERS include

## CANADA

- Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, BC
- Fairmont Jasper Lodge, BC

## FRANCE

- Anantara Plaza Hotel, Nice
- Hotel de Crillon, a Rosewood Hotel
- Hilton, Strasbourg
- Hôtel Martinez, Cannes
- JW Marriott, Cannes

## BELGIUM

- Hotel Amigo, a Rocco Forte Hotel, Brussels
- Hotel La Plaza, Brussels

## GERMANY

- Hilton Dresden Hotel
- Le Méridien Grand Hotel Nuremberg
- Munich Marriott Hotel City West
- Rosewood Munich
- Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof
- Steigenberger Airport Hotel Frankfurt
- The Charles Hotel, a Rocco Forte Hotel

## IRELAND

- Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort
- Ashford Castle Hotel & Country Estate
- Cashel Palace Hotel
- Clayton Hotel Burlington Road
- County Arms Hotel Birr
- Cork International Hotel
- Dalata Group Dublin
- Dromoland Castle Hotel
- Dunraven Arms Hotel
- Fitzgerald Woodlands House Hotel & Spa
- Fota Island Resort
- Glenlo Abbey Hotel & Estate
- InterContinental Dublin
- Powerscourt Estate
- The Shelbourne Hotel, Autograph Collection
- The Trigon Hotel Group
- Trump International Doonbeg

## LUXEMBOURG

- Doubletree by Hilton
- Le Royal Hotel & Resort
- Le Place D'Armes Hotel

## SEYCHELLES

- Four Seasons Mahé

## SPAIN

- La Cala Resort, Malaga
- The Ritz-Carlton Abama Tenerife

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### ABU DHABI

- Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi
- Ritz Carlton Ras Al Khaimah, Al Wadi Desert

### DUBAI

- Mandarin Oriental Jumeriah

## UNITED KINGDOM

- Berkeley Hotel London
- Claridges Hotel London
- Clayton Hotel Manchester
- Carlton Tower Jumeriah Hotel London
- Connaught Hotel London
- Coworth Park
- Fairmont St Andrews Scotland
- JW Marriott Grosvenor House London
- London Marriott Hotel County Hall
- London Marriott Hotel Regents Park
- Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park London
- Mandarin Oriental London
- Mandarin Oriental Mayfair
- Red Carnation - 100 Princes Street Edinburgh
- Sea Containers Hotel
- Sheraton Grand Hotel Edinburgh
- Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- The Goring Hotel London
- The Grove Hotel London
- The Ned London
- The Park Tower Knightsbridge, a Luxury- Collection Hotel
- The Ritz London
- The Rosewood London

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- InterContinental - Regent Santa Monica Beach Hotel
- InterContinental the Willard Washington DC
- InterContinental Washington DC - The Wharf
- InterContinental New York Barclay
- InterContinental Boston
- InterContinental Miami
- The Maybourne Beverly Hills

## AUSTRALIA

- The Westin Brisbane
- W Hotel, Brisbane

Locations reflects student placements in the last academic year. Placement locations change year to year depending on industry demands, immigration regulations and student preferences.



## A HOTEL CAREER

The hotel industry offers diverse opportunities for success in business, ranging from careers in luxurious, independent 5 star hotels to highly efficient and profitable hotel chains for the more price conscious guest.

### SALARIES IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS

ROLE	FROM
General Manager	€80,000 - €140,00 plus bonus
Deputy General Manager	€55,000 - €80,000 plus bonus
Operations Management	€50,000 - €80,000 plus bonus
Director of Sales	€80,000 - €120,000
Sales & Marketing Manager	€55,000 - €75,000
Revenue Manager	€85,000 - €110,000
Human Resource Manager	€55,000 - €85,000
Food & Beverage Manager	€44,500 - €47,500
Front Office/Reservations Manager	€36,000 - €55,000
Accommodation Manager	€42,000 - €50,000
Bar Manager	€45,000 - €55,000
Restaurant Manager	€44,500 - €47,500

**Source:** Excel Recruitment Hotel & Catering Salary Guide 2025. Salary rates are an average guide. They are indicative rates and vary depending on location, hotel size and grade.

STUDENTS ARE  
CURRENTLY  
PLACED IN OVER

**74** HOTELS  
ACROSS

**14** COUNTRIES





**Isabella Condon, Gold Service Scholar 2025**

Junior assistant manager at Dinner by Heston Blumenthal in London.

Shannon College graduate 2023

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Business Studies in International Hotel Management (BBS) prepares students for a career in business management within the Hotel Industry or in a host of other industries.

### **Year 1: Study at Shannon College**

Professional, practical training forms an essential part of the Year 1 studies as students rotate between seven professional classes every two/three weeks. Business modules such as Financial & Management Accounting, Marketing and Quantitative Methods are also introduced. Students study their second language (French, German, Spanish, English or Intercultural Communication).

### **Year 2: Professional Operative Work Placement**

The Year 2 work placement is a 12 month paid professional operative work placement in leading European/Irish hotels to reinforce the training in Year 1 and improve knowledge of industry practice and systems.

### **Year 3: Study at Shannon College**

In Year 3, students advance from their practical training and their introduction to business in Year 1 and instead focus on modules improving their industry knowledge, such as Rooms Division Management, and Business & Hospitality Law. Their language modules are continued and more advanced business modules such as Management, Human Resource Management, Information Technology and Business Finance are studied.

### **Year 4: Study at Shannon College**

Students concentrate on advanced general business modules such as Performance Management & Control and Revenue Management. Important strategic areas such as Entrepreneurship and Strategic Management prepare students for their future careers in hotel management. In Year 4, students will have the opportunity to choose elective subjects in both semesters. Electives include, Advanced Culinary Studies, Facilities Management, Event Management, Language and Hotel Asset Management.

### **End of Year 4: Trainee Management Work Placement**

At the end of Year 4, students commence a paid trainee management work placement for at least 9 months until graduation (normally a 12-18 month contract). International hotel companies visit Shannon College to recruit students onto management development programmes or as direct hires in properties around the world. At the end of the work placement, students complete a Viva Voce examination before graduating.

## Course Modules – Bachelor of Business Studies in International Hotel Management

YEAR 1	Semester 1	Semester 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; Beverage 1</li> <li>• Culinary Kitchen Practical</li> <li>• Restaurant Service Practical</li> <li>• Accommodation Services/Front Office Operations</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Language 1</li> <li>• Introduction to Management Accounting</li> <li>• Principles of Marketing</li> <li>• Skills for Work Life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; Beverage 1</li> <li>• Culinary Kitchen Practical</li> <li>• Restaurant Service Practical</li> <li>• Accommodation Services/Front Office Operations</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Language 1</li> <li>• Introduction to Financial Accounting</li> <li>• Quantitative Methods</li> <li>• HACCP/Food Science</li> </ul>
YEAR 2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Month Paid Professional Operative Placement</li> </ul>	
YEAR 3	Semester 1	Semester 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Beverage 2</li> <li>• Principles of Management</li> <li>• Management Accounting 1</li> <li>• Business Skills Development</li> <li>• Economics for the Hospitality Industry</li> <li>• Language 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rooms Division Management</li> <li>• Hospitality &amp; Business Law</li> <li>• Business Finance</li> <li>• Human Resource Management</li> <li>• Information Technology for Business</li> <li>• Language 2</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	Semester 1	Semester 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue Management</li> <li>• Strategic Management &amp; Hotel Simulation</li> <li>• Performance Management &amp; Cost Control</li> <li>• Marketing Management</li> <li>• Applied Research Methods</li> </ul> <p><b>Electives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language 3</li> <li>• Advanced Beverage Studies</li> <li>• Advanced Culinary Studies</li> <li>• Facilities Management</li> <li>• Management of Organisational Change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Human Resource Management</li> <li>• Head of College Key Note Speaker Programme</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Principles of Tourism</li> </ul> <p><b>Electives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intercultural Communication and Management</li> <li>• Final Year Research Project</li> <li>• Organisational Behaviour for Managers</li> <li>• Event Management</li> <li>• Hotel Asset Management</li> <li>• Public Speaking for Hotel Professionals</li> </ul>
END OF YEAR 4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Month Paid Trainee Management Work Placement</li> <li>• Viva Voce Examination</li> </ul>	





# BACHELOR OF COMMERCE IN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Commerce in International Hotel Management (BComm) prepares students for a career in business management in the hotel industry and also provides an opportunity to specialise in a business discipline in the final academic year.



Bridin Bradshaw –  
Bronze Medallist  
at IFEX 2024 and  
Silver Medallist  
Culinary Skills  
Ireland 2023

## Year 1: Study at Shannon College

Professional, practical training forms an essential part of the Year 1 studies as students rotate between seven professional classes every two/three weeks. Business modules such as Financial & Management Accounting, Marketing and Quantitative methods are also introduced. Students study their second language (French, German, Spanish, English or Intercultural Communication).

## Year 2: Professional Operative Work Placement

The Year 2 work placement is a 12 month paid professional operative work placement in leading European/Irish hotels to reinforce the training in Year 1 and improve knowledge of industry practice and systems.

## Year 3: Study at Shannon College

In Year 3, students advance from the practical training and the introduction to business in Year 1 and instead focus on modules improving their industry knowledge, such as Rooms Division Management and Principals of Management. The language module is continued and more advanced business modules such as Managerial Economics, Human Resource Management, Information Technology and Business Finance are studied, along with prerequisite modules in preparation for the final year of the BComm degree on the Galway campus.

## Year 4: Study at University of Galway (Galway Campus)

Students transfer to the Galway Campus for their final year of the BComm and study four core modules and also specialise in a business discipline. The business disciplines offered are Accounting & Performance Measurement, Digital Business & Analytics, Economics & Public Policy, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Finance, Management, Enterprise and International Business.

## End of Year 4: Trainee Management Work Placement

At the end of Year 4, students commence a paid trainee management work placement for at least 9 months until graduation (normally a 12-18 month contract). International hotel companies visit Shannon College to recruit students onto management development programmes or as direct hires in properties around the world. At the end of the work placement students complete a Viva Voce examination before graduating.

## BComm International

In Year 4, students also have the option to transfer to the BComm (International) Degree on the Galway campus which allows students to pursue French, German or Spanish while completing the final year of the BComm. Admission to the BComm (International) is subject to meeting University of Galway's Leaving Certificate language entry requirements and places are limited.



## Course Modules – Bachelor of Commerce in International Hotel Management

YEAR 1	Semester 1	Semester 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; Beverage 1</li> <li>• Culinary Kitchen Practical</li> <li>• Restaurant Service Practical</li> <li>• Accommodation Services/Front Office Operations</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Language 1</li> <li>• Introduction to Management Accounting</li> <li>• Principles of Marketing</li> <li>• Skills for Work Life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; Beverage 1</li> <li>• Culinary Services Practical</li> <li>• Restaurant Services Practical</li> <li>• Accommodation Services/Front Office Operations</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Language 1</li> <li>• Introduction to Financial Accounting</li> <li>• Quantitative Methods</li> <li>• HACCP/Food Science</li> </ul>
YEAR 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Month Paid Professional Operative Placement</li> </ul>	
YEAR 3	Semester 1	Semester 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Beverage 2</li> <li>• Principles of Management</li> <li>• Management Accounting 1</li> <li>• Mathematics for Business</li> <li>• Economics for the Hospitality Industry</li> <li>• Language 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rooms Division Management</li> <li>• Managerial Economics</li> <li>• Business Finance</li> <li>• Human Resource Management</li> <li>• Financial Accounting 1 or Information Technology for Business</li> <li>• Language 2</li> </ul>
YEAR 4	Semester 1	Semester 2
	<p>Students transfer to the final year BComm on the Galway Campus and study four core modules-while specialising in one business discipline.</p> <p><b>The core modules offered at University of Galway are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ireland in the Global Economy</li> <li>• Ethical , Responsibility and Sustainable Business</li> <li>• Strategy</li> <li>• Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise</li> </ul> <p><b>Specialise in a business discipline:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting &amp; Performance Measurement</li> <li>• Economics &amp; Public Policy</li> <li>• Human Resource Management</li> <li>• Digital Business &amp; Analytics</li> <li>• Marketing Management</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Enterprise</li> <li>• International Business</li> <li>• Management</li> </ul>	
END OF YEAR 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Month Paid Trainee Management Work Placement</li> <li>• Viva Voce Examination</li> </ul>	



# CHOOSING A COURSE



## Differences between the BBS and the BComm

The BBS and BComm are very similar courses. Both are Level 8 business degrees and students spend Years 1, 2, 3 and Final Year Placement studying and working together. In Year 4, the BBS students study at Shannon College and focus on general business and advanced hospitality modules and developing strategic hotel management skills. In Year 4, the BComm students study on the Galway Campus, specialising in one business discipline. The BComm students do not take any hotel management modules during Year 4.

## Career Opportunities

BBS and BComm graduates have very similar career opportunities. Students from both courses complete their Trainee Management Work Placement at the end of Year 4 and most continue building their careers in hotels after graduation. Both degrees are recognised for acceptance onto Level 9 Masters programmes. The BBS graduates have the advantage of a more rounded hotel management and general business education, while the BComm graduates have the benefit of specialising in one business area.

## Transferring between Courses

1. BBS students who wish to transfer to the BComm must achieve a minimum grade average of 70% in Year 1 examinations. Transfer requests must be made in writing to the Programme Leader prior to enrolling in Year 3. The number of transfer places available is limited each year.
2. BComm students who wish to transfer to the BBS must pass all modules in Year 1 examinations. Transfer requests must be made in writing to the Programme Leader prior to enrolling in Year 3.

# WORK PLACEMENTS

## Year 2: Professional Operative Work Placement

### How long is the placement?

12 months (July – June)

### What will I do on placement?

The mandatory placement is a professional operative placement, which reinforces the practical training and language studies of Year 1. Students gain experience in at least two departments and will be working at operative level. The work experience improves students' knowledge of industry practice and systems. Students are paid by the hotel and wages vary from country to country.

### Where will I be placed?

This year the placement partner hotels are located in France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain, Ireland and the UK. A student's foreign language option and visa requirements determine the placement country. Students benefit both professionally and personally from their work experience during this year.

### How will I be placed?

The Shannon College Placement Office organises the work placements on behalf of students. Most hotels require an interview and students are prepared for hotel interviews through the Skills for Work Life module in Year 1. Language skills and performance in Year 1 are considered by hotels and Shannon College in finalising placements. Placement locations are generally announced after Year 1 examinations in May.

### Erasmus Funding

Students may be eligible to receive an Erasmus Mobility Grant to support the Year 2 Placement, funded by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme:



Erasmus. Erasmus is the EU's flagship education and training programme enabling 300,000 students to study and work abroad each year. The grant amount varies and will be based on the recognised cost of living in each country.

## End of Year 4: Trainee Management Placement

### How long is the placement?

At least 9 months until graduation  
(normally a 12-18 month contract)

### What will I do on placement?

The mandatory Trainee Management Placement is the culmination of four years of study, training and development. Students are ready for supervisory roles and to grow into managerial roles. Some hotels recruit students as direct hires for one specific role in a property. Other hotels offer structured management development programmes designed to elevate students to roles of responsibility. Some programmes are specialised in a particular hotel department (e.g. Front Office, Food & Beverage, Finance, Marketing, Human Resources & Event Management) while other programmes are more general.

### Where will I be placed?

Current students are placed in properties worldwide. The dynamic growth of the global hotel industry presents great opportunities and placement partners are continuously recruiting students for new and dynamic locations, such as Canada, The UAE, The USA, Australia and more.

### How will I be placed?

At Shannon College, final-year students have the exciting opportunity to meet and interview with leading hotel companies who visit the campus to recruit for trainee management programmes, direct hire roles, and other career pathways. Each hotel offers a unique experience, and the opportunities available can vary widely in terms of location, type of property, job role, career progression, contract length, and salary. Throughout this process, students receive dedicated support from the Placement Office, which helps them explore career options, prepare applications, and navigate interviews. The Placement Office also coordinates all hotel visits and recruitment activities. Thanks to this strong support system and industry connections, Shannon College proudly maintains a 100% success rate in placing students.



# APPLICATIONS FOR IRISH AND EU STUDENTS

## How To Apply

Applications by Irish and EU students for full time undergraduate degree programmes are made to:

**Central Applications Office (CAO)**  
Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway.  
T: +353 91 509800  
E: [help@cao.ie](mailto:help@cao.ie)  
[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

Applications must arrive in the CAO not later than **February 1st**.  
Late Applications must arrive in the CAO not later than **May 1st**.  
A change of mind facility is available to CAO applicants until **July 1st**.

Please refer to the CAO Handbook /website for full details of applications date and procedures.

### Interview Details

All applicants must attend a selection interview, for which up to 300 points may be awarded. Shannon College will contact all students directly by post after the CAO closing dates to arrange their interview. Please notify Shannon College's Admissions Office if you do not receive correspondence shortly after the CAO closing dates. Interviews are normally held in April and July. **Courses are not restricted.**

Course Code	Course Title	Minimum Requirements	CAO Cut Off Points 2025
GY261	Bachelor of Business Studies in International Hotel Management	2H5+4O6/H7 Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li><li>Irish</li><li>Maths</li><li>Third Language</li></ul>	474 (including interview points)
GY262	Bachelor of Commerce in International Hotel Management	2H5+4O6/H7 Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li><li>Irish</li><li>Maths</li><li>Third Language</li></ul>	703 (including interview points)

## General Entry Requirements

### Age

Students must normally have attained the age of 17 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January following year of entry. For 2026 entry, students must have reached the age of 17 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2027.

### Matriculation- minimum entry requirements

Matriculation refers to the minimum requirements for entry to the College. Shannon College is a College of University of Galway which is a constituent university of the National University of Ireland (NUI). Detailed matriculation requirements are outlined above.

### Irish Language requirement

Generally speaking Irish is a standard subject requirement for matriculation for applicants with the Irish Leaving certificate. However, certain applicants may be eligible for an exemption from this requirement from the NUI.

Find out more:

**National University of Ireland,**  
49 Merrion Square,  
Dublin 2

[www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie)

### Third Language Requirement

A third language is required for both programmes at Shannon College. NUI Language exemptions are acceptable.

### English Language Requirement

All applicants whose first language is not English, or who have not been educated through the English language during their two most recent years of study, must attain an advanced level in English in their final school exam or must present one of the recognised English language qualifications (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL).

If you have any queries please contact the Admissions Office on +353 91 497212.

### Mature Students

Places are reserved on the BBS (GY261) for mature students. Applicants must be over 23 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 to qualify as a mature student for entry in September 2026. Applications must be made through the CAO.





### LCVP

The LCVP is considered as a composite subject and may be used as being among the six best subjects for the calculation of points. The Links module does not count as satisfying one of the six minimum entry subject requirements. Points will be calculated as follows: Pass: 28 | Merit: 46 | Distinction: 66

### Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) and Foundation Subjects

Leaving Certificate Applied and Foundation Level subjects do not meet the minimum entry requirements for Shannon College.

### Deferred Entry

For deferral instructions, please view details on the University of Galway website: [www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/deferrals/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/deferrals/)

### HEAR

In order to be considered for a place in Shannon College through HEAR, applicants must meet the HEAR eligibility requirements, in addition to the minimum entry requirements outlined in page 10 of this prospectus. For full details on the undergraduate admissions procedure through HEAR, please visit: [www.universityofgalway.ie/access-students/access-scheme-route/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/access-students/access-scheme-route/)

### DARE

In order to be considered for a place in Shannon College through DARE, applicants must meet the DARE eligibility requirements, in addition to the minimum entry requirements outlined in page 10 of this prospectus. For full details on the undergraduate admissions procedure through DARE. Please visit: [www.universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre/dare-hear/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/accesscentre/dare-hear/)

## QQI (FETAC) Awards

**Shannon College accepts all recognised QQI/FET Level 5 or Level 6 Major Awards.**

To be eligible for entry to the Bachelor of Business in International Hotel Management (GY261) through a QQI/FET qualification, applicants must hold a Level 5 or Level 6 Major Award with a minimum of five distinctions and three passes achieved in one sitting across eight modules. Component certificates alone are not sufficient.

Additionally, applicants must meet the mathematics requirement by either holding a minimum grade of O6 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics or passing the QQI/FET Mathematics module (5N1833/C20139). Only those who meet the above academic standards and pass the entrance interview will be considered for reserved places in first year.

### **GCE A Levels/GCSE Award Holders**

To matriculate, students presenting GCE A Levels and GCSE examinations must obtain a pass in at least six subjects including English, Maths and another language, students must also obtain the following:

Minimum Grade C at Advanced Level in two recognised subjects and a minimum of Grade C in four other recognised subjects. Visit [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie) for acceptable subjects.

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma Holders**

Candidates must meet the minimum matriculation requirements. Please contact the Admissions Office for further details (00 353 91 497212)

## **School leaving Examinations from EU Countries outside Ireland and the UK**

Shannon College welcomes applications for undergraduate degree programmes from EU applicants. EU applicants must apply through the CAO in accordance to closing dates outlined on page 10 and must tick the box 'other school exams'.

Applicants who have completed a recognised final school examination (e.g. German Abitur, International Baccalaureate, Hungarian Matura) in a previous year must send a certified translated copy of their results to the CAO office. Applicants sitting their final school examinations in summer 2026 must send a certified copy of their results to the CAO office as soon as they become available and prior to the issue of Round One Offers.

Please note that a certified English translation is also required in the case of qualifications not issued in English. They must be sent directly to the CAO office. Full details available: [www.cao.ie/?page=other\\_leaving&bb=studentresources](http://www.cao.ie/?page=other_leaving&bb=studentresources)

### **Other Academic Qualifications**

Candidates who wish to present other qualifications to gain admittance to Shannon College should contact the Admissions Office directly to discuss minimum entry requirements. Please note that candidates must satisfy the matriculation regulations of University of Galway.

Contact Joan Markham – Shannon College Admissions Officer: [joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie)





# FREE FEES & STUDENT FINANCES

## Free Fees Initiative

The Department of Education and Skill's 'Free Fees Initiative' applies to both degrees at Shannon College. To be deemed eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a first time undergraduate student.
- Hold EU/Irish nationality or official refugee status.
- Have been ordinarily resident in Ireland or an EU member state for at least three of the last five years preceding entry to the programme.

Students who do not satisfy these conditions are required to pay tuition fees. For more information please visit <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/fees-and-funding/fees.html>: or contact the Admissions Office for further information on tuition fees (00 353 91 497212).  
email: [joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie)

## Student Contribution Charge

A Student Contribution charge of €3000 (subject to change), is payable for each of the first four years of the programme. However, students who are successful in their application for a grant will have this charge paid on their behalf by SUSI. When you register online, you will be asked if you have applied for a grant. Once you receive official confirmation of your SUSI grant, please email it to the fees office at [fees@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:fees@universityofgalway.ie)

A student levy of €140 (2025) is payable annually by all students and is not covered by the SUSI grant.

## STUDENT PROFILE



### Megan Brennan

Graduate of Class of 2025  
Rooms Division – Lore Gorup, Washington D.C  
United States of America

"I come from a family with a background in hospitality, which inspired me to pursue a career in the industry. I chose Shannon College of Hotel Management because of its outstanding reputation as one of the top colleges for studying hospitality. The college's impressive 100% employment rate for graduates also played a key role in my decision, as it reflects the quality of education and opportunities it provides.

My advice?... Go for it, you won't regret it. I was initially nervous about accepting my place at Shannon, especially because I felt my level of French wasn't strong enough for the second year placement. However, it was one of the best opportunities of my life.

I've truly loved every moment of my time in Shannon, and if I could, I would do it all over again. Some standout memories include welcoming the first-year students to Kenmare to our family hotel as part of their industry trip, and receiving two incredible scholarships at graduation.

I was honored to receive the Alumni Award, presented to a graduate who consistently demonstrates commitment, active participation in college life, and fosters team spirit — qualities that reflect the true spirit of the Shannon family. I was also awarded the Mitzi Corscadden Scholarship, which recognises a graduate who has shown outstanding entrepreneurship and leadership throughout their time at Shannon.

A career in hospitality is truly a passport to the world; wherever you want to go, your career can go with you.

When you join Shannon, you truly become part of one big family. I know it might sound cliché, but it's true.

I have just completed my final year placement with Lore Group in Washington, D.C and hope to continue working with them and developing my career!"

# APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## Applying to Shannon College

### Undergraduate Applications

International applications for the Foundation and Undergraduate programmes can be made directly to the admissions office at Shannon College of Hotel Management.

Applying is very simple and **FREE**.

Please contact Joan Markham – Admissions Officer [joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie) if you have any queries or need more information and visit [www.shannoncollege.com/international](http://www.shannoncollege.com/international) to download the application form or use QR code below to download International Application Form.

Steps to apply:

- Complete International Application Form and return to [joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:joan.markham@universityofgalway.ie) Please include the following supporting documents with your application.
- Certified transcripts of all educational results/qualifications to date
- IELTS certificate (or equivalent)
- A copy of your passport



Download International Application Form

## Entry Requirements for Degree Programmes

### 1. Minimum Academic Requirements

Students must present certified and translated copies of satisfactory high school results.

### 2. English Language

The Minimum English Requirements are as follows:

IELTS – 6.0

Pearsons Academic – 52

TOEFL – 60

### 3. Entrance Interview

Students must pass an entrance interview. Interviews are conducted by representatives visiting your country or through video conferencing (Zoom). The entrance interview is an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their skills and experience to date and their motivation to pursue a hotel management career. The interview is graded out of 300 points and students must attain a minimum of 150 points to pass the interview.





# STUDENT PROFILE



## Rouspet Antat

### Final Year Placement

The Shelbourne Hotel, Autograph Collection,  
Dublin, Ireland

Meet Rouspet, who joined us from the Seychelles to complete his degree in International Business and Hotel Management as part of our ADHM partnership with the Seychelles tourism academy.

"Shannon College of Hotel Management blends academic excellence with professional discipline, offering real-world hospitality training from day one. Unlike other colleges, it instills a strong work ethic, global experience, and a unique sense of pride and professionalism.

As someone with ambitions beyond hospitality, such as my goal of leading Seychelles Hospitality Sector — the leadership, service, and organizational skills gained through Shannon's unique training are directly transferable to public service and governance.

My highlight so far at Shannon College was the Public Speaking class — it was the moment I truly broke out of my shell. It pushed me beyond my comfort zone and helped me find a voice I didn't know I had.

After I graduate, I'd love to travel and work in as many countries as possible. I want to keep learning, experiencing new cultures, and building up real industry experience along the way. What's great about this degree is the flexibility, it opens doors in both hospitality and business, so I can go wherever the opportunities take me."



## Ian Moloney

### Graduate Class of 2021

Marketing & Communications Manager,  
Killarney Park & The Ross, Ireland.

"Having always had a strong interest in business and languages I chose to pursue a career in Hospitality which perfectly intersected my subject interests and personality type.

I chose to enroll for BComm in International Hotel Management for the opportunities it afforded me to specialize in areas like marketing and human resource management while being able to travel the world.

Following my first year of practical experience and theoretical learning at Shannon College I set sail to Germany where I worked for the luxury 5-star Ritz Carlton Hotel Group set in the famous Autostadt where high-tech surroundings meet modern art and contemporary architecture.

I spent my fourth year based on the Galway Campus specializing in Human Resource Management while taking on a number of Marketing Modules including web & interactive media design, media & marketing communications & brand management.

During my time at Shannon College I enrolled in a number of clubs, activities and competitions which I look back on with such fond memories. In my 3rd year I chaired an events committee which organized a complete book-out of a luxury west coast hotel for a 3-day Gala ball with nearly 400 guests. It is hard to imagine any other educational facility where that kind of experience could have been acquired at that age."

# ACCOMMODATION & STUDENT SERVICES

## Accommodation



In 2025, accommodation for Year 1 students was located in Castle Gardens at Bunratty Village. Each student house comprises of three bedrooms which consists of two en suite rooms and one room with an adjacent bathroom.

This accommodation is not owned by the University of Galway and is managed by Rent an Irish Cottage MGMT Ltd. This is a private company that manages all aspects of the accommodation. Due to the high demand for accommodation nationwide, our student rooms are allocated on a shared basis.

The accommodation is reviewed on an annual basis. While the College endeavours to secure accommodation for all year 1 students, this is not guaranteed due to current high demand nationwide.

Please contact Mrs. Imelda O'Connell in relation to accommodation queries at [imelda.oconnell@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:imelda.oconnell@universityofgalway.ie)



Winning Pair at the Shannon College 'Strictly Come Dancing' Charity Event 2025

## Student Services

### Counselling

University is a big step, with many potential rewards to be enjoyed. However, there can also be challenges and it may be stressful at times. You may also be experiencing personal difficulties. There is a counselling service available to students and your class tutor will help you to arrange an appointment. This service is confidential and is free of charge.

### Student Services Officer

Shannon College has a dedicated Student Services Officer who organises a range of sport, leisure, travel and cultural activities for students. For further details contact April Rushe at [april.rushe@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:april.rushe@universityofgalway.ie)

### Disability Support Services

Shannon College is committed to improving access to its programmes and study supports to students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties. If you have any queries please contact Gwen Ryan: [gwen.ryan@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:gwen.ryan@universityofgalway.ie)

### Health and Wellbeing

Shannon College provides a doctor on campus at a subsidised charge.

## Student Life

### Our Vision for our Students

We ensure that you are empowered to discover your true potential, direct your own future, and to articulate clearly how your university experience has made you a distinctive and well-rounded global citizen.

Students Services aim to make your time at Shannon College of Hotel Management a rewarding, personal and professional experience. We provide high quality and comprehensive non-academic support and wellbeing services for students.

Learn more about Study Life at Shannon College: [www.universityofgalway.ie/shannoncollege/student-life/](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/shannoncollege/student-life/)

# STUDENT PROFILE



## Mark Sampson

Graduate Class of 2024  
Business Development Executive, Global Sales,  
Mandarin Oriental Group, London UK.

"I am honored to say that on my graduation, I was awarded the 'Patrick Lane Memorial Scholarship' for true professionalism, attention to detail, excellent interpersonal skills and dedication to achieving the highest standards at all times.

Shannon has given me many opportunities, with the access to travel being the biggest for me. Throughout my time in Shannon, I have learned many lessons, from ironing a shirt and pressing a suit, making a bed, to Quantitative Methods and financial management. How to handle a P&L account to enjoying my social life to fullest!

The hospitality industry is unique. It offers the guest a chance to escape from every day life and it's challenges. We supply an idealistic experience of a second home, and that's what is special. Our now retired Head of College Dr. Philip Smyth famously said 'the hotel is your stage, and you're the actor'. He couldn't be more right.

I have Shannon to thank for the amazing opportunities that have come my way this far in my career and being the recipient of the Patrick Lane Scholarship at graduation has given me something once more, to be proud of."

# ALUMNI & PATRONS

## Alumni Success

Shannon College graduates have made their mark not only in the hotel, tourism and travel industries but also in other fields such as law, accounting, banking, IT etc. The professional management education at Shannon College gives graduates the grounding to become business leaders in a host of different industries. There are many graduates who operate at the highest level and hold prominent positions in Irish and global hotel properties and companies.

## Alumni Network

Shannon College's Alumni Network extends across the globe with almost 3,000 members. Through the annual Alumni Ball and other events, graduates keep in touch with former classmates and make connections with the far reaching Shannon family. Shannon College graduates provide valuable leadership to current students through guest lecturing, sponsorship and hosting field trips. The support of the alumni network is evident in the work placement process for students, whereby many graduates return to the college years later to recruit students for placements in their properties and businesses.

## Class Patrons

Every class at Shannon College is appointed a Class Patron who is a Hospitality Leader in the Irish and/or global tourism industry. A Class Patron's role is to engage with the students throughout their studies and mentor the class to reach their management potential. Current Class Patrons include John Burke – MD/Director of the Armada Hotel, Hotel Doolin Complex and Doolin Village Lodges. Aileesh Carew, CEO and Museum Director EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Una O Dowd, Deputy Chief Operating Officer at Windward Management Limited and Adriaan Bartels, General Manager, Cashel Palace Hotel.



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