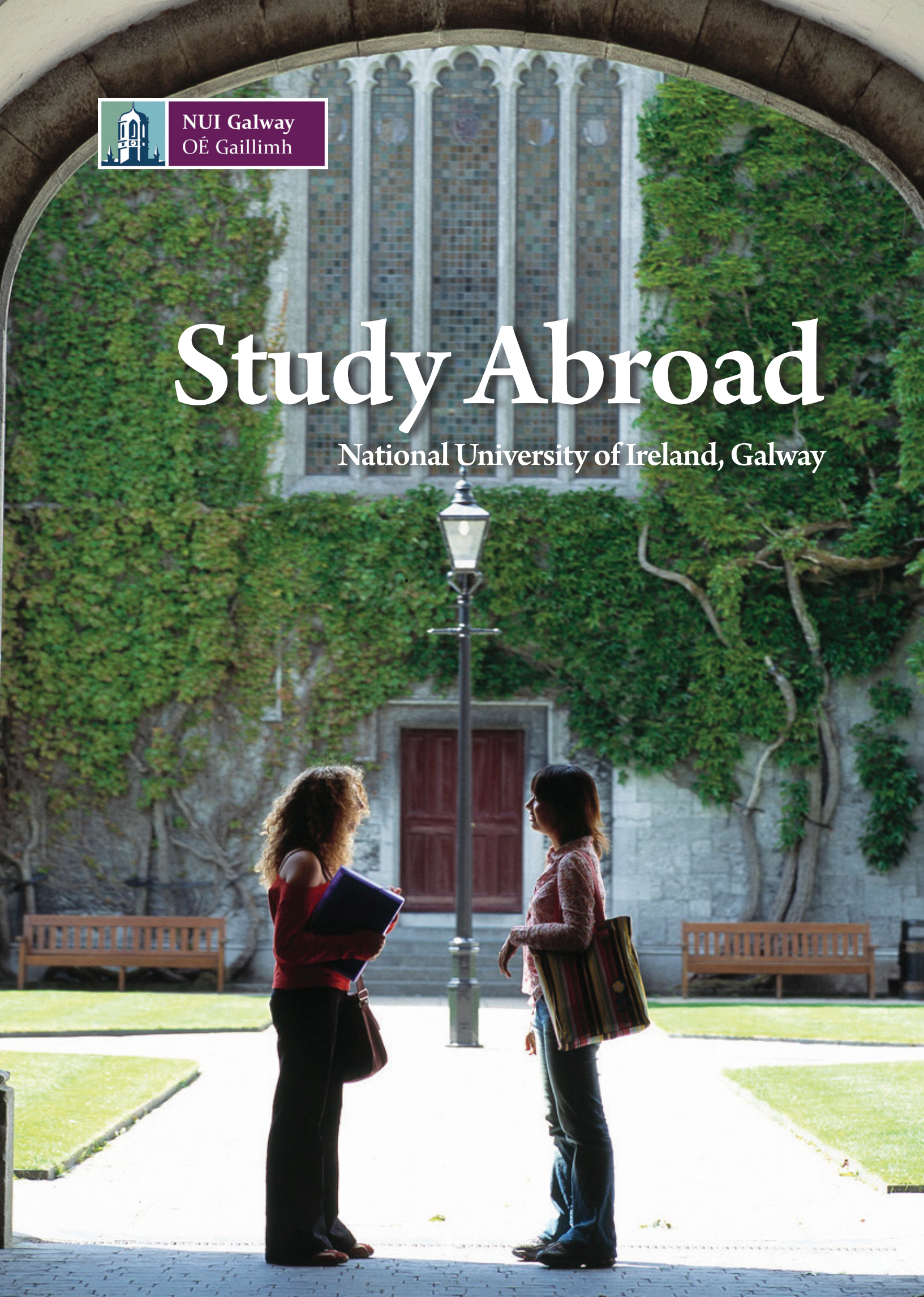




NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh

# Study Abroad

National University of Ireland, Galway







# WELCOME TO NUI GALWAY

## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Established in 1845, National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway) is one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious universities, with a distinguished record in teaching and research. Each year, we welcome over 800 visiting students from universities around the world who wish to spend either a full academic year or a single semester with us.

### Academic programmes

With five colleges and sixteen schools, NUI Galway offers a great choice to meet your academic requirements.

Visiting students can select classes from across the university's range of degree programmes, including the Arts and Humanities, Business, Law, Science and Engineering.

In addition to the regular classes of the University, you can also apply to a number of special classes in service learning, Irish traditional arts and Irish language designed especially for visiting students at NUI Galway.

### Our reputation

In 2012, NUI Galway was awarded the top Five Star Rating by the *QS Stars* system. The University also rose to third position in Ireland in last year's *Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings* and to 287th in the *QS World University Ranking*.

In 2013, NUI Galway was ranked in the top 200 universities in the world in five subjects in the *QS World University Rankings by Subject*. We were ranked in the top 150 in the world in Computer Science, Information Systems and History and in the top 200 in the world in English Language and Literature, Pharmacology and Law.

### Our Location

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful city of Galway on the west coast of Ireland. Galway is popularly known as "Ireland's Cultural Heart" and is one of Ireland's most popular student cities, with a strong tradition in the arts and music.

The picturesque campus is just a 10 minute stroll from the centre of the medieval city and comprises a mix of nineteenth century gothic style buildings



### About NUI Galway

- Established: 1845
- Location: Galway, Ireland
- Student Body: 17,000 students
- International Students: 2,000
- Degrees Awarded: Bachelors, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters, PhD
- Disciplines: Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Law, Engineering, IT, Medicine, Nursing and Science
- Student Housing: On-campus and off-campus Student Residences
- Academic Year: September - May (Semesterised)

alongside stunning new teaching, research and recreational facilities.

### The Student Experience

With over 120 student clubs and societies to choose from, we offer an unrivalled selection of cultural, sporting and social activities to enjoy. NUI Galway is also Ireland's leading university for civic engagement, with over 4,000 registered student volunteers.





## ABOUT GALWAY IRELAND'S CULTURAL HEART

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful city of Galway, Ireland's third largest city. Galway is the perfect 'college town' – large enough to offer everything you would want in terms of shopping facilities, theatres, restaurants, music venues, sports facilities – but small enough to be able to get to know people and get around easily.

King Richard III granted the city of Galway its first charter in 1484 and traces of Galway's rich medieval past can still be seen today in its narrow cobbled streets and laneways.

Today, Galway is widely regarded as the cultural capital of Ireland and is home to the world renowned Druid Theatre Company, the Macnas Street Theatre Company and An Taibhdhearc, the national Irish language theatre.

Students account for approximately 20% of the population of the city during term which gives Galway a young and vibrant feel.

This creative energy of Galway is reflected in the many internationally renowned festivals, music sessions, cultural and sporting events that are hosted in the city every year, including:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Cuirt International Literature Festival
- Galway Early Music Festival
- Galway Traditional Music Sessions
- Galway Film Fleadh
- Galway Arts Festival
- Galway International Oyster Festival
- Galway Comedy Festival

The city is also a high tech hub and is the European base for some of the world's leading medical device and ICT multinationals, including Medtronic, Boston Scientific and Merit Medical, SAP, Hewlett Packard, Cisco Systems and EA Games.

Galway's surrounding hinterland, including Connemara, the Burren and the Aran Islands, is also major draw for visitors who come west to see the Ireland of rugged countryside, castles, lakes and rivers and savour the unique atmosphere of our seafood restaurants, cafes and traditional Irish music pubs.



*Arty and bohemian, Galway is legendary around the world for its entertainment scene. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music on any given night. Cafés spill out onto winding cobblestone streets filled with a frenzy of fiddles, banjos, bagpipes, harps, tin whistles, guitars and bodhráns ... Galway's streets are steeped in history, yet have a contemporary vibe. Students make up a quarter of the city's population, while the remains of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling Aran sweaters, handcrafted Claddagh rings, and stacks of second-hand and new books.*



— Lonely Planet





# STUDY ABROAD

## CLASSES FOR VISITING STUDENTS

Each year, NUI Galway welcomes over 800 visiting students from universities around the world. As a visiting student, you can create your own individual study programme, based on the wide range of classes available from our regular degree programmes, to meet your own academic requirements.

Visiting Students usually take between 6 classes per semester. Classes at NUI Galway are generally delivered through lectures, which are also usually supplemented by smaller tutorials or seminar classes.

Visiting Students are examined alongside our full time degree-seeking students. Most classes are examined by end of semester examination, however many also include mid-term assignments and/or continuous assessment.

We have many years' experience in the matter of credit transfer and course equivalence and can, on request, provide a suggested system to translate from ECTS credits to the credit system used in your home country.

### Entry Requirements

Visiting students are normally required to have completed two years at a recognised university or college and present a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent). Admission to certain classes may be subject to pre-requisites.

### How to Apply

You can apply as a Visiting Student through your home university or through an approved study abroad programme provider. The Visiting Student Application Form is available at [www.nuigalway.ie/international](http://www.nuigalway.ie/international) or can be requested by email to [international@nuigalway.ie](mailto:international@nuigalway.ie)

The following documents must also be submitted:

- most recent college transcript
- copy of birth certificate/passport ID page
- letter of reference from a staff member of the University/College you are attending or other person of standing who knows you personally
- the names of two academic referees
- a personal statement
- a passport size photograph

The closing dates for receipt of (a) 30 April for full year or First Semester and, (b) 31 October for Second Semester.

### Select List of Classes\*

- Archaeology
- Botany
- Celtic Civilization
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Classics
- Earth and Ocean Science
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Exploring the Indigenous Arts
- Finance
- French, German, Italian and Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Information Technology
- Irish Language
- Irish Studies
- Law
- Mathematics
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Performing Arts
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Systems Analysis

\* subject to pre-requisites





## Literacy and Learning in the Community

*Literacy and Learning in the Community* is a semester long class specially designed to facilitate a service learning component for US visiting students at NUI Galway.

The class is delivered via:

- 24 hours of academic lectures
- 12 hours of reflective seminars (1 hour per week)
- 20+ hours of service in local community homework clubs (10 weeks)



Students gain an improved understanding of important theories and perspectives relating to literacy acquisition and how Irish society responds to the challenges associated with this important educational and social issue. Students also benefit from experiential learning of how local homework clubs in the Galway

area provide support and structure for children to develop their learning and literacy skills.

Students complete an essay in examination conditions at the end of the course, which counts for 30% of the overall grade awarded. In addition, students are required to submit a detailed portfolio of reflective learning, which counts for 50% of the overall grade. The remaining 20% of marks is based on attendance and participation in both the formal classes which take place each week of the semester and at the students' chosen homework clubs.

## Exploring the Indigenous Arts

*Exploring the Indigenous Arts* offers visiting US students an exciting, practice-based, opportunity to learn about indigenous Irish music, song and dance.



*Exploring the Indigenous Arts* is delivered via a two hour class each week at the main NUI Galway campus and two field trips to the Irish-speaking Connemara region, where students take part in master workshops guided by leading artists from the west of Ireland.

Special features of the class include:

- Practice based learning via workshops and performances from leading Irish traditional musicians, including Sean Nós (Old Style) singers and dancers.
- Unique access to rare archives of traditional Irish art forms through collaboration with TG4, the Irish language television network based in Ballinahown, Connemara.
- Series of lunchtime concerts on the main NUI Galway campus as part of the University's Arts in Action programme.

*Exploring the Indigenous Arts* is assessed exclusively by scholarly weekly writings presented in a journal format at the end of the programme.





# THE GALWAY EXPERIENCE

## STUDENT LIFE AT NUI GALWAY

NUI Galway offers an unrivalled student experience and with over 120 clubs and societies to choose from, you'll have plenty of opportunities to make new friends, develop real life skills and of course have great fun!

### Student Life

Each Student Society arranges trips, events, guest speakers, workshops, classes and parties each year. Interests catered for include everything from art and baking to science fiction and juggling.

The Arts Office also organises literary, visual and performing arts on campus, including the annual Múscailt Arts Festival while the Arts in Action programme features performances and lectures in theatre, film, music, dance, visual arts throughout the year.

### Student Volunteering

Visiting international students can volunteer through the University's ALIVE programme, which provides thousands of opportunities in local and international communities.

### Sports Clubs

Our sports clubs cater for all types of activity, from the elite competitor to the beginner or someone looking just to keep fit and have fun.

The University's sporting facilities include:

- 25 metre swimming pool
- Squash and racquetball courts
- Basketball arena and sports hall
- Gym & Fitness studios
- Climbing wall
- Ten natural grass playing pitches
- An eight-lane synthetic running track

### Student Housing

There is a wide range of housing options, including 12 official Student Residences, which provide self-catered housing for NUI Galway students. Student Residences vary by size, with smaller residences such as Donegan Court (54 students), Atlantis (80 students) and Menlo Park (140 students) and larger residences such as Cúirt na Coiribe (389 students), Dúnáras (409 students) and Gort na Coiribe (657students).

### Tuition Fees

#### Study Abroad (Non-EU)

	Semester	Year
Arts/Business/Law	€6,000	€12,000
Science/Engineering	€7,750	€15,500

In addition, students are advised to budget approximately €800 per month to cover living expenses including, housing, food, books, clothes and recreation.

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