



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh

# CHOOSE THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY CHOOSE NUI GALWAY

- A leading university for graduate employability
- Recognised for its teaching excellence
- Ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world

[www.nuigalway.ie/cao](http://www.nuigalway.ie/cao)

**Clara Sherry**  
chose Arts at NUI Galway

**Kevin Neville** chose Biomedical  
Engineering at NUI Galway

# Welcome to NUI Galway

Choosing a University is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. At NUI Galway you will be provided with the best educational opportunities and job prospects for today's competitive workplace.

Each year more than 3,000 Leaving Certificate students make NUI Galway their university of choice. NUI Galway is one of Ireland's top Universities for graduate employability with a 5 star awarded reputation for teaching excellence that spans more than 160 years. **NUI Galway is the only Irish university to increase its position in the two main international rankings - the QS World University Rankings and the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, 2013-14**

You will be taught by lecturers who are leaders in their chosen fields, and who will challenge you to achieve your full potential. Our lecturers are friendly and approachable, and make time to meet with students on a regular basis.

You will also enjoy a student experience that is second to none. We will provide you with opportunities to develop both academically, through your course, and personally, through the wide range of sports clubs, societies, life skills classes, student support and volunteering opportunities on offer.

## One of Ireland's top Universities for graduate employability

A degree from NUI Galway opens up a world of opportunities to you. Our graduates are highly sought after by employers who recognise that they have the right mix of knowledge and transferrable skills to make a valuable contribution to the workplace.

## What our students say?

**Lara Barry, Investigative Journalist, BA Arts Graduate**

"When I was completing my Leaving Certificate I wasn't sure whether I wanted a career in Law or Journalism and decided that a really good Arts degree would help me decide. I took Sociology & Politics, and Legal Studies as my subjects. I now combine my legal qualifications and my journalistic career to produce documentary film and TV programmes and written articles on Human Rights topics, most particularly relating to human trafficking. My degree subjects were always a conversation opener with prospective employers. I have been regularly told by employers that the diversity of my knowledge and education was really appealing to them.

If you are torn between career choices, armed with good grades and unsure of what to do, I couldn't recommend an Arts degree in NUI Galway highly enough. Not only is the degree of the highest standard (and I have seen firsthand the evidence of this) but being an NUI Galway Alumnus means you have a lifelong community of excellence that will support you through your career indefinitely.

**More information on the BA (Joint Honours)**  
[www.nuigalway.ie/arts2014](http://www.nuigalway.ie/arts2014)



# 1,924

**NUI Galway secured 1,924 internships for students with employers all over Ireland.\***

New employers who took placement students include Bord Gáis, Goldman Sachs and Shell.

\*Source: U-Multirank 2012/13

## Did you know?

# 401

The number of employers our students had access to on campus this year.



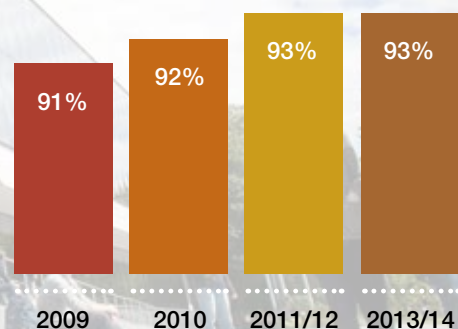
New employers who came on campus to recruit students this year.

## What our employers say

"We employ NUI Galway graduates because they are results-focused, adaptable and confident with excellent communication and analytical skills."

Jennifer O'Neil,  
Management Consulting Analyst at Accenture

## NUI Galway graduate employability rate year-on-year



% of graduates working or in future study within six months of graduating



## Choosing the right course for you

Going to University is all about choosing the right course for you. NUI Galway offers you an extensive choice of degree programmes that are designed to respond to both your needs and the needs of the employment market.

### New course choices at NUI Galway

In the last six years, we have introduced over 20 new programmes, all of which have been developed in response to the changing needs of the job market. Here are just a few of them:

#### New in 2014: Commerce with Gaelige:

The Bachelor of Commerce with Gaelige is the ideal qualification for students who want to build a career in business while also furthering their knowledge of the Irish language. Students will spend one semester on work placement in an Irish language medium company.

#### Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies:

The BA degree in Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies is an exciting programme, developed in 2012 for those with a keen interest in all aspects of drama and performance. So whether it's acting, design or directing you are interested in, this course has it all!

#### BA with Journalism:

A four-year degree with a distinctively practical and real-world design, the BA with Journalism provides an excellent career-focused opportunity for students who like to combine a capacity for expression and insight with a broad interest in society, media, communications and culture.

#### BSc Physics (Applied, Astrophysics, Biomedical, Theoretical):

Physics is crucial to understanding the world around us, the world inside us, and the world beyond us. This new programme for 2014 gives you the flexibility to choose how you study Physics at NUI Galway.

#### BSc (Health and Safety Systems)

The BSc (Health and Safety Systems) is a four-year workplace-oriented, multidisciplinary programme, where you will receive tuition in subjects such as safety and risk management, occupational hygiene, ergonomics, health promotion, physics, law, chemistry, anatomy, management and mathematics. 80% of graduates on this degree in 2013 went directly into employment as Health and Safety professionals in Ireland, while the remaining 20% choose to pursue further study or employment in other sectors.

## Unique programmes at NUI Galway

NUI Galway also offers a number of programmes in areas where we have unique strengths and are leading the way.

#### Biomedical Science:

NUI Galway is Ireland's leading university for Biomedical Science, so students have access to top researchers and the very latest facilities. Located in the heart of the medical device industry hub here in Galway, graduates have excellent opportunities for ongoing employment.

#### Podiatry: Want to do something different?

Podiatry is the study of the lower limb and foot and NUI Galway is the only University in Ireland to offer this programme. There is currently a great demand for qualified podiatrists in Ireland.

#### BA CONNECT:

Our popular four-year Arts degree allows you to specialise in an area of interest to you, and includes a year of placement in Ireland or abroad. There are nine to choose from, including Journalism, Human Rights, Creative Writing, and Theatre and Performance, all areas where NUI Galway is leading the way.

#### Marine Science:

As the only denominated Marine Science degree in Ireland, students come from all over the country to study this programme. Located on the West coast and with the Marine Institute close by, students have access to the best resources and expertise.

#### Mathematics and Education:

This programme has been designed to train Maths teachers. There is a serious shortage of fully qualified Maths teachers in Ireland, so if you like Maths and think you could teach, this is the course for you!

## Our ever popular courses:

In an uncertain climate, many students are choosing to keep their options open by opting for traditional, broad-based degrees. At NUI Galway the following traditional programmes are very popular:

#### Arts:

A three-year degree that provides you with a foundation on which to apply for jobs or postgraduate study in Ireland or abroad. With over 20 subjects to choose from this programme will equip you with a wide range of skills and qualities valuable in many professions. You will also have the opportunity to spend a year abroad with the BA (International).

#### Science:

A three or four-year degree with a wide range of options.

#### Commerce:

This is a three-year business degree with opportunities to specialise and travel abroad in the third year.

#### Law:

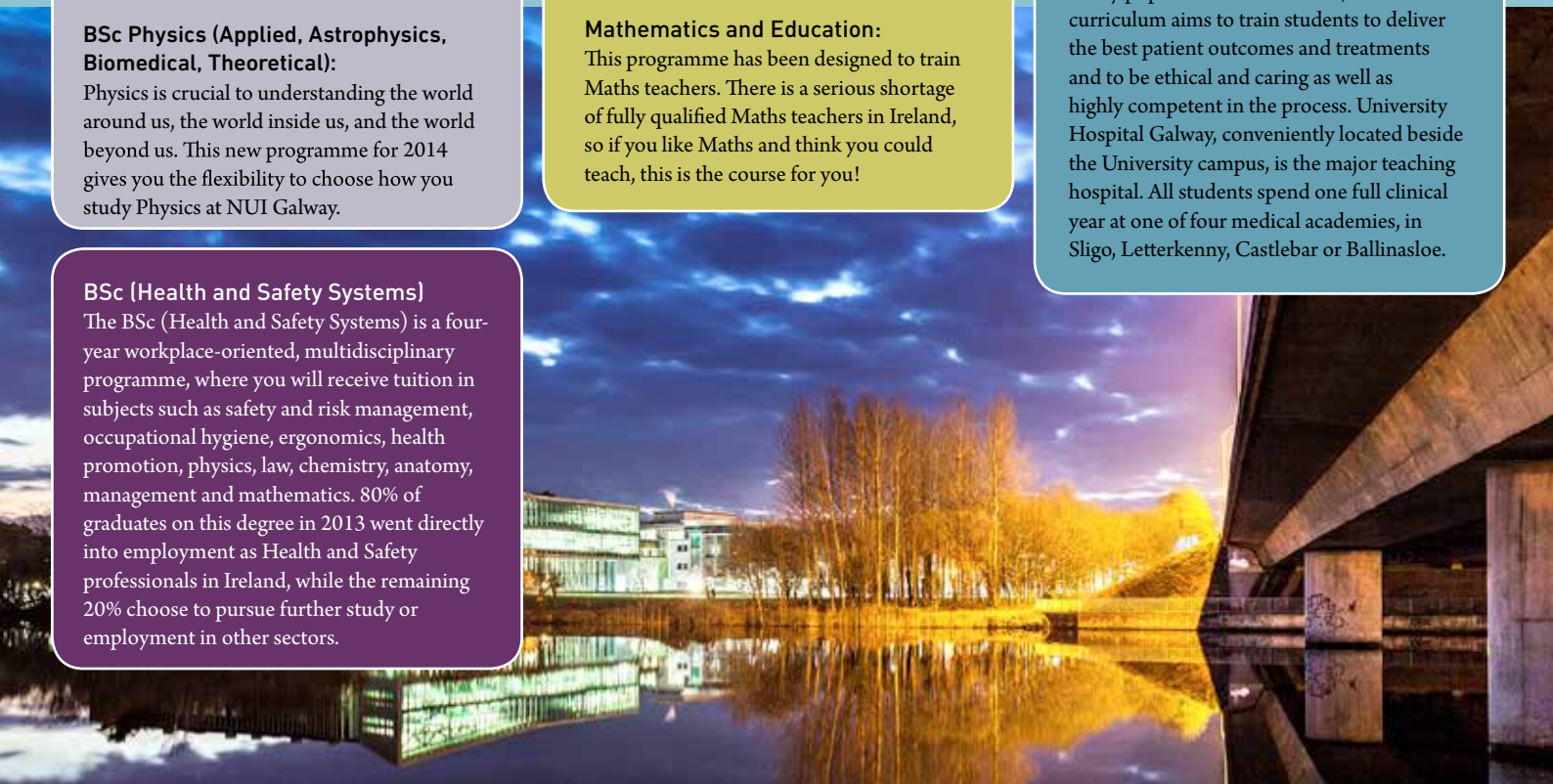
We offer both Civil and Corporate Law, with rich curriculums of core and optional legal subjects.

#### Engineering:

Not sure which type of Engineering suits you? Opt for Undenominated and take the first year to decide on the right one for you.

#### Medicine:

A five or six year degree, Medicine remains a very popular choice. This new, re-focused curriculum aims to train students to deliver the best patient outcomes and treatments and to be ethical and caring as well as highly competent in the process. University Hospital Galway, conveniently located beside the University campus, is the major teaching hospital. All students spend one full clinical year at one of four medical academies, in Sligo, Letterkenny, Castlebar or Ballinasloe.



## Awarding Excellence

**We reward academic, creative and sporting excellence with a range of scholarships:**

- NEW in 2014 - CAO 'Performance Points' Scheme for the Creative Arts  
This scheme, unique in Ireland, rewards a limited number of students with exceptional achievements in selected disciplines in the creative arts with CAO 40 'Performance Points' for entry into undergraduate courses. More information and application form on [www.nuigalway.ie/creativeartspointpoints](http://www.nuigalway.ie/creativeartspointpoints)
- Entrance Scholarships worth €1,500 each for students who achieve over 560 points in their Leaving Certificate
- Ten Scholarships are available for Medical students who perform exceptionally well in the Leaving Certificate and the admission test (H-PAT Ireland)
- Sports Scholarships including the new CAO 'Performance Points' Scholarship Scheme and the Elite Athlete Scholarship scheme. They not only include financial support but also medical support, nutritional, sports psychology, strength and conditioning, and physiotherapy
- Dr James Massey Keegan Scholarships (offered for competition among Mayo students)
- Helen M. Moran Scholarship (offered to a first year registered student who has demonstrated a high level of achievement in Gaelic Football)
- Scholarship for NON-EU Students not eligible for free fees or for less fees than at EU rates

[www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/scholarships](http://www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/scholarships)

## A Global University

NUI Galway is the only Irish university to increase its position in the two main international rankings. With an increase of 53 places on last year's positioning, NUI Galway now ranks at 261st in the *Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2014/2015*.

The University was also awarded the top rating of five stars in the QS Stars International rating for - teaching, research, internationalisation, engagement, innovation and infrastructure.

"This is a major achievement for NUI Galway and reflects a consistent upward trend in these very competitive global rankings".

President of NUI Galway

Dr. Jim Browne



## Ireland's fastest expanding campus

Since the University opened the doors in 1845, the campus has been constantly evolving to accommodate the increasing numbers of students. Today, the main campus has over 90 buildings on 105 hectares of land situated on the banks of the River Corrib. We have recently invested €400 million in our campus to enhance your learning environment, including:

- A new Engineering Building, Ireland's largest School of Engineering
- A state-of-the-art Sports Centre
- A brand new school of Psychology, opened in September 2013
- A new facility for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences students, opened in April 2013
- A new building for Biosciences Research, opened Autumn 2013
- A new building for Medicine students is currently under construction
- A new Centre for Drama and Theatre will open in 2015
- A newly refurbished Student Centre and Student Canteen

For more information on our campus visit:  
[www.nuigalway.ie/about-us/who-we-are](http://www.nuigalway.ie/about-us/who-we-are)

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## Galway as a location

Galway is an exciting place to be a student. Students make up 20% of the population in Galway. It is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe and is big enough to have everything you need but small enough to get to know people easily. Galway really is 'a university city' – the campus is in the heart of the city centre, with all amenities on your doorstep and within walking distance. Also, it is easily accessible regardless of where you are from.

The cost of living is much lower than other university cities, making your move to Galway that bit easier or, if you are from Galway, another great reason to stay. Here is a snapshot of the weekly cost of living in Galway City compared to Dublin City.

### GALWAY LIVING COST RECEIPT

Accommodation	€105
Food, including a weekly shop and food in college	€50
Travel	€11.25
Social (Including clothes)	€56
Medical	€5
<b>Total</b>	<b>€226.25</b>

### DUBLIN LIVING COST RECEIPT

Accommodation	€171
Food, including a weekly shop and food in college	€75
Travel	€26.30
Social (Including clothes)	€62.50
Medical	€5
<b>Total</b>	<b>€339.80</b>

## Open Days

Open Days are the perfect opportunity for you and your family to experience life at NUI Galway, and are suitable for transition year and fifth year students, Leaving Certificate and mature students. Come and talk to our students and staff, explore the campus, check out the facilities and decide for yourself whether NUI Galway is the right University for you. [www.nuigalway.ie/opendays](http://www.nuigalway.ie/opendays)

Spring Open Day - 25th April 2015

Autumn Open Days - 2nd & 3rd October 2015

## iPoints Calculator

Join over 6,000 students who have downloaded the award-winning NUI Galway CAO Points Calculator

[itunes.apple.com/ie/app/ipoints-cao-points-calculator/id658202598](https://itunes.apple.com/ie/app/ipoints-cao-points-calculator/id658202598)

## NUI Galway Mobile App

Download NUI Galway's Mobile App at

[www.nuigalway.ie/mobileapp/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/mobileapp/) where student information is available at your fingertips



## Student life at NUI Galway

At NUI Galway you will enjoy a student experience that is truly unique. We are very proud of our reputation as a student-centred university and throughout your time with us here, you will be challenged and inspired to achieve your full potential, both educationally and personally.

## Sport at NUI Galway

Sport is central to life at NUI Galway and whether you are an aspiring athlete or simply want to keep fit, a visit to our newly built Sports Centre is a must. Among the superb facilities on offer includes an area for court sports, a swimming pool, and a state-of-the-art gym.

We also offer a generous package of Sports Scholarships. NUI Galway and Connacht Rugby have announced a partnership to develop the sporting, academic, research and educational links between the two. The partnership aims to nurture the next generation of sports performers and scholars. Find out more at: [www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/sports](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/sports).

## Volunteering

NUI Galway is Ireland's leading university for student volunteering, with more than 4,000 registered volunteers. By volunteering you will gain new skills, make new friends, make a difference, and also increase your job prospects. <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campus-activities/volunteering.html>

## Clubs and Societies

With over 40 sports clubs and more than 100 societies to choose from, you will have an opportunity to try new things, meet people with similar interests and have fun! Find out more at [www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campusactivities/student-societies.html](http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/campusactivities/student-societies.html)

## Student Supports

Life isn't always plain sailing, and at NUI Galway we understand that there may be times when you need advice, support or a listening ear. We are committed to providing you with a support network of services so that you can concentrate on getting the most out of your time at university. A Student Health Unit, Counselling Service, Childcare, Disability Support Service, Chaplaincy and Free Legal Aid Centre are all part of our services.

Learn more <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/student-support/>

## Graduate Profile

**Melanie Hennessy**  
Medical Graduate



*One of the Junior Chamber International top ten 'Outstanding Young Persons of the World' 2010.*

*"Studying medicine at NUI Galway has been one of my best decisions. The atmosphere around the medical school is really relaxed and friendly, almost like a family, with everyone looking out for each other. During this time I got the chance to spend three months abroad in Sweden as part of my studies. It was such an amazing experience. I was able to learn Swedish, see how the medical system works in another country and, most of all, experience living in another country".*

## Keep in touch

Life at university is not all about lectures and study, there is so much more to get involved in.



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