

Maynooth University

INCOMING EXCHANGE FACTSHEET 2025 / 2026

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Applying to Maynooth University

- Students wishing to study at Maynooth University as exchange students must **first be nominated** by their home university.
- Nominations open in **mid-March**. The nomination link will be emailed to the partner university directly.
- Nominated students will be **contacted with information** regarding their stay with us and instructions on how to apply.
- **An acceptance email** will be sent to students a few weeks **after** the application deadline date.

Nomination Deadlines

Full Year: 1st May 2025

1st Semester (Fall): 1st May 2025

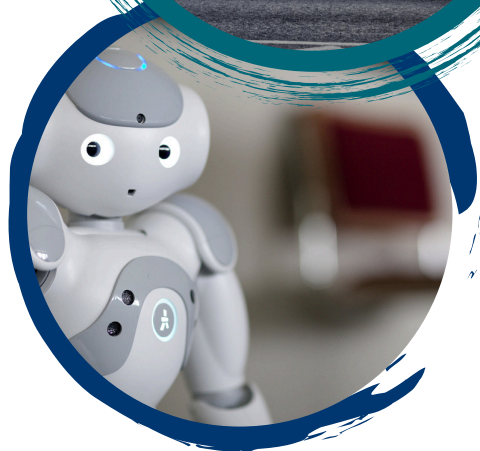
Second Semester (Spring): 1st October 2025

Application Deadlines

Full Year: 31st May 2025

1st Semester (Fall): 31st May 2025

Second Semester (Spring): 31st October 2025



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Available Courses

- Our **list of available courses** can be found **[here](#)** and all incoming exchange students are **free to choose modules from any Academic Department**.
- Modules must be **approved by your home university**.
- Some courses have **limited spaces** available, such as **Product Design** and **Media Studies**.
- It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that there are enough courses on our available courses list that their home university will approve of.
- Students are allowed to register for **max 35 ECTS per semester**.
- There will be an **add/drop period** at the beginning of each semester.



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Language Proficiency

- **No language proficiency certificate is required.**
- We accept a **nomination from the home university as confirmation** that a student has acquired a good command of the English language.
- Students are expected to have a **good command of English** in all four language skills - **reading, writing, listening and speaking** - to follow classes, write assignments, give presentations, etc.
- **Note:** Exchange students will be **marked the same way as domestic students**, with **no exceptions**.



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Accommodation

- As demand for on-campus accommodation far exceeds the number of beds available, **students should concentrate their accommodation search off-campus.**
- Our **Student Services** offer advice and information via **webinars** on how to find suitable off-campus accommodation during your stay at Maynooth University.
- Students will receive an email invitation to attend these webinars **approximately 3 months in advance of arriving in Ireland.**
- Students will receive **login details** for our off-campus accommodation portal, Maynooth Studentpad, after attending the webinars.
- **Maynooth Studentpad** is an online platform where local landlords and homeowners can advertise their lettings to students attending Maynooth University.



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Travel/Medical Insurance

- All incoming exchange students must have travel insurance which includes **repatriation** (assisted return back to the home country).
- All incoming exchange students should have insurance that covers them for the **entire duration of their stay**.
- **Erasmus** students must also have private travel insurance. The **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** alone will **not** suffice, as it does **not include repatriation**.
- **Full Year** and **Semester 1** students will be required to upload their proof of insurance in **September**.
- **Semester 2** students will be required to upload their proof of insurance in **February**.



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Immigration

- Some students may require a visa to come to Ireland. If you are unsure of whether you require a visa or not, please check the Irish Immigration website [here](#). Note: US, Canadian and Australian students do not require a visa to enter Ireland.
- Students who are coming from **outside the EEA / EU / Switzerland** will need to **register with Irish Immigration** and **obtain an Irish Residency Permit (IRP) Card**. This process happens *after you have arrived* in Ireland. Please see our [immigration webpage](#) and the [official Irish Immigration website](#) for more information.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Though Ireland is a member of the EU, *it is not a member of the Schengen Area*. Erasmus students who are non-EU citizens, but hold a residency permit for another EU country, will need a visa to enter Ireland. They will also have to register with Irish Immigration and obtain an IRP Card.



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Other Important Information

- Attendance at **Orientation** sessions are **mandatory**. Students will receive essential information regarding their time at Maynooth University.
- Please see '**Important Dates**' for information on term dates, study periods, holidays and exam periods.
- Semester 1 students **cannot extend their stay to the full academic year** once they have **registered** with Maynooth University.
- Semester 1 students **will not complete their exams in January**. Instead, alternative arrangements will be made, and Semester 1 students will **end their stay** at Maynooth University in **December**. Generally, this means that students will submit an alternative assignment instead of taking an exam, but this will be *decided between the student and the lecturer/professor*.



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Budget Guide

Housing / Accommodation

- Students can use the **Maynooth Studentpad** to assist them in finding suitable off-campus accommodation. **Please note that on-campus accommodation is not available.**
- The cost of rent in Ireland for students is approximately **€500 - €700 per month**, or **€2,250 - €3,150 per semester**.
- **Utilities** (electricity, heating, broadband, etc.) may or may not be included in the rent cost. Taken separately, utilities can cost between **€60 - €80 per month**, or **€270 - €360 per semester**.



Medical / Travel Insurance

- Students must have travel insurance that covers **repatriation** (assisted transfer of a person back to their home country).
- An insurance policy can be purchased from a private insurance company in your home country, or can be obtained from your home university.
- Medical costs for students can cost approximately **€75 per month / €337.50 per semester**.



Meals

- There are a number of **cafes and restaurants on the university campus**, such as Phoenix in the Phoenix Building, Griolladh in the John Hume Building, Nourish in the Arts Block, 53.3 Degrees in the TSI Building, Starbucks in the Library and Pugin Hall in St. Patrick's House. There is also plenty of cafes and restaurants around the town of Maynooth to choose from!
- For groceries, Maynooth has a variety of **supermarkets**: Dunnes Stores, Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and SuperValu. Dunnes, Lidl, Tesco and SuperValu all have a loyalty card system so customers can avail of discounts on their shopping.
- The approximate cost of food is **€220 per month / €990 per semester**.

Books and Materials

- Books and other materials can be purchased in the **campus bookshop**. **Second-hand books** can be borrowed from the MSU Building. There is also a large selection of books available in the **Library**.
- **Stationery** can be purchased in the campus bookshop, or off campus (Eason, Dunnes Stores, Flying Tiger Copenhagen, Tesco, SuperValu, The Range, The Maynooth Bookshop).
- The estimated cost of books, materials and printing is **€60 per month / €270 per semester**.

Public Transport

- There is a range of public transport, such as **Bus Éireann** (Irish Bus), **Dublin Bus** and **Iarnród Éireann** (Irish Rail) for getting to and from Maynooth.
- Fares can cost around **€50 per month / €225 per semester**.
- Students can obtain a **Leap Card** for discounts on fares. To apply for a Leap Card, visit **LeapCard.ie**.



Personal Expenses and Spending Money

Personal expenses for students may include things such as a **mobile / cell phone plan**, **socialising** and various other items or activities.

Mobile / Cell Phone Plans

- Students are advised to have their phones **unlocked to other networks** when they arrive in Ireland. It is also advisable to shop around for the best **pay-as-you-go top up plan**. These can vary.
- There are five main networks in Ireland: **48, GoMo, Tesco Mobile, Three** and **Vodafone**.
- A plan with **48** will cost **€12.99 per month / €51.96 per semester**.
- A plan with **GoMo** will cost **€14.99 per month / €59.96 per semester**.
- A **Tesco Mobile** plan will cost **€15 per month / €60 per semester**.
- A plan with **Three** will cost **€20 per month / €80 per semester**.
- **Vodafone** offers a range of different pay-as-you-go plans. Depending on which one you choose, this could cost **€20, €25 or €30 per month**. These costs would add up to **€80, €100 and €120 per semester respectively**.



Social Life

- There is a wide range of pubs, bars, clubs, cafes and restaurants in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There is also an abundance of places perfect for sightseeing as well as other events and activities to take part in!
- On average, a student can expect to spend approximately **€128 per month** on socialising and other miscellaneous items and activities, or **€576 per semester**.





Travelling

- Some students may wish to take advantage of cheap Ryanair flights and travel around Europe. However, costs may vary greatly, depending on where exactly students wish to travel to. **It is strongly advised that students do their own research on costs and other items regarding travel to the continent beforehand.**

Total Cost

- On average, the total cost for an exchange student to come to Maynooth University could be between approximately **€1,222.66 and €1,295.42 per month**, or between **€5,492.15 and €5,448.15 per semester**.



Further Queries?

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