



## University of Galway Study Abroad + Exchange Factsheet 23/24

### Our University

Established in 1845, **University of Galway** is one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious universities, with a distinguished record in teaching and research. As a **research intensive institution** it boasts more of the world's most influential scientific minds than anywhere else in Ireland and it has the highest success rate in Ireland for prestigious European Union research funding. Its talent has been bolstered by a recent €400m capital campaign which has provided the University with the most modern state-of-the-art facilities.

University of Galway has a rich and varied student life offering a wealth of experience outside the classroom. With over **110 societies and over 50 clubs** you can share your passion for your favourite sports, hobbies, and interests with other students. Joining a Society will help you make friends, learn new skills, pursue your interests, broaden your horizons, and go on great trips.

### Galway City

Galway is an exciting place to be a student. It is big enough to have everything; shopping facilities, theatres, restaurants, music venues, and sports facilities – while small enough to feel intimate and welcoming. **Set between Connemara and the Burren, on the broad sweep of Galway Bay, our location is as distinctive as it is beautiful.** Galway casually combines the energy of a young and diverse population, with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition.

We are renowned as a place where arts and theatre are celebrated. The city is a cultural hub, attracting thousands to its many festivals throughout the year. Galway is Ireland's third largest city, and it's easy to get around. Once you get to know our city, we're sure you'll grow to love it.

<b>University of Galway</b>	
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<b>Study Abroad Website</b>	<a href="http://universityofgalway.ie/international-students/studyabroad">universityofgalway.ie/international-students/studyabroad</a>
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<b>Application Procedure</b>	
<b>Application Requirements</b>	<p>Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)</p> <p>Students applying for <b>Science and Engineering courses</b> will have their applications assessed by the relevant disciplines to ensure they meet the appropriate academic prerequisites.</p> <p><a href="#">English Language Requirements</a></p>
<b>Application Timelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Year / Semester 1      <b>1<sup>st</sup> February - 30<sup>th</sup> April</b></li> <li>• Semester 2                      <b>1<sup>st</sup> August - 31<sup>st</sup> October</b></li> </ul> <p>Nominations for exchanges can be submitted to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@universityofgalway.ie">studyabroad@universityofgalway.ie</a> during these dates</p>
<b>How to apply</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply online via the appropriate Application Form on the <a href="#">study abroad website</a></li> <li>2. Students must also submit the following via email to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@universityofgalway.ie">studyabroad@universityofgalway.ie</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-to-date college transcript</li> <li>• Copy of passport or birth certificate</li> <li>• A passport size photograph</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Academic Information	
<b>Course Catalogue</b>	All courses offered to visiting students are listed in our handbooks located on our <a href="#">website</a>
<b>How many modules/credits can be taken in each semester?</b>	Each class is weighted at 5 or 10 ECTS credits. You can take up to 30 ECTS credits per semester, which is a normal course load for University of Galway students.
<b>Where can I find timetables?</b>	Timetables are available on discipline websites. These are linked in the relevant discipline area of the student handbook.
<b>When will academic transcripts be sent?</b>	Within 6 weeks of the end of the examination period, transcripts will be sent to the international offices of partner institutions.

Academic Calendar 2023-2024		
	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Orientation</b>	Thursday August 31 <sup>st</sup> - Friday September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday January 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday January 5 <sup>th</sup>
Start of Teaching	Monday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday January 8 <sup>th</sup>
End of Teaching	Friday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Exams Start	Monday December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Exams End	Friday December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday May 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Public Holidays</b>	<b>Monday October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday February 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday March 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Friday March 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday April 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Monday May 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>

Accommodation	
On-Campus	Off-Campus
<p>University of Galway offers some accommodation on-campus in our student residences – Corrib Village, Goldcrest Village, and Dunlin Village.</p> <p>Please visit <a href="#">Campus Living Website</a> for the most up-to-date booking information.</p>	<p>University of Galway's <a href="#">Accommodation Advisory Service</a> offers advice and assistance.</p> <p>University of Galway has a purpose-built portal for off-campus accommodation called <a href="#">Studentpad</a>.</p>
<p><b>Please note:</b> Accommodation demand is usually high, and early booking is advisable.</p>	

## Facts and Figures

**Top 2%**  
of universities in the  
QS world rankings






Research  
collaborations  
with **3,267**  
institutions  
in **114**  
countries



Most  
**bio***diverse*  
university campus in Ireland


**€71m**  
research  
fund  
**>50**  
research collaborations  
with industry in 2021

**98%**   
of graduates in  
employment or  
further education  
(2021)

World top  
**50**  
for UN-SDGs — Times Higher  
Education Impact  
Ranking

With over  
**19,000**  
students  
**18%**  
of which are  
international  
students from  
**122**  
countries  
(2021/22)



  
**110,000**  
alumni worldwide  
(2021)

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
in Ireland for  
sustainable  
development  
— Sustainable  
Education Impact  
Ranking



**3** *researchers* on the  
Clarivate list of Highly  
Cited Researchers (2021)

## Useful Links

University of Galway offers a wide range of services for students.  
Click on the icons below to find out more.



Accommodation



Library



Student Health  
Services



IT Support



Student  
Counselling  
Service



Disability Support  
Service



Restaurant  
Facilities



Social Activities