

Ireland – An Overview



Ireland has a population of 5,123,536.



The currency in Ireland is the **Euro**.



Ireland is an English speaking member of the Eurozone.



Ireland - a member of the European Union since 1973.



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RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE	CHANGE
1	Iceland	1.107	↔
2	New Zealand	1.269	↔
3	Ireland	1.288	↑ 3
4	Denmark	1.296	↓ 1
5	Austria	1.3	↑ 2
6	Portugal	1.301	↓ 1
7	Slovenia	1.316	↓ 3
8	Czech Republic	1.318	↑ 1
9	Singapore	1.326	↑ 1
10	Japan	1.336	↑ 1
11	Switzerland	1.357	↑ 1
12	Canada	1.389	↓ 4
13	Hungary	1.411	↑ 2
14	Finland	1.439	↓ 1
15	Croatia	1.44	↓ 1
16	Germany	1.462	↑ 3
17	Norway	1.465	↔
18	Malaysia	1.471	↑ 4
19	Bhutan	1.481	↓ 3
20	Slovakia	1.499	↑ 5
21	Netherlands	1.522	↑ 2
22	Belgium	1.526	↑ 2
23	Qatar	1.533	↑ 6
24	Bulgaria	1.541	↑ 3
25	Poland	1.552	↓ 4
26	Sweden	1.564	↓ 6
27	Australia	1.565	↓ 9
28	Mauritius	1.57	↑ 2

Talent & Education



% Population under 25 years

Norway 30.5%	France 30.1%	Cyprus 30%	Ireland 33.3% 	
UK 29.9%	Denmark 29.6%	Sweden 29.3%	Netherlands 28.6%	Belgium 28.6%
Luxembourg 28.1%	Finland 27.7%	Poland 26.1%	Switzerland 26%	Austria 25.9%
Spain 24.7%	Portugal 24.6%	Greece 24.5%	Germany 24%	Italy 23.2%

Ireland has the youngest population in Europe. The population is forecast to increase by almost one million people to 5.75 million by 2040.

Ireland has one of the most educated workforces in the world. The share of 30-34 year olds in Ireland with a third level qualification is **56.3%**, compared to an EU average of 40.7%.

Ireland's education system is amongst the best in the world. It ranks in the **top 10** globally as an education system that meets the needs of a competitive economy.

Ireland is implementing a comprehensive, forward looking National Skills Strategy & Action Plan for Education, which aims to make Irish education and training the best in Europe by 2026.

Source: Eurostat, 2018; CSO Census, 2016; European Commission, 2018; IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook, 2019; National Skills Strategy, Action Plan for Education 2018.

Cost of studying & living in Ireland



- Tuition costs for non-EU students range from €9,850 to €26,000 Per Annum.
- EU Students between €3,000-€11,0000
- <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/fees-and-funding/fees.html#tab2>
- A student can expect to spend between €12,000 - €18,000 per year on accommodation & living costs..
- Universities in Ireland
<https://www.educationinireland.com/en/where-can-i-study-/view-all-universities-colleges/>



- If you are a-Non EU International entitled to work up to 20 hours per week during term time and up to 40 hours per week during holiday time. EU students less restrictions*
- Minimum Wage €12.70 per hour
- You do not require a work permit if you are a full-time student.
- In order to work in Ireland, you must apply for a PPS number after your college registration, which is similar to a national identity number/social security number.





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- Galway City is the fourth largest city in the Republic of Ireland (a population of 85,910).
- Situated on the West Coast of Ireland, on the Wild Atlantic Way.
- Galway is a city of festivals, culture and the arts!
- Galway was the European Capital of Culture in 2020!





An aerial photograph of Galway, Ireland, showing the city center and the University of Galway campus. The city center is on the left, featuring a river and a large church. The university campus is on the right, with modern buildings and green spaces. A large pink oval highlights the university campus, and a pink arrow points from the city center towards it.

Galway City Centre

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Based in the heart of Galway City!

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At a glance



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Top 2%
of universities in the
QS world rankings



Research
collaborations
with 3,267
institutions
in 114
countries





Most
biodiverse
university campus in Ireland

1st
in Ireland for
sustainable
development



- Times Higher
Education Impact
Ranking

€71m
research
fund
>50
research collaborations
with industry in 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)



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

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



Employment After Graduation

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Year stay-back
visa scheme

**Global
Medtech
Hub**

96%

employment
rate for recent
PG graduates

98%

employment
rate for recent
UG graduates

Aerogen

ARCH
THERAPEUTICS

HistoGen

MEDICAL
ENERGETICS

Medtronic

neoSurgical[®]
simpler, superior surgery

Novo Enoxal[®]

OCEAN
HARVEST

Orbasson Therapeutics

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Career Development Centre

- The Career Development Centre provide students of University of Galway with a quality career guidance and information service focused on facilitating and empowering students to manage their own career development and make effective career transitions.
- We hold weekly practical careers events, seminars and workshops on campus throughout the academic year.
- One-to-one appointments available with our expert careers advisors with dedicated support staff for international Students.



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College of Arts, Social Science, & Celtic Studies

College of Science & Engineering

College of Medicine, Nursing, & Health Sciences

College of Business & Law

Shannon College of Hotel Management

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1. College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies (CASSCS)



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Courses

- BA (Digital Arts and Technology)
 - BA (Film & Digital Media)
 - BA (Journalism)
 - BA (Global Media)
 - BA (English & Creative Writing)
 - BA (Global Languages)
 - BA (Music)
 - BA (Mathematics & Education)
 - BA Education (Computer Science & Maths Studies)
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- BSC (Psychology)
 - BSC (Geography & Geosystems)
 - BA (History)
 - BA (Children & Youth Studies)
 - BA (Child, Youth & Family; Policy & Practice)
 - BA (Sna Dana Leann Teanga)
 - BA (Cumersaid Agus Gaeilge)
 - BSc (Social Sciences)
 - BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance)
 - BA With Human Rights
 - BA Government (Politics, Economics & Law)

CASSCS Undergraduate Courses

GY101 – Joint Honours Arts Degree

- Page 29 prospectus
- Choose 3 subjects in 1st year
- You can only choose 1 subject from a group
- Good Plan B for Law, Psychology

University of Galway is a leading international centre for the creative arts, with strong specialisms in Drama, Film, Creative Writing, Digital Media, Publishing and more.

Our programmes are based on world-leading research, with all classes taught by leading academics and practitioners.

Our courses are underpinned by strong partnerships with the creative arts sector, notably with such institutions as Druid Theatre, the Abbey Theatre, Galway International Arts Festival, and more. Students on many of our programmes have opportunities to take internships with these and other groups.



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Postgraduate Courses – College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

• MA Advanced Language Skills: French, German, Italian or Spanish	• MA History
• MA Translation Studies	• MA Medieval and Antiquity
• MA International Contemporary Literatures and Media	• MA Philosophy
• MSc Coastal & Marine Environments: Physical Processes, Policy & Practice	• MA Gender, Globalisation and Rights
• MA Environment, Society and Development	• MA Politics and Sociology
• MA Landscape, Archaeology and Heritage	• MA Public Policy
• MA Rural Futures Planning and Innovation	• MA Public Advocacy and Activism
• MA International Development Practice	• MFA Art and Ecology
• MA Digital Media	• MFA Fine Art
• MA Drama and Theatre Studies	• MSc Applied Behaviour Analysis
• MA Film Studies: Theory and Practice	• MSc Clinical Neuroscience
• MA English	• MSc Consumer Psychology
• MA Literature and Publishing	• MSc Health Psychology
• MA Journalism	• Child, Youth and Community
• MA Global Media and Communication	• MA Social Work
• MA Writing	• MSc Adolescent Health



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2. College of Science and Engineering (COSE)



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Science Courses

- Biomedical
- Biotechnology
- Biopharmaceutical Chemistry
- Computer Science & Information Technology
- Physics
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Earth and Ocean Science
- Marine Science
- Mathematical Science

Engineering Courses

- Un-denominated
- Biomedical
- Civil
- Electronic and Computer
- Electric and Electronic
- Energy Systems
- Mechanical
- Project and Construction

COSE Undergraduate Courses

GY301 – BSc (Science)

- Page 120 prospectus
- Choose 4 Streams in 1st year
- 17 different streams in 2nd year
- Good Plan B for Medicine, Biomedical Science

Quick Facts

- We have 3 of the world's most highly cited researchers
- We are home to: the Irish Centre for High-End computing and the Data Science Institute which both relate to computer Science, the Ryan Institute which centres around sustainability, Curam which centres on medical devices and Bioinnovate which centres around innovation also in the med-tech sector.
- Further innovation is evidenced by the development of 13 spin-out companies and 45 patents since 2016.
- Galway is one of Europe's premier MedTech hubs and **University of Galway** is at the heart of this ecosystem.
- Eight of the world's top ten med-tech companies have a physical presence in Galway. Overall, Ireland is the second-largest European exporter of medical devices producing for the worldwide market 80% of stents and 50% of the ventilators.



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Postgraduate Courses – College of Science and Engineering

• MSc Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)	• MSc Bioinnovation
• MSc Computer Science (Data Analytics)	• MSc Biomedical Science
• MSc Software Design and Development	• MSc Biotechnology
• Astronomical Instrumentation and Technology (Structured Master's: Research)	• Chemistry Research (Structured Master's: Research)
• MSc Biomedical Engineering	• MSc Neuropharmacology
• MEng Biomedical Engineering	• MSc Toxicology
• MEng Civil Engineering	• MSc Biomedical Genomics
• MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering	• MSc Genomics Data Science
• MEng Electronic and Computer Engineering	• MSc Health Data Science
• MSc Energy Systems Engineering	• MSc Mathematics
• MAppSc Enterprise Systems	• AgriBiosciences (Structured Master's: Research)
• Key Enabling Technologies (Structured Master's: Research)	• MSc Agrifood Sustainability and Technology
• MEng Mechanical Engineering	• MSc Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security
• MSc Mechanical Engineering	• MSc Environmental Leadership
• MSc Medical Physics	• MSc Marine & Freshwater Resources: Management
• MSc Occupational and Environmental Health & Safety	• MSc Sustainable Environments
	• MSc Sustainable Resource Management: Policy & Practice



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3. College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS)



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Nursing Courses

- Bachelor of Nursing Science (General)
- Bachelor of Mental Health Nursing
- Bachelor of Midwifery Science

Health Sciences Courses

- BSc Speech and Language Therapy
- BSc Occupational Therapy
- BSc Podiatric Medicine

CMNHS Undergraduate Courses

GY501 – Medicine

- Page 156 prospectus
- 5 or 6 year degree
- Medical academies in Galway, Ballinasloe, Sligo and Letterkenny
- Non-EU applicants to Medicine should apply through our agencies depending on your geography. <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/school-leavers/medicine/medicinenon-eu/>

The College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences comprises of three schools: Health Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery, and Medicine.

- We work closely with our clinical partners to provide programmes that are grounded in clinical expertise and cutting-edge research, to best prepare students to meet the challenges of a changing healthcare environment.
- At postgraduate level our programmes offer flexible and innovative learning technologies to meet the needs of working practitioners.
- Our Research strives to improve healthcare, bringing tangible benefits to health and healthcare regionally, nationally and internationally.



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Postgraduate Courses – College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences

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| • MSc Advanced Healthcare Practice & Research | • MSc Healthcare Simulation and Patient Safety |
| • MSc Applied Multilingualism | • MSc Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine |
| • MSc Childhood Speech, Language and Communication Needs | • MSc Multidisciplinary Radiology |
| • MA Health Promotion | • MSc Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation |
| • MSc Cellular Manufacturing & Therapy | • MSc Diabetes (Medicine) |
| • MSc Cheminformatics and Toxicology | • MSc Obesity |
| • MSc Clinical Research | • MSC Preventive Cardiology |
| • MSc Exercise Physiology and its Application in Therapy | • MSc Regenerative Medicine |
| • MSc Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation | • MCh Surgery |



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4. College of Business, Public Policy and Law (CBPPL)

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Business

- BComm with Spanish
- BComm with French
- BComm with German
- BComm with Irish
- BComm Accounting
- BSc Business Information Systems

Law

- Law (BCL)
- Law (BCL) and Human Rights
- Law (BCL) Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Law and Business
- Law and Taxation

CBPPL Undergraduate Courses

GY201 Bachelor of Commerce

GY209 Bachelor of Commerce Global Experience

- Page 94 & 95 prospectus
- 3 or 4 year degree
- Applicants can spend at least one semester of their third year at an international university studying business through English in either North America, China/Hong Kong, Australia, or Europe (on Erasmus in, for example, the Netherlands, Sweden, France, Germany, Belgium or Denmark).
- Students also have an opportunity to work as an intern on work placement for one semester.

J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics at **University of Galway** is AACSB accredited. This is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools, and the largest business education network connecting students, educators, and businesses worldwide.



Established in 1849, **the School of Law** at **University of Galway** delivers innovative legal education in a dynamic school dedicated to impactful, high quality legal research.

It hosts the internationally renowned Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy; both centres with established reputations as world leaders in their fields.



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Postgraduate Courses – College of Business, Public Policy and Law

• MAcc Accounting	• MSc Digital Marketing
• MSc Corporate Finance	• MSc Marketing Management
• MSc International Management	• MSc Business and Hospitality
• MSc Human Resource Management	• MSc Global Hospitality Management and Intercultural Communication
• MSc Strategy, Innovation and People Management (SIPM)	• MSc Hospitality Performance, Revenue and Asset Management
• MSc Cybersecurity Risk Management	• LLM International and Comparative Business Law
• MSc Ageing and Public Policy	• LLM International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy
• MSc Global Environmental Economics	• LLM International Criminal Law
• MSc Health Economics	• LLM International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy
• MEconSc International Finance	• LLM International Human Rights
• MSc Information Systems Management	• LLM Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law & Conflict
• MSc Business Analytics	• LLB (Bachelor of Laws)
• MSc International Marketing and Entrepreneurship	• LLM (General)



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Societies**





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Grants & Scholarships

What is the Student Grant Scheme?

The Student Grant Scheme is the main financial support scheme for students studying in Ireland and abroad. It is also known as the **SUSI** grant because the **Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)** is the awarding authority for the Student Grant Scheme.

Student grants are divided into:

- Maintenance grants
- Fee grants

Maintenance grants help students with their living costs. Fee grants pay tuition fees for students who do not qualify for the [Free Fees Scheme](#). Fee grants can also pay the Student Contribution and the cost of essential field trips. If you qualify for the maintenance grant, you also get the fee grant. Some people only get a fee grant. You apply online for a student grant

1. Who qualifies for a student grant?

Nationality condition

To get a student grant you must be a citizen of:

- Ireland
- UK
- An EU or EEA country
- Switzerland

If you are not a citizen of one of these countries, you may still qualify for a grant if:

- You have refugee status.
- You have subsidiary protection status.
- You are the family member of an EU/EEA citizen.
- You are the spouse, civil partner or dependent child of an Irish citizen.
- You were granted 'leave to remain' under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999. This is also called residency *following a notification of intention to deport*.
- You were granted 'leave to remain' under Section 49 of the International Protection Act 2015.
- You were granted Humanitarian Leave to Remain before the commencement of the Immigration Act 1999.
- You are an applicant for International Protection who qualifies for the International Protection Student Scheme (for Further and Higher Education Students) 2022-2023. See 'Student support scheme for asylum seekers' below.

2. Residence condition

You must have been resident in the State for 3 of the previous 5 years to qualify for a maintenance grant. However, if you are temporarily resident elsewhere in the EU in order to pursue a course of study for a recognised qualification, and you were resident in the State for 3 of the 5 years before starting that course, you satisfy this requirement.

If you fulfil all the criteria for a maintenance grant except for the residence condition in the State, you may still qualify for a fee grant or a postgraduate fee contribution as a **tuition student**.

3. Means test

The means test for a student grant in 2022-2023 is based on you or your family's gross income for the previous full tax year (2021). However, if you or your family have had a [change of circumstances](#) (which is likely to be permanent) since 31 December 2021, your changed circumstances will be taken into account.

For more information, visit:

Applications usually open in April of the Application Year

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Band	2023 Grant Rate
Special Rate non-adjacent	€7,758
Special Rate adjacent	€3,230
Band 1 non-adjacent	€3,677
Band 1 adjacent	€1,174
Band 2 non-adjacent	€2,717
Band 2 adjacent	€1,221
Band 3 non-adjacent	€1,887
Band 3 adjacent	€886
Band 4 non-adjacent	€1,051
Band 4 adjacent	€556



Scholarships for International Students

University of Galway is committed to attracting high calibre students from around the world.

To this end, we offer a range of merit-based scholarships to students from a number of non-EU countries, in line with our strategic international priorities.

For international students commencing study at University of Galway there are a number of different scholarships on offer.

1. Region Specific Scholarships
2. Merit Scholarships

Scholarships can vary, including: €1000, €2000, €4000 and up to 50% Tuition Fee Waivers.

Please visit our Scholarship Webpage for more info.



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<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/internationalscholarships/>



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Expense Accommodation

Cost Average Cost Range per month (2023 estimates)

Option 1 - On-Campus Accommodation	€640 - €860
Option 2 - Private Complex	€650 - €1,100
Option 3 - Private rental (house share)	€500 – €800 (bills not included)
Option 4 – Two bed apartment	€1400 - €1900 (bills not included)
Bills (phone/electricity/internet)	€50 - €100
Food	€250 - €350
Clothes/laundry	€50
Books/study materials/printing	€75
Recreation	€100-€300
Travel - monthly bus tickets	€65 - €85
Annual Gym Membership (Student rate)	€250

This budget is based on 2023 estimated cost. Checkout [Numbeo](https://numbeo.com) which is updated regularly.
To help ease your concerns about money management check out <http://www.consumerhelp.ie/going-to-college> to find out about costs associated with going to University.

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Applications (EU)

University of Galway welcomes applications from citizens of the EU through the Central Applications Office (CAO) www.cao.ie

The CAO processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

Application Dates & Fees

- Applications OPEN on the 6th of November 2023

Application	Rate
Online discounted rate by usually around 20th January	€30
Online application usually by 1st February	€45
Late online application by usually 1st May	€60

You can change your course choices online up to 1 February, free of charge. Changes made from 5 February to 1 March cost €10. The *Change of Mind* facility from 5 May to 1 July is free.

Assessment

Admission is competitive and is based on a points system. When applying to the CAO submit details of your previous studies. Using this information we will calculate a points score for you based on your results. Information on how the entry requirements equate to the school-leaving qualifications from your country, is available on the [Agreed entry requirements criteria for EU/EFTA applicants](#).

Minimum Entry Requirements

All of our courses have individual minimum entry requirements, which are detailed on the individual course pages. EU applicants must meet the same minimum entry requirements as Irish school-leavers.

1. EU Applicants who have obtained a qualification outside the Republic of Ireland are advised to use the [EU qualification Entry requirements criteria](#) to compare the level of their award and how they map to the individual course minimum entry requirements.
2. Along with the points score, you may be required to meet certain subject requirements. You can check out subject requirements on the [Subject Requirements](#) page.
3. If English is not your first language, you'll need a good degree of fluency in both written and oral English and may be required to provide evidence of English Language Proficiency

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Postgraduate Diploma (level 9).

There are two types of Masters degree – Taught and Research (both level 9):
Taught – attend lectures and finish the year by doing a dissertation/thesis, usually take 1 or 2 years.

Research – majority of your time is spent researching your thesis and you are examined on your thesis only.

Doctorate (PhD) (level 10) - done by research or through a structured programme (where some modules are taken as well) and will usually take at least 3 years.

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/choose-postgrad/chooseyourcourse/>

The screenshot displays the University of Galway website. At the top, the university's name is written in both Irish ('OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE') and English ('UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY'). Navigation links include 'Prospective Students', 'Current Students', and 'Visitors', along with a search bar. A secondary menu lists various university departments. The main banner features a photograph of a person on a bicycle by the water, with the text 'Choose Postgrad' and a sustainability ranking. Below the banner are three prominent buttons: 'REQUEST INFORMATION', 'FIND YOUR COURSE', and 'APPLY NOW'.

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Prospectus



2024 Postgraduate/Masters
Prospectus



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Thank you, *any* questions?

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to Courses*



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