



## University of Galway Erasmus Exchange Factsheet 25/26

### 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.

## University of Galway

<b>Address</b>	University Road, Galway, Ireland		
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.universityofgalway.ie">www.universityofgalway.ie</a>		
<b>Erasmus ID Code</b>	IRL GALWAY01	<b>ECHE Number</b>	28471
<b>Erasmus Website</b>	<a href="http://universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/">universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/</a>		
<b>Contacts</b>	<p><b>Jodi Blumenfeld // Outgoing Erasmus Coordinator</b>  <a href="mailto:outgoingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie">outgoingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie</a> // T +353 91 493749</p> <p>Administrative support in relation to procedures and grant payments, as well as general queries, for outbound studies and traineeships</p> <p><b>Clodagh Murphy // Incoming Erasmus Coordinator</b>  <a href="mailto:incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie">incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie</a> // T +353 91 495495</p> <p>Deals with nominations, applications, and transcripts, as well as general enquiries from current and prospective inbound Erasmus students.</p>		
<b>Academic Coordinators</b>	<p>For details visit:  <a href="http://universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/contactcoordinators/">universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/contactcoordinators/</a></p>		

## Application Procedure

<b>Application Process</b>	<p>Details are available at <a href="http://universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/admissionprocedures/">universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/admissionprocedures/</a></p> <p>A link to our online application form will be sent to all students who have been nominated by their home universities.</p>			
<b>Nomination deadlines</b>	Full Year / Sem 1	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sem 2	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	Full Year / Sem 1	<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Sem 2	<b>31st October</b>
<b>Decision Response</b>	Students will receive an acceptance e-mail within 5 weeks of the application deadline.			
<b>Recommended Language Skills</b>	<p>Except for courses offered through Gaeilge (Irish), teaching is through English. We do not have a specific exam-based requirement for English, but students need to have a good command of both written and spoken English. We would suggest <b>Level B2</b> on the <a href="http://www.cefresources.org/">CEFR</a>.</p> <p>For incoming teaching staff, we would recommend <b>Level C1</b>.</p>			

## 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>English Classes</b>	Our English Language Centre provides English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Workshops for all Erasmus students to develop their English-language skills. Please note that this course does not carry ECTS credits.										
<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.										
<b>Grading at University of Galway</b>	<table> <tr> <td>1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours</td> <td>70% and above</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 1</td> <td>60% - 69%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 2</td> <td>50% - 59%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3<sup>rd</sup> Class Honours</td> <td>40% - 49%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fail Below</td> <td>39%</td> </tr> </table>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Honours	70% and above	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 1	60% - 69%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 2	50% - 59%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Honours	40% - 49%	Fail Below	39%
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## Academic Calendar 2024-2025

	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Orientation</b>	Thursday September 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday January 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday January 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Start of Teaching</b>	Monday September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday January 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>End of Teaching</b>	Friday November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Exams Start</b>	Monday December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday April 21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Exams End</b>	Friday December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday May 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Public Holidays</b>	<b>Monday October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Friday April 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday April 6<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Monday June 1<sup>st</sup></b>
A complete list of Academic Terms dates is available to view on <a href="http://universityofgalway.ie/registry/academic-term-dates/">universityofgalway.ie/registry/academic-term-dates/</a>		

## Accommodation

### On-Campus

University of Galway has limited on-campus accommodation. **Unfortunately, this accommodation is now full for visiting students.** If any rooms become available, the Erasmus Office will be in contact with instructions on how to book these rooms. It is not necessary to contact them.

We regret that, apart from this, the university is not able to reserve accommodation for incoming Erasmus students. *All accommodation enquiries should be directed to the Accommodation Advisory Service.*

### Off-Campus

University of Galway's [Accommodation Advisory Service](#) offers advice and assistance.

University of Galway has a purpose-built portal for off-campus accommodation called [Studentpad](#).

**Please note:** Accommodation demand is always high, and we highly recommend starting students start their accommodation search as soon as possible. Students should also be on high alert for Accommodation scams.

## Other Useful Information

### Visa Information

Information and assistance are available via:

E-mail [incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie)

Website [universityofgalway.ie/international-students/offerholders/visasandimmigration/](http://universityofgalway.ie/international-students/offerholders/visasandimmigration/)

### Insurance Information

Please refer to the following webpage:

[universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/](http://universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/)

### Health Matters

For information regarding medical care, supports for students with disabilities, and mental health supports, please refer to the following webpage:

[universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/](http://universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/)

## University of Galway Facts

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



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  
(2021)



**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