



OLLSCOIL NA  
GAILLIMHE  
UNIVERSITY  
OF GALWAY

Scoil na hEolaíochta Polaitiúla  
agus na Socheolaíochta  
School of Political Science  
and Sociology



## BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)

- Government has a profound impact on our lives and the functioning of society. Government policies affect everything from our health and wellbeing, to the affordability of housing and transport, the quality of the environment and the viability of businesses and voluntary organisations. The BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law) will enable you to better understand public affairs and emerging critical issues and to develop the skills necessary to make a real difference in your chosen career path, whether in public, private or voluntary and non-profit sectors.
- Do you want to better understand how government works and how public policy can be improved? Do you want to examine how democracy, politics, economics and law interact to shape public and social policy? Are you interested in working in a career where knowledge of government, public policy, business and law are important? If so, the BA Government (Politics, Economics, and Law) at University of Galway is for you.

I choose to study BA Government as I was interested in the multi-disciplinary nature of the course with the opportunity to undertake three different subjects. Throughout my time on this course, I have had the opportunity to study in the University of Ottawa in Canada for 6 months, which gave me the chance to gain an international perspective on my studies. One thing I really like about this course is the smaller class size, as it means help is easily accessible from the school and the department. Earlier this year we received funding and support for a student led publication called "The Government Collective" which is something that would have been hard to do if there was a larger class size to cater for. Overall, I've had a fantastic experience over the past four years and will look back at my time studying BA Government in University of Galway fondly. - Lisa Basquel.



## COURSE FACTS

**Course Name:** BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)  
**CAO Code:** GY132  
**Duration:** 4 years  
**Entry Requirements:** Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

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# Course Outline

### YEAR ONE

- Introduction to Politics
- Practicing Politics
- Introduction to Government
- Practicing Government

- Principles of Micro and Macro Economics
- Skills for Economics
- Tort Law
- Irish Legal Systems
- Legal Skills

### YEAR TWO

- International and Global Politics
- European Politics
- Methods for Social and Political Science
- Modern Political Thought
- Intermediate Micro and Macro Economics
- Mathematics and Statistics for Economics
- Legal Methods and Research

- Contract Law
- Constitutional Law
- Financial Economics
- Economics of Public Policy
- Irish Economic History
- Housing Law & Policy
- Environmental Law

### YEAR THREE

- Professional Skills for Government and Policy
- Study Abroad
- Policy, Lobbying and Advocacy
- Work Placement
- Government Field Trip

- Introduction to Sustainability
- Green Political Thought
- Governing the Poor
- Design your Life
- Navigating the Digital World

### YEAR FOUR

- Political Liberty
- Contemporary American Politics
- Contemporary African Politics
- Comparative Public Policy
- Thinking Politically
- Government and Public Policy
- Public Economics
- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Health Economics
- Administrative Law

- European Union Law
- Criminal Law

### STUDY ABROAD

There are opportunities to study in another European university in Third Year under the ERASMUS scheme (e.g., in Belgium, Finland, the Netherlands or Estonia) or to study for one semester at a university in the US.



### FURTHER STUDY

Graduates may pursue post-graduate study in government, public policy and administration, journalism and media, business and management, economics and enterprise or further study and professional training in law. Students with a minor in Law will be exempted from the first year the three-year LLB programme and students majoring in Law may enter third year, subject to achieving a 2.2 award.

### CAREER PROSPECTS

The programme lays the foundation for careers in local and national government, business, voluntary and non-governmental organisations, the EU, UN and global development agencies. The curriculum, combined with on-the-job professional placement and study abroad options, prepares you to work in public administration, policy analysis and research, industrial relations, public relations, journalism, community development, political advising, advocacy and consultancy.



### Find Out More

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