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College of Arts, Social Sciences
& Celtic Studies

Undergraduate Degrees at the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies



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A Degree Designed Your Way

At the University of Galway's College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies, we're all about making your university experience unforgettable and setting you up for success.

We deliver exceptional student experiences through our undergraduate degrees that are designed to put your future first.

Studying an Arts degree can enhance your career by providing a strong foundation in critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills that are highly valued across a wide range of industries such as media, business, education, and the arts.

Thanks to our innovative approach, we have an extensive portfolio of subjects and a multitude of combinations so you can design your own degree, offering endless possibilities to shape your future. Whether you're aspiring to work in media, psychology, theatre, marketing, teaching, law, or business, an Arts degree from University of Galway is the foundation for any career path that you may choose.

We offer two types of programmes, allowing you to choose your own path in a highly flexible approach, or a more structured subject route through one of our denominated programmes.



Explore our full list of programmes:

- [BA \(Joint-Honours\)](#)
- [BA \(Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice\)](#)
- [BA \(Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies\)](#)
- [BA \(English and Creative Writing\)](#)
- [BA \(Film & Digital Media\)](#)
- [BA \(Global Experience\)](#)
- [BA \(Global Languages\)](#)
- [BA \(Global Media\)](#)
- [BA \(History\)](#)
- [BA \(Journalism\)](#)
- [BA \(Mathematics and Education\)](#)
- [BA \(Music\)](#)
- [BA \(Children Studies - ACS/AWC\)](#)
- [BA Education \(Computer Science and Mathematical Studies\)](#)
- [BA with Human Rights](#)
- [BSc \(Psychology\)](#)
- [BSc \(Social Sciences and Sustainability\)](#)
- [BSc \(Geography and Geosystems\)](#)
- [BA Government \(Politics, Economics and Law\)](#)

For information on entry requirements and how to apply, follow the QR code:



Programme Spotlight

GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours) *GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)*

Unlock your potential with these flexible programmes, offering diverse two-subject combinations to degree level. Explore and expand your interests across a wide range of subjects, all while becoming a disciplined, creative thinker with strong communication and persuasion abilities. Design your degree your way.

Programme Overview

The Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) and the Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience) are flexible degree programmes, that allow you to design your degree by choosing subjects from the menu available. There are seven groups from which a subject can be chosen, with a limit of one subject from each grouping. In First Year, you select three subjects, then, you continue to study two of the subjects to degree level - in Second and Final Arts.

It is a 3 year programme for non-language students. For students choosing a language, the third year is spent studying abroad in a country where the language is commonly spoken. Students return to the campus to finish the fourth and final year. On graduation students receive a BA (International).

Students on the Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience) have the same subject combination possibilities, however, you have a guaranteed study abroad, whether or not you choose a language as part of your degree. This is a four year programme.

Programme Structure

First Year: 3 Subjects	Subject	Subject	Subject
2nd Year: 2 Subjects	Subject	Subject	
Third Year	Study Abroad (Only applicable to students with modern language subjects or Global Experience students)		
Final Year: 2 Subjects	Subject	Subject	

GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)

Subject Menu

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
<u>Archaeology</u> <u>French</u> <u>Mathematics and Mathematical Studies</u>	<u>Law</u> <u>Psychology</u> <u>Celtic Civilisation</u> <u>Performance and Screen Studies</u>	<u>Ancient Classics</u> <u>Geography, Climate and Sustainability,</u> <u>Climate and Sustainability</u> <u>German</u> <u>Léann na Cumarsáide</u> <u>Modern Irish Culture (Music and Literature)</u> <u>Global Media</u>	<u>English</u> <u>Economics</u>
<u>Group 6</u>	<u>Group 6</u>	<u>Group 7</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
<u>Sociological and Political Studies</u> <u>Information Technology</u> <u>Léann an Aistriúchán</u>	<u>History</u> <u>Spanish</u>	<u>Gaeilge</u> <u>Italian</u> <u>Philosophy</u>	You may only choose one subject from each of the seven subject groups.

Entry Requirements and Progression Information

Psychology

On completion of Psychology as a subject in First Year, there are two progression opportunities, with 115 places available. There are 15 places available for eligible students on GY101 BA (Joint Honours) and GY129 BA (Global Experience) inclusive to transfer into the second year of the BSc (Psychology) programme. There are 100 places for students entering Psychological Studies in Second Year i.e. continuing with Psychological Studies as one of their subjects to degree level. All places will be decided on academic merit in that discipline, based on the results of the first sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts Examination in the student's first year of attendance, where the student must have passed the First Arts examination outright by achieving an average of 40% or higher in each of their subjects.

Law

In Second Arts, there is a limit of 100 on the number of students admitted to Law. Places in Law will be decided on academic merit in that discipline, based on the results of the first sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts examination in the student's first year of attendance, where the student must have passed the First Arts examination outright by achieving an average of 40% or higher in each of their subjects.

Languages

Italian, German and Spanish may be taken in First Year without previous knowledge of these languages. Students wishing to take First Year French are expected to have attained a Grade H4 in French in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent. Choosing to study a modern language to degree level involves spending a period, normally a year, abroad in a country or region where the language they are studying is widely spoken.

Mathematics

Students must achieve 45% in Mathematics in first year to proceed to Mathematical Studies in second year. Students must achieve 60% and pass the module MA186 in Mathematics to proceed to second year Mathematics. Mathematics: Students should have achieved at least an OA2 or HC3 level in the Leaving Certificate Mathematics, or equivalent. Around 66% of students taking the module will have studied higher level mathematics at Leaving Certificate. Mathematical Studies: the majority of students will have studied ordinary level mathematics at Leaving Certificate, though some will have studied the subject at higher level.

Léann na Cumarsáide

Taught entirely through the medium of Irish and focuses on media and journalism. Students intending to take this subject are encouraged to choose Gaeilge and Léann an Aistriúcháin as their other subjects in First Year.

Denominated Programmes

Maybe you know exactly the career you'd like to aim for, or you have subjects that you know capture your interest more than others. If this is the case and a flexible degree is not necessary, you can choose one of our denominated programmes. These offer a more subject focussed route throughout your studies. They are four-year degree programmes where you will have the opportunity of studying abroad, gaining work placement experience or doing a deep-dive into your favourite subject.

Programme Structure

Many of our denominated (specialised) Arts degrees allow students to choose subjects in Year 1 from the menu of subjects available on the Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) programme. This means that you will still have your specialist subject area but you can also take a minor that will either compliment your subject choice, or allow you to explore a subject you just really love! See below the options available, noting that progression into Year 2 and beyond will vary.

Course Name	Additional subject choices available in Year 1	
	Number of Subjects	Groups
BSc (Psychology)	2	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
BA (History)	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
Arts with Children's Studies (AWC)	3	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
BA (English and Creative Writing)	1	1, 2 (excluding Law and Psychology), 3, 6, 7
BA with Human Rights	3	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
BA (Journalism)	2	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
BA (Film and Digital Media)	2	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
BA (Global Experience)	3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
BA (Music)	2	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
BA (Global Media)	2	Choose from Sociology and Politics, History, Economics, Philosophy, English, French, Spanish, Italian, IT, Gaeilge
BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7

Applying to the University of Galway

How to Apply

Our application process is straight forward. You need to apply directly to our website via our online application portal with the following documents:

- A personal statement: approximately 600-800 words outlining academic interests, sporting and/or cultural interests and reasons for wanting to study at University of Galway.
- School transcripts: exam certificates or forecast results/predicted scores if available.
- SAT/ACT scorecards: If students chose to submit SAT/ACT results, College Board will provide us with the SAT scorecard when the student selects University of Galway on their portal. For ACT, students can upload their scorecard to their application when available. The University of Galway's SAT code is 5878. The University of Galway ACT code is 5351.
- A copy of their passport or licence.
- Two Letters of Recommendation: these can be from a teacher/guidance counsellor/coach or employer. Alternatively, students can provide their contact information when they are applying online (include their e-mail address) and the same will be requested in confidence.

Closing Date

Decisions on applications are made on a rolling basis and will close once a programme reaches capacity. Applicants can usually expect a decision within a couple of weeks of submitting an application.



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