



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Discipline of Geography 1st Year Timetable 2025/2026

First year - 1BA

Semester 1				
ECTS	Module	Module Coordinator	Day, Time	Assessment
5	TI150 Principles of Human Geography	Dr Eugene Farrell	Mondays 3pm: OhEocha Theatre Tuesdays 5pm: Anderson Theatre Wednesdays 12pm: O'Flaherty Theatre	CA / MCQ
10	TI1102/TI1103 Geography in Action (GiA)	TBC	Details in GiA handbook on Canvas	CA

Semester 2

Semester 2				
ECTS	Module	Module Coordinator	Day, Time	Assessment
5	TI151 Principles of Physical Geography	Dr Eugene Farrell	Mondays 3pm: OhEocha Theatre Tuesdays 5pm: O'Flaherty Theatre Friday 11am: Kirwan Theatre	CA / MCQ
10	TI1102/TI1103 Geography in Action (GiA)	TBC	Details in GiA handbook on Canvas	CA

Key contacts in Geography

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1 BA Programme Coordinator

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Academic Calendar 2025/2026

Academic Year 2025 -2026	
Orientation 1st years*	Monday 8th September to Friday 12th September
Start of teaching 1st years*	Monday 15th September
End of teaching 1st years*	Friday 28th November (11 weeks of teaching)
Start of teaching all years	Monday 8th September
End of teaching all years	Friday 28th November (12 weeks of teaching)
Study week	Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December
Semester 1 exams start	Monday 8th December
Semester 1 exams end	Friday 19th December (10 days of exams)
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 20th December
2026	
Start of Teaching	Monday 12th January 2026
End of Teaching	Thursday 2nd April (12 weeks of teaching)
Easter	Good Friday 3rd April to Easter Monday 6th April
Field Trips	Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th April
Study Week	Monday 13th to Friday 17th April
Semester 2 Exams Start	Tuesday 21st April
Semester 2 Exams End	Friday 8th May (13 days of exams)
Autumn Repeat Exams	Tuesday 4th August to Friday 14th August (9 days of exams)
Holidays	
Easter: Good Friday 3rd April to Easter Monday 6th April 2026	
Bank Holidays: Monday 27th October 2025 / Monday, 2nd February 2026	
Tuesday, 17th March 2026/ Monday 4th May 2026/ Monday 1st June 2026	
Monday 3rd August 2026	

[\[Further info\]](#)

1BA Geography Module Outlines 2025/2026

Module: TI 151 Principles of Physical Geography

Coordinator: Dr Gordon Bromley, Dr Eugene Farrell, Dr Chaosheng Zhang

This course is designed to provide insight and understanding to the fundamental concepts and principles of physical geography as an academic discipline. In doing this, the course explores how the physical environment functions; how different environmental systems interact and how the physical environment impacts on human activities. The course explores the various components that make up these environmental systems, such as the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere. In addition the course also provides some understanding of how these fundamentals apply to Ireland and in so doing gives an insight into the richness of the physical geography of Ireland. Major Themes covered in TI 151: The Biosphere: Biogeography – species distribution and ecosystems, The Atmosphere: Weather and Climate, The Hydrosphere: Rivers The Geosphere: Coasts

Module: TI 150 Principles of Human Geography

Coordinator: Professor Frances Fahy, Dr Kathy Reilly, Dr Elaine Williams

This course seeks to introduce key problems, concepts and contexts within human geography. Its focus is a contemporary one: it strives to illuminate the world of today by exploring and analysing the origin of central issues that make the headlines (or not) in the media and beyond. The course places lectures alongside the information given in the textbook; for examination purposes, both are essential. Major Themes covered in TI 150 (subject to change depending on staff availability) Rural Geographies, Cultural Geographies, Environment and Society, Social Geographies, Economic Geographies, Political Geographies, Development Geographies, Urban Geographies.

Module: TI 1102 and TI 1103 Geography in Practice (GiA)

Coordinator: Dr Eugene Farrell

This module introduces first year geography students to a range of skill-based exercises designed to enhance their learning experience and develop their research competences. Supported by on-line lectures and class-based tutorials, students undertake a series of exercises on referencing, academic writing, mapping, data analysis and fieldwork that will reinforce the skills geographers use every day. Further information on each exercise and submission dates is available in the TI1100/TI1101 handbook on Blackboard.