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Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí
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College of Arts, Social Sciences
& Celtic Studies

Bachelor of Arts

GY101 (Joint-Honours)

GY129 (Global Experience)



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GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Course Overview

Unlock your potential with this flexible programme, offering diverse two-subject combinations to degree level. Gain academic excellence while developing key transferable skills for success in your career and further studies, both in Ireland and internationally. Explore and expand your interests across a wide range of subjects, all while becoming a disciplined, creative thinker with strong communication and persuasion abilities. The Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours) is your path to a dynamic future!

The Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours) is a flexible degree programme, that allows students to design their degree by choosing subjects from the menu available.

The Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours), is unique in that students can progress to degree level with two of their chosen subjects or pathways.

There are seven groups from which a subject can be chosen, with a limit of one subject from each grouping. You continue to study two of the subjects that you pass in first year to degree level - in Second and Final Arts.

The Bachelor of Arts (Joint - Honours) is 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).

Course Name: Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

CAO Code: GY101

Course Level: 8

Duration: 3/4 years

Min Entry Points 2025: 350

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. Students are not required to audition or submit portfolios



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Course 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)		
Final Year: 2 Subjects	Subject	Subject	

Graduate Profile

Nathan O' Rourke

First Year Subjects

- Psychology
- Sociology and Political Studies
- Economics

Second Year/Third Year

- Psychology
- Sociology and Political Studies

On Graduation

- HDip Conversion in Psychology
- MSc Clinical Neuroscience.

Currently: Trainee Clinical Psychologist at Kings College London



GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)

Course Overview

Unlock endless possibilities with this flexible programme, where you can combine two subjects to degree level. Build a strong academic foundation while developing essential skills that will set you up for success—whether in your career or further studies, in Ireland or beyond. Dive into a wide range of subjects, explore your passions, and sharpen your ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and persuade with confidence. The BA (Global Experience) is your gateway to an exciting and dynamic future!

In your first year, students choose three subject options, from the subject menu. There are seven groups from which a subject can be chosen, with a limit of one subject from each grouping. You continue to study two of the subjects that you pass in first year to degree level.

In your third year, you'll have the exciting opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner universities around the world! Whether it's Europe, or further afield, you'll immerse yourself in a new culture, make lifelong memories, and gain a fresh perspective on your studies. This experience isn't just for language students, anyone in the programme can take part. You will continue your academic studies while expanding your global network and developing skills that will set you apart in the future!

Students registered for two continental languages are required to spend a minimum of twelve weeks in each of the countries/regions where the relevant languages are spoken. In many cases this will mean spending a semester studying abroad in each of the relevant countries, to make up a full year abroad.

Course Name: Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)

CAO Code: GY129

Course Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

Min Entry Points 2025: 400

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 subject recognised for entry purposes. Students are not required to audition or submit portfolios



GY129 Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)

Course Structure

First Year: 3 Subjects	Subject	Subject	Subject
2nd Year: 2 Subjects	Subject	Subject	
Third Year	Study Abroad Year		
Fourth Year: 2 Subjects	Subject	Subject	

Study Abroad Destinations

The College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies has numerous exchange partnerships with universities abroad. Many are in European destinations covered by the Erasmus programme, and while some of these will only suit language students, there are quite a few that can provide teaching through English. Students who aren't studying continental languages may also avail of study abroad opportunities in the USA (Boston College, Richmond University, and several others), Canada (McGill University) and Hong Kong (HK Baptist University). The range of partner universities evolves and develops over time in line with student demand.



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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>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 Aistriúcháin</u>	<u>History.</u> <u>Spanish</u>	<u>Gaeilge</u> <u>Italian</u> <u>Philosophy.</u>	In year 1 you will select three subjects from the range of subjects. You may only choose one subject from any one group.

Entry Requirements and Progression Information

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.

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.

Léann na Cumarsáide

This subject is 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.

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. 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.

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 available in second year Psychological Studies i.e. for students to continue 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.

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BA Joint
Honours
Students



The Benefits of an Arts Degree

The University of Galway has an extensive offering of undergraduate courses in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies, including our flagship course, the Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours). Studying an Arts degree can enhance your career by providing a strong foundation in critical thinking 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.

Arts graduates are renowned for their versatility, critical thinking, and independent problem-solving skills, making them amongst the most sought-after and employable professionals worldwide. Arts graduates are trained to approach challenges from multiple perspectives, making them effective in dynamic, evolving work environments. The flexibility of an Arts education allows graduates to pursue careers in a wide range of industries, from traditional professions to emerging fields, giving them a broad scope of employment opportunities. University of Galway places tremendous importance on students' employability, hence our excellent employability ratings.

Designing Your Future

Designing Futures is an educational programme that helps students to deal with today's complexity and uncertainty, and the future world of work. Transdisciplinary modules offer Arts students something new in their university learning experience through innovative coursework. These modules will enhance students' professional skills, broaden their knowledge and offer a more holistic learning experience. Modules are designed by experts from across the university, with input from our enterprise and local community partners. Modules range from Design Thinking to Empathy in Action.



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GY101 Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) *Graduates*

Brendan Winters from Gort, Co. Galway Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Brendan completed the Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours). In first year, he studied German, History and Archaeology. In second year Brendan progressed with History and Archaeology. After Brendan graduated from the three-year programme, job offers rolled in. He secured a two-year contract with a cultural heritage consultancy working on the new Limerick to Foynes bypass.



Mary Byrnes from Co. Galway Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Mary Byrnes completed a Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours). Her first year subjects were French, Léann an Aistriúcháin and Gaeilge and she took French and Léann an Aistriúcháin to degree-level. In third year, Mary completed an ERASMUS - English-language teaching assistantship in Savoie, Mont Blanc. On graduation, Mary taught English at Université de Bretagne Sud, Lorient. Mary is currently employed as an Irish-language Editor at the Publications Office of the EU in Luxembourg.



Katelyn Hayes from Co. Limerick Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours)

Katelyn completed a Bachelor of Arts (Joint-Honours). Her first year subjects were Mathematical Studies, Gaeilge and Léann na Cumarsáide. Second year subjects were Mathematical Studies and Gaeilge. On graduation Katelyn completed an MA Cleachtas Gairmiúil sna Meáin (Professional Practice in Media) and work placements with RTÉ and TG4. Katelyn is currently working as a News Editor and Presenter with Nuacht Cúla4.

