

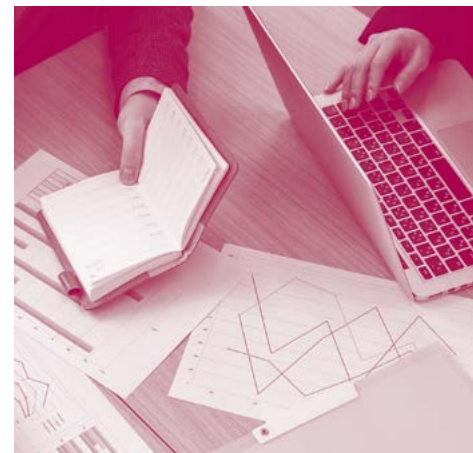


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Adult Learning &  
Professional Development

Quick Guide 2024/25

# Part-time courses built around *you*



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# Introduction to the Centre for Adult Learning & Professional Development

Welcome to the University of Galway's Adult Learning and Professional Development Quick Guide to part-time courses. For over 50 years, we have been offering a wide variety of professional, part-time and flexible courses in various subjects at Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Degree, and Masters levels. We also have new Micro-credentials, bite-sized learning experiences, specifically designed to help you upskill and advance your career.

We understand that returning to learning can be daunting, especially when you are juggling work and family commitments. That's why we offer specialised support services to help you navigate your course and achieve success. Whether you live in Galway or elsewhere and regardless of your educational background, we welcome you to explore the possibilities and find the path that suits you best.

Invest in your future and join the thousands of students who have benefitted from our courses over the years. The team at the Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development looks forward to welcoming you and supporting you on your learning journey.

**Nuala McGuinn**  
Director

Centre for Adult Learning and  
Professional Development

#### DISCLAIMER

The contents of this brochure are for information purposes only and should not be viewed as the basis of a contract between a student and the University. The courses are offered subject to a sufficient number of registrations at the time of application. The syllabus, fees or course regulations may be cancelled or amended at any time. Prospective students can download a copy of this Quick Guide from our website at: [universityofgalway.ie/adultlearning](http://universityofgalway.ie/adultlearning)





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# Why study with us?

*We have accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge in the development and delivery of part-time courses for adult learners from foundation level to masters awards.*

## **Flexible Modes of Delivery**

On-campus, online and blended learning courses which accommodate students who have busy professional and personal lives. Micro-credentials which allow you to take modules on a standalone basis are available so that you can study at your own pace and fit your part-time course around your work and personal life.

## **Experienced Educators**

Our lecturers and tutors are passionate about working with adult learners and possess a deep understanding of their subject matter, as well as access to the latest research and development.

## **Digital Technologies**

Our classes are delivered using the latest digital technologies to deliver online education and provide continuous support and feedback throughout your learning experience.

## **Applied Learning**

You will undertake assessments which are practice-based and apply to authentic workplace problems, ensuring an immediate return on time and investment for employers and employees.

## **Smaller Class Sizes**

Enable you to engage in discussions and debates, share real-life experiences and avail of peer-to-peer learning opportunities;

## **Excellent Career Prospects**

University of Galway is among the top Irish universities for graduate employability. Our adult learning courses offer a practical and applied approach to your chosen subject area, leading to promotion, increased earning potential, and professional recognition in your workplace upon successful completion.

## **Student Support**

You will be offered a range of specialist support services, including study and examination techniques, academic writing workshops, careers advice and group tutoring where required, which will help you to succeed in your chosen course.

## **Internationally Recognised Qualifications**

Ranked among the Top 300 universities in the world by QS and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, University of Galway is positioned in the top 2% worldwide.

## Join us

Our annual Information Evening will take place on campus in the Human Biology Building on Thursday 20th June, 2024  
[universityofgalway.ie/adultlearning/events](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/adultlearning/events)





# Fees and Funding

You will find the course fee (EU and non-EU) listed on the individual course webpages. Tuition fees are payable for each year and are usually paid in a number of stages (i.e. deposit upon course acceptance, at the start of semester 1 and start of semester 2). Alternative payment plans may be put in place for students to pay course fees on a flexible basis. If you require this facility, you are advised to contact the course administrator to find out more about this payment option.

## Funding your Studies

You can seek financial support for your studies through a number of channels:

### Sponsorship

Your employer may sponsor you if the course of study has direct relevance to your workplace.

### Income Tax Relief

Available at the standard rate for all courses that are 2 years or more in duration. Contact your local tax office or visit [revenue.ie](http://revenue.ie)

### Financial Aid Fund

Provides financial support to students to enable them to fully benefit from their third level studies. It is available for part-time students, however you have to be registered before you can apply.

### Scholarships

A number of scholarships are also available:

- Adult Learning Tuition Scholarship
- Springboard+ courses
- 1916 Scholarship Fund
- Skillnet funding
- Uversity Scholarship

## Skillnet Ireland

Skillnet Ireland and their 70+ Skillnet Business Networks help Irish businesses examine their business needs and develop the talent, capabilities and skills they need to succeed.

Next Level Skillnet, Galway Executive Skillnet and Industry 4.0 are examples of Skillnet funding available on some of our part-time courses.

[www.skillnetireland.ie](http://www.skillnetireland.ie)



# How to apply

You can apply for our part-time courses online through the University of Galway Applications System. Go to the University of Galway Applications System and create an account. You will be guided through the system, step by step, until you complete the online form.

## Some applications tips

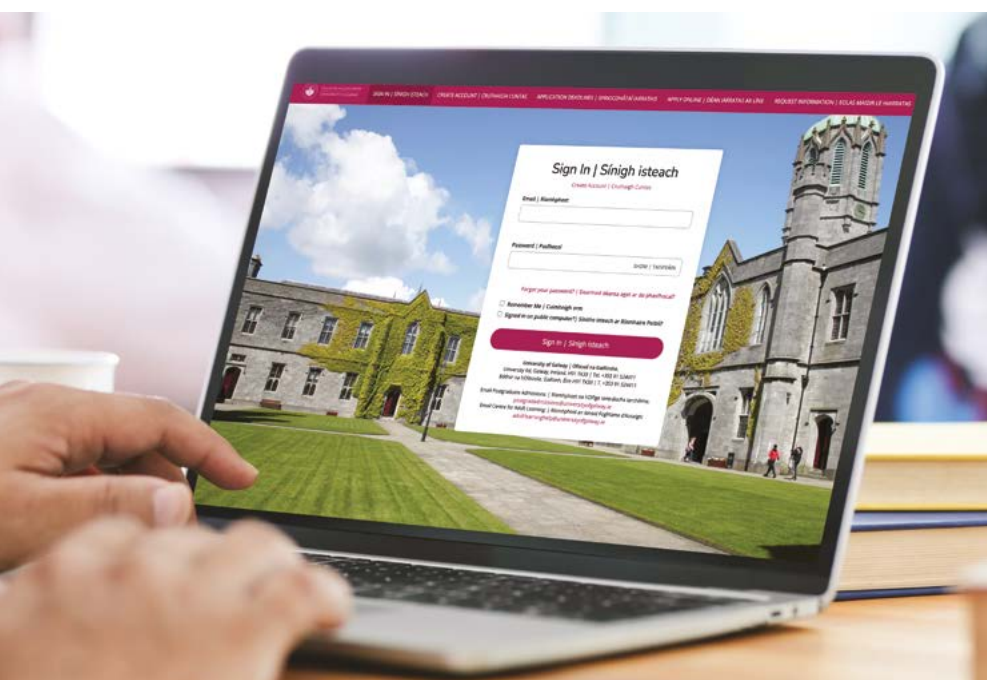
- Check the entry requirements for your course. These are listed under the Key Facts tab on the individual course webpages;
- Check the closing date for the course;
- Have all your Supporting Documents ready to upload with your application.

If you have any queries, contact the course administrator who will guide you further in the application process.



“Personally the course has benefited me by gaining a recognised business qualification. It has given me transferrable skills to self-reflect on my management style, approach business decisions with fresh eyes and fresh inputs. I listen more, seek to understand and be understood, and skills learnt started to bring more value in my day-to-day projects and activities. Professionally I have used this course to fill a gap in my resume around business education, this has provided me new tools, techniques and skills to approach my job in a different way.”

**Kevin Fitzgerald**  
Diploma in Critical  
Business Skills



# Working with Industry and Organisations

As the largest and oldest university in the west of Ireland, University of Galway is among the top Irish universities for graduate employability.

We have developed courses in collaboration with industry, community organisations and professional bodies. Our courses provide practical, real-world knowledge and skills that are career-focused and industry relevant and can be tailored to suit the needs of a particular organisation.

Courses are planned in close association with employers to ensure that skills are developed according to the required competency development frameworks of the industry and to meet the continuing professional development standards of overarching professional bodies.







**Photograph - pictured left to right:**

*David Stafford (Multimedia Content Developer), Mary Kearns (Medtronic), Jools O'Connor (MicroCreds Project), Pól Ó Dochartaigh (University of Galway Registrar), Nuala McGuinn (CALPD Director), Prof Jonathan Levie (University of Galway), Denise Rocks (Regional Skills West), Janice Mulvany Glennon (MicroCreds Project Lead at University of Galway), Bridin Quinn (University of Galway) and David Corscadden (MicroCreds Project).*



**Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a process by which prior learning is formally valued. It is a means by which prior learning is identified, assessed, and recognised by an educational institution as part of its programmes, courses, and/or modules on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). This makes it possible for an individual to build on learning achieved and to be rewarded for it.



# Courses

## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

As a student of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences you will study human culture, society and the relationship among individuals within a society from different perspectives.

An exciting range of language courses are also provided, extending from the ancient world to the most contemporary developments in European languages, literatures, and cultures. Our Irish language courses cater to students who wish to gain fluency in Irish for employment in the public sector, translation services, or media.

Throughout your studies, students utilise and master the keys skills of communication, observation, teamwork and applying critical and analytical thought to problems. This produces graduates that are highly valued by employers as they have the necessary skill set to communicate complex and abstract information in a human context.



Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Community, Youth & Family Studies	Certificate*	Blended	45	7	1 year	Sept 2024
	Diploma*		90	7	2 years	
	Degree		180	8	4 years	
	*Exit awards					
Irish Studies	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Social Care	Degree	Blended	180	8	4 years	Sept 2024
<b>Languages</b>						
Chultúr Dúchais	Dioplóma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Gaeilge	Dioplóma (Leibhéal A2, B1, B2 & C1)	On-campus	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach	Ard-Dioplóma	Blended	60	8	2 years	Sept 2024
French	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Italian Online	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Italian	Diploma	On-campus	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
German	Diploma	On-campus	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Spanish	Diploma	On-campus	30	7	2 years	<b>Sept 2025</b>

## Business & Management

Our Business & Management courses are offered at undergraduate diploma and degree level providing you with in-depth knowledge and practical skills in the management and development of business enterprises, in strategic planning for large and small organisations and in the key skills for effective business administration.



Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Business Studies	Higher Diploma	Online	60	8	2 years	Sept 2025
Artificial Intelligence for Professionals	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 year	Sept 2024
Commerce Online	Degree	Online	180	8	4 years	Sept 2025
Critical Business Skills	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Foundation Studies (Business, Law & Arts)	Foundation Diploma	On-campus	30	6	26 weeks	Sept 2024
Management	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2025
Marketing	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024



## Science & Technology

The Science & Technology courses we offer provide numerous career prospects in growing industry sectors or the chance to enhance skills for career advancement. Our courses are designed to meet the present and future demands of the high-tech industry, enabling our graduates to adapt to the changing economic environment. Additionally, they increase employability in technology-focused fields, including precision device manufacturing, supply chain and technical support services for those seeking a career change.

Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Apiculture - Bees and Beekeeping	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Automation and Control	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Construction Innovation	Postgraduate Diploma	Blended	60	9	1 year	Sept 2024
Corporate Environmental Planning	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Earth and Ocean Sciences	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	<b>Sept 2025</b>
Gemmology	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	<b>Sept 2025</b>
Lean and Quality Systems	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Medical Device Science	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Medical Technology Regulatory Affairs & Quality	Certificate	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Modern Methods of Construction	Postgraduate Certificate	Blended	30	9	1 year	Sept 2024
Science and Technology Studies	Diploma Degree	Blended	120 120	7 8	2 years 4 years	Sept 2024
Science, Technology, and Engineering	Foundation Diploma	On-campus	30	6	1 year	Sept 2024



## Postgraduate Part-time Courses

The University of Galway is now offering many of its full-time taught postgraduate courses on a part-time basis, in blended or online learning format.

At University of Galway, we develop postgraduate courses based on industry needs and inspired by cutting-edge research.

We have over 200 taught postgraduate courses and over 100 research postgraduate courses to choose from. Over 70 of these courses are now available on a part-time basis, see full list below:



*Ranked the #1 university in Ireland for sustainability by Times Higher Education (THE), University of Galway is a top university for graduate employability.*



*Photo by John Caulfield*



“I decided to attend the first semester in person even though remote learning was also an option as a way to meet new people and visit Galway. I found the course content very interesting and the projects and seminars were thought provoking. We were given an insight into the world of the arts from different perspectives and through research and interviews learned directly from people who had years of experience in their field. Attending the course also gave me a new sense of purpose & motivation and alongside the course I was inspired to become involved in the arts locally in Leitrim. I'm really grateful for this course and the impressive impact it has had on me personally and I'm looking forward to what the future brings.”

**Lisa Callaghan**  
Postgraduate Certificate in  
Creative Arts Management

*Photo by Chaosheng Zhang*

# Micro-credentials

Micro-credentials are short, flexibility delivered and accredited courses. They can accelerate your career by providing you with industry-leading knowledge, expertise and skills over a short timeframe. Potentially stackable and portable into larger qualifications, Micro-credentials are enterprise driven courses for professional or personal development. They offer opportunities to upskill and give you an edge in your field.

Our Micro-credentials are developed with academic and industry partners, covering various subjects including environment and climate action, technology, sustainability and construction innovation. If you have never been to university, micro-credentials offer you the opportunity to try out a course at this level and perhaps lead you to completion of further larger awards. Completing a Micro-credential signifies achievement at university-level study, and helps you build your skills and knowledge for career advancement. While taking a Micro-credential at University of Galway, you will receive the same high-quality learning opportunities as all other students.

## Fees subsidy

The MicroCreds Project has a learner subsidy applied to many of our courses this year. Visit [HEA.ie](https://www.heai.ie) for more details. Over 50 of our micro-credentials qualify for this subsidy for a limited number of applicants. Early application is essential as these subsidies are offered on a first come first served basis.

MicroCreds Projects also team up with Skillnets to support learner participation. If you don't qualify or are not successful in getting a learner subsidy place, you may be able to apply through your sector Skillnet for fee support. Visit our website for more details on this.



The following micro-credentials are on offer in the 2024/25 academic year:

Subject Area	Micro-credential	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Start Date	
<b>Agriculture &amp; Food Systems</b>	Product development, validation and authorisation	Online	5	9	Semester 2	
	Honey Bee Health (Apiculture)	Blended	5	8	Semester 2	
<b>Business, Management &amp; Law</b>	Energy Management for Organisations	Online	5	8	Semester 1	
	Finance for non financial managers	Online	5	8	Semester 1	
	Lawyering, Technology and Innovation	Blended	5	8	Semester 2	
	Law and analytics	Online	5	8	Semester 1	
	Enterprise Development	Online	5	8	Semester 2	
	Ethics and law for Artificial Intelligence	Online	5	9	Semester 2	
	Responsible Management and Leadership	Online	10	9	Semester 1	
	Inclusive Businesses, co-created with and for people with communication difficulties	Blended	5	9	Semester 1	
<b>Creative Arts, Media &amp; Culture</b>	Project Management	Online	10	8	Semester 2	
	Scientific Arts: Studying how the brain perceives the world through creative practice.	Blended	5	8	Semester 2	
	<b>Healthcare &amp; Medicine</b>	Mental Health Promotion	Blended	10	9	Semester 2
		Promoting Healthy Behaviours	Blended	10	9	Semester 2
		Promoting Health in the Workplace	Blended	10	9	Semester 2
Promoting Youth Health in Educational Settings	Blended	10	9	Semester 2		
<b>Humanities &amp; Languages</b>	Próiseas na Pleanála Teanga	Blended	5	7	Semester 1	
	Próiseas na Pleanála Teanga I	Blended	5	9	Semester 1	
	Próiseas na Pleanála Teanga II	Blended	5	9	Semester 2	
	An Anailís Sochtheangeolaíochta I	Blended	5	9	Semester 1	



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<b>Humanities &amp; Languages</b>	An Anailís Sochtheangeolaíochta II	Blended	5	9	Semester 2	
	An Caighdeán Oifigiúil	Blended	10	9	Semester 1	
	Aistriúchán Téacsanna 1	Online	5	9	Semester 1	
	German for Business I	Online	5	8	Semester 1	
	Cúlra agus Comhthéacs na Gaeltachta	Blended	5	7	Semester 1	
<b>IT &amp; Computer Science</b>	Future of Artificial Intelligence	Online	5	9	Semester 2	
	Data Analysis and Visualisation	Online	5	9	Semester 1	
	Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing	Online	5	9	Semester 1	
	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	Online	5	9	Semester 1	
	Digital competences	Online	10	8	Semester 1	
	Introduction to Programming in Python	Online	5	8	Semester 1	
	Designing and building interactive online training	Online	5	8	Semester 2	
	Societal Impact of Artificial Intelligence	Online	5	9	Semester 2	
	<b>Science &amp; Engineering</b>	Green Labs Principles and Practice	Online	10	9	Semester 1
		Environmental Management for Organisations	Online	5	8	Semester 2
Human Anatomy & Physiology		Online	5	8	Semester 1	
Regulatory Compliance		Online	5	8	Semester 1	
Green Hydrogen Technology, Design and Analysis		Online	5	9	Semester 2	
Sustainability Measurement: An Introduction to Life Cycle Management & Assessment		Online	5	8	Semester 1	

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Science & Engineering	Sustainability Planning in Construction	Blended	10	9	Semester 1
	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	Blended	10	9	Semester 2
	Digital Construction Technologies	Blended	10	9	Semester 1
	Modern Methods of Construction	Blended	10	9	Semester 2
	Modern Methods of Construction PG Cert	Blended	30	9	Semester 1
	Passive House Designer	Blended	10	9	Semester 1
	Machine Design	Online	5	8	Semester 2
	Automation 1	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Automation 2	Online	5	8	Semester 2
	Manufacturing Technology	Online	5	8	Semester 1
Social, Behaviour & Welfare	Consent, Sexual Violence and Harassment: Practitioner Skills & Practice	Blended	10	9	Semester 1 & 2
	Psychology of Consumer Behaviour	Online	5	8	Semester 1
Teaching & Education	School Self-Evaluation: A data-informed approach	Blended	10	9	Semester 1
	Digital literacy and young people	Online	10	9	Semester 2
	Blended learning and teaching	Online	10	8	Semester 1

The micro-credentials listing is updated regularly, please check back for additional micro-credentials.

**NB:** Courses will only run if enough places are filled. Learners will be notified as soon as possible of any cancellations.





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