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A Level Quick Guide
to Courses

2026

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UG Courses

Top 2% of Universities Worldwide

1st in Ireland for Sustainable Development

3rd in EU for Sustainable Development and **64th** in the World

17th in the World for Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG12)

Ranked in Top 100 Universities in Europe (QS Europe 2025)

At University of Galway, we have been **shaping ideas**, **inspiring change**, and **pushing boundaries** since 1845.

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Where will it take you?

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■ 'The Quad', University of Galway

CAO Code	Course Name	Requirement to GCSE Level					Additional Requirements (Requirement at A-Level)	CAO Points 2025 ¶P
		English	Maths	Second Language †	Lab Science Subject ‡	Other Subjects		
GY101	BA (Joint-Honours)	●		●		4		350
GY104	BSc (Psychology)	●		●		4		541
GY105	BA (History)	●		●		4		367
GY109	BA (Mathematics and Education)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Maths or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE. Garda/Police Vetting.	423
GY110	BA Children's Studies: Arts with Children's Studies (AWC)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	400
GY110	BA Children's Studies: Arts (Children's Studies) (ACS)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	400
GY111	BA (English and Creative Writing)	●		●		4		400
GY113	BA with Human Rights	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	398
GY118	BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)	●		●		4	Audition not required	360
GY119	BA (Journalism)	●		●		4		381
GY122	BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)	●		●		4	Grade C in A-Level Irish	368
GY123	BSc (Social Sciences and Sustainability)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	350
GY127	BA (Film and Digital Media)	●		●		4		390
GY128	BA (Global Languages)	●		●		4	Grade C in A-Level European Language other than Irish and English	378
GY129	BA (Global Experience)	●		●		4		400
GY130	BA (Music)	●		●		4	Audition not required. Students can take the course without having studied Music at GCE/GCSE.	401
GY132	BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)	●		●		4		412
GY133	BA Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies)	●	●	●		3	Grade D in A-Level Maths or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE. Garda/Police Vetting.	402
GY134	BSc (Geography and Geosystems)	●	●		●	4		350
GY135	BA (Global Media)	●		●		4		359
GY136	BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	●		●		4	Grade B in A-Level Irish	368
GY137	BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)	●		●		4	Garda/Police Vetting	409
GY201	Bachelor of Commerce	●	●	●		3		454
GY202	Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)	●	●	●		3	Grade B in A-Level French	517
GY203	Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level German	517
GY204	Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Spanish	520
GY206	BSc Business Information Systems	●	●	●		3		507
GY207	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Accounting	530
GY208	Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Irish	474
GY209	Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)	●	●	●		3		543
GY250	Law (BCL) and Business	●	●	●		3		517
GY251	Law (BCL)	●		●		4		520
GY252	Law (BCL) and Human Rights	●		●		4		520
GY254	Law (BCL) Criminology and Criminal Justice	●		●		4		520
GY261	BBS International Hotel Management	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College	#474
GY262	BComm International Hotel Management	●	●	●		2	Based in Shannon College	#703
GY301	BSc Science	●	●		●	3		440
GY303	BSc (Biomedical Science)	●	●		●	3	Garda/Police Vetting	566
GY304	BSc (Biotechnology)	●	●	●	●	2		498
GY308	BSc (Environmental Science)	●	●		●	3		440

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GY309	BSc (Financial Mathematics and Economics)	●	●	● or ●		3	Grade C in A-Level Maths	509
GY310	BSc (Marine Science)	●	●		●	3		440
GY313	BSc (Occupational Health and Safety Management)	●	●		●	3		422
GY314	BSc (Earth and Ocean Sciences)	●	●		●	3		422
GY318	BSc (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)	●	●		●	3		532
GY319	BSc (Mathematical Science)	●	●			4	Grade C in A-Level Maths or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE	542
GY320	BSc (Physics)	●	●		●	3		422
GY321	BSc (Genetics and Genomics)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE	474
GY322	BSc (Agricultural Science)	●	●		●	3		420
GY323	BSc (Zoology) NEW	●	●		●	3		
GY350	BSc Computer Science and Information Technology	●	●			4	Grade D in A-Level Maths or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE	440
GY401	Undenominated Engineering	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths ¤	542
GY402	BE and ME (Civil Engineering)	●	●		●	3		521
GY405	BE and ME (Mechanical Engineering)	●	●		●	3		566
GY406	BE and ME (Electronic and Computer Engineering)	●	●		●	3		510
GY408	BE and ME (Biomedical Engineering)	●	●		●	3		568
GY410	BSc (Project and Construction Management)	●	●		●	3	Grade E in A-Level Maths or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE ¤	502
GY413	BE and ME (Energy Systems Engineering)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths ¤	520
GY414	BE and ME (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Maths ¤	510
GY501 (6 Year)	Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics) (BAO)	●	●	●	●	2	Minimum A-Level requirements – the equivalent of 480 points from the same sitting of the A2 examination (must achieve the required subjects over GCSE/GCE and must achieve the grades in one sitting) and completion of the required Admissions Test (HPAT-Ireland). Medical Clearance Requirements. Garda/Police Vetting.	728*§
GY501 (5 Year)	Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics) (BAO)	●	●	●	●	2	In addition to the above requirements: Grade C in A-Level in two of Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Physics/Chemistry or Agricultural Science. Note that this is a minimum additional requirement. Allocation of places is divided equally between the 5 yr and 6 yr programme on the basis of A-Level results in science subjects in that particular intake. Garda/Police Vetting.	728*§
GY502	BSc (Occupational Therapy)	●	●	●	●	2	Meet any professional requirements stipulated Medical Clearance Requirements Garda/Police Vetting	544
GY503	BSc (Speech and Language Therapy)	●	●	●	●	2		533
GY504	BSc (Podiatric Medicine)	●	●	●	●	2		444
GY505	MPharm (Pharmacy) NEW	●	●		●	2	One Laboratory Science subject at minimum grade of C in A-Level. Medical Clearance Requirements. Garda/Police Vetting.	601*
GY515	Bachelor of Nursing Science (General) Galway and Portiuncula	●	●		●	3	All applicants required to have medical screening and Garda/Police Vetting: this will include medical assessment, and if necessary, vaccination prior to the first clinical placement, in accordance with the policies of University of Galway and the Saolta University Health Care Group, West and North West Health Region.	441*
GY516	Bachelor of Nursing Science (Mental Health)	●	●		●	3		429
GY517	Bachelor of Midwifery Science	●	●		●	3		455*

For GCE/GCSE A-Level Applicants

Students intending to study an undergraduate degree programme in University of Galway must satisfy the minimum entry requirements stipulated by the NUI for the respective Colleges and also any additional requirements for particular programmes. All subjects must be recognised for matriculation purposes as follows:

Matriculation

University of Galway welcomes applicants presenting General Certificate of Education (GCE) and General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) results. To matriculate, students presenting GCE and GCSE examinations must obtain a pass in at least six recognised subjects in accordance with programme requirements, as well as obtaining the following:

GCE

At least a Grade C at advanced level in two recognised subjects (Grade A with Grade E, or Grade B with Grade D, are considered equivalent of two Grade Cs).

Bonus Points for Maths

Bonus points for mathematics: 25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in A2 Mathematics. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of the following: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.

GCE AS Level/GCSE

At least a Grade 4 (C) in four recognised subjects. The results of Leaving Certificate and GCE/ GCSE examinations may not normally be combined for purposes of application.

Acceptable Subjects

Not all GCE and GCSE subjects are recognised and some subjects may not be accepted in combination with one another. For further information and the full list of GCE and GCSE subjects acceptable for matriculation, consult the Entry Requirements section online. Find out more by searching for 'entry requirements': www.nui.ie

Irish Language Requirement and Exemption

If you were born outside the Republic of Ireland, you do not require Irish as a subject for entry to University of Galway. Candidates from Northern Ireland and Great Britain presenting GCE/GCSE qualifications will automatically be granted exemption from Irish and are not required to apply to the NUI for exemption.

GCE/LC Points Equivalence from 2026

Grade	Best 3 A-Levels	4th Subject A-Level	AS Level/ EPQ[1]
A*	192	24	24
A	165	24	24
B	142	20	20
C	120	18	18
D	100	16	16
E	67	14	14

[1] Extended project Qualification (EPQ) is scored as an AS level (A* is available in this). Throughout this section AS level can be read to mean AS level or EPQ.

www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions/school-leavers/a-level/

Please note that a maximum of four different recognised subjects (not being mutually exclusive) may be considered for scoring purposes. AS grades, if presented, will normally only be accepted for the year immediately preceding the grades in the A2 subjects. Grades in the same subject in A2 and AS level cannot be combined. Only GCE grades awarded at the same date can be considered for computation. AVCE subjects, or those titled as applied subjects, are NOT currently accepted for matriculation or entry purposes. Please refer to our website for approximate minimum A-level grades required for entry in 2026.

Find out more

www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels
www.universityofgalway.ie/cao
www.universityofgalway.ie/admissions

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Open Days
Friday 3 October 2025
Saturday 4 October 2025
Saturday 21 March 2026

Notes

† Students who are certified to the University by the appropriate professional authority as having a serious hearing impairment are exempt from the 'second language' requirement, and are permitted to matriculate as follows: English and any other five subjects recognised for matriculation registration purposes, provided College requirements are otherwise satisfied.

‡ Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint), Agricultural Science or Computer Science, Technology is accepted as a Lab Science subject for Engineering courses GY401 to GY414. For GY410 Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics or Construction Studies are also acceptable. Computer Science is accepted as a Lab Science subject for courses in the College of Science and Engineering.

¤ The University holds an Engineering Maths Qualifying Examination in August each year for entry to the Engineering Programmes. Candidates who reach the appropriate standard are deemed to have satisfied the additional Mathematics requirement.

∗ Random Selection
¶ First Round Points 2025
# Test, Interview etc
§ Includes HPAT Results

Important

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