



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF TRANSFER APPLICANTS TO THE SECOND OR FINAL YEAR OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND CELTIC STUDIES

APPLICATION: Application must be made online. You will also be required to upload:

The following documents must be uploaded to support your application:

- (a) Proof of Identity - photocopy of Passport, Driver's Licence or Birth Certificate.
- (b) Certified copy of results obtained by you in the Leaving Certificate **or** in the case of those applying from an EU country, certified copies of equivalent final school exam results.*
- (a) Personal Statement, including reasons for application.
- (b) Certified copy evidence of First Year and any other third level examination results already completed.* Course outlines for modules completed should be included.

***The University will not seek confirmation of results on your behalf. Originals or certified copy documents are required** (NB: screenshots of partial results that do not clearly identify a student's name and Leaving Certificate number or Transcripts that do not clearly show a Student ID number and College logo **will not be accepted**).

If your prior studies were in another EU country, where the medium of instruction was not through English, evidence of your English language proficiency (taken within the last two years) is required. See **pages 9-11** of the [Guidelines for EU Entry Requirements](#) for accepted qualifications.

Also required is a certified English translation (provided by an official translation service) of your second level exam results and your third level transcripts.

Any omission of the above will render the application ineligible.

Only results of examinations completed by the closing date will be considered. Applications from students with examinations still to complete by the closing date will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. In such cases, the outstanding results will be taken into consideration before a transfer offer may be made.

All online applications will be duly acknowledged by email. Acknowledgement of an online application contains no implication of acceptance as a student. Each application is dealt with on its own merits. Decisions will be communicated to students by email as soon as they become available.

CLOSING DATE: 11th July 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I transfer to the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme and complete my Degree at University of Galway?

Transfer to Second Arts is considered each year in respect of applicants who have been admitted to a University/Third Level Institution on a Level 8 degree programme and have completed relevant Arts subjects to First Arts level.

Transfer into the Final Year of the BA degree is occasionally considered where appropriate.

Transfer Conditions:

Each application is dealt with on its own merits. Requirements include successful completion of the First University Examination, or its equivalent, in relevant subjects for applicants seeking entry to Second Arts and, additionally, successful completion of the Second University Examination, or its equivalent, for applicants seeking entry to Final Arts.

Performance in school examinations is evaluated. Academic performance at the First University Examination is of particular importance. Personal circumstances may also be considered. The decision of the University on each application is based on the academic standing of the applicant, in both their school-leaving examinations and their University/Third Level studies completed to date.

First Arts students at University of Galway are required to complete a 60-ECTS workload - 20 ECTS in each of three subjects prior to progressing to Second Year of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme. Therefore, students applying to transfer to Second Arts at University of Galway must have successfully completed an equivalent workload in their home Institution. Students are required to study two subjects to degree level and to register for 30 ECTS in each subject in Second Year and 30 ECTS in each subject in Final Year of the BA Degree programme, totaling 60 ECTS for each academic year.

Applicants must, therefore, nominate two subjects from the Subject Groupings of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme at University of Galway and they must demonstrate a sufficient University foundation in each of the two subjects that they nominate, equivalent to First Arts standard and appropriate to the level of the BA degree to which they wish to transfer.

Is Entry to Second Year Restricted?

The BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme requires students entering Second Arts to have completed a 60-ECTS workload - 20 ECTS in each of three subjects in their first year. Students are obliged to carry a 30-ECTS workload in two subjects through Second and Final Year, from the three subjects engaged and passed in First Arts. Normally, a Pass in First Arts in a subject entitles a student to proceed to Second Arts in that subject, except in the following circumstances (please refer to University Undergraduate Prospectus for complete details).

Please note that it is not possible to transfer to study the subjects Psychology or Psychological Studies due to the high demand for the limited number of places for students of the University.

(1) Law

There are a maximum of 100 places available in Second Arts Law. Places are allocated on academic merit in the subject, 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 the three subjects studied.

Transfer: Places in Second and Final Arts Law are restricted. A quota of 100 places applies in the Second and Final Year of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme; however, transfer applications may be considered where the quota has not been filled.

(2) Mathematics

Students who wish to proceed with the subject of Mathematics in Second Arts must obtain 60% or higher across the four modules in First Arts Mathematics and to pass at 40% or higher the component module of MA186 Analysis and Algebra 2.

Transfer applications will be considered on merit.

(3) Modern Languages

Requirements on choosing a Modern Language:

Students should note that 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 for which they are registered is widely spoken. Students registered for two languages are required to spend a minimum of twelve weeks in each of the countries/regions where the relevant languages are spoken. This will usually consist of at least one Semester in one language area and a summer placement in the other. Alternative arrangements may be made provided they are approved in advance by the relevant academic discipline coordinators.

Therefore, after having successfully completed the Second Arts Examination, and in advance of registering for Final Year of the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree programme, students will be required to spend a period abroad in order to prepare them for the demands of the Final Year of their degree studies in a Language.

Advanced Entry to Denominated BA Degree Programmes

Applications for entry to Second Year and Final Year of the following denominated BA/BSc degrees may be considered providing the applicant satisfies the entry requirements for the programme and has successfully completed the First-Year content (or its equivalent) for entry to Second Year, and the prior years' requirements (or their equivalents) in respect of entry to Final Year, on a relevant Level 8 degree. Applications for entry to the third year of four-year degree programmes cannot be considered in view of the advance planning and preparations involved for the experiential learning/study abroad component of the programme.

BA (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)

BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)

BSc (Geography and Geosystems)

BA (Global Languages)

BA (Global Media)

BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)

BA (Historical Studies)

BA (Journalism)

BA (Music)*

BSc (Social Sciences)

BA (Children's Studies)

BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)

BA (Léann an Aistriúcháin agus Gaeilge)

*Please note that there is only one place available for External Transfer applicants on the BA (Music) programme.

Programme content and details of each of the denominated degrees are available in the Undergraduate Prospectus.