# **Getting started**

## Find your classroom

This guide offers some hints and tips on finding the venues where your lectures, tutorials, labs and other teaching sessions take place. Most venues have a **unique code**, made up of some letters (that denote a particular building) and a number (that often denotes the floor of the building where the venue is located). Once you know the letter codes associated with various buildings, it becomes easier to find your way around. Very large lecture theatres often have names instead of codes.

Many students use the University’s [interactive campus map](https://clients.mapsindoors.com/nuigalwayweb/9167eab0dc78437c93c76b57/search) or [Cara](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/cara/), your virtual assistant, to find classrooms or other venues. Others like to use [Google](https://www.google.com/maps/) or [Apple](https://www.apple.com/maps/) Maps. Some like to use a [traditional print map](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/media/buildingsoffice/files/mapsrebranded2023/University-of-Galway-Campus_A4-Map.pdf) that shows and lists some key buildings on campus.

Note that **TBA** means ‘To be announced’ and **TBC** means ‘To be confirmed’. These are not venues. It means that venues haven’t yet been finalised.

Here are some of the **main buildings and their codes** to be aware of as you form your own mental map of the campus from north to south along the River Corrib:

* **Cairnes Building:** Home of the JE Cairnes School of Business and Economics, venues here begin with **CA**.
* **Alice Perry Engineering Building:** Home of the School of Engineering, venues here begin with **ENG.**
* **Áras Moyola**: Home to the School of Political Science and Sociology, and the disciplines of Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Nursing, and Speech and Language Therapy, venues here begin with **MY.**
* **Arts/Science Building:** Home to large lecture theatres, including the O’Flaherty, Kirwan, McMunn, Anderson, D’Arcy Thompson, Tyndall, Larmor, and Dillon theatres, labs, the long corridor known as ‘the concourse’, and the [Student Enquiry Centre](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-enquiry-centre/), venues in this building begin with **AC** or **TB**. TB is for Tower Blocks – **TB1** is at the Smokey’s Café end of the concourse, while **TB2** is at the Bank of Ireland end.
* **Computer Science Building:** The Computer Science building links to the Arts/Science building via a ‘bridge’ that can be reached via the blue Chemistry corridor from the concourse. It can also be accessed directly, or via the **Orbsen Building** (itself accessed via the red Biochemistry corridor from the concourse). Known until recently as the IT building, venues here now begin with **CS.**
* **Arts Millennium Building:** Another home to large lecture theatres, including the Colm Ó hEocha, O’Tnuathail, Fottrell, and Siobhán McKenna theatres, venues here begin with **AMB.** The School of Psychology is in an extension to this building – venues here also begin with **AMB.**
* **Áras na Gaeilge:** Home to Gaeilge (Irish), the lecture theatre is called **Téatar Chearbhalláin** and there is one classroom, **Seomra 104**.
* **Human Biology Building:** Used for someMedicine, Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology teaching, venues in this building begin with **HBB.**
* **Áras Uí Chathail:** Home to many services – including the Access Centre, Disability Support, Fees, and the Registry Help Desk – but only one lecture theatre, venues here begin with **AUC.**
* **O’Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance:** This houses the **O’Donoghue and Bank of Ireland Theatres**, a **Seminar Room**, and **Studios 1, 2, 3**.
* **Martin Ryan Building/Ryan Institute Annex:** The **MRA201** lecture theatre is located here.
* **Huston Film School:** Huston Main has two classrooms: **Room 202** upstairs and **Q1** downstairs. **Room 101** is located in **Bubble1**, the prefab next to Huston Main.

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