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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

**2024/25 Study Abroad
for non-language students**

APPENDIX **to the Application Form**

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Essential information **for prospective candidates**

**Please read this carefully before making your
application!**

Disclaimer: While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided here, the University of Galway accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions therein. This document is intended as a guideline for potential study abroad candidates, who should carry out their own research into courses available at partner universities and, when necessary, discuss possible course choices with their academic coordinator(s) at the University of Galway.

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Identifying a suitable host university and appropriate courses (modules)

Please refer firstly to the slides from the presentation given at the information evening (available to download from [this page](#)). Please note that this presentation includes some advice about how to choose destinations and modules.

You should then go to the [Study Abroad website](#) and consult the table called “List of Study Abroad partners and subject combinations”. Based on the information provided in that table, you will be asked to list up to 3 choices of university on your application form, in order of preference.

The choices open to you are determined by the subjects you are studying here at the University of Galway. To be considered for a study place under any subject-specific link, you must be taking that subject. (In the tables, look for the descriptor “core subject”, in red.) For instance, you cannot be considered for a place at KU Leuven unless one of your subjects is Soc. & Pol.

If you disregard this requirement, your application will be disallowed.

In relation to your second subject, you should be guided by what is indicated in the table.

Some exchanges are “College-wide”, which means you may apply for them if it’s indicated that modules in your degree subjects are available to you at those universities.

Check that any proposed host university can provide modules taught in English that are (i) relevant to your degree subjects or your programme and (ii) sufficient and suitable in terms of content and level, to ensure that it would be possible for you to fulfil the Year Abroad requirement of 40 ECTS.

For **BA Joint Honours** students, this will mean achieving 20 ECTS in pre-approved modules in each of their two degree subjects.

BA Government students taking a year abroad will need to achieve a total of 40 ECTS in pre-approved modules: 20 ECTS in their major subject and 10 ECTS in each of their two minors. For BA Government students going abroad for one semester, the requirement will be 20 ECTS in total, 10 ECTS in their major subject and 5 ECTS in each of their two minor subjects.

Students on the **BSc Psychology, BA English & Creative Writing, and BA Global Media or Journalism** applying for non-EU exchange places must identify suitable modules to fulfil the “study abroad” academic requirements of their programmes. This will usually mean 20 ECTS per semester in pre-approved modules: students should consult their Programme Directors.

“Pre-approved modules”: In all cases, the modules to be taken abroad must be agreed with the relevant subject coordinators at the University of Galway in advance of travelling

abroad to study. For Erasmus students, this “approval” will be done by means of the Erasmus Learning Agreement; for students going to other destinations, there will be a similar signing-off procedure. Students selected for Erasmus destinations may be required to complete a learning agreement at the time of application to the host university.

Not all modules at every university are open to visiting students. For information on the modules that are open to exchange students at any given partner university, you should follow the link in the second-last column of the Excel sheet, “List of Study Abroad partners and subject combinations”. In general, that link should bring you to a list of modules for visiting students, but you might need to search also by faculty/subject area. Keep in mind that some exchanges may be restricted to one faculty, or there may be limitations on the modules that can be taken from different faculties. Some of these restrictions are noted in the last column of the Excel sheet. When you see “maybe”, there may be scope for taking some modules from a faculty other than the one specified for that exchange: you can proceed with your application on that basis. Do consult the sheet labelled “key” in that Excel sheet.

If you have doubts about the suitability of a particular module, you may consult the relevant University of Galway academic coordinator. However, there is no need at this stage to draw up a comprehensive study plan: in relation to your application for the 5th February deadline, it will suffice to have a reasonable idea that you’ll be able to find courses appropriate to your needs. There is no need to contact partner universities at this stage.

Universities outside of the EU and credit systems

The ECTS system, or European Credit Transfer System, is used very widely in European Higher Education and is one way of measuring the learning outcomes and the associated workload of a particular course (module). At the University of Galway, most courses carry 5 ECTS. At partner universities outside of Europe, different systems apply. For instance, in Boston College and other American universities, an EU 5 ECTS module = 3 North American Credits. Students going to North America are expected to register for 12 North American credits per semester. That will often equate to four modules per semester. You should be aware of possible differences between credit systems when considering courses (modules).

List of Year Abroad Academic Coordinators at the University of Galway

SUBJECT	UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY ACADEMIC COORDINATOR	Coordinator e-mail address
Archaeology	Dr Kieran O'Connor	kieran.d.oconor@universityofgalway.ie
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English	Ms Dearbhla Mooney	dearbhla.mooney@universityofgalway.ie
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IT	Dr Enda Howley	enda.howley@universityofgalway.ie
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Political Science & Sociology	Dr Evans Fanoulis	evans.fanoulis@universityofgalway.ie
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Information about Partner Universities

COUNTRY	University and faculty	University of Galway School/Discipline link	General Information for exchange students	Courses in English
Belgium	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Faculty of Social Sciences	Soc. & Pol.	Practical information	Courses for exchange students
Czech Republic	Charles University in Prague Faculty of Arts	Archaeology	General information	See information video Link to student information system
Finland	Abo Akademi University Faculty of Social Sciences , Business and Economics and Law	Soc. & Pol.	Information for exchange students Exchange studies brochure	About courses in English Courses for exchange students
Finland	University of Helsinki Faculty of Social Sciences	Soc. & Pol.	Information for exchange students	Courses for exchange students See "Restrictions in attending courses!" Faculty of Social Sciences courses
Hungary	Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (ELTE) Faculty of Law	Law	General info on Faculty of Law General info for prospective students	Course lists
Malta	University of Malta Faculty of Arts	Classics	Information for Erasmus students ; see also	Faculty of Arts exchange student course lists
Netherlands	University of Groningen Faculty of Arts	History	Information for exchange students	Faculty of Arts courses

Netherlands	Leiden University Faculty of Social Sciences	Soc. & Pol.	Information for exchange students	Course information
Netherlands	Radboud University, Nijmegen	"Humanities"	Information for exchange students	Courses for exchange students
Poland	Jagiellonian University Kraków Faculty of Law & Administration	Law	Student Guide	Course offer for exchange students
Sweden	Lund University Joint Faculties of Humanities & Theology	College-wide ("Humanities")	Exchange studies	Courses for exchange students
Sweden	Uppsala University Dept of English (Celtic Section)	Celtic Civilisation/Gaeilge	Information for exchange students	Courses for exchange students
Sweden	Uppsala University	College-wide (but not Law)	Information for exchange students	Courses for exchange students
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Baptist University	College-wide	Practical information	Course offerings
USA	Boston College	College-wide	Exchange Overview Exchange Programme Brochure	Course information & schedule Select Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences and search by subject or keyword.
USA	University of Richmond (Virginia)	College-wide	Exchange student information	Arts course catalogue See also UR factsheet
USA	University of Connecticut	College-wide	About UConn	Course information
USA	University of Indiana	College-wide	Information for exchange students	College of Arts & Sciences courses
USA	Carroll College (Montana)	College-wide	International Student Handbook	Programme finder

