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A Level Quick Guide to Courses

2025

Most **bio***diverse* university campus in Ireland

World top 47 for UN-SDGs
Times Higher Education Impact Ranking

1st in Ireland for sustainable development
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Top **2%** of universities in the QS World rankings

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Open Days
4–5 October 2024
22 March 2025

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| CAO Code | Course Name | Requirement to GCSE Level | | | | | Additional Requirements (Requirement at A-Level) | CAO Points 2024 ¶P |
		English	Maths	Second Language †	Lab Science Subject ‡	Other Subjects		
GY101	BA (Joint-Honours)	●		●		4		300
GY104	Bachelor of Science (Psychology)	●		●		4		534
GY105	Bachelor of Arts (History)	●		●		4		340
GY109	Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics and Education)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics or 8 or above in GCSE (A). Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements.	433
GY110	Arts Children's Studies	●		●		4	Students must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting requirements	401
GY111	Bachelor of Arts (English and Creative Writing)	●		●		4		413
GY113	Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights	●		●		4	Students must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting requirements	343
GY118	Bachelor of Arts (Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies)	●		●		4	No auditions or portfolios are required as part of the admissions process	410
GY119	Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)	●		●		4		360
GY122	BA (Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge)	●		●		4	Grade C in A-Level Irish	399
GY123	Bachelor of Science (Social Sciences)	●		●		4	Students must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting requirements	320
GY125	Bachelor of Arts (Digital Arts and Technology)	●		●		4		413
GY127	Bachelor of Arts (Film and Digital Media)	●		●		4		409
GY128	Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)	●		●		4	Grade C in A-Level European language other than Irish and English	377
GY129	Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)	●		●		4		360
GY130	Bachelor of Arts (Music)	●		●		4	No audition required. Students can take the course without having studied music at GCE/GCSE.	348
GY132	Bachelor of Arts Government (Politics, Economics and Law)	●		●		4		351
GY133	Bachelor of Arts Education (Computer Science and Mathematical Studies)	●	●	●		3	Grade D in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE. Students must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting requirements.	413
GY134	Bachelor of Science (Geography and Geosystems)	●	●		●	4		350
GY135	Bachelor of Arts (Global Media)	●		●		4		357
GY136	BA (Gaeilge agus Léann an Aistriúcháin)	●		●		4	Grade B in A-Level Irish	411
GY137	Bachelor of Arts (Child, Youth and Family: Policy and Practice)	●		●		4	Students must satisfy the Garda/Police Vetting requirements	358
GY201	Bachelor of Commerce	●	●	●		3		430
GY202	Bachelor of Commerce (International with French)	●	●	●		3	Grade B in A-Level French	519
GY203	Bachelor of Commerce (International with German)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level German	520
GY204	Bachelor of Commerce (International with Spanish)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level European language other than Irish or English	509
GY206	Bachelor of Science (Business Information Systems)	●	●	●		3		507

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GY207	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Accounting	509
GY208	Bachelor of Commerce (Gaeilge)	●	●	●		3	Grade C in A-Level Irish	441
GY209	Bachelor of Commerce (Global Experience)	●	●	●		3		540
GY250	Law and Business	●	●	●		3		500
GY251	Law (BCL)	●		●		4		500
GY252	Law and Human Rights	●		●		4		506
GY254	Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice	●		●		4		501
GY261	Bachelor of Business Studies (International Hotel Management)	●	●	●		2	Students based in Shannon College of Hotel Management	#467
GY262	Bachelor of Commerce (International Hotel Management)	●	●	●		2	Students based in Shannon College of Hotel Management	#712
GY301	Bachelor of Science	●	●		●	3		400
GY303	Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)	●	●		●	3	Students must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting requirements.	577
GY304	Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology)	●	●	●	●	2		470
GY308	Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science)	●	●		●	3		405
GY309	Bachelor of Science (Financial Mathematics and Economics)	●	●	● or ●		3	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics	473
GY310	Bachelor of Science (Marine Science)	●	●		●	3		420
GY313	Bachelor of Science (Occupational Health and Safety Management)	●	●		●	3		408
GY314	Bachelor of Science (Earth and Ocean Sciences)	●	●		●	3		417
GY318	Bachelor of Science (Biopharmaceutical Chemistry)	●	●		●	3		510
GY319	Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Science)	●	●			4	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 8 (A) and above at GCSE	510
GY320	Bachelor of Science (Physics)	●	●		●	3		401
GY321	Bachelor of Science (Genetics and Genomics)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics or Grade A (8 and above) at GCSE	478
GY322	Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Science)	●	●		●	3		409
GY350	Bachelor of Science (Computer Science and Information Technology)	●	●			4	Grade D in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE	498
GY401	Undenominated Engineering	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics ¤	532
GY402	Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Civil)	●	●		●	3		500
GY405	Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Mechanical)	●	●		●	3		544
GY406	Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electronic and Computer)	●	●		●	3		520

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GY408	Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Biomedical)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics ¤	578
GY410	Bachelor of Science (Project and Construction Management)	●	●		●	3	Grade E in A-Level Mathematics or Grade 6 (B) in GCSE Mathematics ¤	518
GY413	Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Energy Systems)	●	●		●	3	Grade C in A-Level Mathematics ¤.	516
GY414	Bachelor and Master of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)	●	●		●	3		509
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 (applicants 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). Must satisfy the Police/Garda vetting and medical clearance requirements.	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. Please 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.	728 * §
GY502	Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)	●	●	●	●	2	Meet any professional requirements stipulated. Must satisfy the Garda/Police vetting and medical clearance requirements.	554
GY503	Bachelor of Science (Speech and Language Therapy)	●	●	●	●	2		544
GY504	Bachelor of Science (Podiatic Medicine)	●	●	●	●	2		445
GY515	Bachelor of Nursing Science (General) Galway and Portiuncula	●	●		●	3	All applicants will be required to have medical screening and Garda 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.	429
GY516	Bachelor of Nursing Science (Mental Health)	●	●		●	3		378
GY517	Bachelor of Midwifery Science	●	●		●	3		451

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 2024
# Test, interview etc
§ Includes HPAT results

Important

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Information

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. NB 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 2018

This table may be revised for 2025 intake.

Grade	Best 3 A-Levels	4th Subject	
		A-Level	AS Level
A*	185	45	31[1]
A	156	38	26
B	131	32	22
C	106	26	18
D	84	20	14
E	63	15	11

[1] Extended project (EPQ) is scored as an AS level and an A* is available in this.

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 2025.

Find out more:

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