



University of Galway Alert List 2026

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1. New Programmes:

GY505 Pharmacy – 4-year degree leading to BSc Pharm (level 8)
5-year leading to MPharm (level 9- required to be a pharmacist)

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/undergraduate-courses/pharmacy.html>

LC requirements: Minimum 6 subjects to include Irish, English, Mathematics, one Laboratory Science subject at H4 level.

Total intake 75, including 2 HEAR, 2 DARE, 5 Mature (incl. Pharmacy Technicians), 1 Access

GY123 BSc (Social Sciences and Sustainability)

This course has a new title incorporating Sustainability

GY323 BSc (Zoology)

The only denominated programme in Zoology offered in Ireland, this course will equip graduates with essential skills for careers in conservation, biodiversity and the environment.

2. Withdrawn Programme:

GY125 BA (Digital Arts and Technology)

Withdrawn on April 1st, 2025

3. Other Changes to Programmes:

GY101 - The subject Geography in BA Joint Honours has the new title of 'Geography, Climate and Sustainability'.

GY204 BComm (International Spanish)- The language entry requirement for this course has changed for 2026. Leaving Cert applicants are now required to present a minimum H4 in Spanish to be eligible for this programme.

GY201 BComm and GY209 BComm Global Experience – Spanish will no longer be available as an option for these courses.

4. Important Dates:

Autumn Open Days took place on 3rd and 4th of October 2025

Spring Open Day - **Saturday 21st March 2026**

Mature Students' Information Evening – **Thursday 15th January 2026 from 6:30pm**

More information here: www.universityofgalway.ie/mature

Shannon College of Hotel Management (included on page 89 CAO Handbook)

Shannon College of Hotel Management is a college of the University of Galway and offers two courses **GY261 and GY262**.

CAO points for both courses include interview points; students are invited for interview after they apply through CAO, interviews are held in April and July.

Courses are not restricted.

Shannon College is part of the HEAR & DARE schemes.

Emma Daly, **Schools Liaison Officer** (086 0292030) is available for in-person school visits. Email: edaly@universityofgalway.ie

On-campus Open Day: **Wednesday 19th November 2025, 2pm**

On-campus Open Evening: **Tuesday 20th January 2026, 5pm**

Dublin Road Show Intercontinental Hotel Wednesday 21st January, 6:30pm

For anyone who cannot visit the campus in person we have the following virtual event:

**Virtual Information Evening – Monday 1st December 2025 6:30pm &
Thursday 30th April 2026 6:30pm**