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University of Galway

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College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

# *MA in History*



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# Course Overview



The MA in History at the University of Galway offers graduate students an immersive experience in advanced historical research. Guided by expert scholars in Early Modern and Modern History, students engage with a wide array of topics, methodologies, and sources, building a strong foundation in critical thinking and analytical skills. They are able to follow the work of practising historians at the Discipline of History's regular research seminar. Throughout the programme, participants refine their research and writing abilities while working on a significant independent project. Alumni of the programme have gone on to excel in a wide range of fields, including academia, arts and media, education, business, law, and public service.

The Discipline of History at the University of Galway can supervise a wide range of topics, but has particular expertise in the following areas:

- Activism and Justice
- Childhood, Youth and Family
- Ireland in Global Context
- Religion and Society

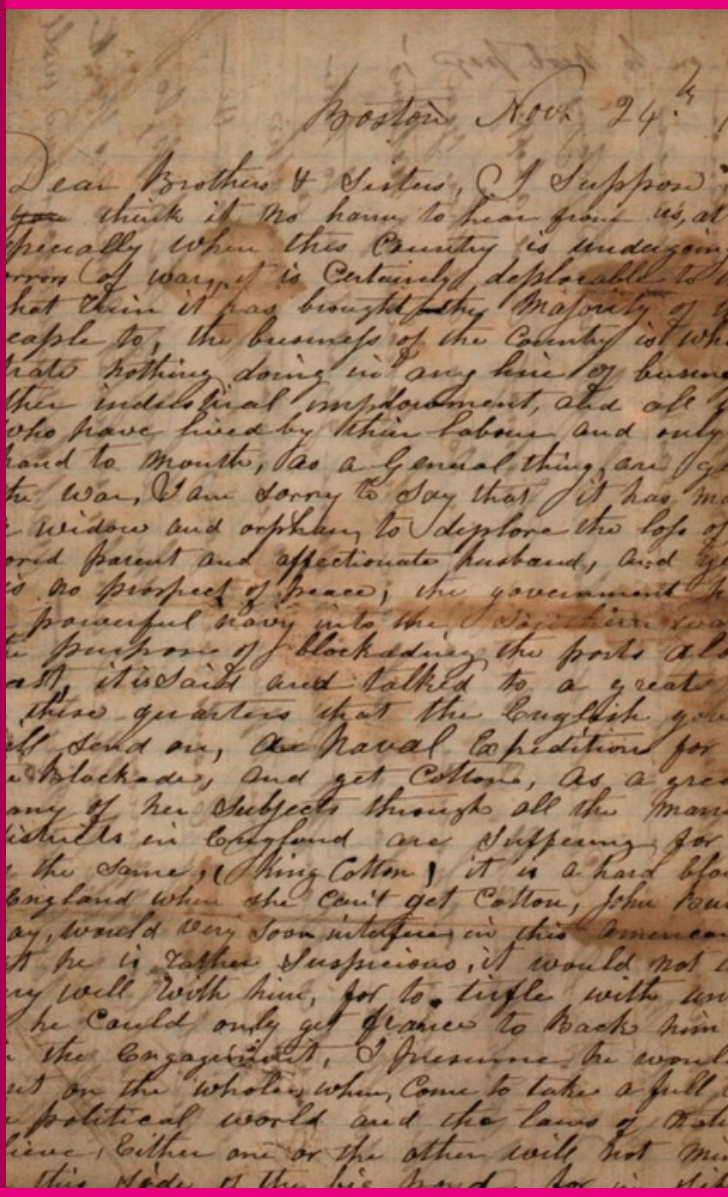
As well as first-class digital resources, students have easy access to a wealth of original archival material on campus like the emigrant letters of IMIRCE, the Mary Robinson Archive and holdings of organisations such as Conradh na Gaeilge and Muintir na Tíre.

# Course Structure

The MA in History can be taken on a full-time basis over one year or part-time over two years. Over the course of the programme, students will take 60 ECTS worth of taught modules, consisting of two core modules of 15 ECTS each and three optional modules of 10 ECTS each. The latter include modules from both History and related disciplines like Philosophy, Film Studies, Sociology & Politics, and Literature Studies. In addition, students will complete a dissertation weighted at 30 ECTS on a topic to be agreed with their supervisor, a practising historian from the Discipline of History. Students who do not wish to complete the dissertation may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in History.

# Why choose this programme?

- You have the opportunity to study History at a historic campus built in 1845 and located a stone's throw away from the medieval heart of Galway and the Atlantic Ocean.
- The small class sizes and the accessibility of our staff will provide you with the attention you deserve as a graduate student.
- In choosing your dissertation topic, you will benefit from a wide range of staff expertise in Early Modern and Modern History ranging from Ireland and Europe to the Transatlantic World and beyond.
- You will have access to excellent library facilities and archives with unique historical collections.
- Archives include Imirice: The Kerby A. Miller Collection. Irish Emigrant Letters and Memoirs from North America



# Employment and Career Opportunities

The MA in History will boost your employability by providing you with multiple practical skills as well as increased knowledge of the past.
These include:

- Ability to source reliable information at a time when internet resources are becoming increasingly compromised.
- Capacity to understand the meaning and significance of texts in light of the complex world in which they are produced.
- Power to craft clear and persuasive arguments based on rigorous research and fact-checking.
- Excellent oral communication skills honed through regular presentations throughout the programme.
- These skills are critical to many sectors of the modern economy, such as Academia and Education.
- Civil service and Administration.
- Arts and Media.
- Business and law.

# Working in Ireland

Ireland has a 2-Year, Stay-back Visa Option. This allows non-EU/EEA students who have studied on a full-time basis in Ireland and have graduated from Irish higher education institutions to remain in Ireland for up to 24 months to seek employment.



# Student Spotlight

*“The MA in History has been an excellent experience so far. While it is intense, it is also extremely useful for gaining and using real-world experience with research methodology. The program’s particular focus on historiography helps us to carve out our own space in the field as active participants rather than as bystanders.*
*I come to History with a more broad liberal arts background, and though I wanted to focus on history in a broad sense, I also knew that I wanted to have the flexibility to collaborate with other disciplines, as well. This program gives me the opportunity to do so with full support”.*

*Elena Sayeedi, MA History 2024/25*



# Graduate Spotlight

*"The MA in History is perfect for anyone with a passion for historical study and a deep curiosity about the world. The modules offered cover a wide array of topics and perspectives and highlight the importance of adopting a critical lens in their analysis. The staff in the History department lend a wealth of experience to their diverse range of specialisms and are incredibly friendly and supportive. The skills I have honed in the MA programme have gone on to serve me exceptionally well even beyond academia, and into the professional world: where critical analysis of sources, adopting a diversity of perspectives, and communicating complex ideas clearly are benefits in any industry”.*

*Daniel Gallen, MA in History Graduate*
*Sr Plus Technical Engineer at Shopify*



# Course Facts and Entry Requirements

**Course Level:** Level 9, 90 ECTS

**Duration:**
1 year Full-time, 2 years Part-time

**Entry Requirements**

NQAI Level 8 qualification with a minimum 2.1 (or North American 3.2 GPA or equivalent) honours degree in Philosophy or a Cognate Discipline.

**English Language Requirements**
Applicants from countries where English is not the official language must submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A minimum score of a 6.5 overall is required on the IELTS (or equivalent English Language Test).

**Fees:**
www.universityofgalway.ie/studentfees/how-much/

**Application Process:**
How to apply

Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

**Closing date:**
Offers are made on an ongoing basis.

**Admissions Queries:**
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