

National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland

Fact Sheet



Website

NUI Galway University homepage: <http://www.nuigalway.ie>
Webpage for International Students:
http://www.nuigalway.ie/future_students/ushandbook/

Location

Galway, Ireland
Situated on the banks of the River Corrib, Galway is the third largest city in the Republic of Ireland and one of Europe's fastest growing urban centres with a population of 65,000. It is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city, with a thriving cultural and commercial community. Galway has earned the title 'Cultural Capital of Ireland'. The world renowned Druid Theatre Company, the Macnas Street Theatre Company and An Taibhdhearc, the National Irish Language theatre, are all located in the city centre. The close proximity of the Connemara 'Gaeltacht', the country's largest Irish speaking community and location of the Irish-language television service, Teilifís na Gaeilge, gives a distinctive 'Gaelic' dimension to the cultural life of Galway.
See: <http://www.galway.net/galwayguide/>



Accommodation

Bellarmino students are housed in a new apartment complex, Gort Na Coiribe, near campus. BU students are billed for Anniversary Hall housing. Picture, rates, and More Info can be found at <http://www.gortnacoiribe.com/>

Costs

Costs vary considerably according to individual requirements and tastes. NUI suggests a recommended minimum of 400 Euro per month to cover the cost of food, books, clothing, recreation, and personal expenses.

Currency

The currency is the EURO: 1.00 EURO = 1.33865 USD.
More Info: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert.cgi>

Immigration Procedures

USA passport-holders do not need visas. Visiting students are required, however, to register with immigration.

Disciplines

NUI offers wide range of courses in the following faculties:

- Arts
- Celtic Studies
- Commerce
- Engineering
- Law
- Medicine and Health Science
- Science

Structure of University

Academic activities are grouped in Faculties. Within each Faculty, there are programs of study for particular fields. A wide range of courses is offered under each program of study.

Average semester work-load

Although NUI does not use a course system that is similar to the North American System, the course load is roughly the same. A full course load is designated by 30 ECTS a semester or 60 ECTS a full year. This is similar to 5 -7 courses.

Subjects

Students must enroll in the two courses two classes with the Wilamette program director. Students will also take 2-3 NUI courses. Check the compatibility of NUI courses with the courses offered at Bellarmine by checking:
<https://www2.bellarmino.edu/portal/courseschedule.asp>

General Semester dates

Students may only apply for the Second Semester:
Early January- Early May
(Easter break and study week – in April)

Structure of Program

As this is a study abroad program, students will be in close contact with other Americans and excursions are included as part of the program. Students are able to meet and integrate with the locals through the NUI courses they take and life in the dorms.

Student Life – from an international student's perspective

"NUI Galway is an excellent place to study. The Willamette-NUI program was ideal for me since it combined classes with American and Irish students. The excursions were an excellent component of the program."

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