



## University of Galway Erasmus Exchange Factsheet 25/26

### Our University

Established in 1845, **University of Galway** is one of Ireland's oldest and most prestigious universities, with a distinguished record in teaching and research. As a **research intensive institution** it boasts more of the world's most influential scientific minds than anywhere else in Ireland and it has the highest success rate in Ireland for prestigious European Union research funding. Its talent has been bolstered by a recent €400m capital campaign which has provided the University with the most modern state-of-the-art facilities.

University of Galway has a rich and varied student life offering a wealth of experience outside the classroom. With over **110 societies and over 50 clubs** you can share your passion for your favourite sports, hobbies, and interests with other students. Joining a Society will help you make friends, learn new skills, pursue your interests, broaden your horizons, and go on great trips.

### Galway City

Galway is an exciting place to be a student. It is big enough to have everything; shopping facilities, theatres, restaurants, music venues, and sports facilities – while small enough to feel intimate and welcoming. **Set between Connemara and the Burren, on the broad sweep of Galway Bay, our location is as distinctive as it is beautiful.** Galway casually combines the energy of a young and diverse population, with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition.

We are renowned as a place where arts and theatre are celebrated. The city is a cultural hub, attracting thousands to its many festivals throughout the year. Galway is Ireland's third largest city, and it's easy to get around. Once you get to know our city, we're sure you'll grow to love it.

## University of Galway

Address	University Road, Galway, Ireland		
Website	<a href="http://www.universityofgalway.ie">www.universityofgalway.ie</a>		
Erasmus ID Code	IRL GALWAY01	ECHE Number	28471
Erasmus Website	<a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/</a>		
Contacts	<p><b>Kristin Anderson // Erasmus Executive</b>  <a href="mailto:kristin.anderson@universityofgalway.ie">kristin.anderson@universityofgalway.ie</a>            Overall management of Erasmus program and funding (Europe/KA131), Bilateral Agreements, Staff Mobility, ENLIGHT Mobilities, Multi-Lateral Agreements</p> <p><b>Clodagh Murphy // Incoming Erasmus Coordinator</b>  <a href="mailto:incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie">incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie</a></p> <p>Deals with nominations, applications, and transcripts, as well as general enquiries from current and prospective inbound Erasmus students.</p> <p><b>Jodi Blumenfeld // Outgoing Erasmus Coordinator</b>  <a href="mailto:outgoingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie">outgoingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie</a> // T +353 91 493749</p> <p>Administrative support in relation to procedures and grant payments, as well as general queries, for outbound studies and traineeships</p>		
Academic Coordinators	This is who will sign students' <b>Learning Agreements</b> . For details see our handbooks at: <a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/coursesavailable/">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/coursesavailable/</a>		

## Application Procedure

Application Process	Details are available at <a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/admissionprocedures/">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/admissionprocedures/</a> . A link to our online application form will be sent to all students who have been nominated by their home universities. Students must only be nominated through existing agreements in the subject area of their current studies.		
Nomination deadlines	Full Year / Sem 1	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Sem 2
Application Deadlines	Full Year / Sem 1	15 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> October
Decision Response	Students will receive an acceptance e-mail within 5 weeks of the application deadline.		
Recommended Language Skills	As part of their application, students will be required to certify that they have an English <b>Level B2</b> on the <a href="#">CEFR</a> . They will have to upload evidence of their certification to complete their application. In the absence of this, applications will not be considered complete: <a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/informationforcoordinators/#tab2">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/informationforcoordinators/#tab2</a> For incoming teaching staff, we would recommend <b>Level C1</b> .		

## Academic Information

<b>Module Catalogue</b>	All modules offered to visiting students are listed in our handbooks located on our <a href="#">website</a>										
<b>How many modules/credits can be taken in each semester?</b>	Each class is weighted at 5 or 10 ECTS credits. Students cannot take more than <b>30 ECTS credits per semester, 60 ECTS per year</b> , which is a normal course load for our domestic students.										
<b>Where can I find timetables?</b>	Timetables are available on discipline websites. These are linked in the relevant discipline area of the student handbook.										
<b>English Classes</b>	Our English Language Centre provides English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Workshops for all Erasmus students to develop their English-language skills. Please note that this course does not carry ECTS credits.										
<b>When will academic transcripts be sent?</b>	Students will receive their transcripts no sooner than 6 weeks after the official release of results.										
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## Academic Calendar 2024-2025

	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Orientation</b>	Tuesday September 1 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday January 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday January 8 <sup>th</sup>
Start of Teaching	Monday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday January 11 <sup>th</sup>
End of Teaching	Friday November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Exams Start	Monday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Exams End	Friday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday May 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Public Holidays</b>	<b>Monday October 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday February 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Monday June 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
A complete list of Academic Terms dates is available to view on <a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/registry/academic-term-dates/">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/registry/academic-term-dates/</a>		

## Accommodation

### On-Campus

University of Galway has a small number of on-campus beds dedicated to our Erasmus Students. To ensure a fair process, we hold a lottery for these beds based on students' application information.

We emphasize the importance of students exploring the option of private accommodation in the meantime. Most students (across domestic, international and study abroad) live off campus in private accommodation. Many students live on the outskirts of the city and commute via public transport. Because this is the usual practice, we are well set up to help students source off-campus accommodation.

We regret that, apart from this, the university cannot reserve accommodation for incoming Erasmus students. *All accommodation enquiries should be directed to the [Accommodation Advisory Service](#).*

### Off-Campus

University of Galway's [Accommodation Advisory Service](#) offers advice and assistance.

University of Galway has a purpose-built portal for off-campus accommodation called [Studentpad](#).

**Please note:** Accommodation demand is always high, and we highly recommend starting students start their accommodation search as soon as possible. Students should also be on high alert for Accommodation scams.

## Other Useful Information

### Visa Information

Information and assistance are available via:

E-mail [incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:incomingerasmus@universityofgalway.ie)

Website <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/admissionprocedures/#tab5>

### Insurance Information

Please refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/>

### Health Matters

For information regarding medical care, supports for students with disabilities, and mental health supports, please refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/erasmus-programme/incomingstudents/healthmatters/>

## University of Galway Facts

Top 2%  
of universities in the  
QS world rankings

Research collaborations with  
3,267 institutions  
in 114 countries

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

€71m  
research  
fund  
>50  
research collaborations  
with industry in 2021

98%  
of graduates in  
employment or  
further education  
(2021)

World top  
50  
for UN-SDGs

With over  
**19,000**  
students  
18%  
of which are  
international  
students from  
122  
countries  
(2021/22)

110,000  
alumni worldwide  
(2021)

1<sup>st</sup>  
in Ireland for  
sustainable  
development  
Educated Minds  
Ranking

3 *researchers* on the  
Clarivate list of Highly  
Cited Researchers (2021)

## Useful Supports

University of Galway offers a wide range of services for students.



Accommodation



Library



Student Health  
Services



IT Support



Student Counselling  
Service



Disability Support  
Service



Restaurant Facilities



Social Activities