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Professional, Part-time and Evening Courses



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Introduction to the Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development

Welcome to the University of Galway's Adult Learning and Professional Development Quick Guide to part-time courses. For over 50 years, we have been offering a wide variety of professional, part-time and flexible courses in various subjects at Foundation, Certificate, Diploma, Degree, and Masters levels. We also have new Micro-credentials, bite-sized learning experiences, specifically designed to help you upskill and advance your career.

We understand that returning to learning can be daunting, especially when you are juggling work and family commitments. That's why we offer specialised support services to help you navigate your course and achieve success. Whether you live in Galway or elsewhere and regardless of your educational background, we welcome you to explore the possibilities and find the path that suits you best.

Invest in your future and join the thousands of students who have benefitted from our courses over the years. The team at the Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development looks forward to welcoming you and supporting you on your learning journey.

Nuala McGuinn
Director

Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development

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The contents of this brochure are for information purposes only and should not be viewed as the basis of a contract between a student and the University. The courses are offered subject to a sufficient number of registrations at the time of application. The syllabus, fees or course regulations may be cancelled or amended at any time. Prospective students can download a copy of this Quick Guide from our website at: universityofgalway.ie/adultlearning





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Why study with us?

We have accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge in the development and delivery of part-time courses for adult learners from foundation level to masters awards.

Flexible Modes of Delivery

On-campus, online and blended learning courses which accommodate students who have busy professional and personal lives. Micro-credentials which allow you to take modules on a standalone basis are available so that you can study at your own pace and fit your part-time course around your work and personal life.

Experienced Educators

Our lecturers and tutors are passionate about working with adult learners and possess a deep understanding of their subject matter, as well as access to the latest research and development.

Digital Technologies

Our classes are delivered using the latest digital technologies to deliver online education and provide continuous support and feedback throughout your learning experience.

Applied Learning

You will undertake assessments which are practice-based and apply to authentic workplace problems, ensuring an immediate return on time and investment for employers and employees.

Smaller Class Sizes

Enable you to engage in discussions and debates, share real-life experiences and avail of peer-to-peer learning opportunities;

Excellent Career Prospects

University of Galway is among the top Irish universities for graduate employability. Our adult learning courses offer a practical and applied approach to your chosen subject area, leading to promotion, increased earning potential, and professional recognition in your workplace upon successful completion.

Student Support

You will be offered a range of specialist support services, including study and examination techniques, academic writing workshops, careers advice and group tutoring where required, which will help you to succeed in your chosen course.

Internationally Recognised Qualifications

Ranked among the Top 300 universities in the world by QS and Times Higher Education World University Rankings, University of Galway is positioned in the top 2% worldwide.



Fees and Funding

You will find the course fee (EU and non-EU) listed on the individual course webpages. Tuition fees are payable for each year and are usually paid in a number of stages (i.e. deposit upon course acceptance, at the start of semester 1 and start of semester 2). Alternative payment plans may be put in place for students to pay course fees on a flexible basis. If you require this facility, you are advised to contact the course administrator to find out more about this payment option.

Funding your Studies

You can seek financial support for your studies through a number of channels:

Sponsorship

Your employer may sponsor you if the course of study has direct relevance to your workplace.

Income Tax Relief

Available at the standard rate for all courses that are 2 years or more in duration. Contact your local tax office or visit revenue.ie

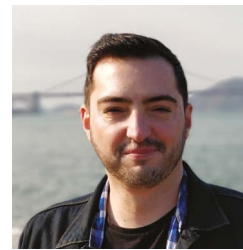
Financial Aid Fund

Provides financial support to students to enable them to fully benefit from their third level studies. It is available for part-time students, however you have to be registered before you can apply.

Scholarships

A number of scholarships are also available:

- Adult Learning Tuition Scholarship
- Springboard+ courses
- 1916 Scholarship Fund
- Next Level Skillnet funding
- Uiversity Scholarship



“The course is flexible in nature and allows students to select subjects they are interested in from a wide-range of modules covering many aspects of Science and Engineering. You can complete a course schedule similar to standard college semesters, or tackle less modules as your time allows. The material is taught via a mixture of online learning and classroom tutorials and/or labs at the weekends.”

Denis Lymer

Science & Technology Studies Degree

How to apply

You can apply for our part-time courses online through the University of Galway Applications System. Go to the University of Galway Applications System and create an account. You will be guided through the system, step by step, until you complete the online form.

Some applications tips

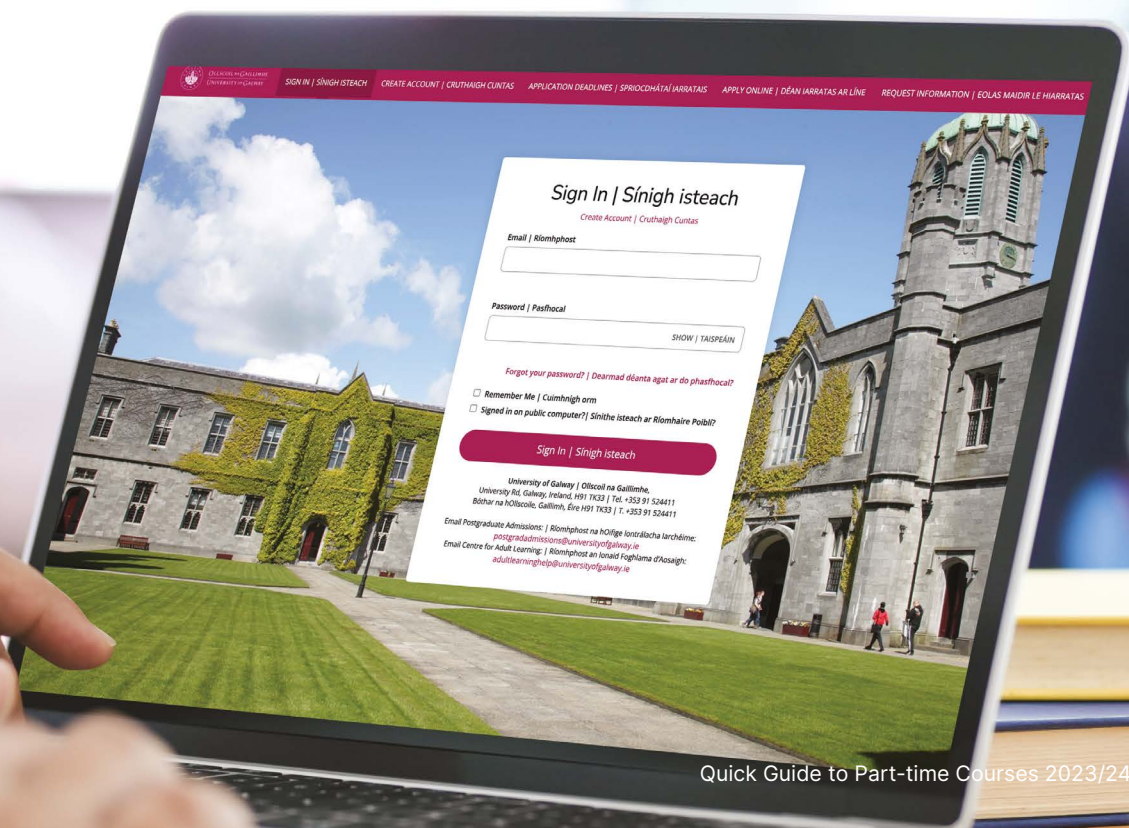
- Check out the entry requirements for your course. These are listed under the Key Facts tab on the individual course webpages;
- Check out the closing date for the course;
- Have all your Supporting Documents ready to upload with your application.

If you have any queries, contact the course administrator who will guide you further in the application process.



“My skills, knowledge and competence have certainly been enhanced through engaging in this course of study. I am a better Manager as a result and I now have the theoretical understanding and evidence-based research to support why I am choosing a course of action.”

Sharon Deering
Diploma in Management



Working with Industry and Organisations

As the largest and oldest university in the west of Ireland, University of Galway is among the top Irish universities for graduate employability.

We have developed courses in collaboration with industry, community organisations and professional bodies. Our courses provide practical, real-world knowledge and skills that are career-focused and industry relevant and can be tailored to suit the needs of a particular organisation.

Courses are planned in close association with employers to ensure that skills are developed according to the required competency development frameworks of the industry and to meet the continuing professional development standards of overarching professional bodies.





Course Listing

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

As a student of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences you will study human culture, society and the relationship among individuals within a society from different perspectives.

An exciting range of language courses are also provided, extending from the ancient world to the most contemporary developments in European languages, literatures, and cultures. Our Irish language courses cater to students who wish to gain fluency in Irish for employment in the public sector, translation services, or media.

Throughout your studies, students utilise and master the keys skills of communication, observation, teamwork and applying critical and analytical thought to problems. This produces graduates that are highly valued by employers as they have the necessary skill set to communicate complex and abstract information in a human context.

Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Archaeology	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Irish Studies	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Social Care	Degree	Blended	180	8	4 years	Sept 2023
Languages						
Chultúr Dúchais	Dioplóma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024
Gaeilge	Dioplóma (Leibhéal A2, B1, B2 & C1)	On-campus	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach	Ard-Dioplóma	Blended	60	8	2 years	Sept 2023
French	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Italian Online	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Italian	Diploma	On-campus	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Spanish	Diploma	On-campus	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024

Business & Management

Our Business & Management courses are offered at undergraduate diploma and degree level providing you with in-depth knowledge and practical skills in the management and development of business enterprises, in strategic planning for large and small organisations and in the key skills for effective business administration.

Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Business Studies	Higher Diploma	Online	60	8	2 years	Sept 2023
Commerce Online	Degree	Online	180	8	4 years	Sept 2023
Critical Business Skills	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2024
Foundation Studies (Business, Law & Arts)	Foundation Diploma	On-campus	30	6	26 weeks	Sept 2023
Management	Diploma	Online	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Marketing	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2024

Community Education

Our Community Education courses are developed and delivered in conjunction with practitioners to provide high quality expertise in community, family and youth work to ensure participants are equipped to work in a variety of settings. This ensures the provision of courses which fully reflect and support the actual 'lived lives' of individuals, and the corresponding needs and requirements of a changing society.

Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Community, Youth and Family Studies	Certificate* Diploma* Degree *Exit awards	Blended	45 90 180	7 7 8	1 year 2 years 4 years	Sept 2023
Youth and Community Development Practice	Diploma	Blended	30	7	1 year	Sept 2023
Youth Work Practice	Certificate	Blended	15	7	7 months	Sept 2023

Training & Education

If you are working in education & training, learning & development or leadership development our agile courses are developed to help you become that professional educator. With participants drawn from industry, further and higher education and the community sector, our courses are designed to meet your professional development goals. As a student you can expect learning experiences to develop your professional knowledge and skills through practical work-based learning activities that are transferable to the workplace along with opportunities to network students from a variety of education and training sectors.

Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Learning and Development	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Oct 2023
Technology Enhanced Learning	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Oct 2023

Information Technology

Our Information Technology (IT) courses are delivered online, providing a high degree of convenience and flexibility for students who wish to work full-time while gaining a recognised qualification at diploma or postgraduate level. They are geared at students from non-IT backgrounds who wish to transition to careers in the software and database industries or for professionals who are moving towards management roles.

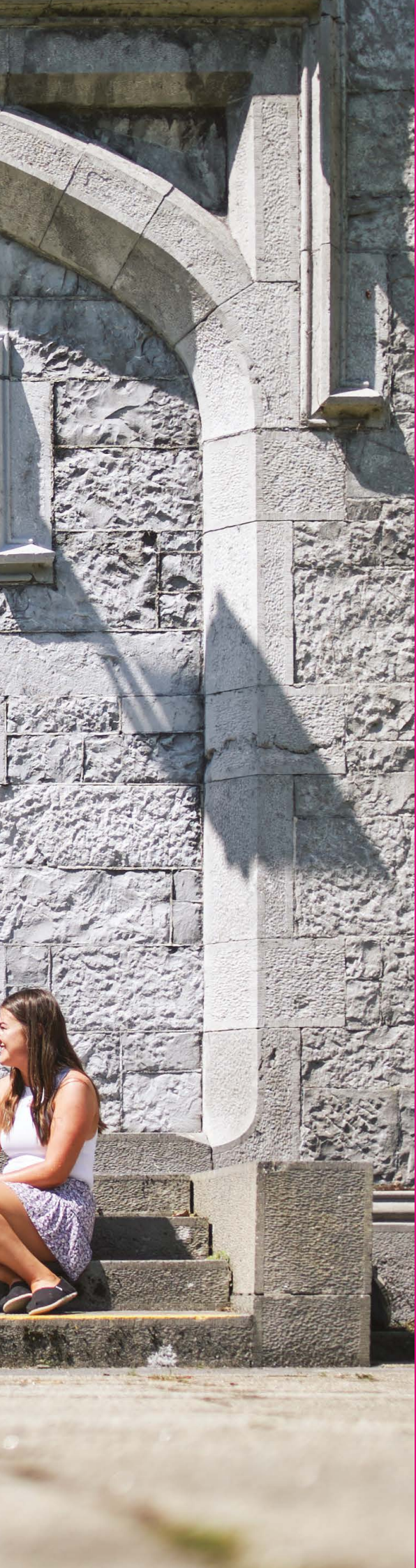
Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Artificial Intelligence for Professionals (funded by ITAG Skillnet)	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 year	Sept 2023
Software Engineering	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2023

Science & Technology

The Science & Technology courses we offer provide numerous career prospects in growing industry sectors or the chance to enhance skills for career advancement. Our courses are designed to meet the present and future demands of the high-tech industry, enabling our graduates to adapt to the changing economic environment. Additionally, they increase employability in technology-focused fields, including precision device manufacturing, supply chain and technical support services for those seeking a career change.

Course	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Start Date
Apiculture - Bees and Beekeeping	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Automation and Control	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2023
Corporate Environmental Planning	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2023
Earth and Ocean Sciences	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Gemmology	Diploma	Blended	30	7	2 years	Sept 2023
Lean and Quality Systems	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2023
Medical Device Science	Diploma	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2023
Medical Technology Regulatory Affairs and Quality	Certificate	Online	30	8	1 year	Sept 2023
Science and Technology Studies	Diploma Degree	Blended	120 120	7 8	2 years 4 years	Sept 2023
Science, Technology, and Engineering	Foundation Diploma	On-campus	30	6	1 year	Sept 2023





“I found the online delivery of the course to be very beneficial as I could learn at a time that suited me whilst still working full time. I would highly recommend this course to anyone who is not only interested in a career in this area but to those who want to develop numerous new skills which are highly transferable. It is never too late to start learning again.”

Jack Winters
Diploma in Lean and Quality Systems

Micro-credentials

Micro-credentials are short, accredited learning experiences. They can accelerate your career by providing you with industry-leading knowledge, expertise and skills over a short timeframe. Potentially stackable and portable into larger qualifications, Micro-credentials are enterprise-driven learning experiences that facilitate lifelong, flexible and innovative professional development opportunities to upskill and give you an edge in industry.

Our Micro-credentials are developed with academic and industry partners, covering various subjects including: Environment and Climate action, Artificial Intelligence, Technology, Business Innovations, Sustainability and Social Responsibility.

Completing a Micro-credential signifies university-level study and provides directly applicable skills and knowledge for career advancement. While taking a Micro-credential at University of Galway, you will receive the same high-quality learning opportunities and resources as all other students. You will have access to university resources and support, including the James Hardiman Library to enhance your learning experience.



“This course offered the opportunity to explore and debate topics in a safe space. The skills that I have been taught are transcending into my life and work, I am more aware of my and others unconscious bias. I am confident in the theoretical knowledge to inform best practice on this topic.”

Siobhán Nolan

Consent, Sexual Violence and Harassment: Practitioner Skills & Practice (Micro-credential)

The following are a sample of the micro-credentials on offer in the 2023/24 academic year.

Subject Area	Micro-credential	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Start Date
Arts, Humanities and Social Science	Consent, Sexual Violence and Harassment: Practitioner Skills and Practice	Blended	10	9	Semester 2
	Design your Life	Blended	5	8	Semester 2
	Scientific Arts: How the Brain Perceives the World through Creative Practice	Blended	5	8	Semester 2
	Psychology of Consumer Behaviour	Online	5	8	Semester 1
Business and Law	Finance for non-Financial Managers	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Law and Analytics	Online	5	8	Semester 2
	Lawyering, Technology and Innovation	Blended	5	8	Semester 1
	Responsible Management and Leadership (ESG)	Online	10	9	Semester 1
	Selling for Founders	Online	5	9	Semester 1
Information Technology	Artificial Intelligence Strategy and Transformation	Online	5	9	Semester 1
	Data Analysis and Visualisation	Online	5	9	Semester 2
	Ethics and Law for Artificial Intelligence	Online	5	9	Semester 2
	Fundamentals of Programming	Online	5	9	Semester 1
	Future of Artificial Intelligence	Online	5	9	Semester 2
	Introduction to Programming in Python	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Introduction to Relational Databases	Online	5	8	Semester 1

Subject Area	Micro-credential	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Start Date
Languages	German for Business	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Próiseas na Pleanála Teanga	Blended	5	7	Semester 1
	Aistriúchán Téacsanna 1	Blended	5	9	Semester 1
Science and Technology	Energy Management for Organisations	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Environmental Management for Organisations	Online	5	8	Semester 2
	Green Labs Principles and Practice	Blended	10	9	Semester 1
	Honey Bee Health (Apiculture)	Blended	5	8	Semester 2
	Human Anatomy & Physiology	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Introduction to Genomics Data Science	Online	10	9	Semester 1
	Life Cycle Assessment	Online	10	8	Semester 1
	Product Development, Validation and Authorisation	Online	5	9	Semester 1
	Regulatory Compliance	Online	5	8	Semester 1
	Training and Education	Blended Learning and Teaching	Online	10	8
Digital Competences		Online	10	8	Semester 1
Digital Literacy and Young People		Online	10	9	Semester 2
Designing and Building Interactive Online Training		Online	5	8	Semester 2
School Self-Evaluation: A data-informed approach		Blended	10	9	Semester 1
The Power of Diversity in Leading School Transformation		Online	10	9	Semester 1



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