



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh

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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN  
HUMANITIES &  
SOCIAL SCIENCES

## INTRODUCTION

The part-time Bachelor of Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences) prepares you to progress in the rapidly changing global environment. Our flexible, broad-based curriculum allows you to choose a degree pathway that reflects your individual interests and career objectives. The curriculum includes specialisms in Archaeology, Economics, Political Science and Sociology, English Literature and Drama, History, Training and Education Management and French. This course is delivered via blended learning; some subjects are delivered fully online, whilst others require some on-campus attendance.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Degree programme is for you, if you are:

- interested in the humanities and social sciences
- require a general academic qualification for career or personal development
- keen to develop your digital literacy skills
- considering progressing to postgraduate studies

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

If you are aged 21 years or over on or before 1st January of year of entry, you may gain entry to the programme on the basis of mature years. Candidates under 21 years should meet the minimum matriculation requirements, further information is available from: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning/faqs/qualifications-and-entry-requirements/>

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the part-time Bachelor of Arts (BA) are highly versatile and may find employment in a variety of areas including government organisations, healthcare, journalism, creative writing, business and education services and many more (*further qualifications may be required for certain careers*). Graduates will develop the following skills that are considered essential for today's workforce:

- critical and analytical thinking
- time and task management
- problem solving and decision making
- editing, research and report writing
- communication; oral and written
- digital literacy

## PROGRAMME FACTS

**ECTS:** 180

**NQF Level:** 8

**Mode of study:** Flexible learning

**Fees:**

**EU:** €3,055 per annum

**Non-EU:** €3,555 per annum

**Duration:** 4 years, part-time



## DELIVERY

The part-time BA is a four-year flexible learning programme, which is ideally suited to adult learners with work and family commitments. Course streams are delivered in a number of ways, as outlined in the table below (also see subject areas section for more information).

ONLINE LEARNING	BLENDED LEARNING	WEEKLY LECTURES
Online lectures	Monthly on-campus workshops	Weekly lectures
Online tutorials	Online tutorials	Online content support
Online discussions & activities	Online discussions and activities	
Study groups and group work	Study groups & group work	

You will have online access to course content and will be supported by an online tutor at all times.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessments may include: online activities, essays, written reports, presentations, individual and group projects and written examinations (which take place at NUI Galway).



## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### 1. CORE MODULES

Over the duration of the degree you will complete two core modules (10 ECTS):

**Skills for Learning** introduces you to the online and blended learning environment and bridges the learning gap between your last educational experience and returning to education as an adult learner.

**Critical Thinking** covers the concept of critical thinking and its associated skills and applications within the context of academic research.

### 2. SPECIALISMS

A major specialism totals 75 ECTS and is generally taken over the four years of the programme. You can choose a major specialism in: Economics, Political Science & Sociology, History, Training & Education Management and French.

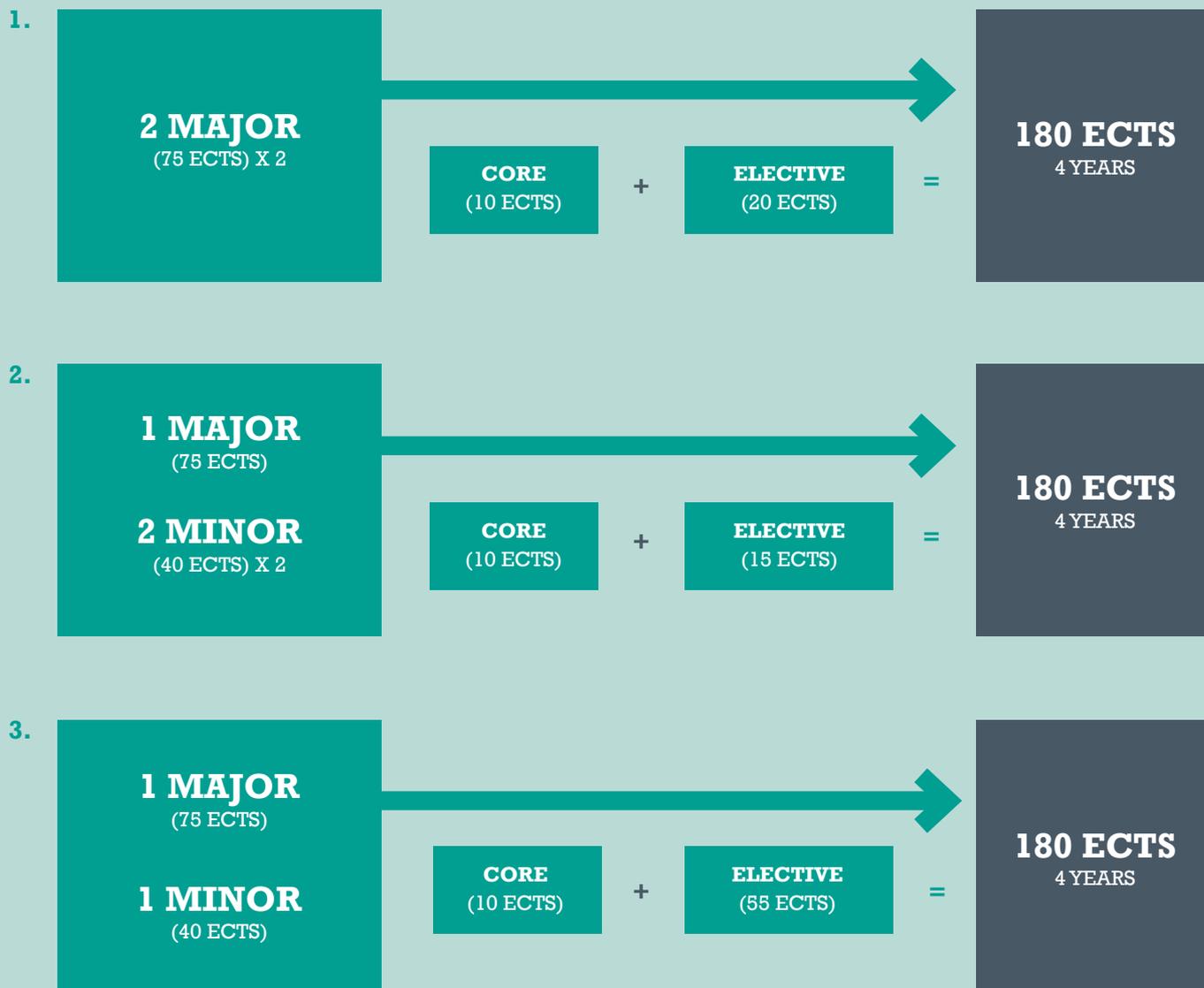
A minor specialism totals 40 ECTS and is generally taken over a minimum of two years (the duration may vary across subject areas). You can choose a minor specialism in: Archaeology, Economics, English Literature & Drama, History, Training & Education Management, Political Science & Sociology and French.

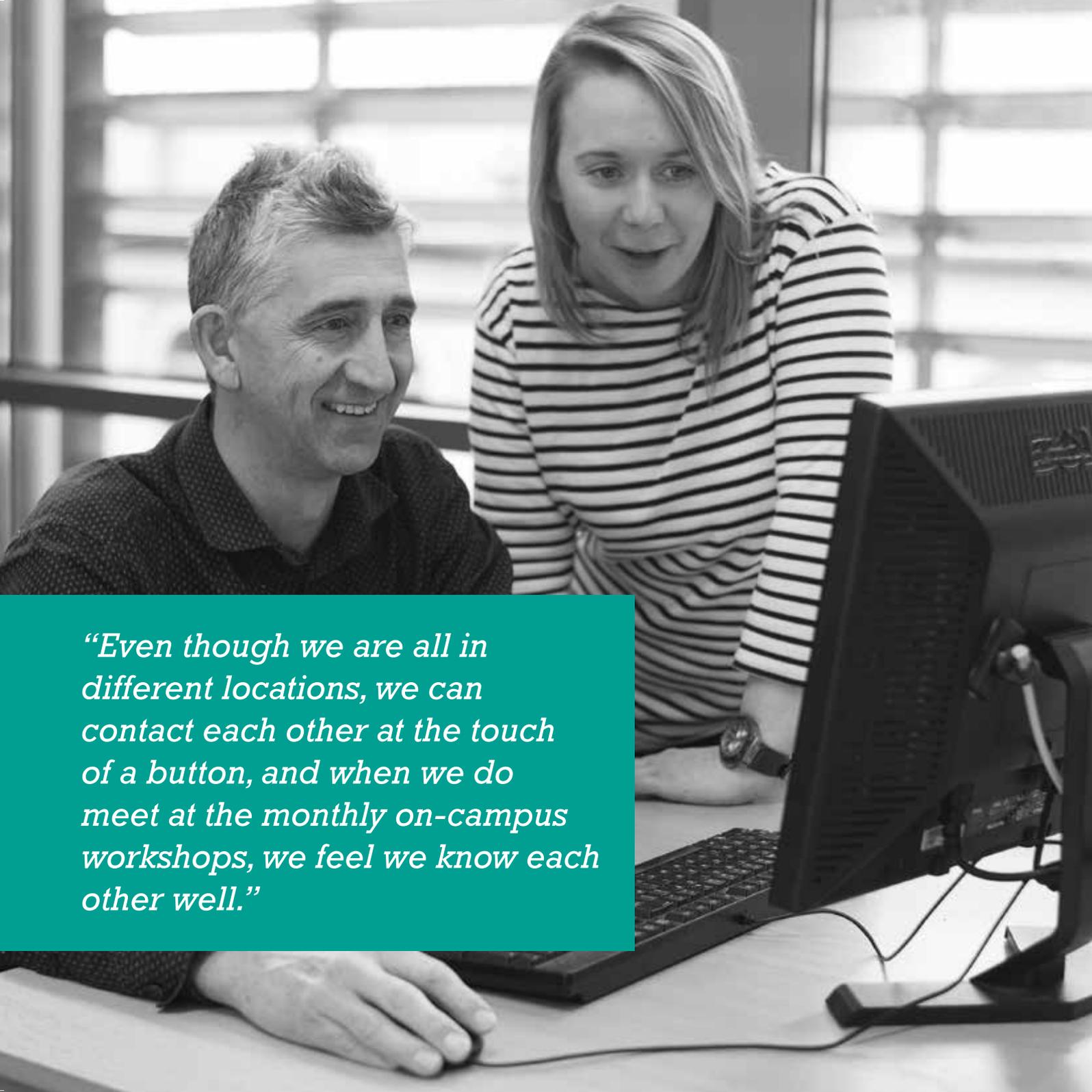
### 3. ELECTIVES

Electives may be chosen to add value to a specialism or for your own personal development. Electives are available in the following subject areas: Archaeology, History, Irish Studies, Management and Political Science and Sociology. The number of electives available in a given year will depend on the degree pathway that you choose.

# MAPPING YOUR DEGREE PATHWAY

## CHOICES





*“Even though we are all in different locations, we can contact each other at the touch of a button, and when we do meet at the monthly on-campus workshops, we feel we know each other well.”*

## SUBJECT AREAS

### ARCHAEOLOGY: FULLY ONLINE

A minor specialism in Archaeology will provide you with a comprehensive overview of the archaeology of Ireland's past, stretching from the first settlers approximately 10,000 years ago right up to select themes from early modern times.

### ECONOMICS: FULLY ONLINE

The Economics specialism provides a flourishing and diverse academic environment which integrates teaching and research, theory and empirical applications, in a policy-oriented and interdisciplinary way. At degree level, you will study a range of policy-oriented modules, including the economics of healthcare or natural resources as well as a number of applied macroeconomics modules.

### ENGLISH LITERATURE AND DRAMA: BLENDED LEARNING

This specialism forms a basis for a spectrum of critical thinking and cultural analysis. The subject area entails the study of specific literary and theatrical areas. You will refine, develop and/or acquire skills in close reading and critical analysis, improve and enhance oral and written expression, and emerge with an expanded sense of imaginative and cultural possibility.

### FRENCH: WEEKLY LECTURES

The French specialism is designed for students with an interest in French to acquire a high level of communication skills in the language (oral and written) through a variety of practical language exercises. All teachers are native French speakers and will use the communicative method of modern language instruction. Students will study major issues in the contemporary French speaking world, such as immigration, education, culture and politics.

### HISTORY: BLENDED LEARNING

The History stream seeks to analyse and explain the development of human society over time. The subject area covers a range of chronological periods, the historical experience of different countries, major themes in human society and the processes of cultural change.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE & SOCIOLOGY: BLENDED LEARNING

This specialism is designed to encourage students to examine the connections between political and sociological perspectives in relation to national and world issues. One of the common concerns of Political Science and Sociology is how and why societies change and what alternatives are desirable or possible. A core feature of this course is to encourage students to think critically, to explore possibilities and to seek solutions to social and political problems.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION MANAGEMENT: BLENDED LEARNING

This specialism responds to the continuing professional development needs of practitioners working in the field of adult education, training and human resource development. Its practical approach places specific emphasis on developing competence in programme design and development strategies, project and innovation management, employee development supports and organisational training efficiencies.

## TESTIMONIAL

*"I successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts at NUI Galway in 2016 and specialised in History and English. Returning to study part-time whilst working full-time was daunting at first. However, the lecturers were extremely supportive and went out of their way to make the course viable for full-time workers; they also listened to our concerns and fears.*

*The variety of subjects on offer allowed me to discover a particular interest in modern Irish History. The lecturers nurtured my interest and guided me through the four years of study. I found the learning process both enjoyable and rewarding; it has given me the confidence to progress further. I strongly recommend the part-time BA to anyone thinking of furthering their education."*

Helena Condon



#### HOW CAN I APPLY?

Apply online at: [www.nuigalway.ie/apply](http://www.nuigalway.ie/apply)

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