



NUI MAYNOOTH

Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAMMES



Programme 1 BA Local Studies
Programme 2 BA Community Studies

Modular Evening Part-Time

Welcome

NUI Maynooth has a long tradition of providing learning opportunities for mature students. The BA Local Studies and BA Community Studies degrees are designed specifically for such students. They are offered at the Maynooth Campus and Kilkenny Campus on a part-time modular basis. The in-built flexibility of the degrees is designed to accommodate the many demands that mature students face when they return to education.

Since the degree programmes were first offered in 1997 they have attracted students from a variety of backgrounds. Feedback from students who have graduated indicate that the rewards that accrue from completing the degree greatly outweigh the challenges posed by the experience. The friendships, the increase in self-confidence and the opportunity to explore ideas in an academic setting are often cited as the most cherished aspects of their experience.

Nine University departments are involved in the delivery of the programmes and a Course Management Team oversee their ongoing development. A Degree Manager ensures that the management of the degree meets the expectations of students. A Support Officer works closely with students to ensure that the specific needs of individuals can be addressed.

All the Departments and those involved in the management and delivery of these degrees are committed to providing positive and accessible learning opportunities for mature students.

I hope you will find the information in this brochure helpful and that it will encourage you to join us on an exciting learning journey.

Professor Anne Ryan

Chair, Course Management Team

Department of Adult and Community Education

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Introduction

The National University of Ireland, Maynooth offers modular part-time degrees in Local Studies and Community Studies. These programmes were developed in response to the demand for inter-disciplinary, flexible progression routes for adults to degree level. They are offered in the evening to facilitate adults who are unable to attend on a full-time basis during the day. They represent a further expansion of NUI Maynooth's provision for mature students. With such innovative features as flexible delivery, modularisation, credit accumulation and recognition of accredited prior learning, students may advance in a systematic and learner friendly way towards a primary degree.

These programmes are offered at the main campus at Maynooth, Co. Kildare, and at the University's Kilkenny Campus.

Structure of the Degree Programmes

Over a five-year cycle of delivery the following two programmes are provided:

- Programme 1: Local Studies
- Programme 2: Community Studies

Students on the degree may choose to follow either the Local Studies Programme or the Community Studies Programme. It is not possible to attend modules from both programmes, except where Common Modules are offered.

The inter-disciplinary nature of the programmes means that various University Departments have responsibility for module delivery.

1. Local Studies:

Participating Departments - History, Geography, Ancient Classics, Nua Ghaeilge, Language Centre, Sociology, Anthropology, Adult & Community Education

2. Community Studies:

Participating Departments - Adult & Community Education, Applied Social Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, History

Module titles for both programmes, together with their associated credit values, are illustrated on pages 6-8.

Student Experience *"I loved it, I miss the whole experience, making friends. I thought I would never achieve it, it felt like an impossible dream. In the beginning I didn't tell anyone I was doing it in case I failed or dropped out. I wish I was starting again. I don't take anything for granted anymore - I question politics, religion - it has opened my mind to society in general"*

Nora Neary O'Hanlon (Graduated 2004),
Maynooth Campus

Semesters

Each academic year has two semesters. Semesters are blocks of fifteen weeks, consisting of twelve weeks class contact and two weeks study and examinations.

Each academic year on-campus is typically structured as follows:

Semester 1	September - November	12 weeks class contact + 2 study weeks
Semester 2	January - April	12 weeks class contact + 2 study weeks
Summer Modules (Optional)	Monday - Friday full-time	1 week

Lectures are offered over two or three nights per week, usually Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 6.00 - 10.00 pm.

Modules

Each programme is offered through modules. A module is a "block" of learning in which a particular topic is taught and assessed. Most modules are "stand alone" and can be studied as separate blocks. All modules carry credits towards the degree. The modules of study are delivered through a combination of regular lectures, tutorials, presentations, field courses and short summer schools.

The modules carry different credit weightings as follows:

Module	Credits 5	Class Contact Hours 24
Module	Credits 10	Class Contact Hours 48

Credits

The degrees are based on the accumulation of credits. Students must accumulate 180 credits to successfully obtain their degree. Credits are awarded on successful completion of end of semester assessment. The flexibility of the degrees means individuals can accumulate a maximum of 20 credits or a minimum of 5 credits per semester.

Recognition of Accredited Prior Learning

Accredited Prior Learning (APL) is considered for exemption from specific programme modules. NUI Maynooth courses and/or accredited higher education courses provided by other institutions and successfully completed by applicants are considered for APL. A University Committee appraises the applications and credits are awarded to individual students through NUI Maynooth academic procedures.

A student can transfer a maximum of 60 credits for APL.

Applicants to the degree must indicate on their Application Form the names of higher education courses for which they may be seeking credits through APL. Copies of certificates for such named courses will be required only from applicants who are offered a place on the degree.

Assessment and Awards

Each module on the degree programmes is assessed. In general assessment methods include assignments, project work, written examinations and presentations. All students must complete a thesis.

On accumulation of 90 credits (allowing for 30 APL credits) students will be awarded an *NUI Diploma in Arts (Local & Community Studies)*.

On achieving 180 credits the student is awarded BA Local Studies **or** BA Community Studies.

Choosing a path through the Degree

Students on the degree may choose to follow either the Local Studies Programme or the Community Studies Programme. However students are not required to make a final decision on which programme they wish to follow until they have successfully completed Semester 1.

Semester 1

In Semester 1 a student will be expected to successfully complete the common obligatory modules: Introduction to Programmes: Local Studies & Community Studies; Study Skills & Student Support; Introduction to Information Technology Skills.

All students must successfully complete the Common Introductory Modules in Semester 1.

Exemptions in Semester 1

No exemption is possible from Introduction to Programmes: Local Studies & Community Studies Module. Where students have a proficiency in Information Technology Skills they may apply to sit a competence test before commencement of the programmes. If they pass the test they will achieve an exemption in this module. Students who have previously achieved the award of Diploma in Arts or a higher award may apply for an exemption in Study Skills.

Programme Selection: Local Studies OR Community Studies

In order to complete the degree students are expected to:

- Choose sufficient modules from either the Local Studies Programme or the Community Studies Programme to accumulate 180 credits for award of the degree;
- Complete a thesis (worth 20 credits) as part of their programme.

Students must have completed 120 credits of taught modules before registering for thesis.

Student Support

Students on the part-time degree have access to all services and supports available in the university, with the additional services of a Student Support Officer. A Study Skills and Student Support module is offered in the first semester of the programme.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the degree programmes should be mature students, i.e. aged twenty-three years or over by 1st January in the year of admission.

NUI Maynooth encourages applications from adults who may not have completed second level education. The number of places offered will be restricted so it may not be possible to offer places to all applicants in any one year.

Non-European Applicants

The University welcomes applications from non-EU applicants. For information regarding fees for non-EU applicants visit the University's website at: www.nuim.ie/international

Language Proficiency

Both programmes are delivered through English. Students are advised that to benefit from their chosen programme they should be proficient in both written and spoken English.

Fees

Fees are calculated on the credit weighting of each module and are payable at the beginning of each semester. Please see Fee Schedule enclosed.

How and Where to Apply

Application for admission is made directly to Maynooth Campus or to Kilkenny Campus. It should be made on the official Application Form available from:

Maynooth Campus

BA Support Officer,
Department of Adult and Community Education,
National University of Ireland, Maynooth,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.
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Kilkenny Campus

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Kilkenny,
Co. Kilkenny.
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Fax: 056 776 1369
Email: kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie

Completed application forms should be returned to the same address.

The information in this introduction is intended only as a guide for applicants. NUI Maynooth reserves the right to alter any aspect of this information at any time.

Local Studies Programme

Department	Code	Module Title	Credits
Common Introductory Modules: Semester 1			
	CM 1	Study Skills & Student Support	5
	CM 5	Introduction to Programmes	10
	CM 4	Introduction to Information Technology Skills	5
Level 1 modules (recurring)			
History	LS 1	Introduction to Local History (over 2 semesters)	15
	LS 2	Introduction to Maps & Landscapes	10
Level 2 modules			
Adult Education	CM 14	Project Planning & Management	5
	CM 20	ICT for Research & Learning	5
Anthropology	CM 11	Urban Society II: Critical Studies of Global Processes in Local Communities	5
	CM 17	The Anthropology of Sport & Leisure	5
	CM 19	Historical Anthropology: Local Communities through Time	5
Classics	LS 13	Latin for Local History 1	5
	LS 17	Latin for Local History 2	5
Geography	CM 10	Urban Society I: Global Processes in Local Settings	5
	CM 12	Continuity & Change in Rural Ireland	5
	CM 16	Local & Regional Development: Theory & Practice	5
	CM 13	Evolution of the Irish Landscape	5
	LS 10	The Local Physical Environment	5
	LS 26	Case Study of Landed Estates & Landscapes: Estates, Farms & Settlements	5
History	LS 3	Sources for Irish Local History	5
	LS 5	Research Methods for Historians	5
	LS 4	Introduction to Irish Archaeology 1	5
	LS 8	Introduction to Irish Archaeology 2	5
	LS 12	Landscape Archaeology	5
	LS 34	Practical Archaeology	5
	LS 7	Ireland 431 - 1014	5

Department	Code	Module Title	Credits
Level 2 modules			
History	LS 11	Ireland 1014-1400	5
	LS 15	Ireland 1400 - 1603	5
	LS 19	Ireland 1603 - 1800	5
	CM 15	Ireland 1800 - Present	5
	LS 16	Irish Art & Architecture before 1600	5
	LS 20	Irish Art & Architecture 1600 - 1900	5
	LS 24	Case Studies in Urban History	5
	LS 32	Europe in the nineteenth century	5
	LS 33	Europe in the twentieth century	5
	LS 35	Irish Cultural Nationalism	5
	CM 23	From Local to National: The Origins of Modern Nationalism	5
	CM 24	Gender Studies in Local Context	5
Nua-Ghaeilge	LS 6	Irish for Local History 1	5
	LS 9	Irish for Local History 2	5
	LS 14	The Irish Language, Literature & Folk Tradition	5
	LS 29	Aspects of Irish Literature I	5
	LS 30	Aspects of Irish Literature II	5
	LS 36	Aspects of Irish Literature III	5
	LS 21	Irish Place Names	5
	Sociology	CM 25	Culture, Identity & the Media
All Departments	LS 98	Thesis Preparation	10
	LS 99	Thesis Completion	10

LS Local Studies Module

CS Community Studies Module

CM Common Module – including both Local Studies and Community Studies

Summer Modules

In addition, residential and non-residential modules for both programmes are offered during the summer allowing participants to augment the modules completed during the winter and spring semesters.

Community Studies Programme

Department	Code	Module Title	Credits
Common Introductory Modules: Semester 1			
	CM 1	Study Skills & Student Support	5
	CM 5	Introduction to Programmes	10
	CM 4	Introduction to Information Technology Skills	5
Level 1 modules (recurring)			
Sociology	CS 1A	Social Analysis I: Theorising Society	5
	CS 1B	Social Analysis II: Locating Modern Ireland	5
Adult Education	CS 2	Models of Community Development	10
	CS 3	Introduction to Adult Development & Learning	5
Level 2 modules			
Adult Education	CS 06	Groupwork & Facilitation Skills	10
	CS 9	Psychology of Adult Development	5
	CS 015	Theory & Practice of Working with Groups	5
	CS 12	Counselling Theories	5
	CS 32	The Reflective Learner	5
	CS 27	Substance Misuse & Dependence	5
	CS 024	Creativity & Performing Arts for Community Studies	5
	CS 16	Development Theories	5
	CS 018	Community Education as Praxis	5
	CS 21A	Designing & Implementing Community Education Programmes	5
	CS 21B	Adult & Community Education: Policy & Practice	5
	CS 33	Guidance & Counselling in Adult Learning	5
	CM 14	Project Planning & Management	5
	CM 20	ICT for Research & Learning	5
Anthropology	CM 11	Urban Society II: Critical Studies of Global Processes in Local Communities	5
	CM 17	The Anthropology of Sport & Leisure	5
	CM 19	Historical Anthropology: Local Communities through Time	5
	CS 07B	Medical Anthropology	5

Department	Code	Module Title	Credits
Level 2 modules			
Anthropology	CS 34	Anthropology, Identity & Representation	5
	CS 35	The Anthropology of Ethnicity	5
	CS 36	Culture & Suicide	5
	CS 37	Introduction to Queer Theory	5
	CS 38	Post-Socialist Transition - Personhood, Property & Politics in Eastern Europe	5
Applied Social Studies	CS 4	Public Administration	5
	CS 07A	Introduction to Social Policy	5
	CS 05	Community Work: Principles & Approaches	5
	CS 8	The Role of the Community Worker	5
	CS 023	Community Work: Policies & Issues	5
	CS 11	Community Work: Equality & Social Exclusion	5
	CS 14	Development of Irish Youth Work	5
	CS 017	Contemporary Youth Work Issues	5
Geography	CM 10	Urban Society I: Global Processes in Local Settings	5
	CM 12	Continuity & Change in Rural Ireland	5
	CM 13	Evolution of the Irish Landscape	5
	CM 16	Local & Regional Development: Theory & Practice	5
History	CM 15	Ireland 1800 - Present	5
	CM 23	From Local to National: The Origins of Modern Nationalism	5
	CM 24	Gender Studies in Local Context	5
Sociology	CM 25	Culture, Identity & the Media	5
	CS 019	Gender, Power & Identity	5
	CS 28	Social Research	5
	CS 29	Living in a Consumer Society	5
	CS 30	Transnational Communities	5
	CS 31	State, Governance & Community	5
Thesis			
All Departments	CS 98	Thesis Preparation	10
	CS 99	Thesis Completion	10

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