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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRE-ARRIVAL ONLINE BRIEFING SESSION

3rd August 2023

Welcome to ATU

- Know that the information in this presentation is made available to help you and support you before you travel to Ireland
- Know also that the ATU Global will continue to help and support you during your time in Galway/Mayo – colleagues from other offices will also support you including; Students Union & Student Services Team
- We will provide an opportunity for Q&A at the end of the Presentation



Beautiful Galway City





ATU Global Team (Galway-Mayo)

- John Joe O'Farrell (Director, International Engagement)
- Jennifer Duffy / Jorge Guadalupe (Erasmus / Exchange)
- Elaine Goode (International Officer, Non-EU)
- Noreen King (Student Support / Admissions)
- 2* Senior Students Ambassadors (Starting September)

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Welcome to our University



Introduction to ATU

- Founded in 1972 – then upgraded in 1992 IoT, with a name change in 1997
- Situated on the west coast of Ireland, 2 hrs from the Capital City Dublin
 - International airports; Dublin – Shannon (Clare), Knock (Mayo)
- Population of Galway 250k with 80k (city), Ireland's Capital of Culture European Capital of Culture in 2020; Friendliest City in the world
- Dedicated IO with Senior Ambassadors to cater for the needs of Int'l Students, focusing on student experience
- GMIT merged with our partners in Sligo and Letterkenny to be designated as a Technological University in April 2022



ATU – Key Facts & Figures



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Research

463 Students Engaged in Research



International Participation



1397 International Students from 93 Countries

44% Online
32% Part-Time
24% Full-Time



Enrolments @ 31st Oct 2021

Total 20,418

Full-Time



63%

Part-Time



11%

Remote / Online



26%

New Entrants @ 31st Oct 2021

Total 3,499

Engineering & Design



New Entrants @ 31st Oct 2021

Business, Humanities, Social Science & Tourism
Total 3,499



Science



21% The most popular field of study was Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction, accounting for of new entrants



67% of new entrants went into an Honours Bachelor Degree Programme



56%



44%



<1%

Undergraduate



86%

Postgraduate



14%



Pre-Arrival Requirements

- Complete the ATU Global Arrival/Visa Survey.
- Pay your tuition fees in full.
- Submit any outstanding documentation relevant to your offer, for those with conditional offer letters.
- Ensure you have packed all important documentation and bring it on-board your flight (not in your checked in luggage)
- Please ensure you have read all pre-arrival requirements as listed on our Pre-Arrival Website
- <https://www.gmit.ie/international/pre-arrival-information>



DO NOT TRAVEL TO IRELAND UNLESS YOU BOOKED ACCOMMODATION (At least temporary)

Question:

- B.Y.O.D

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Accommodation

- Can be challenging – please book early
- ATU Global has small allocation with 2 Campus Type Accommodation Providers
- Students are also encouraged to search all options, including some of the following sites for accommodation:
 - Daft.ie
 - Myhome.ie
 - Homestay.com
 - Facebook Groups E.g. (Galway House Hunting)



Be aware of scams and always try to verify the authenticity of the property/seller before transferring any funds. Check to see if they are registered with the RTB



Accommodation

atustudentpad.ie/accommodation



Login Enquiries (0) Hotlist (0)

Search My Studentpad Housing Advice Go Local Message Board Landlords Contact

Find Your Student Accommodation

Welcome to the Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Student Accommodation Search Engine. Here you can search for student accommodation at your chosen Atlantic Technological University (ATU) campus.

area, postcode, town, or landlord name/reference (optional) Search Everything (59 Properties) Map

Student Type Campus Any Property Type

Living Arrangement Area No Max Rent

- Landlord Login**
Login or register here to manage your properties!
- Student Login**
Login or register to get details of new properties straight to your inbox!
- Look Elsewhere!**
Looking for Accommodation in another town?
- Fact Finder**
Useful facts and information on accommodation!





Health Unit Advice

- The ATU Student Health Unit provides an acute illness service on-campus
- A consultation with the Nurse or Doctor is free
- Service does not include 'out of hours service'
- You should try register with a GP Practice pre-arrival (underlying illness)
 - Find a GP on the www2.hse.ie
 - Email or Phone GP Practice to Register
 - Some GPs have a 4-5 month waiting list
 - Having Irish Mob Number upon arrival is important to complete the registration process with local GP

Students taking prescribed medications should bring an adequate supply with them to ensure continuity of care.

Important Dates

All years Trip to the Cliffs of Moher	All years Induction	All years Classes
12 th September	13 th , 14 th , 15 th September	18 th September

Exceptions:

1. MSc in Applied Marine Conservation & Conservation Behaviour - 11th September
2. MA in Creative Practice – 1st week in October

Student Services





Arrival at Dublin Airport

- Airports are operating at full capacity since early 2022, prepare for delays/missing luggage
- Two queues at the airport – EU and Non-EU
- Prepare documentation for presentation to immigration officer
- Most Non-EU Students will be given 90 days temporary permission once they arrive
- ATU Airport Collection Dates
 - 30th August - Bus Leaves Dublin Airport at 2pm
 - 5th September - (Time to be confirmed)
 - 11th September - (Time to be confirmed)

Online Registration

- Email invitations to register will be sent to most students in early September – this will be sent to your personal email IDs
- You must login immediately and provide all your personal details, to enable your ATU Student IT Account
- Our IT Department will then send you a Password (via email) to allow you log into our ATU Student Email Account



Student Hub - <https://studenthub.atu.ie/>



Quick Links Email TimeTables ▾ Exam Results ▾ Library Services ▾ Printing ▾ Fee Payment ▾ Registration ▾

DONEGAL
Student Hub for students attending Donegal campuses

Click here...

GALWAY-MAYO
Student Hub for students attending Galway and Mayo campuses

Registered Students

Login to explore your new Student Hub

Unregistered Students

Find out how to register and all about induction

SLIGO
Student Hub for students attending Sligo campuses

Click here...





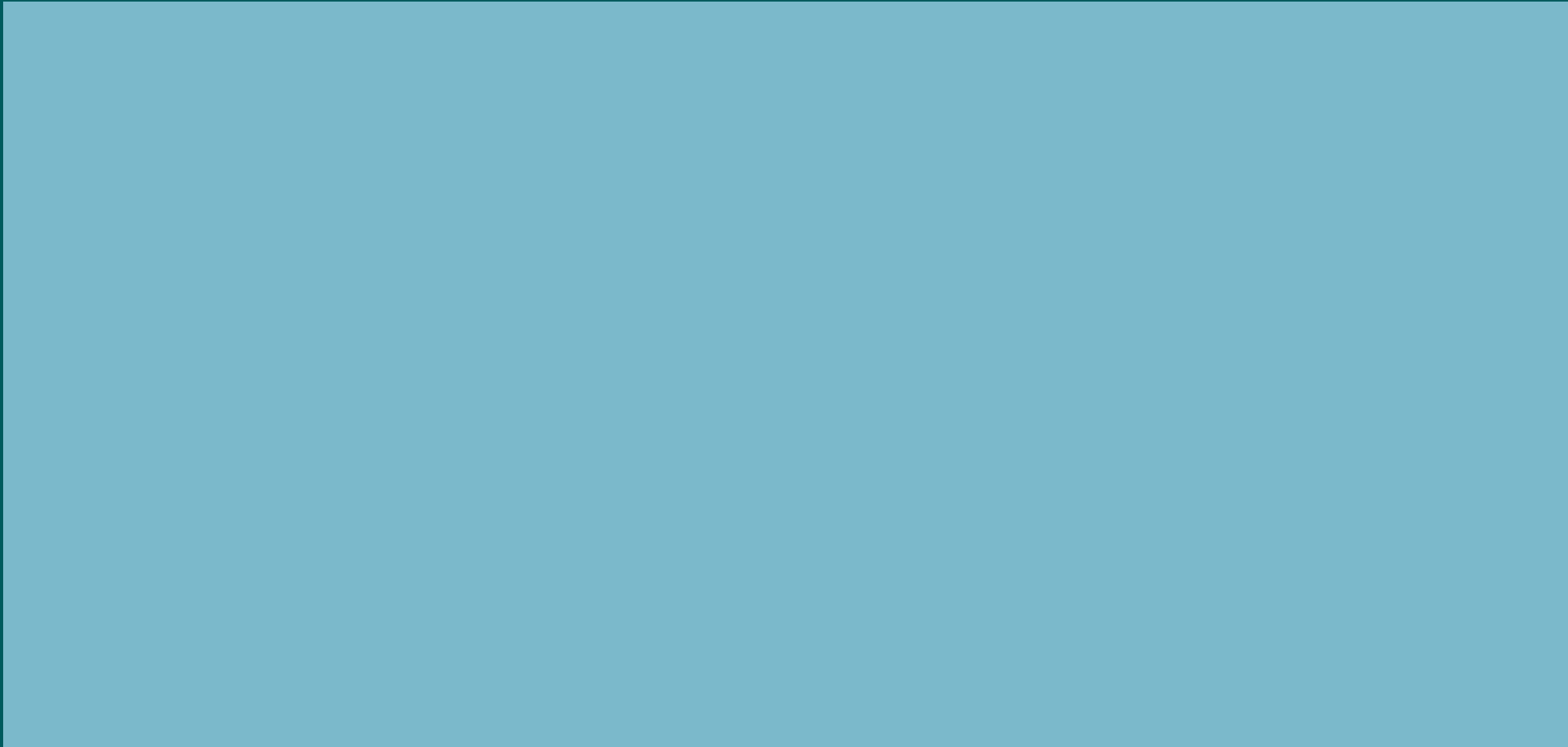
Preparing for Immigration Appointment

- IRP Registration costs €300 (cash not acceptable)
- Bank Statement showing minimum €4,500 (Non Visa)
- Valid Passport
- Medical/Health Insurance Certificate
- <https://www.gmit.ie/study/international-students/studying-at-gmit/medical-insurance>
- Your IRP Card is your re-entry visa – if you are visa-requiring and leave the state before you register with immigration then you need to re-apply for a new visa

- Travel throughout Europe – visitor visa required for UK or Schengen Area
- Please note Ireland and the UK are not in the Schengen Area



Student Experience at ATU



ATU Galway-Mayo Students' Union



The Fun Stuff: Student Life

The SU play a huge part in making student life as fun and enjoyable as possible! They run many campaigns throughout the year to bring awareness to issues facing students and they also organize lots of fun events and entertainment both on and off campus! Attending these events are a fantastic way to have some fun and make friends.

College is not just about studying, especially when you're attending from abroad!

We have a large range of clubs and socs to join, from sports to entertainment.



Clubs & Societies



Clubs & Soces

Sign Up! Get Involved!

CLUBS & FITNESS

Airsoft	Frisbee	MMA
American Football	Golf	Orienteering
Athletics	Handball	Paintball
Badminton	Hockey	Pool
Basketball	Hurling	Rowing
Bootcamp	Indoor Soccer	Sub-Aqua
Boxing	Judo	Swimming
Camogie	Karate	Surf
Cheerleading	Kayak	Tabletennis
Circuit Training	Kickboxing	Tag Rugby
Cricket	Ladies Football	Trampolining
Cycling	Ladies Soccer	Volleyball
Dance	Mens Football	Windsurfing
Equestrian	Mens Rugby	Womens Rugby
Fitness Classes	Mens Soccer	Yoga

SOCIETIES & ACTIVITIES

African	Christian	Irish Soc
Art	Debating	LGBT+
Agri Business	Digital Media	Marketing
Anime & Manga	DJ	Music
Best Buddies	Eco Soc	Nutrition
Business	Engineering	Photography
Chemistry	Fianna Fail	Radio
Choir	Film & TV	Sculptture
Comedy	Fine Gael	Sign Language
Habitat for Humanity	First Aid	Sinn Fein
Heritage	Gaisce	Trad
International	Gaming	Wellbeing

ATU Student Choir



ATU - International Students Society



Scavenger Hunt for New Students



Scavenger Hunt – Great Fun!



Day trip to the Cliffs of Moher

- Day trip to the Cliffs of Moher
- International Students Society
- Open to all new students
- (1st year, advanced entry, post graduates and Erasmus)
- Date: 12th (Tuesday) September
- Time: from 8 am to 8pm
- Leaving from ATU Galway campus
- Ticket: €29
- Tickets are limited





ATU Student Ambassador Programme

- Opportunity to Represent your Country & ATU
- Applications due 21st September
- Training Days in Galway and Connemara
- ATU Ambassadors receive Digital Badges (Gold, Silver, Bronze)
- ATU Student ambassador will have the opportunity to apply for the Senior Student Ambassador next academic year.

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THE FUTURE IS HERE**

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IN IRELAND**
WORLD-CLASS STANDARDS
WARMEST OF WELCOMES

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EI Student Ambassador Programme

- Opportunity to Represent your Country & ATU
- Applications due 13th October (tbc)
- Training Days in Dublin
- Successful EI ambassadors receive certificates from Irish Minister for Education at an Awards Ceremony in Dublin
- <http://blog.educationinireland.com/>



September

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Academic Calendar 23/24 for International Students

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11 Start of Semester I for Msc. Marine Conservation	12 Day trip to Cliffs of Moher	13 ATU Global Induction and activities	14 ATU Induction School's induction	15 ATU Global Induction and activities	16
17	18 Start of Semester I classes	19	20 Speed Friendly with SU	21 Scavenger Hunt and after party	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 International Society event	29	30

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- 13-14-15/09 - Inductions days are MANDATORY for all new students (1st year, Advanced Entry and Erasmus)
- 12/09 - Optional day trip open for all students - Tickets with the International Society
- 18/09 - Start of classes for all students (Undergraduates, Postgraduates, 1st years and current students)
- 18/09 - Club night for people with intellectual disabilities and their friends - safe and accessible place
- 21/09 - Scavenger hunt and after party open to all current students - free tickets with ATU Global

October



Academic Calendar 23/24 for International Students

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 Start of Semester I for Ma. Creative Practive	03	04 Mayor's welcome reception 	05 International Society event 	06	07
08	09	10	11	12 International Society event 	13 Student Ambassador Deadline 	14
15	16	17	18	19 International Society event 	20	21
22	23	24 Coffee and Chat session 	25 Halloween party ATU Sligo 	26 International Society event 	27	28
29	30 Public Holiday 	31 Reading week No classes 				

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Notes:

- 04/10 - Mayor's welcome reception dinner - Open to all International Students - free tickets with ATU Global
- 24/10 - Coffee and Chat sessions are MANDATORY for all International Students
- 13/10 - Applications for Education in Ireland - Student Ambassador programme deadline
- International Society events will be advertised on Instagram @atu.internationalsociety

November

Academic Calendar 23/24 for International Students

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 Reading week No classes 	02 Reading week No classes 	03 Reading week No classes 	04
05	06	07 Coffee and Chat session 	08	09 International Society event 	10 Diwali event 	11
12	13	14	15	16 International Society event 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Dinner 	24	25
26	27	28 Coffee and Chat session 	29	30 International Society event 		

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Notes:

- There are no classes or activities on Campus during the Reading Week
- 07-28/10 - Coffee and Chat sessions are MANDATORY for all International Students
- Tickets for Diwali event and Thanksgiving dinner will be released by the end of October
- International Society events will be advertised on Instagram @atu.internationalsociety

December



Academic Calendar 23/24 for International Students

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07 International Society event 	08	09
10	11	12 Coffee and Chat session 	13	14 International Society event 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 International Society event 	22 End of Semester I classes 	23
24	25 Christmas 	26 University closed 	27 Christmas Dinner 	28 University closed 	29 University closed 	30 University closed

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Notes:

- 27/12 - Tickets for Christmas dinner will be released by the end of November
- 12/12 - Coffee and Chat sessions are MANDATORY for all International Students
- International Society events will be advertised on Instagram @atu.internationalsociety

January

Academic Calendar 23/24 for International Students

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01  Public Holiday	02  New Year Dinner	03  Winter exams	04  Winter exams	05  Winter exams	06  Winter exams
07	08  Winter exams	09  Winter exams	10  Winter exams	11  Winter exams	12  Winter exams	13  Winter exams
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22  Start of Semester 2 classes	23	24	25  International Society event	26	27
28	29	30  Coffee and Chat session	31	 International Society event		

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Notes:

- 02/01 - Tickets for New Year dinner will be released by the end of December
- 30/01 - Coffee and Chat sessions are MANDATORY for all International Students
- Winter exams timetable will be released by early December
- International Society events will be advertised on Instagram @atu.internationalsociety

Email Communication

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO READ ALL EMAILS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE PRE-ARRIVAL AND DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS

Our main method of communication with students will be via email, so you need to check your emails every day. Once you are a registered student, we will only send emails to your ATU Official Email Account & not your personal account.

We should also only contact us via your ATU Student Email Account.

A recording and the slides of this presentation will be available on our Pre-Arrival Website.





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Any questions?