



BA Government (Politics, Economics & Law)

Government has a profound impact on our lives and the functioning of society. Government policies affect everything from our health and well-being, to the affordability of housing and transport, the quality of the environment and the viability of businesses and voluntary organisations.

Do you want to better understand how government works and how public policy can be improved? Do you want to better understand how democracy, politics, economics and law combine to shape public and social policy? Are you interested in working in government, business, or law? If so, then the BA Government (Politics, Economics, and Law) at NUI Galway is for you.

Key Facts

Subject Name: BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)

CAO Code: GY132

Duration: 4 years

Entry Requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/ H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Course Outline

Year One

- Introduction to Politics
- Introduction to Government
- Practicing Politics
- Concepts and Practices in Government
- Tort Law
- Principles of Economics

Year Two

- International and Global Politics
- European Politics
- Public Policy and Government
- Modern Political Thought
- Environmental law
- Intermediate Economics

Year Three

Work Placement, Study Abroad and Research Project options, Government Fieldtrip, Professional Skills Development

Year Four

- European Union Law
- Thinking Politically: The Power of Ideas
- Contemporary American Politics
- Comparative Public Policy
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Policymaking, Lobbying and Advocacy

Key Facts

The three core disciplines of this degree combine to give graduates a unique knowledge and background to develop careers in both the private and public sector.

Career prospects

This degree combines the study of politics, economics and law. In doing so the degree creates career opportunities in local and national government, business, voluntary/non-governmental organisations, consultancy, public affairs, the EU and global development agencies. The multidisciplinary nature of the degree opens opportunities in public administration, policy analysis, industrial relations, public relations, journalism, social work, community work, political advocacy, management, economics and law.

International links

Students can avail of opportunities to study abroad with the ERASMUS programme throughout Europe.

Further study

With a solid base in three key disciplines this degree creates and enhances prospects for further post-graduate study in business (such as an MBA), economics, law, human relations, political science, public policy analysis, sociology, and community development. Those who wish to pursue a career in law will be exempted from the first year of their LLB.

Find Out More

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