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College of Arts, Social Sciences  
& Celtic Studies

# *BA Government (Politics, Economics & Law)*



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# Course Overview

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 affect 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 University of Galway is for you.

**Course Name:** BA Government (Politics, Economics & Law)

**CAO Code:** GY132

**Course Level:** 8

**Duration:** 4 years

**Min Entry Points 2026:** 402

**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.



### **Career Opportunities**

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.

### **Key Fact**

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.

### **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.

### **International Links**

Students can decide to pursue a placement (year 3) in European or International settings as deemed appropriate by the Programme Board



# Course Outline

## Year One

- Introduction to Political Studies
- Introduction to Government
- Concepts and Practices in Government 1
- Concepts and Practices in Government 2
- Tort Law

## Year Two

- International Relations
- European Politics
- Public Administration
- Modern Political Thought
- Environmental Law

## Year Three

Work Placement, Study abroad, Research Project, Complimentary Study Options. and Government Field-trip.

## Year Four

- European Union Law
- Principles of Political Theory
- American Politics
- Comparative Public Policy
- Comparative Government and Politics

## Find Out More

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