Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
University of Galway

Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)

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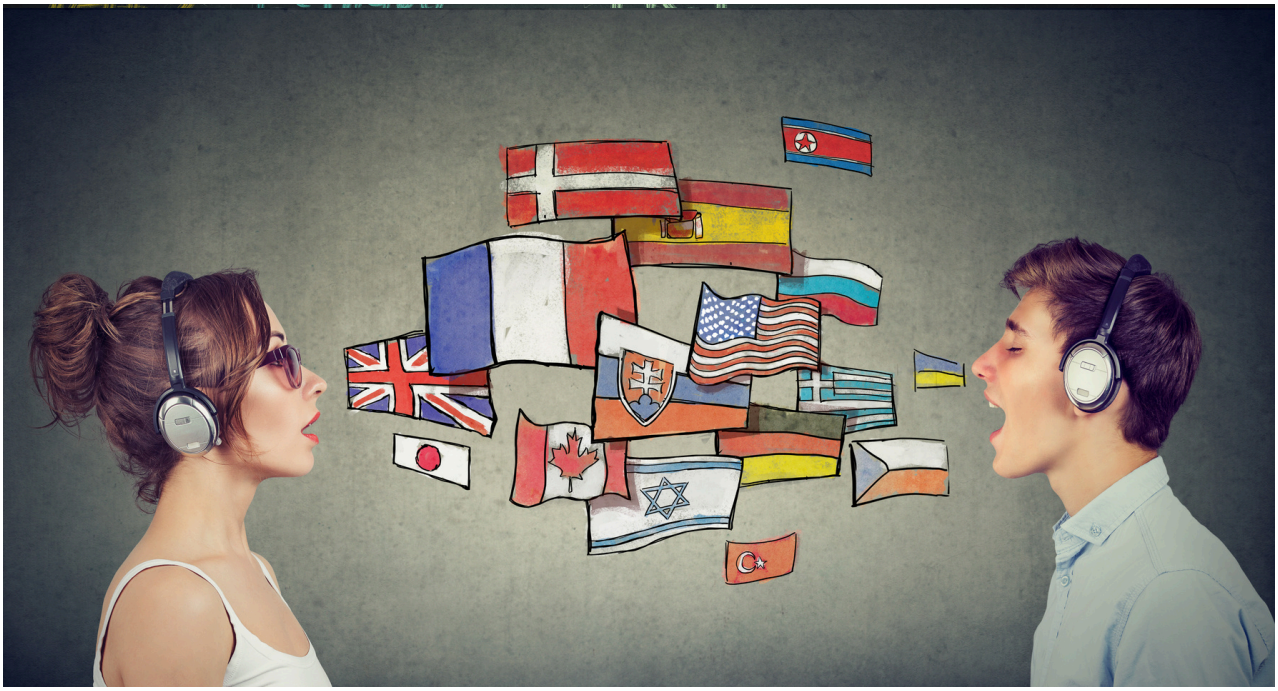
Course Overview

This degree programme aims to produce graduates with a high level of competence in at least two languages.

You can choose from French, German, Irish, Italian and Spanish. French and Irish are available at post-Leaving Cert level, Italian is available at Beginner level, and German and Spanish are available to both Beginners and post-Leaving Cert students.

This innovative language programme also offers additional minors in Translation, Linguistics, Media and Technology, allowing for increased specialisation in these strands over the course of the four-year programme. Additionally, students may take a short introductory course in Chinese.

Course Name:	BA (Global Languages)
CAO Code:	GY128
Course Level:	8
Duration:	4 years
Min Entry Points 2026:	356
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish and English. H4 in a modern language other than Irish and English, and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.



Work placement

In third year you will have the opportunity to spend a year abroad on the Erasmus exchange programme either as a fulltime student at a European university or on the Erasmus internship programme where you may apply for language assistant teaching posts. Self-organised internships in European companies can also be supported through this scheme.

International links

A recent study by the European Commission revealed that the graduate attributes students acquire during their study abroad, such as problem-solving, self-reliance and cultural awareness can greatly increase their employability. In Year 3 students will either undertake study abroad under the Erasmus programme in Europe or take up a language assistantship. Outside Europe we have additional exchange links with universities in Chile and Mexico. Students will have the option to spend a semester each in two different language areas while on Erasmus.

Career Opportunities

As a Global Language graduate you will have a broad range of career options available to you. You may choose to use your language skills for translation or research or apply your skills to careers in business, diplomatic service, journalism, the European Commission, United Nations, teaching and non-governmental organisations. There are also opportunities to continue studying in Ireland or abroad.

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Course Outline

Year One

Two languages in first year (one of which must be at post- Leaving Cert level).

Option to study a Third language as a minor.

Minor in Global Language Studies:

- Modules on Language Acquisition
- Introduction to Translation
- Written Words and Spoken Languages
- European Cinema
- Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture.

Year Two

A major in one language and a minor in a second language.

Additional Study options include minors in:

- A third language or
- Global Language Studies (with modules in Linguistics; Translation in the World; Media and Sociocultural Representation in Europe).

Year Three

You will spend Year three abroad studying or on a language assistantship.

Year Four

Two languages, with option to continue with a third.
Continued specialisation in selected minors.

Further study

- MA in Translation Studies
- MA in Advanced Language Skills
- MA in French, German Irish, Italian, or Spanish

Find Out More

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