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

Bachelor of Arts (Journalism)



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Course Overview

Journalism is an exciting mix of practical and theoretical modules in print, online, social media, radio and television. You get real-time experience of the work of a journalist in top-class media facilities including a digital newsroom, Ultra High Definition 4K TV studio and our own radio station.

We cover issues such as fake news and the relationship between power and the media, and encourage critical thinking about the role of the media in contemporary society. This four-year course will prepare you for a career in the media, and includes a professional work placement in third year and the opportunity to study abroad.

Course Facts

Course Name: BA (Journalism)

CAO Code GY119

CAO Entry Points 2025: 381

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.



Galway has a vibrant media sector both on-campus and off-campus including strong local newspapers and radio stations, film and television companies and a student-run radio station, Flirt FM, on campus.

Career Opportunities

We have excellent relationships with a range of media companies including RTE, national and local newspapers and radio, and all of our students get the opportunity to undertake a work placement as part of their studies.

Did you know?

Assessment in Journalism modules is by continuous assessment, newsdays and projects, and has a focus on practical work.

Course Outline

Year One

In Year One you study Journalism along with two other Arts subjects. Journalism modules may include:

- This is the News
- History of Media
- Radio Fundamentals
- Introduction to Media & Communication

Year Two

In Year Two you study Journalism along with one other Arts subject. Journalism modules may include:

- Reporting and Writing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Power without Responsibility
- Online and Social Media
- Multimedia

You choose between either

- Features and Magazines or Sports Journalism

You will be supported to prepare for Third Year work placement.

Year Three

You choose between four options including a full-year work placement or one semester of work placement and one semester of Erasmus/Study Abroad (subject to availability).

Year Four

In Year Four you study Journalism along with one other Arts subject. Journalism modules may include:

- The Contemporary Irish Media: Policy, Politics and Practice since 1922
- Global Political Economy of the Mass Media
- Digital Newsdays

Choice of:

- Media Research Methods
- We need to talk about Gender, Identity, Race and Sex
- Data Storytelling
- Television Journalism
- Final Project

Find Out More

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