



**Maynooth University**

National University of Ireland Maynooth



## INCOMING STUDENT EXCHANGE FACTSHEET 24/25

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# Application to Maynooth University

- Students wishing to study at Maynooth University as exchange students must **first be nominated** by their home university.
- Nominations open in **mid-March**. The nomination link will be emailed to the partner university directly.
- **Nominated** students will be **contacted with information** regarding their stay with us and instructions on how to apply.
- **An acceptance email** will be sent to students a few weeks after the application deadline date.

## Nomination Deadlines

Full Year: 1st May 2024

1st Semester (Fall): 1st May 2024

2nd Semester (Spring): 1st October 2024

## Application Deadlines

Full Year: 31st May 2024

1st Semester (Fall): 31st May 2024

2nd Semester (Spring): 31st October 2024



## Available Courses

- All incoming students are free to choose any modules from **our list of available courses**.
- Modules must be **approved** by their home university.
- Please note some courses have **limited spaces** available, particularly Product Design and Media Studies.
- Students must check there are **enough courses** on our available courses list that their home university will approve of. Flexibility is expected and extra modules should be **pre-approved**.
- Students often must make **changes** to their original course choice due to timetable clashes, limited spaces, course no longer being available, etc.
- Students are allowed to register for **max 30 ECTS per semester** and they will have two weeks after the semester start date to change their mind and register new modules.
- Postgraduate modules can **only** be taken by Postgraduate students. There are only a **limited number** of postgraduate courses available to incoming students.
- **Semester 1** students will select their modules in **August**.
- **Semester 2** students will select their modules in **December**.
- **Full Year** students will select their Semester 1 and Full Year modules in August and their Semester 2 modules in December. Please note: Semester 2 students cannot take Full Year modules!
- A Transcript of Records, **translated into English**, will be required and it must show full academic history. Students will upload their transcripts during the module selection process.



## Language Proficiency

- **No language proficiency** certificate is required. However, we expect students to have a **very good command of English in all four language skills** – writing, reading, listening and speaking. Students will be marked the same way as the domestic students, with no exceptions. *Note: We accept a nomination from the home university as confirmation that a student has acquired a good command of the English language.*



## Accommodation

- As demand for on-campus accommodation far exceeds the number of beds available, students are encouraged to look for **off-campus accommodation**. Our Student Services offer advice and information via webinars on how to find suitable off-campus accommodation during your stay at Maynooth University approximately 3 months in advance of students arriving.
- Students who need to search for off-campus accommodation will be given access to the **Maynooth Studentpad**. This is an online platform run by Maynooth University where local landlords and homeowners can advertise their lettings to students attending Maynooth University.



## Travel / Medical Insurance

- All incoming students must have travel insurance which includes **repatriation** (assisted transfer of a person back to their home country in case of serious injury or illness) covering the period of their stay at Maynooth University.
- **Erasmus** students must also have private travel insurance. The **European Health Insurance Card** will **not** suffice, as it does **not include repatriation**.
- **Full Year** and **Semester 1** students will be requested to upload their proof of insurance in **September**.
- **Semester 2** students will be requested to upload their proof of insurance in **February**.



## Orientation and Important Dates

- The orientation sessions are **compulsory** to attend for all new incoming students. Students will receive essential information regarding their time at Maynooth University.
- Please see **Important Dates** for information on term dates, study period, holiday dates and examination period.
- Semester 1 students **cannot extend their stay to full year** after they have **registered** with Maynooth University.
- Semester 1 students **will not complete their exams in January**. Alternative arrangements will be made, and semester 1 students will officially **end their stay** at Maynooth University in **December**. Generally, this means that students submit an alternative assignment instead of taking an exam, but this will be decided between the student and the lecturer / professor.



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# Budget Guide



## Housing/Accommodation

- Students are encouraged to look for **off-campus accommodation**, as oftentimes the demand for on-campus accommodation far exceeds the number of rooms available.
- Students can use our **Maynooth Studentpad** to assist them in finding suitable off-campus accommodation if they need help in this regard.
- The cost of rent in Ireland for students is approximately **€500 - €700 per month**, or **€2,250 - €3,150 per semester**.
- **Utilities** (electricity, heating, broadband, etc.) may or may not be included in the rent cost. Taken separately, utilities can cost between **€60 - €80 per month**, or **€270 - €360 per semester**.



## Medical/Travel Insurance

- Students must have travel insurance that covers **repatriation** (assisted transfer of a person back to their home country).
- An insurance policy can be purchased from a private insurance company in their home country, or can be obtained from the student's home university.
- Medical costs for students can cost approximately **€75 per month**, or **€337.50 per semester**.



## Meals

- There are a number of **cafes and restaurants on the university campus**, such as Urban Square in the Phoenix Building, Pickle in the John Hume Building, Pop in the Arts Block, Pugin Hall in St. Patrick's House and Starbucks in the Library. There is also a wide variety of cafes and restaurants around the town of Maynooth to choose from!
- For groceries, Maynooth has plenty of **supermarkets**: Dunnes Stores, Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and SuperValu.
- The approximate cost of food is **€220 per month**, or **€990 per semester**.



## Books and Materials

- Books and other materials can be purchased in the **campus bookshop**. **Second-hand books** can be bought in the **MSU Building**. There is also a large selection of books available in the **MU Library**.
- **Stationary** can be purchased in the campus bookshop, or off campus (Eason, Dunnes Stores, Flying Tiger Copenhagen, Tesco, SuperValu, The Range).
- The estimated cost of books, materials and printing is **€60 per month**, or **€270 per semester**.



## Public Transport

- There is a range of public transports, such as **Bus Éireann (Irish Bus)**, **Dublin Bus** and **Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)** for getting to and from Maynooth. Fares can cost **€50 per month**, or **€225 per semester**.
- Students can obtain a **Leap Card** for **discounts** on fares. To apply for a Leap Card, visit [LeapCard.ie](https://www.leapcard.ie).



## Personal Expenses and Spending Money

- Personal expenses for students may include things such as a **cell phone plan, socialising** and **various other** items and activities.

### Cell Phone Plans:

- Students are advised to have their cell phones **unlocked to other networks** when they arrive in Ireland. It is also advisable to shop around for the best **pay-as-you-go top up plan**. These can vary.
- There are five main networks in Ireland: **48, GoMo, Tesco Mobile, Three** and **Vodafone**.
- A plan with **48** will cost **€12.99 per month**, or **€51.96 per semester**.
- A plan with **GoMo** will cost **€14.99 per month**, or **€59.96 per semester**.
- A **Tesco Mobile** plan will cost **€15 per month**, or **€60 per semester**.
- A plan on the **Three** network will cost **€20 per month**, or **€80 per semester**.
- **Vodafone** offers a range of different pay-as-you-go plans. Depending on which plan you choose, this could cost **€20, €25 or €30 per month**. These costs would add up to **€80, €100 and €120 per semester** respectively.

### Social Life:

- There is a wide range of pubs, clubs, bars, cafes and restaurants in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There are also numerous places perfect for sightseeing as well as other events and activities to partake in! On average, a student can expect to spend approximately **€128 per month** on **socialising and other miscellaneous items and activities**, or **€576 per semester**.

### Travelling:

- Some students wish to take advantage of cheap Ryanair flights and travel around Europe when they come to Ireland. However, costs may vary greatly, depending on where exactly students wish to travel to. **It is strongly advised that students do their own research on costs and other items regarding travel to the continent beforehand.**



## Total Cost

- On average, the total cost for an exchange student to come to Maynooth University could be between approximately **€1,222.66** and **€1,295.42 per month**, or between **€5,492.15** and **€5,448.15 per semester**.

## Further Queries?

### **International Office:**

[incoming.exchange@mu.ie](mailto:incoming.exchange@mu.ie)

### **Student Services:**

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### **Maynooth Studentpad:**

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### **Student Budgeting Advice Service:**

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