



Student Story

I am originally from Germany. When I visited the Mayo campus for the first time, I knew straight away that I was in the right place. The

warm, friendly and extremely helpful atmosphere here made it possible for me to feel like I found a new home away from home. There is a great stewardship between all the students and lecturers, making it much easier to find your own personal potential and cope with difficult or stressful situations in a healthy way. I can reflect on many wonderful memories and especially the field trips and work experience have given me some 'hands-on' practice and knowledge. I am now studying for my Masters degree in GMIT Mayo.

Verena Berard



Graduate Story

I graduated in 2013 and have found my degree to be a great benefit to finding work both at home and abroad. I have worked for the

Raincoast Organisation mapping GIS data and as a park ranger for British Columbia Parks, Canada. Since returning to Ireland I have worked as a field surveyor for BirdWatch Ireland on the Breeding Wader and Curlew survey 2017. I currently work as an ecological consultant on the Mayo County Council biodiversity plan for Ballina town.

What I liked most about the degree programme was its multidisciplinary nature. I found that it allowed me to build a more layered understanding of both cultural and natural environments. By the end of the course I was able to approach natural, cultural and archaeological environments from many different perspectives and had better field work, presentation and report writing skills. I highly recommend this course for anyone interested in getting a better understanding of natural and cultural environments at both a national and international level.

Liam Loftus

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Why study History & Geography at GMIT Mayo?

- GMIT Mayo is located in Castlebar which is a warm and vibrant town. It is small enough to find your way around, but large enough to offer a wide range of activities and entertainment for students.
- The campus has state-of-the-art lecture theatres, video conference suites, IT labs with the latest technology, a customised heritage lab and willow Outdoor Classroom.
- The campus is 8km away from the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life with which we have strong links.
- Clubs and societies are at the heart of campus life. From surfing to soccer, yoga to archery, mountaineering to martial arts, you are guaranteed to find the ideal activity to help you strike the balance with the academic side of college life.
- The cost of renting accommodation in Castlebar is lower than most college towns.
- Students are close enough to Westport (16km away) to enjoy all the tourist attractions and social life that it offers.
- We have close ties to local and national employers and this can often lead to employment upon graduation.



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History & Geography

Course	Level	Duration	CAO Code	Campus
BA (Hons) in History & Geography	Level 8	4 years	GA887	Mayo
BA (Hons) in History & Geography	Level 8	1 year	Direct application to GMIT	Mayo
BA in Culture & Environment	Level 7	3 years	GA872	Mayo

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What will I study?

Areas of study include:

- History (European, Irish, Local, Genealogy)
- Folklore, Folklife & Oral History
- Physical and Human Geography
- Natural Environment & Ecology
- Technology (Digital Media, Digital Mapping, Geographical Information Systems)
- Tourism (Rural, Sustainable, Adventure)
- Archaeology: Prehistoric & Medieval
- Electives (Language, Literature or Business)

Students who have completed a Level 7 qualification in this or related areas can apply for entry for the Level 8 one-year add-on programme.

See www.gmit.ie for more



Why study History & Geography?

Studying History & Geography in GMIT Mayo Campus will allow you to:

- Acquire key professional skills valued by employers
- Progress to the Professional Masters in Education
- Prepare for a career in the fields of history and geography
- Acquire transferable skills in digital media and communications
- Gain employment in the public or private sector
- Become self-employed
- Progress to study at Masters and Doctoral levels.



Did you know?

Students have the opportunity to complete work experience as part of their studies, providing valuable practical experience and industry contacts.

Our close links with programmes and colleges in other EU member states allow our students the option of studying abroad for a semester or a full academic year.

GMIT Mayo was the first campus in the country to be awarded the Green Flag for Biodiversity by An Taisce.

Students undertake field trips locally, nationally and internationally as part of their studies. Previous examples include Rome, Vienna, Berlin, Inishturk and the Aran Islands.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may progress to a range of careers including:

- History & Geography Teacher
- Education Officer
- Environmental Conservation Officer
- Archaeologist
- Museum Curator
- Library and Archives Professional
- Rural Recreation Officer
- Green Schools' Officer
- Ecotourism operator
- Environmental consultant
- Tourism Officer
- Historian
- Genealogist
- Folklorist
- Rural & Community Development Officer
- Museum Documentation Officer
- Ecologist
- Cultural Marketing Manager

Further Study

Graduates of the programme are eligible to progress to the Professional Master of Education Programme for History and Geography teaching at second level. In addition, they can also apply for post-graduate study in the areas of History, Archaeology, Rural Development, Arts Management and GIS.