

Maynooth University Student Guide 2016



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Sports & Sports Facilities

The formative years spent at University should encompass a lot more than study and course-work. Research and practical experience shows that sport enables all of us to work and play better.

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Recent Sporting Highlights

The Maynooth University Sports Clubs enjoyed high rates of participation and solid performances through 2015/16. The University was host to many inter-varsity events, starting with the Irish University Athletic Association's Road Relays in November, followed by the Fresher's Basketball Championship in December, multiple archery, fencing, basketball, volleyball, rugby, GAA and soccer matches throughout, and in March welcomed over three hundred male and female rugby players for the Student Sport Ireland League Finals at MU Barnhall RFC. On top of the regular club training sessions and practices both on and off campus, it made for a very busy year.

Just before the start of the academic year, our golfers set the bar very high by winning team silver and Robin Dawson individual gold at the European University Championships in Switzerland.

The remarkable strength and depth of the programme was tested that same weekend as MU also emerged victorious in the final of GUI's most important club competition, the Senior Cup. The Irish team for the World University Championships in France will comprise 5 Maynooth University students including one graduate out of the six-person team.

Kelly-Anne Hutchinson (Equestrian) was also selected for World University Championship honours in Sweden (June 2016). We had a remarkable year at all levels in both the men's and women's soccer; in that we lost every semi-final, with each team that beat them emerging eventual winners!

Our Ladies Gaelic Football Club won their first ever O'Connor Cup. Camogie were finalist in the Purcell Cup. On the men's side, the hurlers were finalists the Kehoe Cup, and in fresher's football it was our seconds that won their championship.

Archery brought a good haul of medals from the Nationals with team golds and individual medals in the various disciplines of barebow, recurve and compound.

Maynooth University was honoured to have Lee Mitchell selected to represent the Irish Universities Rugby Union against England's representative side; a memorable occasion on the grounds of College Park, TCD. Who knows what 2016/17 will bring? Whatever the outcome, we hope that our clubs will continue to be driven from member engagement in the tradition of fun, fitness and friendship.

Sports & Sports Facilities

Sports Facilities

INDOOR:

- Three Sports Halls 38
- Fitness Centre 38
- Weights Room 38
- Snooker Hall 43
- Racquet Ball Court

OUTDOOR:

- All Weather Pitch
- Handball Court
- 5 Pitches (South Campus)
- 3 Pitches (North Campus)
- 2 Tennis Courts

To book any sports facilities please email fitness.centre@nuim.ie or go to the sports reception.

Sports Scholarships

The University is committed to the development of sporting excellence and awards a number of sports scholarships annually to promote and foster sporting talent in the University.

- GAA
- Golf
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Snooker

Further details on all of the above scholarships is available on the Admissions Office website: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/scholarships/sport-scholarships

Sports Contacts

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Clubs on Campus

Student-run clubs form the back-bone of the sports and recreation programme at the University. The Sports Office organises a range of fitness classes for those who are unable to commit themselves fully to a club. With over 35 active university clubs, an exceptional and time-honoured structure is in place for student sport.

Check out what groups you want to join at Clubs & Socs Fairs Day on Wednesday, 28th September

MARTIAL ARTS

Aikido
Archery
Boxing
Fencing
Judo
Kickboxing
Self-Defence

INDOOR

Badminton
Basketball
Olympic Handball
Table Tennis
Trampoline
Volleyball

OUTDOOR

Athletics
American Flag Football
Australian Rules
Camogie
Gaelic Football – Ladies & Mens
Hurling
Hockey

Rugby

Soccer – Ladies & Mens
GAA Handball And Netball
Cricket

GAMES

Chess
Darts
Snooker and Pool

AQUATIC

Aquatics Club (including Lifesaving, Swimming And Waterpolo)
Muck-Canoe and Kayak
Surf

ADVENTURE & OUTDOOR

Equestrian
Golf (Scholars & Social)
Rovers-Scouting & Outdoor Pursuits
Snowsports
Ultimate Frisbee

Maynooth Students' Union (MSU)

Maynooth Students' Union (MSU) is the representative body of all students. The aim of MSU is to promote, defend and advance the interests of its members.

Students' Union

Every registered student is a member of the Maynooth Students' Union. Further information about the Students' Union is available in a separate Handbook published by MSU.

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MSU Life

"Welcome to MSUlife!! Want to get involved, meet new people and try exciting new things? MSUlife offers a wide range of Extra Curricular activities for all its students. There are currently over 100 Clubs and Societies so there really is something for everyone. Whether you are interested in having fun and making new friends or want to compete competitively, MSUlife is for you. Register today at MSUlife.ie to join our amazing Clubs and Societies".

The Student Centre

The Student Centre is a hub for student cultural and social activities. There is so much more to University life than study and coursework. The campus is a vibrant place with a wide variety of activities open to students.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Clubs & Societies HQ & Resource Room
- Meeting rooms
- Students' Union Bar & Entertainments Venue
- Student Common Room
- MARS FM Radio
- Students' Union Shop
- Students' Union Event Tickets
- Student Leap Card
- Chill Cafe

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Student Engagement Office & Societies

Getting involved with the various student led initiatives and groups on campus gives you the opportunity to develop as an individual, gain key transferable skills, meet new friends as well as have some fun during your time in college.

The Student Engagement Office has responsibility for the development and support of a wide range of activities which aim to contribute to the holistic education of all students as well as promote a vibrant student life for University students. This includes the promotion of and access to opportunities to broaden and deepen the extra-curricular (co-curricular) experience, to develop and support student societies and other student led-initiatives thus enhancing the student experience outside of the classroom whilst complementing the academic mission of the University.

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Recent Society Highlights

University societies cater for those individuals who are starting an activity for the first time right up to advanced level.

The Dance Society were crowned the Best Society in Maynooth for 2016 while the Broadcasting Society (MARS FM) won the Maynooth Most Improved Society.

Our student led groups have consistently performed at the highest levels both regionally and nationally. This trend has continued in recent years with the Literary & Debating Society winning the Most Improved Society in Ireland for 2015 while the Maynooth Students for Charity won Best National Society Event with the organisation of the "Galway Cycle".

Getting Involved

Clubs and Societies are the lifeblood of student activity on campus. Clubs (Sporting) and Societies (Non-Sporting) are groups run by students for students. There is a wide variety of these groups for students to get involved with during your time on campus.

Student Engagement Office & Societies

Clubs and Societies provide an opportunity to enhance your experience in the University, as well as helping you to develop existing or new skills such as financial planning, events planning, health & safety, thus assisting graduates in preparing for the working world. As well as being a welcome break from academic studies, clubs and societies are also a great way to meet friends and having fun.

The University has over 75 societies that cover non-sporting extracurricular activities. Whether it's our award-winning Pride Soc, Drama Society, Playdo Society, Music Society, Dance Society, Finomics Society, St. Vincent De Paul Society or Debating Society – we have something to interest everyone.

CLUB & SOCIETIES FAIRS DAY 2016: GETTING INVOLVED

You will get a chance to join as many clubs and societies as you want at the Clubs & Societies Fairs Day which takes place on **WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2016** in the **Sports Hall**. You can find out about Society activities on the clubs and societies website (www.maynoothuniversity.ie/student-engagement) or in the Students' Union publications (including the SU Handbook), or on the Society Noticeboards, most of which are in the Arts Block. If you happen to miss Clubs & Societies Fairs Day, contact the Students' Union Office at (01) 708 3669 or students.union@nuim.ie and you can get the contact details for the clubs and societies that you want to join.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) Awards

The University is proud not only of delivering top quality academic courses, but of what it has to offer in relation to extra-curricular activities. We believe that this is an important part of the university experience and the development of our students. The Extra-Curricular Activity (ECA) awards scheme aims to formally recognise students for their work and achievement within the remit of extra-curricular activities.



Societies on Campus

ACTION/RELIGIOUS

Access
AIESEC
Amnesty
Animal Rights
Bosco
Cancer Soc
Christian Union
Enactus
Feminist
Gaisce
Irish Red Cross
Islamic
JP II Theological
Legion of Mary
Maynooth Mission Outreach
Mental Health
Pride
Pro-Life
Students For Charity (Galway Cycle)
St. Vincent De Paul
Suas
Young Christian Students

ARTISTIC & PERFORMANCE

Arts, Crafts & Design (Playdo)
Broadcasting
Busking
Circus
Composers
Creative Writing
Dance
D.J.
Drama
Gospel Choir
Jazz
Metal
Music
Music And Drama
Style / Spotlight
Trad Music

DEBATING & POLITICAL

Labour
Literary & Debating
Ogra Fianna Fail
Ogra Sinn Fein
Social Democrats
Socialist Party
Young Fine Gael

DEPARTMENTAL

Anthropology
Astro 2
Biology
Business
Celtic Studies
Chemistry
Chinese
Classics
Community, Education, Equality & Social Activism
Cuallacht
Cholm Cille
Design
Deukama / German
Education
Electronic Engineering
Elsa
Finomics
Flac
French
Froebel
Geography
History
Kilkenny Campus
Law
Maths
Media
Mundo Latino / Spanish

Postgrad
Psychology
Sociology & Politics

SOCIAL & GAMING
African/Caribbean
Banter
Cards
Comedy
Disney
Games
Hogwarts
International Development
International Students
Japanese Culture
Johto University
Makers
Mature Students
Memory
Minds
Omega
Parents
Signing
Tea
Veggie
Yoga

For updates on your first week here on campus and for news throughout the year check out: the Maynooth Freshers 2016 Social Media Channels on Page 11