



NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature (Distance) – Level 8

- French Literature**
- German Literature**
- Spanish & Latin American Literature**



**School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures
National University of Ireland Maynooth**

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The NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature have been developed by the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the National University of Ireland Maynooth to address the needs of those working as language teachers, language graduates exploring other career options as well adults with a very good competence in French, German or Spanish who are interested in learning more about the literature and culture of the countries where those languages are spoken.

Aims

The NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature aim to

- provide students with an opportunity to specialise in literature through the study of a broad range of literary texts;
- equip students who have little experience of dealing with literary texts with the necessary academic, analytical, creative, aesthetic, reflective and presentation skills to enable them to engage with literature in a productive way;
- enhance students' knowledge and understanding of important concepts of languages, literatures, cultures and societies.

Course Structure

The NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature are part-time programmes that will be delivered in an open learning format incorporating distance learning and intensive workshops.

Each Certificate comprises a set of four 5-credit modules on which students will be examined by continuous assessment.

There will be a 4-hour introductory workshop at the beginning of the academic year. Each 5-credit module will also involve two 4-hour module workshops (which will take place on the NUI Maynooth campus) as well as ongoing scheduled activities and independent study. The nine workshops, normally organised on Saturdays, will provide an opportunity for participants to familiarise themselves with a variety of approaches to the course texts, to present and discuss their ideas about the texts they have read at home and to critically reflect on the way in which literature both mirrors and influences issues of relevance to the societies and cultures in which the authors are writing.

9 x 4-hour workshops (NUI Maynooth)	36 hours
Planned home-based learning activities	88 hours
Independent student activities	144 hours
Total	268 hours

There are two options for completing the NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature:

- A 1-year part-time option, where students complete two 5-credit modules each semester and
- A 2-year part-time option, where students complete one 5-credit module each semester.

Before registration for the 2-year part-time programme, students should agree a study plan with the Programme Director.

Assessment Procedure

Participants will be expected to attend all course workshops, to prepare for those workshops by reading prescribed material, and to participate fully in the group process and learning. All modules involved in the NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature will be assessed by continuous assessment, which may involve a combination of methods such as essays, presentations at module workshops, reaction papers and/or critical analysis of short excerpts from text. Participants will be advised on how to prepare for these and will receive feedback on their progress throughout the course.

Career Options

The NUI Maynooth Higher Certificates in Literature enable graduates working as Post-Primary language teachers to engage with a substantial body of literature through the medium of the foreign language. The course would furthermore constitute an ideal bridge to postgraduate study, including the following programmes offered by the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures:

- MA / MLitt in French
- MA / MLitt in German
- MA / MLitt in Spanish and Latin American Studies
- MA in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures: Narratives of Conflict.

Entry Requirements

Applicants should normally have obtained an honours degree (extending over at least three years) in which the chosen language was a major subject amounting to 30% of the credit value of the course as a whole.

Applicants who do not possess this type of qualification may also be admitted under certain circumstances, provided that they have a language competence of at least level B2 (European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Prospective candidates should contact the Programme Director for advice on their eligibility for the programme.

Course Fee

1-year part-time option: €2500

2-year part-time option: €1250 per year

How to Apply

Applicants must apply online through the Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC) at www.pac.ie/NUIM using the following course codes:

- Higher Certificate in French Literature: PAC code **MHM54**
- Higher Certificate in German Literature: PAC code **MH054**
- Higher Certificate in Spanish & Latin American Literature: PAC code **MHZ54**

Application Closing Date

31 August

Course Commences

September

NUI Maynooth Higher Certificate in French Literature*

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS
Semester 1		
FR211D	Literature & Society 1 (Distance)	5
FR311D	Literature & Society 3 (Distance)	5
Semester 2		
FR221D	Literature & Society 2 (Distance)	5
FR321D	Literature & Society 4 (Distance)	5
Total		20

*Not on offer in 2013-14

NUI Maynooth Higher Certificate in German Literature

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS
Semester 1		
GN211D	Literature & Society 1 (Distance)	5
GN311D	Literature & Society 3 (Distance)	5
Semester 2		
GN221D	Literature & Society 2 (Distance)	5
GN321D	Literature & Society 4 (Distance)	5
Total		20

NUI Maynooth Higher Certificate in Spanish and Latin American Literature

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS
Semester 1		
SPA220D	Spanish Literature & Culture 1 (Distance)	5
SPA333D	Latin American Literature & Culture 2 (Distance)	5
Semester 2		
SPA221D	Latin American Literature & Culture 1 (Distance)	5
SPA334D	Spanish Literature & Culture 2 (Distance)	5
Total		20

For further details of all courses, see www.nuim.ie/courses

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