

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUS LIFE	
Quality of Life Rating	92
Fire Safety Rating	89
Green Rating	73
Type of school	Public
Affiliation	No Affiliation

STUDENTS	
Total undergrad enrollment	8,573
% male/female	43/57
% frosh live on campus	18
% undergrads live on campus	3
% African American	0
% Asian	0
% Caucasian	0
% Hispanic	0
% Native American	0
% Pacific Islander	0
% Two or more races	0
% Race and/or ethnicity unknown	0
% international	0
# of countries represented	90

SURVEY SAYS...

Students are happy
Classroom facilities are great
School is well run
Students are friendly
Recreation facilities are great
Lots of beer drinking

ACADEMICS	
Academic Rating	66
% students returning for sophomore year	88
% students graduating within 4 years	0
% students graduating within 6 years	82
Calendar	Semester
Student/faculty ratio	25:1
Profs interesting rating	81
Profs accessible rating	78
Most classes have 20–29 students.	

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

Liberal Arts and Sciences; Business/
 Commerce; Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies

STUDENTS SAY "..."

Academics

In emerald Ireland, just outside of Dublin, there lies the country's second-oldest and fastest growing university, Maynooth University. The school's town location and its relatively small size give off a "community atmosphere," and "modern and up-to-date" facilities and a "beautiful campus" make it "a nice environment to study in" with a "great history" to back it up. "The academic standard at Maynooth is impeccable, with lecturers, lecture halls, tutors, and labs of the finest stature," says a science major. There's a wide selection of classes available at Maynooth, and course content "is generally well-explained, with tutorials and support centers available." Professors "are without exception experts in their field" and "continually encouraging us to engage in discussions, to ask questions, and to develop not only a well-informed but independent way of thinking." "Almost all my lecturers are great orators that bring their subjects to life, creating a genuine interest among their students," says a Spanish major. Add to that the fact that they're "very, very, very approachable outside of class" ("There is always someone that you can approach for help and guidance"), and students are happy to receive "the best learning experience possible." Administration is responsive to student concerns, and there's a "friendliness of everyone on campus, from the president right down to the cleaners." The services the school provides are all "brilliant," from the library to the residence services. People also all love the "great" online class system, Moodle, which allows you to upload assignments and download class notes. "You are given every little or big piece of help you require or request to ensure you can achieve your highest grades," says a student. "In my six months here, I have yet to hear a disgruntled word aimed at the campus or the staff."

Life

Maynooth is a "very vibrant town" that "has all facilities needed by third-level students (including clubs, pubs, and pizzerias)." The student body "isn't too big," and the majority "keep on top of college work, participate in a club or society or two, and enjoy a night in the pub with their friends." There's a "vast amount" of clubs and societies, which means "there's always somewhere for you to go, whether it's the Play-Doh society or the Harry Potter appreciation society—we got it all!" The student union also "hosts concerts and social events regularly," and everyone enjoys the "good mood" of their compatriots. "For fun, the nightlife is key," and "every Wednesday and Thursday [are] party nights," when people go to the nightclubs or bars, play card games, drink beers, and "hang out with...mates." The school consists of two connected campuses, which "combine the old with the new." "South campus covered in snow is like a scene from Hogwarts in Harry Potter, [and] then "the north campus is modern." For those who live on campus, "everything is just at your fingertips," including a free gym. The university has completed a major extension to the library and is developing additional academic, research, and residence facilities as part of its Campus Master Plan.

Student Body

Look around Maynooth, and for the most part you'll just see a whole bunch of "your normal average twenty-year-old Irish girl [or] boy," though there's "a great mix of both city students and those from a rural background," as well as international, traditional, and "mature" students. "Individuality is very much encouraged" here, and in the midst of this "bubbly," "friendly" group is "a good place to make new friends." "Being Irish, we all like to have the 'craic' with people, meaning have fun," says a student. This group is also very "trustworthy," and "you can leave your laptop in the library for hours, and no one would ever take it."

THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

Very important factors considered include: rigor of secondary school record, academic GPA, standardized test scores. *Important factors considered include:* Other factors considered include: class rank, application essay, recommendation(s), talent/ability, character/personal qualities, volunteer work, work experience, level of applicant's interest. SAT or ACT required. ACT with Writing recommended. TOEFL required of all international applicants. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 4 math, and 16 units from above areas or other academic areas. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 4 foreign language, 4 social studies, 4 history, 4 computer science, and 4 units from above areas or other academic areas.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. Regular filing deadline is 6/1. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after October 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Loan aid offered: Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Direct PLUS Loans. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 3/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available.

THE SCHOOL SAYS "..."

From the Admissions Office

"Maynooth University is pleased to be one of the few international universities to be included in The Princeton Review Best Colleges series. You do not require a visa to study in Ireland as a U.S. citizen, and the fees for Maynooth University are comparable to most in-state tuition fees in the US. So, for the price of your flights, you could get an international university experience for nearly the same price as staying at home!"

"Degrees awarded by Irish Universities are internationally recognized as being of high quality. From September 2016 Maynooth University will implement a new undergraduate curriculum, a model unlike any other in the Irish university sector, and which is similar to a U.S. Liberal Arts curriculum. The new curriculum model features greatly increased flexibility, giving students the ability to specialize immediately or explore options in first year and specialize later. It will be possible for students to combine subjects across the humanities and sciences; broaden their perspective by taking a 10-credit elective stream, a short course outside of their core subject(s); pursue both major and minor subjects within an honours degree; or study a modern language alongside any degree. The revisions also include a greater emphasis on experiential learning, including expanded study abroad, work placement and volunteer opportunities.

"The International Office offers full support to all international students during the application process and once you arrive on campus. Maynooth University is very popular with U.S. students studying in Ireland and the campus is known as one of the friendliest in Ireland."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	79
# of applicants	14,256
% of applicants accepted	20
% of acceptees attending	93

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Minimum paper TOEFL	550
Minimum internet-based TOEFL	80
Average HS GPA	3.4

DEADLINES

Regular	
Deadline	7/1
Nonfall registration?	No

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	60*
Avg annual tuition (EU citizens)	\$7,488
Avg annual tuition (non-EU citizens)	\$14,553
Room and board	\$6,841
% needy frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	0
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	0
% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	0
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	0
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	0
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid	0