



SUMMER 2024 EDITION

ATU Students, the Heartbeat of our University

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) recently celebrated its second birthday as a Technological University. ATU has established itself as a university that prioritises students, creating a community environment where students feel empowered, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential academically, personally, and professionally.

ATU Sligo graduate Zoe Clarke excelled while studying the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting. Zoe received the highest mark in Ireland for her Advanced Financial Management (AFM) exam and placed 8th in the world overall.

Mark Earle, a fourth year student in Sport and Exercise Science at ATU Galway City, was driven by his passion for sports when he chose ATU in his CAO options. His work placement with Connacht Rugby has been instrumental in setting him up for success to achieve his ambition to work in Athletic Performance, Strength and Conditioning at the elite sports level when he graduates.

Joseph McGrenra is a graduate of ATU Donegal's Civil Engineering degree programme. Joseph's academic prowess was recognised when he was awarded the prestigious Institution of



Structural Engineers (IStructE) Student Technician prize for his final year project.

ATU students and graduates such as Zoe, Joseph and Mark are the lifeblood and heartbeat of the university. Offering a student-centered and inclusive learning environment, the primary purpose of the university is to educate and

empower students, developing future leaders, encouraging social and cultural development.

Supported by the inclusive student support services and welcoming campus cultures across the nine university campuses, students feel valued, respected, and supported regardless of their background,

identity or ability.

ATU is not only a university, it is a community that promotes collaboration and active participation, with a strong emphasis on maintaining connections with our alumni, creating a lifelong network of supports and opportunities.

The future is here.

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Atlantic Technological University

Your future is here

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Atlantic Technological University

New Building Developments at ATU

ATU prides itself on its commitment to providing world-class facilities to its students and researchers, with a strong focus on delivering practical and applied programmes. To achieve this, the university is undertaking several projects aimed at expanding its capacity, improving its facilities, and reducing its carbon footprint. A €4 million enhancement project is ongoing to update accessibility and improve energy efficiency and decarbonisation across our campuses. Multiple expansion projects are underway for facilities, including the provision of additional apprenticeship places across our campuses. Applications have also been submitted to the government for ATU to build purpose-built student accommodation.

ATU Galway-Mayo

- Plans are progressing for a new 4,100m², three-storey building in ATU Galway that will provide the addition of a living laboratory encompassing cross-disciplinary facilities focused on sustainability and a digital technology suite, including classrooms.
- A new 5,500m² STEM building for ATU Galway City, Dublin will cater for the growing number of students studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) courses. Building is hoped to commence in 2025.
- The €3.2m CREW Creative Enterprise and Innovation Hub opened in April to support start-up and early-stage companies in the creative industries. Enterprise space, collaboration areas and event space for 150 entrepreneurs is available in areas such as game development, animation, immersive technology, content creation and digital design.

ATU Donegal

- The Letterkenny Regional Sports-Activity Hub project is at planning permission stage. The project will see the creation of a high-quality, multi-pitch sports facility and community hub. The project will deliver multiple sport pitches, a centrally located pavilion building and a sports dome. A walking trail loop, informal cross-country route, children's play park and other amenities will also be included. The project is currently awaiting planning approval.
- Progress is being made on the new Library, IT and General Education Building for the Letterkenny Campus. The impressive campus extension is expected to commence in Early 2025.
- Plans are underway for a 1,400m² office block on the Letterkenny campus that will provide office accommodation for a growing workforce with additional capacity for the expansion of post-graduate research and industry tenants. The project is at preliminary business case and briefing stage.
- A design team has been appointed for an Ocean Innovation Centre at the ATU Donegal Killybegs campus will be a flagship rural regeneration stimulus to develop a blue economy hub of enterprise, innovation, applied research, commercialisation and learning.

ATU Sligo and ATU St Angelas

- A brand new teaching gym will be constructed this summer for use by health science and business and sport programmes.
- The Yeats Academy of Arts, Design and Architecture department redevelopment is now complete. The latest block includes two brand new black box performance theatres, new specialist art and design studios and classroom space.
- The central campus 3,700m²



E01 Extension, ATU Sligo



STEM Building, ATU Galway



Library, IT and General Education Building, ATU Donegal

four-storey extension opened in January. It includes state-of-the-art computing, science and research laboratories, including a new ISO Grade 8 cleanroom.

- The recently opened €2.2m AIM Centre plays a crucial role in ensuring manufacturing innovation, competitiveness,

and creating high-quality jobs in the region.

- The new PEM Technology Gateway facility offers an ATU hub of industry-focused RD&I services in precision engineering, manufacturing, materials technologies, and innovation.

St. Angela's College joins Atlantic Technological University

1 November 2023 was truly a momentous day for St. Angela's College with their formal incorporation into Atlantic Technological University (ATU), joining one of the largest multi-campus universities in Ireland.

Originally founded in 1952 by the Ursuline Order, St. Angela's College was based on the legacy of the campus' namesake, Angela Merici (1474-1540) whose trailblazing legacy was to provide education to women in their homes and communities, a pioneering effort of the time.

The first group of St. Angela's students began their studies in 1952, in the discipline we now know as Home Economics Education. Today, the College also offers Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies. Over 70 years later, St. Angela's has reached another milestone as they continue to offer a range of education programmes, from certificate to PhD level, spanning across a diverse range of disciplines to meet local, regional, and national demand.

Now, as one of nine ATU campuses, ATU St Angelas will bring a wealth of expertise and research as a result of this incorporation, making Sligo a truly unique student destination as one of Ireland's thriving university towns.



Available Places

Available Places (also known as Vacant Places) are places on programmes that are unfilled after offers are issued. Available Places presents an opportunity for applicants to start university this September, particularly for those who are unhappy with their offer, didn't get an offer, have changed circumstances, or simply have just changed their mind about what they would like to study since they first applied. ATU will publish programmes that have vacant places on atu.ie/available-places and on the CAO from Thursday 29th August at 12 noon. New and existing applicants can apply through the CAO application process. Follow us on social media for more information.

Campus Tours

ATU campus tours are ideal for applicants who are considering a programme at ATU or who would like to see the campuses, explore the facilities, and discover more about our programmes. If you would like to book a campus tour visit atu.ie/cao for more information.

Alternative Maths Assessment

ATU will offer an alternative maths assessment to applicants who did not get the required results in the Leaving Certificate to satisfy the maths entry requirements on our programmes. This will include a two-week Enabling Maths programme or alternatively an independent mathematics examination (one set at Honours Level and one at Ordinary Level). Both options will take place in late August/early September at multiple ATU campus locations and online. These initiatives aim to provide applicants with a "second chance" opportunity to achieve the minimum mathematics entry requirements for their chosen ATU programme. To register for your place, please visit atu.ie/mathsexam. If maths is not your strong point, don't worry, ATU offer lots of programmes that do not require any form of maths as an entry requirement. Check out the entry requirement information on our prospectus or website. You can also contact cao@atu.ie to help you identify some suitable programme options.

Summer Camps

Atlantic Technological University is delighted to offer summer camps across ATU this June in coding, robotics, game design, and entrepreneurship. For more information and to register visit atu.ie/summercamps

Taster Days

Secondary schools from all over our region visited our campuses to take part in Taster Days across lots of programme subjects this year. These days give secondary school students the chance to start considering which area of further study might be for them. The students engaged with ATU academics, technicians and students in various workshops, from lecture theatres to hands-on lab experiments. They enjoyed soaking up the university atmosphere on the day and discovering each campus they visited.

GRADUATION 2023

Over 5,300 graduands were conferred with ATU awards between our autumn and spring conferring ceremonies across ATU. Our conferring ceremonies are such a proud day for our graduates and everyone who supported and assisted them in their efforts along the way, from their families and friends to ATU lecturers and support staff. We look forward to keeping in touch with our alumni and following all their future successes.

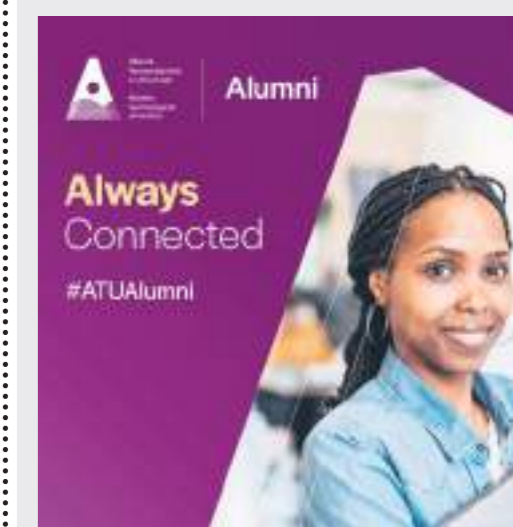


First DBA in west and northwest



ATU has launched a unique practice-based Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA), offering the highest level of management qualification. Demonstrating the scale and impact of the new university, ATU's Faculty of Business offers this new flexible four-year DBA programme that meets exceptional academic standards. A DBA programme is suited to leaders and innovators seeking to develop deep expertise and critical analytical skills, equipping them with the knowledge to address serious complex organisational challenges. atu.ie/dba

Always ATU



The ATU Alumni Network is more than 50 years in the making, drawing from our four legacy institutions, with a potential network of over 100,000 people that includes graduates, students, staff and those people and organisations who have collaborated with the university. Visit atu.ie/alumni for more information and to connect with the network.

Alumni Scholarship

The ATU Alumni Office is committed to fostering strong alumni connections, endeavouring to serve as a valued educational partner throughout the lifetime of its alumni. As part of this, ATU is delighted to offer a 20% fee reduction for ATU Alumni enrolling in taught masters programmes. Visit atu.ie/alumni/scholarship for more.

Leaving Certificate Revision

ATU was delighted to host a combination of online and on-campus Leaving Certificate Revision Classes since March for Accounting, French, Computer Science, History and Physics. Everyone at ATU wishes all students sitting state exams in 2024 the very best of luck.

Open Days at ATU



More than 10,000 prospective students attended Open Days across ATU this academic year. Events were held on all campuses on multiple occasions which started on October 4th at the ATU Mountbellew campus and ended with a virtual event with ATU St Angelas on May 16th. Thanks to everyone who came to meet with our staff and students, discover our academic programmes and student supports, and get a taste of student life on campus.

Excellence in education and training partnership with HSE

Simon Harris, as Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, launched a new partnership between ATU and the Health Service Executive (HSE) in January. The memorandum of understanding between ATU and the HSE is aimed at advancing education, skills development, research and innovation to build a healthier future. Strategic priorities of the partnership include regional

service development, addressing health inequalities, excellence in education and training, collaboration in research and innovation, and stakeholder engagement. ATU works closely with the HSE on many programmes in areas such as nursing, health sciences, social sciences and clinical measurement physiology degrees at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.



ATU Global Village



To celebrate Culture Week, the ATU Global team hosted a Global Village on the ATU Sligo campus. Students travelled from all ATU campuses to represent different nationalities and presented mouth-watering international cuisines, captivating music and engaging games. The Traditional Outfit Competition showcased our students heritage and creativity and an open photo booth on the day helped capture the vibrancy of the event.

ATU students and apprentices victorious in six categories at Worldskills Ireland 2023

ATU won an incredible six categories at the 2023 Worldskills National Final in categories such as Electrical Installations, Carpentry, Joinery, Toolmaking, Digital Infrastructure and Cabinet Making. ATU students competed against over 160 finalists in the 2023 Worldskills Ireland (WSI) event which took place in the RDS Dublin last September. Attended by over 30,000 visitors, the competition inspires the next generation of skilled young people to follow their passions, interests, and talents to secure their futures.



Seeing the Light with TEDx



"Seeing the Light" was the theme at the TEDx event held in ATU Donegal in February, where ATU celebrated the big ideas of innovative minds and forward thinkers. Thirteen speakers shared inspiring talks and captivating performances that illuminated new perspectives and sparked transformative thoughts.

ATU host VEX IQ robotics competition



ATU hosted the VEX IQ Robotics regional finals on our campuses in Galway, Donegal and Sligo. Participating primary and secondary schools design and build a robot to play with other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. The competition includes awards for excellence, teamwork, driving and coding skills.

SciFest at Atlantic TU



Second-level students participated in SciFest in Galway City, Sligo and Donegal across April and May. SciFest is Ireland's largest second-level STEM fair programme. It takes place locally, regionally and nationally. The event is inclusive and free to enter.

ATU hands second award to 60th BT Young Scientist & Technology winner

The ATU sponsored award for the "Best use of technology for sharing understanding of a subject or issue" at the 60th BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition was claimed by Seán O'Sullivan from Colaiste Chiaráin, Croom, Co Limerick, who went on to become this year's overall winner at the four day event. Sean's project explored the development of AI to expose if a writer is using software such as ChatGPT.



2024 Student Entrepreneur Awards



More than 70 submissions were received from budding entrepreneurial students across ATU ahead of the Enterprise Ireland Student Entrepreneur Awards. As part of an awareness campaign for the awards, ATU hosted a separate competition with a prize fund of €3150 available for successful applicants. The competition prizes were

generously sponsored by Local Enterprise Offices of Donegal, Sligo, Mayo and Galway; N-TUTOR and EU Green. The Enterprise Ireland Student Entrepreneur awards and winners will be announced in June. Good luck to all ATU students involved where an incredible first place prize of €10,000 could be won.

Universal Design for Learning



There is no one size fits all when it comes to teaching or assessing students. ATU is committed to the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), which requires a move away from teaching methods based heavily on lectures and texts to methods that build partnerships and community, focus on engagement and relevance, and demonstrate flexibility. Students are assessed in a variety of ways so that they can demonstrate their learning in a manner conducive to them. The academic staff are provided with many opportunities to embed the principles of

UDL in their teaching and assessment strategies. ATU students are reaping the benefits of the ATU commitment to an inclusive approach to learning. ATU's work in the UDL space was recognised in November 2022 as recipients of the John Kelly Award for Universal Design in Further and Higher Education. ATU's commitment to ongoing excellence in learning, teaching and assessment was further recognised this year with ATU Galway-Mayo, School of Science chemistry team winning a DELTA award. Such innovative practice has a positive impact on student engagement.

Sustainable Fashion Showcase



Atlantic Technological University (ATU) has been working closely with Junk Kouture, the internationally renowned sustainable fashion competition, for many years. ATU is proud of the numerous graduates who work, lead, and drive the Junk Kouture vision and mission. Fiona Kelly, Market Engagement Marketing Manager at ATU, said, "Through collaborative projects, such as designing the awards presented at the Junk Kouture World Finals in Abu Dhabi last year and again in Monaco this year, the attendance by our creative teams with displays at the Junk Kouture finals, and the recycling of promotional marketing

materials for participating post-primary schools, ATU has played an active role in supporting Junk Kouture". ATU looks forward to showcasing the university's commitment to design and creative excellence by continuing to build on that relationship to foster a deep collaboration. ATU will offer schools and students in our region expert guidance support, with our design and creative academic teams, as schools engage with this creative Junk Kouture platform to actively engage in this climate change initiative. Contact cao@atu.ie for more information.

ATU partner with Sea Sessions Surf and Music Festival for 2024 Surf Open



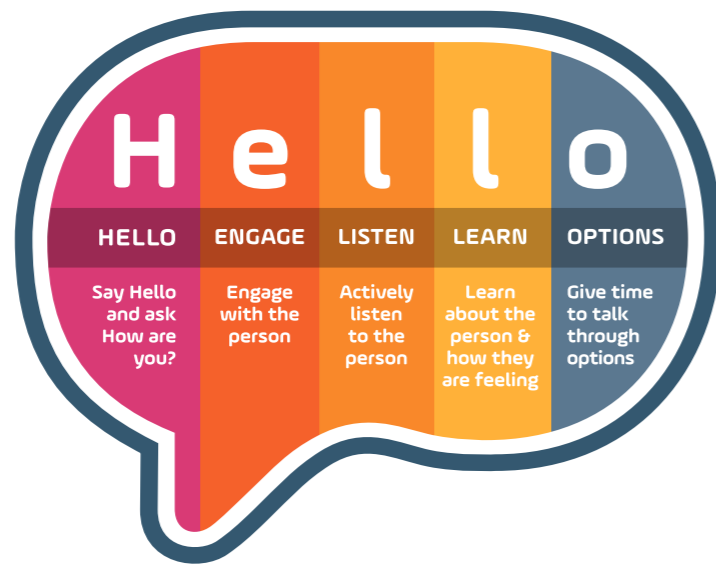
The Atlantic Technological University partnership with Sea Sessions Surf and Music Festival will return this year for the third consecutive year in Bundoran, Co Donegal. The ATU Surf Open will be hosted by surfing's National Governing Body Irish Surfing and will see the best male and female surfers on the island compete against top international surfers from the likes of Australia, France, and the UK.

This festival brings together the unique lifestyle aspects of Music, Surf, Sports and much more into their annual three day event. This year the music lineup includes Cian Durcot, Johnny Marr, B.L.K., and Jake Bugg. The ATU Volleyball Society will host the Beach Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee competition which will run alongside other beach-based sports such as soccer, tag rugby, and yoga. While the skating and BMXing display will no doubt prove a popular attraction again this year. Dr Orla Flynn, President of ATU added, "We are excited about this partnership as Sea Sessions attracts up to 10,000 young people annually and promoting culture, sport and the arts scene in our region is important to our university. The ATU Surf Open is a chance to experience the Atlantic and all its power, naturally fitting with the vision for Atlantic TU."

Hello ATU, How Are You?

ATU recently took part in the Mental Health Ireland "HELLO. How Are You?" campaign again this year. The purpose of the campaign is to tackle the lack of connection or belonging that people experience by inspiring individuals to ask how others are feeling. ATU is committed to fostering a

culture of connection and support on campus. The events held across ATU campuses helped spread positivity and support, they included breakfast mornings, campus engagement and organised walks to encourage conversation and action by signposting to local supports and services.



Student Wellbeing



ATU students on campus located beside the Student Centre which is home to our health, counselling and chaplaincy services.

The wellbeing of our students is of utmost importance to ATU. Within the last academic year, we have expanded our counselling service, resulting in over 1,000 students receiving one-to-one counselling sessions, for up to six occasions. Each of our nursing teams facilitated approximately 2,500 student appointments over

the last year. Our nursing service is complimented by an onsite GP service on four of our campuses. Our student health, wellbeing project officers and pastoral care teams run several sessions and events targeting students' physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing throughout the year.

WAVE Project

Students and staff at Atlantic Technological University (ATU) donned odd socks to commemorate World Down Syndrome Day and raise awareness for the university's Project WAVE (Working towards Academic and Vocational Equity). ATU Project WAVE provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to attend college with a comprehensive programme, addressing students' social, academic, and vocational needs. Visit atu.ie/wave for more information.



Autism Friendly

AsIAM acknowledged ATU's commitment to providing an inclusive learning environment by recognising ATU Sligo as Ireland's first Autism Friendly Technological University campus in December 2022. ATU is working towards achieving the same accolade for all campuses. Our neurodiverse student body has access to disability officers, inclusion support workers, occupational therapy, bespoke learning support, quiet spaces, assistive technologists and assistance securing employment after third level.



International Day of Persons with Disabilities



ATU celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd with training for staff and students to develop a better understanding of the key issues facing students and staff with disabilities. This year's theme was 'United in action to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for, with and by persons with disabilities.' This followed the Public Appointments Service hosting an online Disability Allyship Town Hall with Sinéad Burke, to actively support people who are temporarily or permanently disabled, and make the public sector more welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

Are you aware of Togetherall?



ATU students have access to Togetherall – an online community that is clinically moderated by mental health professionals and offers students a safe and anonymous place to express their thoughts, concerns, and triumphs. Resources are FREE for students to use and are available 24/7, 365 days a year. Students can draw strength and insights from peers who have real lived experiences, as well as access a range of self-directed, clinically validated tools to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Togetherall provides relevant courses such as Managing Stress & Worry, Improve Your Sleep, Balance Your Thinking, Stop Procrastinating and many more.

ATU achieved Athena SWAN Bronze Legacy Award

The Athena SWAN Charter is a tool for addressing gender challenges and ensuring that practices and policies do not disadvantage any staff member or student. The charter supports cultural and behavioural change, not just around gender equality but around equality and diversity in all its forms. In October 2022, ATU was awarded the Athena Swan Legacy Award, a testament to our commitment to gender equality and diversity. This award recognises the foundational work undertaken by our previous Institutes and the University's plans to embed equality at its heart. An ATU Self-Assessment Team has been established with a remit of overseeing the implementation of the Gender Action Plan, ensuring the embedding of the principles of Athena Swan throughout the institution, and preparing for the University's first Bronze Award submission in 2025.

Period Promise

ATU Healthy Campus coordinator Yvonne Kennedy and the Equality, Diversion and Inclusion Office (EDI) launched a new initiative, Period Promise. The Period Promise campaign aims to provide free period products in all ATU campuses; provide eco-friendly, toxin free and ethically sourced period care; and create a period positive culture in all ATU campuses.

EU Green Sustainability Summit



ATU is a member of the EU GREEN European University Alliance, and hosted an international workshop focusing on Engagement for Sustainable Societies and Economies in March. ATU collaborates with eight other universities from Spain, France, Italy, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Germany, and Portugal in the EU GREEN Alliance, to form a 'super campus' with more than 158,000 students and 18,000 staff. With a shared commitment to responsible growth, inclusive education, and environmental stewardship, these universities have come together under the banner of EU GREEN to amplify their impact and drive positive change. More details on EU GREEN can be found at www.eugreen.eu.

Pride

Pride is an opportunity for people from the LGBTQ+ community and their allies to come together to celebrate sexual and gender diversity and support their LGBTQ+ friends and colleagues. Shortly after the formation of ATU, LGBTQ+ staff and allies came together to form the AURA Network. The Equality, Diversion and Inclusion (EDI) Team has supported the network to ensure that ATU was represented at all Pride events in our region. Over the past year, ATU has installed rainbow walkways on all ATU-owned campuses. These are visible signs of the commitment of the university to celebrate equality, diversity, and inclusion. This year an ATU-wide Gender Identity



and Expression policy was approved. ATU aims to be welcoming and safe for all

staff, students, and the local community, regardless of any aspect of their identity.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at ATU

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Team across ATU has been busy promoting and supporting a range of events across the year including International Women's Day, International Men's Day, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Coming Out Day, Black History Month, Active Aging Week, World Mental Health Day, 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, World AIDS Day and Menopause Awareness Day. The EDI team has helped establish

networks such as AURA LGBTQ+ Staff and Allies Network and working groups such as a race equality working group, to enhance EDI efforts across ATU. The EDI office has also provided training for staff on areas such as disability awareness, trans inclusivity, pronouns, unconscious bias, active bystander champion training and a diversity and inclusion masterclass. An EDI roadshow took place between February and March to visit all nine ATU campuses where a series of talks, awareness campaigns, workshops and training took place.



ATU Library

The ATU Library supports research, teaching and learning in all libraries across the nine ATU campus locations. The multi-campus library team provides dynamic support in the evolving library space. ATU students and staff have access to almost 230,000 physical books, 270,000 e-books and over 70,000 e-journals. In addition to over 1100 newspapers, 80 databases and 170 library guides. The ATU library team has ensured continued integration and accessibility across the university of existing resources and

facilities, alongside unique historical collections, while also acquiring a wide range of new online scholarly resources to enable equity for all ATU students and staff. The ATU library offers a quiet, mindful and inclusive space for students and staff where it holds many book displays and exhibitions to provide a welcoming space for our diverse student and staff cohort, including Black History Month, International Women's Day, and the LGBTQ+ community. atu.ie/library



An Ghaeilge in OTA

Atlantic Technological University (ATU), Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh (OTA) as gaeilge, is delighted to have appointed an Irish Language Development Officer. This displays our commitment to enhancing and nurturing the community of Irish speakers and culture throughout our nine campus locations. 80% of the Irish speaking population in Ireland is based within the ATU region, as a result, we are passionate about helping develop the Irish Language in ATU and the wider community whilst ensuring

compliance with our language obligations under the Official Languages Act. Orlaith Ní Mheachair, Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge added "Tá pobail Ghaelacha á gcruithú agus á gcothú ar fud na gcampaib uilig agus tá muid ag súil go mór cur leis sin sna blianta atá romhainn. Idir ranganna comhrá, imeachtaí neamhhoirmeálta, an Cumann Gaelach, ócáidí dhátheangacha agus neart eile - tá an Ghaeilge faoi bhláth in OTA agus spás ann do chách!"

Sustainability at ATU

ATU is committed to creating a more sustainable future for the broader community and reducing its carbon footprint across all campuses. ATU Mayo was the first Institute of Technology to be awarded the Green Flag in 2011, and other ATU campuses have achieved the prestigious award since then. Energy efficiency and decarbonisation projects are underway across ATU facilities to meet government energy and decarbonisation targets which plan for a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050. Our canteens are committed to eliminating single-use items on campus and improving waste recycling and compost levels. Sustainable transport choices are promoted amongst staff and students to encourage the use of public transport and car sharing. Electric vehicle charging services, electric and hybrid bike hire options, walking routes and flexible working arrangements for staff to reduce day-to-day commuting and business travel contribute to the sustainability vision and decarbonisation targets. Biodiversity and habitat protection through ground-keeping initiatives are an additional key feature.



Tips to Thrive at ATU

Starting university can be an exciting yet daunting time for students. Here are some tips to help you get the best start possible at ATU.

Attend Induction

'Connect for Success – Your First Five Weeks' is our comprehensive induction programme to help you settle into university life. You will get to know your lecturers, meet fellow students, and find out about your programme and the supports that are available to you at ATU. Details of Induction 2024 will be provided to all applicants who accept an offer from ATU at the end of the summer after Round 1 CAO offers are dispatched.

Engage with the Students' Union

Your Students' Union can make your transition to university easier. They will prepare a fun programme of events at the start of the term to ensure you get to meet and make friends. They will look for class representatives so be sure to consider being that spokesperson for your class where you will acquire lots of new skills such as negotiation, organisation, leadership and advocacy.

Join Clubs and Societies

Joining a club or society is a great way to meet people with similar interests, try out something new or pursue your passion. We encourage students to join at least one club or society, where there is a huge variety to choose from. Look out for the Clubs and Societies Day at the start of term as part of the induction programme.

Financial Supports

Check out the scholarships and bursaries available to students across our ATU campuses at atu.ie/scholarships. Some are pre-entry scholarships meaning you can apply now, or others are open to students later in the year after registration. The Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) grant is the main financial support scheme for students studying in Ireland and abroad. It can help with living costs and registration fees. The SUSI grant support is now open for application for the 2024/2025 academic year www.susi.ie

Academic and Student Supports

All staff at ATU want to see you succeed.



You are not alone and will be supported. Engage with the academics and the student support services that underpin our university to ensure you reach your potential in a safe and supportive space. Supports such as academic writing, maths, technology, learning, disability, health and medical, library, access office, careers and chaplaincy services are just some of the many teams on hand to assist you during your time at ATU.

Student Life

The scenic ATU campus locations across the west and northwest of Ireland, help give our students an unforgettable student life experience. The region is known for its friendly people, vibrant towns and cities, and stunning natural beauty. Enjoy your time here, from restaurants, bars, music venues and cultural spaces, there are lots of opportunities to make lifelong friends here and have fun.

LinkedIn Learning Partnership

ATU has partnered with LinkedIn Learning, an online library with over 18,000 courses delivered in seven languages, to suit the training needs of staff and students. All staff and students at ATU have full, free and unlimited access to on-demand training on any device, at any time. The course topics range from leadership, engineering, and business management to Excel and beyond. The resources comprise high quality video learning resources plus downloadable exercises and workbooks.

Webinar Wednesday



The ATU careers service, together with industry, offers the Webinar Wednesday series to provide ATU students with the opportunity to grow their industry and employability knowledge and to extend their professional networks in an accessible, cost-effective, and sustainable format. Webinars are scheduled at the same time each week in the late afternoon, they are limited to 30 minutes and are delivered virtually.

Free course to prepare for university

A free, non-accredited foundation course is available at ATU, enabling students to access academic support before they enter university. It helps students to hit the ground running and settle in quickly to the first semester. This self-directed, interactive online course provides a solid foundation in the key academic skills and writing standards required for third level. Any student can enrol in it at any time and learn at their own pace where they can complete any or all of the units covering Academic Skills and Academic Writing. Students completing all units in the Academic Writing and Academic Skills Badges will be awarded the ATU Foundation Course digital badge. To enrol in this course or discover other free courses available at ATU. Please visit freecourses.atu.ie



Accommodation

Multiple student accommodation options are available at our ATU campus locations, including purpose-built student villages, private rental options and digs. While the ATU region is one of the most cost-effective student accommodation locations, there is increasing demand on supply.

All student accommodation options are owned and run by private operators, but our Students' Union teams are on hand to help students find their perfect home away from home.

If you are currently looking for accommodation in one of our ATU locations, please visit www.atustudentpad.ie for Galway – Mayo campuses; www.atusudonegal.ie for Donegal campuses and www.atussu.ie for Sligo campuses.

New accommodation options will become available throughout the year so be sure to register with the relevant service and keep an eye on their social media channels.



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ provides opportunities for students and academic staff to study, train, get work experience and volunteer abroad. Through a network of partner institutions, ATU can assist students in securing a study or placement mobility period abroad, or a blended study mobility.

Hundreds of students and staff from Erasmus+ partner educational institutions join ATU each year and benefit from the ability to interact and work with individuals from different cultures. Many Erasmus+ mobility and work placement opportunities are financially supported. Learn more by visiting atu.ie/international



Access for Higher Education Programme

The free Access for Higher Education Certificate is now available for application to the ATU Donegal and ATU Sligo, starting September 2024. This one year, level 6 programme provides direct entry access to programmes within the participating ATU campuses including ATU St Angelas, ATU Sligo and ATU Donegal (quotas may apply in some programme instances). Students study on campus, two to three days per week. Visit atu.ie/access-for-higher-education for more.

Degree options outside CAO points race

Tertiary degrees are being offered as an alternative pathway to third level education without the need to secure high points. Tertiary degree programmes allow you to complete year one close to home in your local Education Training Board (ETB) before choosing to specialise at an ATU campus of your choice. Visit atu.ie/tertiarydegrees for more information.

Become a Student Ambassador



ATU will be recruiting student ambassadors for the upcoming academic year. This programme is a great way to gain experience working at ATU events and outreach activities, getting involved with marketing by showcasing your ATU experience, and representing ATU students at important university events. There are lots of ways to get involved, so be sure to keep an eye on our social media posts in September to apply.

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As leaders in flexible learning, ATU offers students fully accredited qualifications matched to industry demand in areas such as Science, Engineering, Design, Computing, Tourism, Education, Nursing, Business and much more.

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and continue lifelong learning, develop new skills, and advance their careers.

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Download our prospectus today to view our full course list at www.atu.ie/flexible

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4. CAO Application

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ATU GALWAY-MAYO

ENGINEERING

Civil Engineering Student Winner at Worldskills 2023

In a remarkable triumph at Worldskills Ireland 2023, students and apprentices from ATU secured victories in six categories. Among them, Sean Doyle, a civil engineering graduate from ATU Galway hailing from Coolaney, Co Sligo, stood out by clinching the Digital Infrastructure Design award. His winning entry showcased a meticulously crafted and data-rich linear infrastructure model, earning him well-deserved recognition.

Sean Doyle's achievement underscores the exceptional calibre of education and training provided by ATU. Winning in such a prestigious competition as Worldskills Ireland speaks volumes about the dedication and skill of ATU's students and apprentices. Doyle's innovative approach to digital infrastructure design highlights the university's commitment to fostering creativity and excellence in its graduates.

This triumph not only reflects positively on Doyle's talents but also showcases ATU's reputation as a leading institution for civil engineering and related disciplines. It serves as inspiration for current and future students, demonstrating the possibilities and opportunities that await those who excel in their studies and embrace innovation. Overall, Doyle's suc-



cess exemplifies the outstanding achievements nurtured within the ATU community and reinforces its standing on the global stage.

Further information on our Civil Engineering degrees can be found at atu.ie/638 (Level 8) and atu.ie/538 (Level7)

Architectural Technology Students Host Annual Public Exhibition

One of the most anticipated events at the end of the academic year at ATU Galway is the annual Architectural Technology Exhibition, where 1st to 4th year students showcase their projects to the public. This year's exhibition commences on Thursday, May 23rd at 6pm and will run until June 13th.

Mary Rogers, Head of the Department of Building & Civil Engineering in ATU Galway City, says:

"Our Architectural Technology

graduates are more in demand than ever before, both for their detailing and analytical skills as well as their proficiency in Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Computer Aided Drawing (CAD), which are very real, marketable skills."

ATU's incoming Architectural Technology degree students will undergo a mandatory industrial placement lasting a minimum of 13 weeks. During this period, they work under the guidance of

Architects, Architectural Technologists, or Engineers, enhancing their practical skills and bolstering their employability upon graduation.

Architectural technologists are recognised as highly skilled technical design professionals. The Architectural Technology programmes at ATU Galway City hold accreditations from both the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) and the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI). These programmes offer a hands-on, applied learning experience, fostering a robust work ethic among students across all years of study.

Students pursuing Architectural Technology are encouraged to appreciate architectural design concepts and apply technical design principles in building development, ensuring alignment with project briefs, regulatory requirements, and energy efficiency standards. The curriculum employs a studio environment to deliver practical modules, utilising 2D and 3D modelling tools to devise sustainable design solutions. Projects gradually increase in technical complexity as students' progress through the programme, culminating in the research and analysis of the adaptation and enhancement of existing buildings in their final year.



Students Awarded TE Connectivity Bursaries



Seamus O Maoilchiarain and Xing Ying Chuang, Energy Engineering and Biomedical Engineering students at ATU Galway, received €2,500 bursaries from TE Connectivity. These awards, recognise academic excellence and ease financial burdens, allowing for focused study in their final year. Beyond financial aid, both students will benefit from mentorship by professional engineers, enhancing their academic and practical skills. Seamus and Xing Ying Chuang expressed gratitude for the support, acknowledging TE Connectivity's commitment to nurturing engineering talent. Dr. Oliver Mulryan of ATU Galway commended the collaboration, underscoring its mutual benefits. TE Connectivity's ongoing support underscores their dedication to engineering talent and innovation.

Springboard to Cloud Native Engineer

Tricia Cahill's journey to engineering, particularly cloud software engineering, wasn't a direct path from her Leaving Cert. After secondary school, she initially pursued a business studies degree and later opened a bar before finding her passion for engineering. Her determination led her to enrol in a springboard engineering course at ATU Galway, kickstarting her career in the field.

Now a cloud native engineer at Intel Shannon, Cahill's typical day involves designing, developing, and maintaining cloud-based applications and systems. Collaboration and communication are key skills she employs daily, fostering teamwork and innovation within her team.

Throughout her career, Cahill has faced challenges, including overcoming the fear of asking questions—a hurdle common among newcomers in any industry. She advocates for an inclusive environment where questions are encouraged and knowledge is shared freely.

As an advocate for women in STEM, Cahill believes in early exposure to engineering and supports initiatives that introduce young girls to the field. She emphasises the importance of collaboration and communication in driving productivity and fostering strong team dynamics.

Her advice to those considering a career in engineering or starting out in one is simple: it's never too late to pursue your passion. Embrace change, learn from setbacks, and remain resilient in the face of challenges. Cahill's own journey serves as a testament to the transformative power of perseverance and adaptability in carving out a successful career path in engineering.

Students Lead Scratch Workshops, Empowering Young Minds

Software and Electronic Engineering students organised impactful Scratch workshops for Eglinton Direct Provision Centre and local primary schools from January to March 2024 as part of a Civic Engagement module. Partnering with Engineers' Ireland, they extended their outreach during Engineers' Week to Gaelscoil Dara and Creagh National Schools. A total of 236 children benefited from these workshops, where ATU students shared their expertise. These initiatives align with UN SDG 4, fostering inclusive education. Strengthening community ties since 2012, ATU continues to bridge academia and local schools. Learn more about our Software and Electronic Engineering degrees, visit atu.ie/au642 (Level 8) and atu.ie/au542 (Level 7)

Empowering Women in STEM: Collaborative Initiatives and Scholarships



ATU Galway's department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering works closely with industry and charities to support women in STEM. Sponsored by Thermo King and Boston Scientific, the VEX Programme introduces both primary and secondary school children to robotics and coding; girls are given the opportunity to experience STEM subjects not always available in their schools. Working with TeenTurn, the department joins forces with the ATU's department of Physics & Computing, and Boston Scientific to help secondary school girls discover Physics and Robotics through monthly workshops. For girls who decide to continue and join ATU Engineering programmes, Thermo King offers a four-year scholarship to two new students every year. Once registered, girls can enter the newly formed WiSTEM society which offers mentorship and support to all girls registered in STEM disciplines. For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities, go to atu.ie/scholarships

ATU GALWAY-MAYO

ENGINEERING

Students Shine at Architectural Technologist Conference

ATU students secured victory at the 10th International Congress on Architectural Technologist (ICAT) Conference Student Event hosted by ATU. First-year student Charlie Lufniak, along with Fabricio Rocha, Emma Neale, and Lucas Goncalves from second and third year, impressed judges with their sustainable two-story building design, emphasizing technical accuracy and sustainable materials.

Sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists, Republic of Ireland (C2) Centre aspirATion Chair funding, and local Architectural company, O'Neill O'Malley (ONOM), the award highlighted innovation in response to climate and circular economy legislation. Irene Hayden, Conference Chair and lecturer in Architectural Technology at ATU Galway, noted ATU's commitment to educating



students on these issues. The unique three-day event facilitated dialogue between students, alumni, and industry professionals, showcasing 23

cutting edge architectural technology research outputs from across Ireland, England, Scotland, Denmark, and Spain.

Further information on our Architectural Technology degrees can be found at atu.ie/637 (Level 8) and atu.ie/537 (Level7)

Engineering Your Future



Students Conor Cassidy and Jack Murphy from St. Patricks College, Lacken Cross, and Ciara Curtin from Coláiste Éinde.

STEPS Engineering Your Future (STEPS EYF) is designed to inspire Transition Year students to study engineering by offering a hands-on, fun, and practical insight into engineering at the third level and as a career. ATU Galway City' School of Engineering was delighted to support this initiative again this year showcasing all we

have to offer to students from 21 schools across Mayo, Sligo, Galway, Waterford, Dublin, and Clare. This programme spanned over four days and included interactive talks and presentations, hands-on group activities, industry visits, and opportunities to meet engineers at various career stages.

ATU GALWAY-MAYO

SCIENCE AND COMPUTING

HDip in Medical Science Receives CORU Accreditation



ATU's Higher Diploma in Science in Medical Science programme has achieved accreditation from CORU, Ireland's healthcare regulator. This accreditation is a significant milestone, allowing graduates to register with CORU, essential for practicing medical scientists in Irish hospitals.

Medical Scientists work in

the health care system and provide a crucial service that contributes to the diagnosis and prognosis of disease as well as guiding treatment. In order to practice in Irish hospitals Medical Scientists are required to be registered with CORU whose main role is to protect the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training,

and competence

The part-time, two-year Higher Diploma in Medical Science, developed by ATU's Medical Science programme board in collaboration with stakeholders, offers a solution to address staff shortages in the healthcare sector. This graduate programme provides an alternative qualification route tailored for medical

laboratory aides holding a science degree.

The Medical Science team in ATU are delighted to be able to offer a part-time CORU approved programme in addition to our CORU approved BSc (Hons) Medical Science (AU671) programme as a means of continuing to support the development of the profession.

Exploring Aquatic Ecosystems

Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology has been taught at ATU Galway City for over half a century.

Incoming first year students join a community of almost 300 staff and students, passionate about the study of aquatic ecosystems, marine life, and environmental management.

Students benefit from the applied nature of the degrees featuring extensive practical's, fieldwork, as well as a work placement. This year students have travelled abroad to placements in Spain, Portugal, Australia and New Zealand. Many graduates go on to work in a range of roles in marine and freshwater ecology.

Students who opt for further study can complete postgraduate degrees in ATU such as the MSc in Conservation Behaviour, or the MSc in Applied Marine Conservation.

ATU also provides research opportunities for PhDs in the Marine and Freshwater Research Centre (MFRC) at ATU Galway City campus with a community of more than 30 PhD students and 38 academic and research staff.

For more information on our Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology degrees, go to atu.ie/au655 (Level 8) and atu.ie/au555 (Level 7)



Native Species Weekend 2024 at Dublin Zoo

Dublin Zoo came alive on May 11th and 12th during Native Species Weekend 2024. This event featured PhD candidates from ATU's Marine and Freshwater Research Centre (MFRC) alongside over 20 Irish conservation organisations, government bodies, and universities dedicated to preserving Ireland's native species. Approximately 10,000 visitors attended including 2,500 secondary school students, engaging with various exhibits and activities that highlighted ongoing conservation efforts. ATU showcased their popular Wildlife Art Representing Pressures and Providing Education (WARPPed) project, which communicates the environmental pressures faced by wildlife. The success of Native Species Weekend underscores the

importance of raising awareness and fostering collaboration in conservation. To learn more about the ongoing conservation projects spearheaded by ATU's Marine and Freshwater Research Centre, visit atu.ie/atu-mfrs.



Guiding the Future of STEM



ATU once again proudly partnered with the Galway Science & Technology Festival (GSTF), a beacon of STEM enthusiasm for 26 years. On the 12th of November the GSTF launched at the Bailey Allen kicking off with an exciting exhibition for the two-week programme. GSTF has inspired attendees of all ages, nurturing a curiosity for science and technology. The festival's core aim is to guide young minds towards future STEM studies and careers through engaging workshops and talks.

As part of GSTF, ATU hosted a range of workshops and events during Science Foundation Ireland National Science Week at its Galway City campus. These sessions welcomed students, teachers, and the public, encouraging active exploration of scientific concepts under the theme "Human?". Highlights included a Stargazing & Astronomy talk, workshops for teachers, and interactive sessions for primary school pupils focusing on sensory science and human performance. The festival also included a VEX Workshop on robotics, emphasising hands-on learning. Through these initiatives, ATU remains dedicated to inspiring the next generation of scientists and innovators.

Digital Innovation for Sport Event 2024



ATU Galway City hosted the Digital Innovation for Sport 2024 event on May 23rd, offering a day of engaging discussions, insights, and networking opportunities focused on the fusion of digital technology and sports. Tailored for sports administrators, executives, coaches, sports scientists, analysts, and medics, the event delved into leveraging technology to enhance sports performance, foster participation, and drive revenue generation. Attendees had the chance to participate in thought-provoking conversations and connect with peers in the industry. One of the highlights was the panel discussion on "Technology and the Performance Process," moderated by Bernard Jackman, former Irish Rugby player. Esteemed panellists such as Niamh Fahey, Michael Kiely, Michael Bree, Johnny Bradley, Emma Meehan, and Brian Hughes offered invaluable insights into the role of technology in optimising athletic performance.

Why Study Applied Biology and Biopharmaceutical Science?



- Ireland is a hub for pharmaceutical and biotech companies, offering extensive job opportunities in these sectors. Many students secure jobs before finishing their final exams in Year 4.
- Our programmes feature hands-on learning through practical's, projects, and placements in small class sizes, ensuring valuable real-world experience.
- Students benefit from cutting-edge labs and facilities, unveiled in October 2023, fostering scientific exploration.
- In fourth year, students complete a work placement in a host company or academic lab, gaining invaluable industry experience.
- We offer multiple entry routes, including direct entry at Levels 8 (AU670) and 7 (AU569), and through Science Undenominated routes Levels 8 (AU656) and Level 7 (AU556).

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SCIENCE AND COMPUTING

Physics comes to life in the Classroom



Throughout the academic year, the dedicated team of Physics and Instrumentation lecturers at ATU have been hard at work, both inside and outside the classroom, shaping the next generation of scientific minds. Their commitment to education extends beyond the confines of our campus and students, this year reaching out to schools across the region to inspire and encourage budding physicists while promoting career opportunities in the field. Graduates of Physics and Instrumentation are highly sought after for

high-earning key roles across diverse sectors. They find employment in the pharmaceutical, medical device, electronic, biotechnology, green energy and marine sectors. Graduates' careers include working as a calibration technician, medical physicist and various positions utilising instrumentation.

Despite this growing demand in the job market, there remains a concerning trend: a shortage of students opting for physics courses in university's nationwide. Many students perceive physics as a challenging subject, leading to hesitancy in pursuing

physics-based courses at 2nd and 3rd level.

To combat this trend, ATU is committed to showcasing the practical applications of physics, demonstrating its relevance in various industries. By highlighting success stories of past graduates and dispelling misconceptions surrounding the subject, ATU aims to inspire a new generation of physicists.

For more information on our Physics and Instrumentation degrees, visit atu.ie/au675 (Level 8) and atu.ie/au575 (Level 7)



Student STORY

Mark Earle, a current 4th-year student in Sport and Exercise Science and a former student of St. Michael's College, Dublin, shares insights into his academic journey and future aspirations.

Why did you choose to study Sport and Exercise Science in ATU?

Driven by my passion for sports, especially rugby, I chose Sport and Exercise Science at ATU after discovering my interest during a PLC course in Galway. Prior to that I had completed 1st year in another university, but it just wasn't the right fit for me. The decision to study at



ATU was driven by my desire to immerse myself in a new environment that would challenge me both academically and personally. Since then, I haven't looked back.

What do you enjoy most about your course?

I enjoy the practical elements which have been instrumental in setting me up for success for my placement with Connacht Rugby. This hands-on experience has allowed me to apply theoretical knowledge to a real-world setting.

What career path do you hope to follow after graduating?

My career aspirations are centred around working in Athletic Performance or Strength and Conditioning at the elite level of sports. I aim to apply the knowledge and practical skills I've gained in university to help athletes achieve peak physical condition and enhance their performance in competitive environments. **Learn more about our Sport and Exercise Science degree on atu.ie/au662**

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GALWAY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL SCHOOL

IHI Business Management Games Winners 2024

The Galway International Hotel School (GIHS) at ATU has once again demonstrated excellence in the hospitality industry by winning the 39th Irish Hospitality Institute (IHI) National Business Management Games 2024.

The competition is supported by Fáilte Ireland, The Russell Partnership, Irish Hotels Federation, Talbot Collection, iNUA Collection, Windward Management, Dalata Hotel Group, Classic Drinks and Booking.com. Over two days, the teams completed three challenges which tested the students' business acumen and management skills in the areas of, human resources, financial planning and business development strategies.

Supported by mentors and faculty, the winning team of Genie McDowell, Grange, Co Sligo, Siobhán Byrne, Kells, Co Meath, Caoimhe Sweeney, Oranmore, Co Galway, Kevan Gannon, Wellpark, Galway, Zoe Mitchell, Ballina, Co Tipperary, scored top marks in the competition that attracted teams representing tourism and hospitality



universities around Ireland. This 2024 victory marks ATU's continued success in the competition, following recent wins in 2021 and 2022.

The GIHS, located on the Dublin Road campus in Galway City, renowned for its pioneering role in hospitality education in Ireland, offers courses in International Hotel

and Hospitality Management, Event Management with Public Relations, International Tourism Management, Heritage Studies and Culinary and Gastronomic Sciences. The school was the first in Ireland to award degrees in Hotel Management in 1977. For further details, check out: atu.ie/gihs

Innovative Partnership with Lingnan Normal University in Culinary Sciences

ATU's Galway International Hotel School (GIHS) and Lingnan Normal University in China have established a groundbreaking cooperative education partnership in Culinary and Gastronomic Sciences. This collaboration, initiated in 2017, was facilitated by a partnership with BIEL, an education management specialist in China. Cooperative education programmes provide opportunities for Chinese students to study modules on Irish courses in addition to their course in their home country.

Through this cooperative education programme, Chinese students have the opportunity to study modules on Irish courses in addition to their course in their home country. Enabling them to enrich their understanding of culinary arts on a global scale and staying abreast of global trends in food and gastronomy.

In March 2020, the Chinese government

approved the first cooperative education programme between Galway and Lingnan. This programme allows Lingnan students in food engineering to complete their degrees by joining the fourth year of the BA Honours in Culinary and Gastronomic Sciences at ATU Galway.

Despite challenges posed by the pandemic, both universities remained committed to the partnership. The inaugural cohort of students commenced their studies at Lingnan in September 2020, transferring to ATU Galway in September 2023 to complete their final year. Future plans include faculty travel to China to meet students and engage in cultural exchanges.

Last year the name of the degree was updated to reflect the changing environment. The new BA Honours in Gastronomy Science and Food Innovation offers students a unique opportunity to



blend culinary skills with advanced food science. Upon completion, students can pursue master's degrees at ATU or explore opportunities in the vibrant food sector. Irish students are also encouraged to engage with Lingnan Normal University, fostering a dynamic exchange of knowledge and culture. Learn more by visiting atu.ie/au631

Students Shine at New Product Development Showcase



ATU's Year 4 Gastronomy Science and Food Innovation students wowed at the New Product Development Showcase on April 30. Their diverse array of creations featured at this year's showcase included probiotic jams, fruit-based cocktail mixers, ready-to-roll seaweed biscuits, vegetable-based children's yogurts, and egg white milk pudding accompanied by an assortment of compotes and fruit curds. Additionally, there were adaptogen cakes and steamed jam cakes designed to promote calmness and overall well-being.

The judging panel comprised Julie Delany, Blenders marketing manager; Nick Foley, Blenders

senior product development chef; Sandra Regan, Food sector project manager from the Bia Innovator campus; award-winning food producers; and ATU alumna Heather Connolly from Builín Blasta based in Spideal. They were joined by Emmet Kerrigan, co-founder of "All about Kombucha," Ireland's only carbon-neutral brewery, and Richard Hart from Musgraves Retail Partners, Insight and Innovation Team. Judges praised the innovation demonstrated by the students' products, suggesting some products are market-ready. The event highlighted students' readiness to impact the culinary industry.

Field Trips: Exploring Dublin and Sligo



Students enrolled in ATU's International Tourism Management, Hotel and Hospitality Management, and Event Management with Public Relations programmes benefit significantly from the incorporation of field trips into their coursework. These excursions play a crucial role in enhancing the learning experience by providing practical, real-world exposure to various aspects of their respective industries. Through these field trips, students are encouraged to apply theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom to practical scenarios, gaining valuable insights and skills that cannot be acquired through traditional classroom instruction alone. In 2023, a Dublin day trip included visits to the Guinness Storehouse, immersing in the history and craftsmanship behind Ireland's most famous stout. Then students delved into the world of technology with a visit to Google, gaining insights into innovation and digital trends. This year, overnight trip to Sligo showcased its natural beauty and culture, featuring the National Surf Centre and Irish Coast Guard. Cultural highlights included Hawk's Well Theatre and The Model arts centre. These excursions foster camaraderie and adventure while providing insights into Ireland's heritage and contemporary landscape, enriching students' overall learning experiences.

NEW Degree in Galway International Hotel School



The Galway International Hotel School (GIHS) proudly unveiled its latest CAO course, AU532 Bachelor of Business in Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management (Common Entry). Officially launched on May 7th, this programme offers an exciting pathway for students eager to explore the areas of tourism, hospitality, and event management.

This common entry degree allows students to get a taste of three different disciplines during their first year. Through a range of modules, which encompass practical and theoretical learning, guest lecturers and field trips, students gain invaluable insights and experiences to inform their career choices.

Following the first year, students, with their lecturers' guidance, will stream into year 2 of their chosen Level 8 for the subsequent years. Students can choose from the following award options: International Tourism Management, International Hotel and Hospitality Management or Event Management with Public Relations.

Further information on this new degree can be found at atu.ie/au532

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BUSINESS

ATU Enterprise Ireland Awards 2024

With over 70 submissions received from budding entrepreneurial students across the ATU,

Galway had great success at this recent event obtaining 1st and 2nd place and receiving special category awards for most sustainable business idea that was held in the iHub Sligo. President Dr. Orla Flynn welcomed all the students and sponsors to the event and noted the importance of entrepreneurship in our communities. The promotion of the creative and innovative mindset was encouraged, whether students setup their own business, or work in a Small to Medium sized business or a Multi-National organisation, "you learn an entrepreneurial way of thinking, that will be beneficial for whatever type of employment you engage in going forward."



School of Business Triumphs at West Canada Business Competition

The School of Business at ATU Galway clinched victory at the recent 2024 West Canada Business Competition hosted by Douglas College, Vancouver, showcasing their courage in strategic decision-making and teamwork. The Irish contingent, mentored by ATU Lecturer, Colm Kelleher, competed against Canadian teams and demonstrated exceptional skills throughout the rigorous three-day event.

The team of Tomas Feerick, Panna Mikko, Nicole O'Reilly, and Martin Lohan, brought a diverse range of expertise in accounting, marketing, sales, and general business to the table. Their collective efforts, coupled with their ability to adapt strategies in a simulated business environment, pushed them to success.

It was Panna Mikko's individual achievement that secured second place and further underscored the team's outstanding performance. Dr. Seamus Lennon, Head of the School of Business, praised the practical approach of the institution's business degrees, emphasising the importance of hands-on experience and applied learning.

The victory reflects the effectiveness of ATU Galway's curriculum in preparing students for real-world challenges. By integrating practical exercises and work placements into their programmes, the school equips students with the critical skills needed to excel in competitive settings.

For information on ATU Galway Business degrees, see: www.atu.ie/business-galway



Sales Professional Network Events for ATU Business Students



Field trips and industry networking events play a crucial role in the experiential learning offered at ATU. ATU Business students recently engaged in such learning experiences through the Sales Professionals Network events. One such event, "Women in International Sales," held at Glenlo Abbey Galway, featured industry esteemed speakers like Pamela Laird and Emma Butler. Pamela, a beauty entrepreneur, and the visionary behind the beauty brand 'Moxi Loves', shared her entrepreneurial journey, emphasising resilience amidst failure, while Emma, now a Client Partner at Franklin Covey UK & Ireland, inspired by her narrative of perseverance. Both speakers generously interacted with students, fostering connections beyond the event.

Another impactful session, "Beyond the Basics of Business: Sales Master," hosted at the Portershed hub in Galway City, provided insights into sales psychology by experts Dr. Denis O'Hara and Professor Jonathan Levie. Through workshops and discussions, students honed their skills, gaining practical tips and networking opportunities with industry professionals. These events empower students to thrive in the competitive business landscape.

Explore ATU Galway's Business degrees at atu.ie/business-galway

Accounting Degrees Update



Accountants are required by every business, providing expert advice, and managing economic activities and financial information. At ATU Galway we have two leading accounting degrees in Accounting and Digital Accounting that offer direct pathways into a full-time career in professional accounting while also providing the required skillset to operate in the current and future business environments with opportunities in a range of business careers, including financial services and management consulting.

New for 2024, students will also have the choice to continue their studies on either programme following successful completion of year 1 in Accounting or year 1 Digital Accounting. Learn more about these programmes at atu.ie/au600 (Accounting) and atu.ie/au607 (Digital Accounting)

Graduate Evie Gaughan's Meteoric Rise to Bestselling Author



When the bestseller list for 2023 was unveiled, amidst names like Paul Lynch and Marian Keyes, one stood out: Evie Woods, a Galway native and past graduate of ATU. Under her pseudonym, Evie Woods, she saw her novel "The Lost Bookshop" soar to the top, outselling even the Booker Prize winner. This achievement marks a remarkable journey from a marketing diploma to literary success.

Woods' path to writing was serendipitous, born from moments of hardship and a love for literature. While battling social anxiety in her 20s, she found solace in books, which sparked her own storytelling ambitions. Despite initial setbacks, including a rejected first novel, Woods persevered, self-publishing and eventually attracting the attention of major publishers.

"The Lost Bookshop," her fourth novel, is a testament to her resilience and creativity. Set against a backdrop of magical realism, it tackles serious themes while offering readers hope and healing—a reflection of Woods' own journey. Through her success, she aims to inspire others to embrace their uniqueness and pursue their passions, proving that there's always another path to success.

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GALWAY CITY WELLPARK ROAD

CREW Galway: Igniting Creativity in the West

ATU Galway City's Wellpark Road campus now hosts a groundbreaking initiative poised to transform the landscape of creative entrepreneurship in the west of Ireland. The CREW Creative Enterprise and Innovation Hub, officially opened on April 5th, marks a significant leap forward for creative innovators in the region. Funded by the Department of Enterprise, Trade, and Employment, through Enterprise Ireland's Regional Enterprise Development Fund, the CREW hub represents a strategic investment in nurturing and supporting the burgeoning creative industries. As the first innovation hub dedicated to creative entrepreneurship in the West, CREW is set to become the epicentre for CreaTech innovation. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including collaborative workspaces, a podcast studio, meeting rooms, and more,



CREW offers a conducive environment for startups to innovate, collaborate, and thrive.

The collaborative effort between ATU Galway, the

Western Development Commission, and Ardán showcases the power of partnerships in fostering innovation and economic development.

Entrepreneurs and innovators are encouraged to explore the opportunities available at CREW and join the vibrant community shaping the future of the creative industries.

Graduates Shine at International Trickfilm Festival of Animation, Stuttgart

Graduates from Atlantic Technological University's (ATU) Animation and Game Design programme showcased their talent at the prestigious International Trickfilm Festival of Animation in Stuttgart from April 23 to 28, 2024.

"The Dressmaker" and "Flash to the Past," crafted by Galway students Redmond O'Kelly, Magdalena Sikora, Seosamh Brock, Liam Burke, and Alexander Navarro Mantari from Ennis, Co Clare, exemplify the creative prowess fostered within ATU's School of Design and Creative Arts in Galway city (Wellpark).

"The Dressmaker" draws from a true story documented

by the National Museum of Ireland Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN). Set in Co Galway, the animation delicately intertwines elements of Irish heritage and community, evoking nostalgia and warmth. Through their work, the students amplify the narrative with Ireland's rich storytelling traditions and communal spirit.

Meanwhile, "Flash to the Past" offers a captivating exploration of animation evolution. The film follows an inexperienced scientist testing a new device and being transported through different animation styles and eras. This innovative piece not only



showcases technical skill but also demonstrates the students' understanding of animation history and artistry.

Selected as part of Zeitgeist Ireland 24, an initiative by

Culture Ireland and the Embassy of Ireland, Germany, both films contribute to the representation of Irish animation on an international stage.

Winner of Best Documentary of the Year at Smedia Awards

On the 10th of April 2024, first year Film and Documentary student Samuel Burns' triumphed at this year's Smedia Awards, winning the prestigious title of Best Film Documentary for his short "The Space". The documentary crafted as a response to a brief that asked students to creatively respond to their immediate surroundings. Describing his creative

choices, Sam says "The aspect of my surroundings that has been the most constant and represents me most effectively is water. Not a specific river, lake, shower, or pool, but the idea that when water is part of my immediate surroundings, it creates a space where I feel free of stress and worry for a short while at least."

Sam used a combination of present-day footage, poetry

and archive from his childhood and early teens to reflect on his mental health and on the relief, water provided him with when in a time of need. This accolade not only recognises Burns' individual achievement but also underscores the university's dedication to nurturing artistic talent.

For information on our Film and Documentary degree, visit atu.ie/615



Student Teachers Exhibit Art Works for Galway Easter Ceremonies

ATU's Department of Creative Education presented "The Passion," an evocative exhibition crafted by student teachers, enriching Galway's Easter ceremonies.

Showcased during the Way of the Cross, this unique display, spanned St Nicholas' Collegiate Church to St Augustine's Church. First-year Bachelor of Education students in Art and Design & Communication Graphics (AU620) skillfully interpreted aspects of the Crucifixion and Passion through diverse artworks. Their creations, inspired by global representations, adorned the churches, narrating and commemorating Jesus Christ's journey. The exhibition, which ran until March 30, celebrated students' diverse talents and marked a milestone in their educational journey towards becoming qualified art and design educators.

The Bachelor of Education in Art and Design & Communication Graphics (AU620) is an initial teacher education programme accredited by the Teaching Council. Graduates are qualified to teach both Art and Design and Communication Graphics in post-primary schools.



New Degree in Jewellery and Goldsmithing launched

ATU in partnership with Design and Crafts Council Ireland (DCCI), is now accepting applications onto the highly regarded new 3-year full-time BA (Hons) in Jewellery and Goldsmithing. The Level 8 degree course will be delivered in the purpose-built state of the art facility at DCCI Academy Jewellery School in Sessions House, Thomastown, Kilkenny. This unique programme is designed to equip graduates with the practical skills needed to develop careers in the jewellery industry in Ireland and internationally. Learners will be taught by industry-experienced academics, tutors, and technical staff, with expertise in fine jewellery techniques, precious metals, and gemstones. Those interested must apply directly to ATU. Full details on entry requirements and how to apply are available at www.atu.ie/dcci-degree.

Showcasing Creative Brilliance at the Graduate Exhibition



Each year the final year students from Art, Design, and Film and Documentary, host a Graduate Exhibition showcasing their work from the previous year. This event will be open at ATU Galway City, Wellpark Road on Friday 24th May from 2pm -6pm and will run daily from 10am -6pm on Sunday to Thursday 30th May. To view work from our students, check out our online gallery on atu.ie/sdca-gallery

ATU GALWAY-MAYO

CONNEMARA

ATU Dominates WorldSkills National Final with Six Wins



ATU achieved outstanding success at the recent WorldSkills National Final in Dublin, triumphing in six categories including Electrical Installations, Carpentry, Joinery, Toolmaking, Digital Infrastructure, and Cabinetmaking. Notably, ATU Galway Connemara student Keith Roberts from Ballyconneely, Connemara, Co Galway, earned a silver medal in the Cabinetmaking category. Keith's remarkable achievement secured his position in Team Ireland for the upcoming competition in France this September. The university provided crucial support, assisting Keith in honing his cabinetmaking skills with practice pieces and detailed feedback from lecturers. As Keith continues to prepare for the competition, the university facilitates his practice on campus, ensuring he is well-prepared to represent both himself and ATU on the international stage.

Students Win Trip to South American Rainforest for Innovative Street Furniture Design

In January, ATU concluded a remarkable collaboration with Pilot Projects Design Collective and Galway County Council through Cities4Forests initiative. ATU Connemara students enrolled in the B.Sc. Furniture Design & Manufacture programme, participated in the project titled 'Connecting Communities', under the guidance of lecturer, Davin Larkin. This initiative involved the design and manufacture of street furniture using Forest Positive tropical hardwood timber supplied by Cities4Forests #partnerforest #conservation. The students crafted furniture for specific sites in Clifden town as part of Galway County Council's town regeneration program.

A panel of visiting experts assessed all student work based on predefined criteria, selecting four outstanding students as winners. These winners—Isabel Robinson, Melissa Shiel, Ciaran Gell, and Eoin Dalton—will now embark on a once-in-a-lifetime week-long visit to a tropical rainforest in South America at the end May.



Industry Day: Connecting Students with Wood and Interiors Sector

In March 2023, the Industry Placement team at ATU Connemara celebrated the success of hosting an Industry

Day event on campus. The hybrid event featured 14 companies presenting either in person or online, providing

insights into the wood and interiors sector in Ireland. Current students had the opportunity to learn about

available placement and job opportunities directly from industry experts. A panel discussion allowed students to engage with company representatives, aiding second-year students in selecting placement companies for their upcoming year-long placements and providing valuable career information to fourth-year students graduating in June 2023.

Networking opportunities over lunch facilitated informal discussions between students and potential employers. Workshops on CV writing, and LinkedIn offered professional development support to both second and fourth-year students. Throughout the event, students represented ATU Connemara with professionalism and pride, embodying the university's values.



Student Furniture Exhibition



The annual Student Furniture Exhibition in ATU Connemara will be officially opened on Tuesday 18th June at 4pm. This exhibition unveils the finest pieces crafted by students throughout the last academic year. The exhibition will be open to the public from Monday to Friday, 10am-1pm & 2-5pm in ATU Connemara, Letterfrack, and will run until the 23rd of August 2024. To learn more about all our programmes, visit atu.ie/connemara

Innovative Furniture Designs at Trees to Treasures Exhibition



The Trees to Treasures exhibition at Farnleigh Gallery last summer spotlighted the exemplary education provided by ATU Connemara, the National Centre for Excellence in Furniture Design & Technology. From May 19 to August 27, visitors marvelled at creations born from the transition of trees into exquisite pieces, reflecting the region's natural beauty and students' ingenuity. Over two decades, ATU had collaborated with the Office of Public Works (OPW) on projects promoting sustainability and furniture reuse. Paul Biesty, OPW's Chief Technical Officer, underscored the exhibition's significance in showcasing students' dynamic skills and creativity. Head of Department, Paul Leamy, highlighted the internationally renowned programmes at Connemara, known for their quality and industry responsiveness. Dr. Orla Flynn, ATU's President, emphasised the exhibition's relevance for those passionate about furniture design and its positive impact on the world. While open to the public, the exhibition offered an opportunity to explore the innovative furniture designs and craftsmanship of ATU's Connemara students.

ATU GALWAY-MAYO

MOUNTBELLEW

New Sheep Housing and Handling Facility



On Friday, May 10th, ATU Mountbellew had the honor of hosting Minister Charlie McConalogue for the groundbreaking ceremony of its new Sheep Shed and Handling Facility. Designed by our Farmyard design team, this facility marks a significant step forward in meeting the educational needs of future generations of students. As Mountbellew Agricultural College celebrates 120 years of this year, the timing couldn't be more fitting to inaugurate this milestone project.

From Farm to Field

Gavin Kelly, a seasoned farmer with a lifelong connection to agriculture, shares his journey into the competitive world of ploughing. Raised on a farm and immersed in tillage activities ranging from barley to potatoes, Gavin's roots in farming run deep. While the family farm transitioned to keeping store lambs year-round, Gavin's passion for ploughing remained steadfast.

Participating in the prestigious National Ploughing Championships (NPC) demands dedication, skill, and meticulous preparation. Competitors like Gavin qualify for the event through regional or county-level competitions, where success secures entry to the national stage. Gavin's ploughing skilfulness has seen him compete for the past four years, initially in the novice class before advancing to the U21 category. Despite securing 2nd place twice in the U21 grade, Gavin remains determined to clinch the top spot in 2024 at this year's NPC in Ratheniska, his final year in the U21 level. As he gears up for another shot at glory, Gavin embodies the spirit of perseverance and ambition that defines the world of competitive ploughing.



Our Growing Campus in Mountbellew



ATU Mountbellew (Mountbellew Agricultural College) is Ireland's first Agricultural College, founded in 1904. In conjunction with ATU Galway City, it now offers undergraduate programmes in agri-business, agri-science and agri-engineering.

With 122 hectares, Dairy cow herd of 90 pedigree registered Holstein-Friesian, Beef cow herd of 30 sucklers and a large sheep flock of 200, our students benefit from practical, hands-on experience on our working farms. This year we welcomed 300 newborn lambs to our farm demonstrating the remarkable fruitfulness of some of the ewes. Among the new additions, there were three sets of quads and an impressive 36 sets of triplets, further adding to the lively atmosphere on the ATU Mountbellew farm. With so many new arrivals, it's clear that the flock is thriving and that there will be plenty to keep our staff and students busy into the summer months. For more information on our programmes, check out atu.ie/mountbellew

Innovative Simulators and Learning Aids Revolutionise Agricultural Education



Agricultural education is getting a major upgrade with some new equipment thanks to funding from Teagasc. Students now have access to state-of-the-art simulators and learning aids that make learning hands-on skills more interactive for students who may not have agricultural experience. The Bovine Calving Simulator is for practicing calving procedures with precision, the Bovine Injection Simulator aids you with cattle injections, and the Cow Anatomy 3D Flip Chart lets you explore bovine anatomy in a fun and interactive way. Additionally, the life-sized Calf Simulator facilitates hands-on training in essential procedures such as ear tagging, tubbing, and castration. With the integration of infrared thermal technology for animal health monitoring on drystock farms, students gain practical insights into modern farming practices. These cutting-edge resources empower students with immersive learning experiences, fostering expertise and proficiency in agricultural practices.

ATU GALWAY-MAYO

MAYO

Psychology Going from Strength to Strength

ATU Mayo's Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Psychology, was launched just over a year ago. It has been an exciting and busy year for our lecturing team and for our very first cohort of students.

The programme, aimed at meeting both national and local demands for skilled psychology graduates, has garnered significant attention and positive feedback from current and prospective students, and the local community. At present, we have 16 psychology students at ATU Mayo, who have just finished their first year of classes. They have engaged in a student-centred, problem-focused approach to studying psychology. This includes the fundamental curriculum areas of biological, developmental, cognitive, and social psychology, as well as research methods and individual differences. Students have already had ample opportunities to gain hands on experience conducting replications of well-known psychological studies. In other instances, they have engaged in role play, or tested out measures of intelligence, personality, or observation techniques commonly used by psychological researchers. We can clearly see the direct benefits of our small class sizes in the conversations we have with our students, and in the type of teaching this enables us to do.

We anticipate that the programme will



1st year BSc Psychology students engaging in a workshop about risk and resiliency in childhood, facilitated by ECEC lecturer Mary Skillington, and Psychology lecturer Elaine Mc Hugh

continue to go from strength to strength, overseen by our core lecturing team of psychologists. Our lecturers have expertise in a range of areas, including clinical psychology, addiction, cognition, child development and disability. This year we were delighted to add Dr Erik Mac Giolla to our team, whose primary research area is in

Legal Psychology, including eyewitness memory, suspect interviewing, and deception detection.

Our work will likely lead to increased access to training in psychology and greater participation and access to the profession. We look forward to greeting a new cohort of first years to ATU Mayo in September 2024.

A Global Learning Experience



Students of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) at ATU Mayo are immersed in a world of hands-on learning and international collaboration. In February, they explored Canada through a partnership with Niagara College. While in March, they embarked on a fully funded Erasmus+ study visit to Zagreb University for project WAISP (Wellbeing And Involvement Starting with Play). This year alone Mayo campus has welcomed students from Vancouver, Germany, and Croatia, fostering a diverse learning environment. Blending theory with practice, students engage in alternative assessments like experiential play days and practice placements. They've also benefited from hosting an artist in residence, Clíodhna Noonan for two years and a visit from Professor Amanda Pintore of Arizona State University, Fulbright Specialist in theatre and dance for the incredibly young, all enriching our student's educational journey.

For more information on these courses, visit atu.ie/au695 (Level 8) and atu.ie/au491 (Level 7)

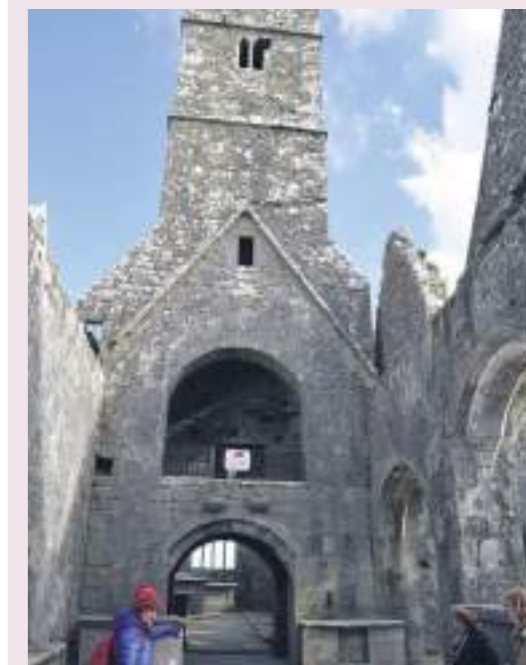
Empowering Social Care Education

ATU Mayo's CORU-approved Social Care programmes guarantee graduates eligibility for registration with Ireland's Social Care Register. Our courses emphasise the fusion of theory with practice, incorporating work placements, guest speakers, and sector engagement. With small class sizes, students gain a

profound understanding of authentic, person-centred care relationships. This year, students benefited from professional development at the Social Care Ireland Conference in Cork and collaborated with NHL Stenden, Leeuwarden, for their International Social Care/Social Work Project's 12th

anniversary. Engagement on-campus seminars on legal capacity by Josephine McLoughlin and poster presentations for World Day of Social Justice further enhance our students' educational journeys. Explore our Applied Social Care degrees at atu.ie/au696 (Level 8) and atu.ie/au593 (Level 7).

History & Geography Field Trips



Students on the BA (Hons) in History and Geography at ATU Mayo undertake a range of field trips as part of their studies. This is an exciting dimension of the programme but also allows students a chance to put into practice what they have learned in the lecture theatre, for example, by undertaking ecological field work or surveying archaeological sites. Programme Chair Dr Fiona White explains: 'Our History and Geography students can explore the local landscape during the four years of our degree programme but also travel to national sites of importance. They can also participate in international trips, for example, this year our students have visited Nice, Monaco, Barcelona and Girona'. She continues, 'not only do these trips reinforce the students' learning, but they also provide great memories that stay with students long after they have completed their studies and help to build bonds and friendships within the group. In addition, students have the opportunity to hear from experts at the various sites we visit and to benefit from their in-depth knowledge'.

For more information on our degree in History and Geography, visit atu.ie/au694

NEW Outdoor and Environmental Education (Common Entry) Degree

ATU Mayo officially launched their new CAO programme AU699 Outdoor and Environmental Education (Common Entry) on May 1st. This innovative common entry degree offers three award options tailored to students' interests, determined by the electives you choose. The award options are: Outdoor Education; Outdoor Education and Therapeutic Applications or Geography and Outdoor Education.

These degrees seamlessly integrate academic study with adventure sports training allowing students to explore outdoor education's therapeutic, developmental, and educational aspects. Through designing educational programmes and exploring Ireland's natural and cultural landscapes, heritage, and ecology, students uncover the potential of adventure tourism, green exercise, and nature therapy.

Outdoor learning experiences are increasingly essential across various sectors in Ireland, such as schools, social care organisations, community development, youth services and adventure tourism.

Learn more about this programme at atu.ie/au699

ATU GALWAY-MAYO

STUDENT LIFE

Student Ambassadors Awards Ceremony

On April 30th, ATU Galway held its inaugural student awards ceremony, a significant occasion honouring the dedication and hard work of student ambassadors and recognising the achievements of the first cohort of student ambassadors from the Galway and Mayo campuses who received Digital Badges from the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

This year, we had 93 student ambassadors representing ATU Galway and Mayo campuses at events throughout the year. Among whom 23 were awarded digital badges, highlighting their exceptional commitment and contributions throughout the academic year.

Throughout the past year, student ambassadors have been instrumental in facilitating various events, including inductions, open days, campus tours, and conferring ceremonies, contributing to the vibrant and inclusive atmosphere at ATU. Notably, the university witnessed its largest open day on November 25th, preceded by conferring ceremonies on November 22nd and 23rd.



Dr Orla Flynn, expressed her gratitude to the student ambassadors for their unwavering support, the ceremony emphasised the pivotal role they play in welcoming and assisting new and

prospective students. From leading campus tours to participating in events and activities, their warmth, guidance, and knowledge significantly shape the student experience and foster a sense of community at ATU.

Students Union Raises Funds During RAG Week

Your Students Union are your representatives. There to assist students in all things student life including academic issues and queries, grants, your health and wellbeing, accommodation and so much more! One of the highlights of the year is RAG week (Raise and Give), where local, national charities and fundraisers are supported from the funds raised. This year ATU Galway-Mayo Students Union chose to support the 'Hope 4 Liam' campaign. A heartfelt fundraising campaign set up to support 20-year-old Liam Davoren from Moycullen, a second-year Construction Management student at ATU. Liam suffered life-altering injuries in an accident that occurred on October 12th.

The SU orchestrated a series of fundraising activities, starting with a raffle boasting over 20 prizes, which garnered €3,000.



End-of-Year Ball 2024



On April 24th, students donned their finest attire for ATU's highly anticipated End-of-Year Ball. The evening was filled with laughter, dancing, and unforgettable memories as the ATU students came together to celebrate the conclusion of another successful academic year. With music provided by Smash Hits, the atmosphere was electric as students enjoyed a night of fun and revelry. The End-of-Year Ball served as a fitting tribute to the hard work and achievements of students throughout the year, creating cherished moments that will be fondly remembered for years to come.

ATU Global Galway-Mayo Hosts Vibrant Lunar New Year Celebration



Accommodation Options at our Galway and Mayo Campuses



For many students, university means moving to a new town or city and trying to find accommodation for the first time. Therefore, finding the accommodation right for you is important.

Whether you are moving to Galway City, Mayo, Connemara or Mountbellew you will be living in a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable area.

Types of Accommodation

Accommodation options for students include private rented accommodation, or purpose-built student villages.

Private Rented Accommodation

www.atustudentpad.ie provides a list of the different types of accommodation (houses, flats, full and partial board) available near the Galway, Mayo, Letterfrack, and Mountbellew campuses.

Student Villages

Several purpose-built student villages are near ATU's Galway and Mayo campuses. These student villages are owned and run by private operators not vetted or approved by ATU or ATU Students Union.

Galway Student Villages

Glasán - www.glasan.com
Cúirt na Rásáil - www.cuirtnarasai.com
Ceann Bóirne - www.atustudentaccommodation.com

Mayo Student Villages

Hawthorn Village - www.hawthornvillage.ie

Connemara Student Villages

Áras Ghuaire - www.letterfrackaccommodation.com

ATU DONEGAL

BUSINESS STUDIES

Jack Burke McBride's Journey from Student to Graduate Programme

Jack Burke McBride, a former St. Columba's College Stranorlar student and recent ATU Donegal graduate, secured graduate success right in his hometown following completion of his studies at ATU. Jack, who pursued the Bachelor of Business (Common Entry) degree with a specialism in Marketing in the Letterkenny campus, joined ATU's Graduate Marketing programme a few months after graduating.

Choosing ATU Donegal was a strategic move for Jack, allowing him to balance his studies while residing at home. This decision not only provided him with financial benefits but also granted him independence, a crucial aspect for any student entering university life. The personalised attention learners receive at ATU is significant, students develop a strong rapport with lecturers at ATU which enhances the overall learning experience.

Jack's favourite modules within the Business programme included Digital Marketing, Brand Engagement Marketing, and Strategic Marketing. He appreciated how these modules were directly applicable to the real-world scenarios, bridging the gap between theory and practice. Jack commented, "The smaller class sizes at ATU create such a positive learning environment, you feel comfortable seeking advice from your lecturers, that's the culture at ATU."

For prospective students interested in



pursuing a degree in Business, Jack recommends ATU's Common Entry Business degree programme as it gives learners an opportunity to explore all aspects of Business including Marketing, Management, and Accounting disciplines. He added, "The flexibility of the curriculum in the Common Entry degree is great, you get to explore all business areas then select your chosen field after exploring all specialisms."

Since graduating, Jack has secured the Graduate Marketing Intern role, where he applies his knowledge and skills in a practical setting. This opportunity, provided by ATU, exemplifies the university's commitment to supporting graduates in kickstarting their careers. Jack's responsibilities as a Marketing

Intern include event coordination, digital content creation, exploring new marketing technologies, and assisting with marketing and recruitment initiatives.

Jack Burke McBride's journey from student to marketing professional serves as an inspiration for aspiring business students, showcasing the opportunities available within their local community. His story underscores the importance of taking opportunities and making the most of one's educational experience. As Jack continues to thrive in this role, he remains a testament to the quality education and career prospects offered at ATU Donegal.

To find out more about Bachelor of Business (Common Entry) degree programme visit www.atu.ie/au200

ATU Donegal Faculty of Business Awards

ATU Donegal hosted its annual Faculty of Business Awards & Spring Prizegiving event, dedicated to recognising student accomplishments. With programmes spanning four departments, Business Studies, Design & Creative Media, Tourism & Sport, and Law, Public Service & Education, the ceremony celebrated the achievements of twenty-seven students across these diverse departments.

Highly esteemed within the faculty, the awards ceremony aims to cultivate positivity towards student endeavours and provides an occasion for both staff and students to celebrate success. This event underscores the university's commitment to engaging learners and acknowledging their hard work and achievements.

Head of Faculty Michael Margey commented, "We are delighted to recognise and acknowledge the accomplishments of our students. These awards look to foster positive attitudes towards their endeavours during study and presents an opportunity for our staff and students to celebrate a positive working partnership."



Caption- Best Final Year Student in BBus (Hons), Tiffany Marley pictured with Head of Department Business Patricia Doherty and Lecturer Meadh Ruane

Driving Innovation in Business



In an effort to promote innovation and entrepreneurship, ATU Donegal's Faculty of Business, in collaboration with Local Enterprise Week, organised a series of talks under the umbrella of Design, Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship (DICE) 2024. The event, themed 'Driving Innovation in Business', saw academics and industry experts engaging guests on topics ranging from artificial intelligence (AI) to navigating business challenges.

Speakers delved into the intricacies of AI, digital transformation, and the art of running businesses amidst adversity. Sessions like "Balancing profit with purpose" and "How to Put your Food Business on the Map" offered practical insights. The event concluded with a glimpse into the future of AI and innovation.

To find out more about studying a degree in Business, visit www.atu.ie/AU301

Clonmany native finds accounting success, thanks to ATU Donegal

Amy Callaghan, graduated from ATU Donegal with a Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting and a Master of Arts in Accounting. Since graduating, she has forged a fulfilling career at E&I Engineering Ltd.

Reflecting on her educational journey, Amy credits her decision to study at ATU Donegal to two main factors: proximity to home and the university's robust accounting exemptions.

"Being from Clonmany, ATU was just an hour away and was ideal for me as a homebird," she commented. "Moreover, ATU offered the most exemptions for accounting bodies, reducing the number of professional exams I had to take after my study." During her time at ATU Donegal, Amy's favourite module was Management Accounting. She enjoyed the dynamic nature of the subject, focusing on the future of a company's finances rather than past data. The course's practical approach allowed her to explore various methods to optimise financial outcomes, making the learning process engaging and relevant.

The support from lecturers significantly enhanced her experience. Despite not having studied accounting in secondary school, Amy felt well-prepared due to their dedication. They provided extra classes, were readily available for assistance, and maintained a balanced, supportive learning environment.

Since graduating, Amy has thrived at E&I Engineering Ltd., handling tasks like expense reporting, account reconciliation, and implementing new financial systems. Her advice to future students is to work diligently and utilise all available resources, such as the library and academic support services, emphasizing that the hard work is worthwhile when you gain such rewarding career prospects.

To find out more about Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting, visit www.atu.ie/au300

ATU DONEGAL

DESIGN & CREATIVE MEDIA

ATU Animation Students Scoop National Awards

ATU Donegal Animation students scooped a double win at the recent 'Smarter Travel Awards' at the Lighthouse Cinema in Dublin. Two ATU films were crowned joint winners in the Animation category at the prestigious event.

The films, produced by second year Animation students at the Letterkenny campus, wowed the judges who praised the originality and playfulness of their storytelling on 'Eco Sprint'. 'Eco Sprint' was directed by Jenna Keys with a production team of Anoop Akampadath, Alan Doherty, Matthew Gallagher and Ciaran Patton.

The judges were equally impressed with the sharp animation and the contemporary twist on a classic story in 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. 'The Hare and the Tortoise' was directed by Daria Hres with a production team of Angel Rice, Ann Museliani and Micheal Doogan.

Entries are judged by an independent judging panel who are experts in their industry.

The 'Smarter Travel Awards' is an initiative that sees students from across Ireland create projects relevant to their

course discipline, promoting the use of more sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling, public transport and carpooling.

To find out more about Bachelor of Arts in Animation visit www.atu.ie/au231



Anoop Akampadath, Pat Kinsley & Jenna Keys



Daria Hres, Micheal Doogan, Angel Rice & Pat Kinsley

Graphic student wins local logo competition



Second year ATU Donegal Graphic Design and Illustration students recently participated in an exciting design competition with An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny. The competition consisted of creating a new logo, whilst remaining sympathetic to the current logo, to mark the theatres 25th anniversary.

Huge congratulations to LeMarie Flavie, from France who is completing Erasmus in ATU Donegal, who won the overall competition.

ATU Donegal lecturer, Joe Coll commented, "Our Graphic Design & Illustration degree programme aims to provide students with opportunities to engage in real-world projects. Considering a 25-year commemoration logo for the theatre proved to be a popular project and we are delighted to have had the opportunity to collaborate with such an important cultural organisation."

To find out more about studying the Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and Illustration at ATU Donegal visit www.atu.ie/AU233

Fashion, Finn Harps and Football Special

Second year Fashion Design with Promotion students scored a fantastic opportunity to showcase their creative skills on a recent project with two iconic Donegal brands.

Finn Harps Football Club (FC), based in Ballybofey and McDaid's Football Special, Ramelton, tasked ATU Donegal Fashion students with a live brief to design placement graphic prints to celebrate and recognise both brands.

Six lucky students got the opportunity to work on the project. The students pitched their initial ideas and mood boards to Isobel Williams from McDaid's, along with Claire McCahill and Aiden Campbell from Finn Harps. After their ideas were presented and discussed, the students later worked on feedback to create the final designs.

Finn Harps FC are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the club, and to mark the occasion the club wished to create a range of t-shirts and hoodies for regular casual wear. Football Special requested that a gifting item be developed to celebrate winning sporting events.



Finn Harps

Football Special

McDaid's

From Donegal to Paris for ATU Fashion Students



Bray Zhang with Notre Dame in the background.

Choosing to study a semester abroad is one of the many exciting opportunities that ATU students can avail of across ATU's CAO programmes. Third year Fashion Design with Promotion students, Bray Zhang and Anna Ni Mhairtin recently undertook a study abroad semester at the LISAA School of Art and Design, Paris.

Known for its fashion culture, the students embraced the opportunity to study in Europe's Fashion Capital. Bray commented, "It has been such a great opportunity to take my skills to an international level and further develop as a fashion designer."

Anna commented, "I am so glad to experience my fashion education surrounded by a rich culture of Parisian fashion and I'm looking forward to channelling all that I have learnt into my final year collection." To find out more about Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design with Promotion visit www.atu.ie/au232



Anna NiMhairtin

ATU DONEGAL

LAW, PUBLIC SERVICE & EDUCATION

Lawyers of the Future, Street Law at ATU

A capstone module in the Law programmes at ATU Donegal is the Street Law Module. Third-year law students, from the LLB and the Law with Criminal Justice degree programmes, engage with local secondary schools to facilitate a series of lessons on legal topics using interactive activities.

During the sessions, ATU Law students visit their designated school and teach transition year students a variety of legal topics using activities - no lectures or textbooks! Second level students find the module engaging and often reflect on the lack of law subjects at post-primary level. The sessions provide transition year students an opportunity to learn more about the law, and the participatory element of the sessions encourages students to consider a career in the field. Similarly, the learning gained from the ATU students' perspective is equally valuable - it really tests



students' legal knowledge.

The series of school sessions culminates in a mock trial at ATU where the second level students 'fight' their case under the stewardship of ATU Law students. The opposing side on the day comes from

another school, while the final decisions are made by the second level peers. Everybody takes part and has a role in this event, it is a real day of action and activity.

This event creates a palpable excitement, with trial

standards are high from the participating schools. The second level students show real aptitude for advocacy and persuasive argument backed up by sound evidence creating the lawyers of the future!

Lights, Camera, Action for English with Communications Students



ATU Donegal's BA (Hons) in English with Communications students recently embarked on an enriching excursion to Derry/Londonderry, organized by Tower Museum in collaboration with Hat Trick Productions. The visit coincided with the ongoing exhibition showcasing sets and costumes from the acclaimed series "Derry Girls". Attendees were treated to a series of workshops, including costume design and scriptwriting, offering valuable insights into television production.

Karen Quinn, ATU Assistant Lecturer and Screenwriter, provided invaluable guidance on initiating a writing career. For students, currently immersed in communication analysis, the trip proved extremely beneficial. Participants eagerly engaged in discussions and explored museum exhibits, fostering future event marketing skills. To find out more about applying to the BA (Hons) in Communications with English visit www.atu.ie/AU312

From the Classroom to Courtroom: Séarlait Embraces Law at ATU



Northern Ireland student Séarlait Spence has found her calling in the field of Law and Criminal Justice at Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Donegal. Séarlait was previously a student at Holy Cross College Strabane Co. Tyrone before enrolling at ATU. Now her days are filled with exploring the world of law, crime and gaining hands-on experience in the courtroom as she works towards a rewarding and stimulating career.

When asked about her education journey to date, Séarlait said she received great encouragement from the ATU team and soon settled into the welcoming atmosphere. Séarlait commented, "I was encouraged to come down to an open day event, which allowed me to see the university campus and facilities and connect with Law and Criminal Justice lecturers who greatly encouraged me to apply."

Séarlait has been thoroughly enjoying her time studying at ATU Donegal, particularly the days in the courtroom, adding, "The best part about studying Law at ATU is getting to partake in mock trials in the Courthouse. Our lecturers are barristers and solicitors, we get the opportunity to use the courthouse and learn from real-life professionals". For more information on studying Law at ATU Donegal visit www.atu.ie/AU310

Chloe Callaghan: A Journey of Learning and Career Exploration at ATU Donegal

Chloe Callaghan, a former student of Loreto Community School Milford, is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in Communications with English at ATU Donegal. Opting for ATU Donegal due to its proximity to her home and cost-effectiveness compared to relocating, Chloe values the convenience of being able to commute in just 10 minutes. She highlights 'Communication Analysis' and 'Introduction to Sociology' as her favourite modules and appreciates the small class sizes and the supportive learning environment at ATU.

Reflecting on her experience so far, Chloe encourages prospective students to explore the broad opportunities offered by the degree programme, emphasising its suitability for those who are undecided about their career paths. Initially interested in English teaching, she discovered a passion for marketing and advertising through the programme.

Chloe credits her lecturers' support for facilitating networking opportunities with local photographers, which have broadened her skill set and unveiled potential career prospects in photography. Her journey exemplifies the diverse pathways and opportunities available to graduates of ATU Donegal's Communications with English programme.

To find out more about BA (Hons) in Communication with English visit www.atu.ie/au312

ATU DONEGAL

TOURISM & SPORT

Love Spending Summer in NYC

Eoin Love, Sports and Exercise with Performance and Wellbeing student, joined ATU Donegal after completing his Leaving Certificate and knew instantly that a career in sport was for him. Eoin recalls, "I always had a love for sport, and it is a dream of mine to work in the sports industry and help people achieve their personal goals guiding them on the right path."

Now in his third year of study, Eoin is jetting to off America, part of a 10-week work placement which forms part of the Sports & Exercise degree programme. From May until June 2024, Eoin will work with New York GAA, gaining international experience in the Sporting industry.

Highlighting the benefits of networking, Eoin pays reference to the support shown by ATU Donegal lecturers who helped create this incredible opportunity for him, "My overall university experience has been such a great journey. My

lecturers have been very supportive in helping me secure a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to complete my third-year placement in America, utilising their contacts to make this possible for me."

Discussing his learning expectations of this international work placement, Eoin added that there are a few different things that he is looking forward to, ahead of his trip, "I hope to gain more knowledge of working with teams and the training standards they have in America. I also hope to coach many different teams and age groups which will give me an insight to the dedication of people towards GAA in America."

Lastly, putting his learning aspirations aside, Eoin looks forward to relocating, albeit for a short term, from the Hills of Donegal to the Big Apple. Eoin says, "I am looking forward to the challenge of moving to New York as it is a massive change from living in Donegal."



ATU Student Completes First Ever Internship at Áras an Uachtaráin

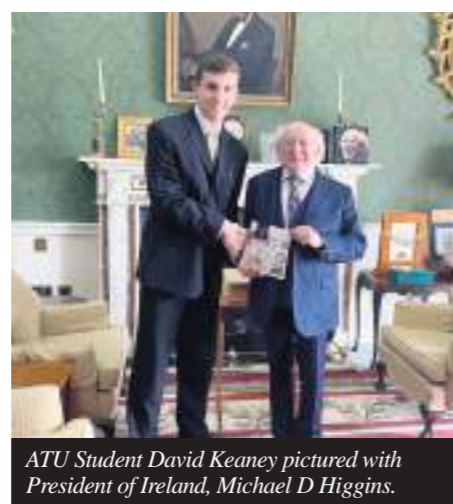
In 2023, David Keaney from Donegal graduated with a degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Resort Management.

During his final year in university, David interviewed for an internship as a member of the household staff of Áras an Uachtaráin and was delighted to be offered the position. The Office of Public Work (OPW), on behalf of the state, manages the Áras and this was the first time to offer such an internship. This unique opportunity allows a student to join the professional staff for a four-month placement, receiving in-depth and hands-on experience at the highest levels of service. ATU student David was a success at interview and was offered the

position.

David commented, "I was delighted to finish out my programme completing a placement serving the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins. The placement involved looking after the President and guests. During my time on this placement, I also served President Joe Biden, Paul McGrath and the Maltese President, H.E. Dr George Vella."

Since graduating ATU David has accepted a role in a five-star hotel in Chicago, USA, with a bright future ahead predicted for David in the Hospitality industry. To find out more about studying Hospitality and Tourism at ATU Donegal visit www.atu.ie/AU322



ATU Student David Keaney pictured with President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins.

A Taste of Culinary Success for ATU Students & Staff

There was great success for ATU Culinary Arts students at the national and international Salon Culinare competitions in March 2024. Salon Culinare is regarded as one of the world's top competitions for chefs and has championed culinary excellence for over a century.

ATU Donegal student, Alfredo Campas competed in the prestigious competition and won gold in the 'Classical Junior Chicken' category.

Additionally, Mark Curran, second year Culinary Arts student, and ATU Donegal Lecturer, Karl McNulty participated in the 'International Salon Culinare' in London. Mark won a silver medal and the 'Best in Class' title for his sugar floral piece in the beginner's category, with ATU Lecturer Karl securing a merit in the senior sugar craft division.



Hospitality Students Enjoy Taster Session



ATU Donegal Hospitality Management students enjoyed an informative day out to Kinnegar Brewing in February. On the visit, students received a guided tour where they were informed about all the principles of beer making. Students also got the opportunity to touch, taste, and smell the raw ingredients used in beer making and enjoyed tasters of the final product.

The degree programme in Hospitality Management offers many experiential trips, find out more about the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Hospitality Management by visiting www.atu.ie/au322



A Night of Networking for ATU Sports & Exercise Students

Collaborating with industry leaders and developing networks was the central focus of the recent networking event organised by ATU Donegal's BSc (Hons) in Sports and Exercise students and lecturers at the Letterkenny campus. Visiting guests required a lot of stamina for the first half of the evening, as the Sports & Exercise students started the night with dance classes and a series of performance-testing activities.

The physically testing sessions were followed by a panel discussion which starred local sports practitioners and ATU alumni from the Sports and Exercise programme. The event gave attendees an opportunity to gather valuable insights into progressing a career in Sport with the event providing current students an opportunity to develop and build industry connections.

ATU DONEGAL

CIVIL ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

Excellence in Civil Engineering: The Journey of Joseph McGrenra

Joseph McGrenra's path to success in civil engineering is marked by dedication, practical learning, and academic excellence. Graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) in Civil Engineering from ATU Donegal, Joseph's journey exemplifies the value of quality education and hands-on experience in shaping future engineers.

Choosing ATU for its state-of-the-art facilities and the convenience of staying close to home, Joseph embarked on a journey that would lay the foundation for his thriving career. His decision was influenced by the university's accreditation by Engineers Ireland and its practical approach to civil engineering education, offering specialised modules like soil mechanics, land surveying, and hydraulics.

Reflecting on his time at ATU, Joseph highlights the significance of practical knowledge gained through modules that prepared him for the challenges of the construction industry. He credits the quality of lectures and the smaller class environment for enhancing his understanding of complex topics, allowing a supportive learning environment.

Joseph commented, "ATU offers an Engineers Ireland

accredited BEng in Civil Engineering which had a huge influence on my course choice. As well as that, ATU have fantastic laboratory facilities and offer a very practical civil engineering course which is not available at many third level institutions."

Joseph's academic prowess was recognised when he was awarded the prestigious Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) Student Technician prize for his outstanding project on "The

Design & Analysis of Embedded Retaining Systems." This showcases his exceptional contribution to structural engineering, setting a high standard for future engineers.

Post-graduation, Joseph embarked on a fulfilling career with a Civil Engineering and Construction contractor in Dublin, where his ATU education continues to be instrumental in his professional growth. His experience serves as a testament to the practical relevance of his academic

background in real-world applications.

Joseph fondly reminisces about his time at ATU, cherishing the opportunity to pursue higher education while remaining close to his support network of friends and family.

As he continues to excel in his career, his story serves as an inspiration for aspiring civil engineers striving to make their mark in the field. To find out more about the BEng in Civil Engineering visit www.atu.ie/au241



Engineers Day showcasing Regional Talent

The Department of Civil Engineering and Construction at ATU Donegal hosted 'Engineers Day' on campus during Engineers Week 2024.

Engineers Week, an annual nationwide initiative honouring engineers' societal contributions and inspiring future generations, was marked on campus with enthusiasm. ATU Donegal, in collaboration with Engineers Ireland, invited a variety of engineering companies to celebrate 'Engineers Day'.

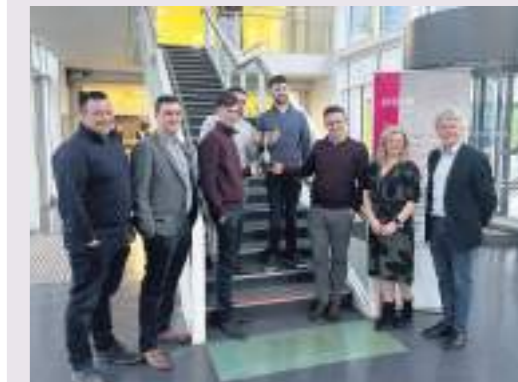
This event served as a platform for engineering companies based in the Northwest region to showcase their projects, expertise and highlight the wide variety of career opportunities available across the Northwest.

Companies participating on the day included both local and international firms, such as DSM Engineering, Abbotts Manufacturing, Donegal County Council, ZEUS, Mitsubishi Electric and HML – all of which collectively highlighted the region's rich employment opportunities.



ATU Staff, L-R Christopher Diver, Victoria Wilson, Ronan Gallagher, Anne Boner & Rory McShane.

ATU Donegal Students Triumph at CIOB Student Challenge Competition



ATU Donegal's Construction Management students clinched gold at the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Student Challenge. Matthew Sharkey, Liam Doherty, Cathal Rodgers, and Kevin McGarvey, final year BSc (Hons) in Construction Management students, secured the university's first victory.

Tasked with analysing a construction project for a commercial building, teams had 3.5 hours to prepare a management report and present their proposal to a panel of industry judges.

ATU Donegal's Lecturers Antoin MacGabhann and Anthony McElwee provided invaluable guidance. The win, celebrated with CIOB Chair Annette Main and Vice Chair Dermot Fitzgerald, underscores ATU Donegal's commitment to excellence in construction education. To find out more about ATU Donegal's BSc (Hons) in Construction Management visit www.atu.ie/AU342

Architectural Students Explore Historic Sites in Enriching Field Trip

As part of the Architectural History and Conservation module, 20 second-year students from ATU Letterkenny's BSc and BSc (Hons) in Architectural Technology and BSc (Hons) in Construction Management programmes embarked on an educational site visit in December. The trip, organised by the Department of Civil Engineering & Construction, started early with a coach ride to Newgrange in Brú na Bóinne, Co. Meath.

Newgrange, a Neolithic passage tomb over 5,000 years old, offered students a glimpse into ancient engineering, with insights from the restoration led by UCD Prof. Michael O'Kelly. The group toured the interpretive centre, the passage tomb, and learned about recent enhancements, including a 2020 restoration project.

The next stop was Trinity College Dublin, where Bolin Brogan from the Estates Department guided them through the early Georgian buildings and the acclaimed restoration of the Rubrics building. The tour included the Long Room Library, home to the Book of Kells, and the Gaia exhibition, providing a comprehensive look at historical conservation in action.

Students found the trip both enjoyable and educational, enhancing their understanding of Ireland's architectural heritage.

To find out more about the BSc (Hons) in Architectural technology, visit www.atu.ie/au343 and to find out more about the BSc (Hons) in Construction Management, visit www.atu.ie/au342

ATU DONEGAL

COMPUTING

Mastering Success: Conor Duffy's Academic Journey from ATU Donegal to Mastercard

Conor Duffy's academic and professional journey thrived in the familiar atmosphere of his hometown, Letterkenny at ATU Donegal. Choosing local studies wasn't just about convenience for Conor, it was a deliberate choice that aligned with his goals and personal circumstances. Remaining close to his roots allowed Conor to fully engage in his academic pursuits while enjoying the comfort and support of his familiar environment.

During his time as a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Computer Science student, Conor found himself drawn to particular modules that ignited his passion and curiosity. Subjects like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and Data Analytics captivated him, unveiling the complexities and possibilities of these cutting-edge technologies. What set these modules apart was their flexibility, enabling Conor to tailor his studies to his specific interests and career aspirations.

Yet, it wasn't just the academic curriculum that shaped Conor's educational

experience; it was also the collaborative ethos of his course. Surrounded by peers who shared his enthusiasm and guided by the committed Faculty, Conor thrived in an environment that fostered teamwork and mutual support. Together, they tackled challenging assignments, exchanged insights, and collectively expanded their knowledge horizons.

As Conor ventured into the professional world, he quickly realised the importance of strategic planning in the competitive world of software engineering. Drawing from the insights gained during his degree, he advises upcoming graduates, "Seize opportunities proactively and understand timelines of the job market."

It was this proactive mindset that encouraged him into his current role as a Software Engineer at Mastercard, a testament to the solid foundation he acquired during his time at ATU Donegal.

To explore more about the BSc (Honours) in Computer Science, visit www.atu.ie/au361.



Cyberpsychology: Understanding the Intersection between Psychology and Technology

Livia Quicoli, an undergraduate student ambassador at ATU Donegal, is delving deep into the fascinating field of Cyberpsychology. Hailing from Dungloe, Livia found herself drawn to ATU Donegal due to its proximity to home and the state-of-the-art campus facilities. Immersing herself in the BSc (Hons) in

Cyberpsychology programme, Livia found her passion ignited by modules like UX design workshop, Human Computer Interaction, Psychology, and Programming. These hands-on modules not only captivated her interest but also provided real-world applications that extended beyond the classroom.

For Livia, the most captivating aspect of her programme is its relevance to contemporary society. She finds joy in dissecting how technology intertwines with human behaviour, particularly in aspects like social media and gaming.

Offering advice to potential Cyberpsychology students, Livia emphasizes the importance of staying curious and staying on top of the latest trends in this rapidly evolving field. She highlights the significance of critical thinking, by questioning how technology influences our thoughts and actions and always consider ethical issues like privacy and online behaviour.

Looking ahead, Livia sets her sights on a career in UX design, leveraging her knowledge and skills acquired through her academic journey. As she finishes another year of study, Livia remains determined in her pursuit of excellence, looking to make a meaningful impact at the intersection of psychology and technology.

Explore the modules and programme curriculum of the BSc (Hons) in Cyberpsychology via www.atu.ie/AU362



An abundance of opportunities in the ICT industry



Danielle McLaughlin pursued the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Cyber Security & Digital Forensics at ATU Donegal, gearing up for a promising IT journey. The programme equips grads with skills to fortify web apps, safeguard digital rights, and more. Danielle's choice stemmed from the vast career prospects it offered.

She commented, "I opted for Cyber Security & Digital Forensics at ATU for its expansive career pathways. ATU's intimate class setup fostered engaging interactions with supportive lecturers." She relished the programme's tailored modules, particularly the problem-solving essence and delved into DevOps and software. Engaging in team projects helped her collaborative skills, a trait she utilises daily at All State, where she embarked on a graduate programme post-university, thanks to a job secured pre-graduation.

Danielle's placement experience proved invaluable, aligning her with industry demands. The regional and national ICT network has many graduate opportunities, substantiating the programme's relevance. Her advice to prospective students echoes her journey: "Go for it!"

To find out more about the BSc in Cyber Security & Digital Forensics at ATU Donegal visit www.atu.ie/au262

Leaving Certificate Computer Science Project Workshops at ATU Donegal



In Spring 2024, ATU Donegal's Department of Computing ran a series of informative workshops supporting secondary school students with the Leaving Certificate Computer Science (LCCS) Project. These sessions focused on developing the LCCS project which is completed by Leaving Certificate students between January to March of the Leaving Certificate year.

This is the second year the Letterkenny campus hosted the workshops with schools from Louth, Cavan, Monaghan, and Donegal participating in the sessions. Online workshops were also recorded for schools from across Ireland to access virtually.

ATU Donegal offers a three-year level 8 programme in Computer Science, find out more about this programme via www.atu.ie/AU361

ATU DONEGAL

ELECTRONIC & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Combilift Empowers Next Generation of ATU Engineers

Combilift, the largest manufacturer of multidirectional, sideloading and articulated forklifts globally, hosted third and fourth-year Mechanical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Electric Vehicle Engineering, and Embedded Systems students at their state-of-the-art facility in Monaghan.

Combilift's expertise in optimising warehouse and storage capabilities for companies of all sizes and industries was showcased during the tour. With a global reach spanning over 85 countries and more than 80,000 trucks in operation worldwide, Combilift stands as a leader in the field, employing over 800 staff at their headquarters.

During the visit, students delved into the intricate processes involved in manufacturing and marketing Combilift's cutting-edge solutions, as part of their Engineering Management module. Marking their 25th year in business, the company unveiled five innovative

products aimed at addressing the specific challenges encountered across various sectors, including offshore wind, warehousing, and fleet management.

The entire team at Combilift provided a warm welcome to the ATU students, with the university students witnessing the success of Sean Kilcullen, a Mechanical Engineering

alumnus of ATU Donegal, in his role at Combilift. His journey exemplifies the opportunities available for graduates in the engineering field.



The Mechanical Trio: Brothers in Engineering

Conor, Kyle, and Adam Barrett are three brothers with a knack for all things mechanical. Conor, the eldest of the trio, has already completed his studies and embarked on his professional journey. Having completed his studies in 2022 at ATU Donegal, he now holds the esteemed position of Team Leader and Mechanical Engineer at E&I Engineering/Vertiv. His days are spent overseeing the production of Busbar and Switchgear components across two departments. It's a role that demands both

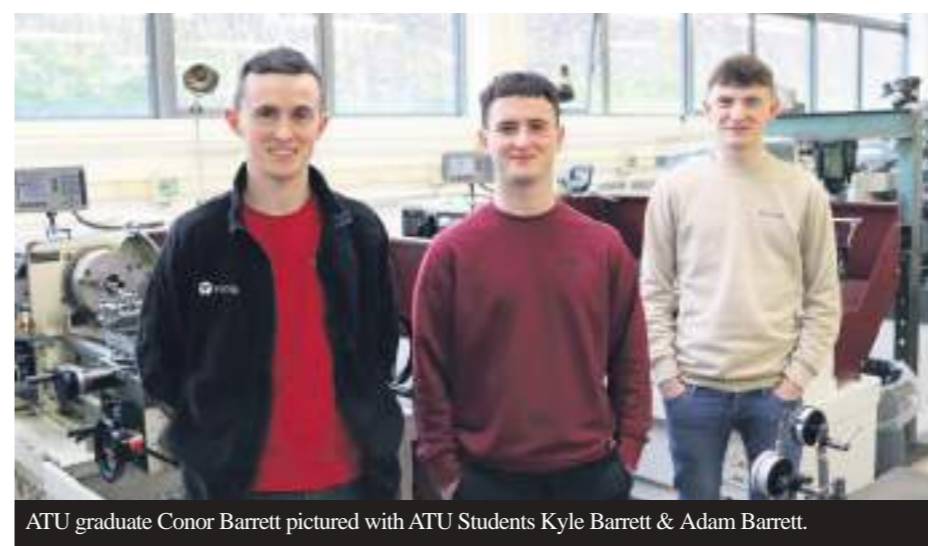
technical expertise and leadership skills, and Conor excels in both. His journey from student to professional demonstrates the practical application of mechanical engineering in real-world scenarios.

Following in Conor's footsteps is Kyle, who's in the final stretch of his mechanical engineering degree at ATU Donegal. Kyle is currently researching the influence of marine propelled blade pitch on thrust. And then there's Adam, the youngest of the trio, just starting out

on his journey through the world of mechanical engineering. While still in his first year, and inspired by his brothers' achievements, he has embarked on a hands-on project: building a miniature "Ford Falcon" themed remote-controlled robot.

Outside of the classroom, the Barrett brothers share a passion for sports, having played together on the same football team. They also enjoy working on fabrication projects, tinkering with go-karts and buggies. Although the three brothers are at different points in their academic and professional careers, they all share a passion for mechanical engineering. They all chose to study engineering at ATU Donegal where they continue to learn and gain invaluable skills in a practical way whilst being supported by the engineering team throughout their studies and beyond. From overseeing production to researching marine propellers to building remote-controlled robots, Conor, Kyle, and Adam are proof that mechanical engineering is a field where you can turn your passion into a career – and have a lot of fun doing it.

If you would like to find out more about BSc (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering, visit www.atu.ie/AU350



ATU graduate Conor Barrett pictured with ATU Students Kyle Barrett & Adam Barrett.

Electronics Engineer's Innovation: Detecting Defective Concrete Blocks with Embedded Sensors



Former media production professional Edward Doherty, after 15 years in the field, seized the opportunity for a career change amid COVID-19's impact on job prospects. With a lifelong interest in electronics, Edward enrolled in the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electronic Engineering course at ATU Donegal.

Witnessing family and acquaintances affected by Defective Concrete Blocks (DCB), commonly known as Mica blocks, prompted Edward to embark on a groundbreaking project. With a remediation scheme requiring a visual assessment for eligibility, the delayed appearance of tell-tale cracks leaves many homeowners in uncertainty. Edward's initiative aims to develop a low-cost embedded sensor system to detect DCB's. By gathering data from various homes, the project seeks to create a machine learning algorithm capable of identifying defective structures, offering hope to affected families.

If you would like to follow in Edwards footsteps and explore your degree option in Electronic Engineering visit www.atu.ie/AU351

Adam Molloy Drive Towards Electric Vehicle Engineering



Adam Molloy, a student at ATU Donegal, is carving his path in the realm of engineering, with a specific focus on Electric Vehicles. Adam's enthusiasm for the automotive industry drew him towards ATU's programme in Electric Vehicle Engineering.

Adam's favourite modules include Automotive Project Build and Mechanics, he enjoys the emphasis on practical activities, and the hands-on approach offered in the curriculum, which involves designing, building, and testing projects.

Encouraging prospective students, Adam commented "Attending the university's open day gives learners the opportunity to find out more about the programme. I found this useful when making my decision about my degree options."

Adam's journey showcases how his passion and education blend seamlessly. To find out more about Bachelor of Engineering in Electric Vehicle Engineering visit www.atu.ie/AU252

ATU DONEGAL

EARLY EDUCATION & SOCIAL STUDIES

Early Years students enjoy snow, skiing and semester in Norway

CJ Doherty and Cillian Mc Gill, third year students currently studying the BSc (Hons) Early Childhood Care, Health and Education programme at ATU Donegal, travelled to Norway in January 2024 to begin a 4-month Erasmus study programme at the prestigious Queen Maud University College (QMUC) of Early Education in Trondheim, Norway.

During their time in Norway, CJ and Cillian completed a mix of academic classes and placements in kindergarten settings. They studied a wide range of modules and areas including dance, drama, outdoor activities and Norwegian culture.

CJ and Cillian both enjoyed comparing and contrasting the way of life in Norway compared to life in Ireland. CJ commented, "It was amazing how similar and different the countries are to each other, another bonus is having learners

from five different nationalities in my course, as I get to hear five different experiences which I feel helps me to become a better pre-school teacher."

Cillian further added, "I've learned so much about myself as a person and have advanced so much as an educator. I can't wait to take these new learnings home with me. It's really so interesting to see the differences between Norway and Ireland in kindergarten (crèche) education."

CJ and Cillian embraced the extracurricular outdoor adventures, such as skiing and snowboarding, and the cultural experiences on offer in Norway which included a visit to an open-air museum in Røros.

The trip is funded through the Erasmus+ programme and to date approximately sixteen Early Childhood Care, Health and Education students have availed of this funding. The bilateral agreement between



ATU lecturers Karen Patton and Majella McBride pictured with ATU students CJ Doherty and Cillian Mc Gill.

ATU Donegal and QMUC, Norway has been running successfully since 2011 and was initially set up by ATU Lecturers Ms. Majella Mc Bride, Dr. Karen Patton and Dr. Rita Melia.

ATU Health and Social Care student secures prestigious Social Care Ireland Award

In 2024, Aine Hatzler, fourth year BSc (Hons) in Health and Social Care student at ATU Donegal was awarded the 'Student of the Year' prize presented by Social Care Ireland. The aim of the Social Care Ireland Student Award is to recognise and reward outstanding contribution and excellent performance of Social Care students.

Aine collaboratively developed a 'Student Guide' for first year university students, providing information about the resources and student

supports available at the Donegal campuses, which included developing a QR code that brings students to the 'How to @ ATU' section of the University Student Toolkit. The national award recognised that this was the first-time student input was included in the official college toolkit. Aine's unique focus earned her the national recognition from Social Care Ireland.

To find out more about the BSc (Hons) in Health and Social Care visit: www.atu.ie/AU391



Childhood dream career made possible at ATU



In 2022, the Department of Early Childhood Care, Health and Education launched a new degree programme at the Letterkenny campus in Inclusive Practice with Special Needs Assistance (SNA).

Laura Mc Hugh, a second-year student on the programme, was interested from an early age in pursuing studies in this area. Laura commented, "From the age of eight I wanted to be an SNA and I was so happy to find out that the Letterkenny university campus was offering a programme in this area."

Now in the second year the three-year degree programme, Laura is finding her studies and the small class sizes enjoyable, she added, "I find the course interesting, with the lecturers very helpful especially if you have a question about a

particular topic. I also like that I am a part of a small class as this gives us more time to discuss topics that you might not understand."

To further enhance students learning, industry work placements are incorporated in the programme. Laura highlights how beneficial this experience has been for her, "This year I went on work placement for eight weeks and I really enjoyed it. It gave me the opportunity to put all the theory I have learned over the past two years into practice, and it helped me understand more about the role of the SNA in a school setting."

To find out more about the BSc in Inclusive Practice for Special Needs Assistance visit www.atu.ie/AU290

Studies, stepping stones and support for twin brothers



ATU Donegal Twin brothers Daniel and Luke Doherty

United in their university choice, keen to stay at home for their third-level study, twin brothers Luke and Daniel Doherty chose to study Early Childhood Care, Health, and Education together at ATU Donegal's Letterkenny campus.

Talking about their first-year journey in ATU Donegal, Daniel appreciates the supportive learning facilities available to students on campus. Luke, on the other hand, is enjoying his time in lectures learning about the variety of job opportunities available as a childhood educator. Luke is looking forward to continuing his studies in Primary School teaching when he graduates from the Early Years programme.

To find out more about studying the BSc (Hons) in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education visit www.atu.ie/AU390

Understanding Early Education in the Digital Era



Avril McMonagle, CEO and founder of MOSAIC-Digital Solutions for Early Education joined ATU Donegal's Letterkenny campus recently to deliver a talk with the BSc (Hons) and Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education students.

This talk primarily focused on sharing insights to students on how to manage risk in a digital world in Early Childhood Education and Care settings, highlighting the importance of child privacy, and digital data in the early years.

Avril also gave an overview of her new book during the visit. Students attending the talk got to hear first-hand about professional experiences and challenges currently faced in industry.

To find out more about studying the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Early Childhood Care, Health and Education visit www.atu.ie/au390

ATU DONEGAL

LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Local Talent Excels in Bioanalytical Science at ATU

As the demand for skilled professionals in the field of bioanalytical science continues to grow, it's heartening to see local talent making waves. Katelyn NicAoidh, a graduate from the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science at ATU Donegal, is a prime example of this success.

The BSc (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science is renowned for its comprehensive curriculum, blending theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience. With a focus on subjects like Anatomy and Physiology and Environmental Science, students are equipped with the skills and expertise needed to thrive in the ever-evolving field of bioanalysis.

Throughout her time at ATU Donegal, Katelyn found herself surrounded by passionate educators who were always willing to go the extra mile to ensure students' success. The practical aspect of the course further enhanced her learning experience, allowing her to develop strong lab skills and secure a summer job with Randox after her third year.

Reflecting on her journey, Katelyn encourages prospective students to put in the work, emphasising that while the



course may be challenging, the rewards are well worth it in the end.

Following her graduation, Katelyn pursued her passion for education, completing her Masters in Education through the medium of Irish at the University of Galway. Currently, she is using her skills as a resource teacher and substitute at Pobalscoil Ghaioh Dobhair, with her sights set on securing a full-time position for the upcoming school

year.

In conclusion, the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science at ATU Donegal not only equips students with the knowledge and skills to excel in their careers but also fosters a sense of community and support that lasts long after graduation.

If you would like to find out more about BSc (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science, visit www.atu.ie/AU372

From France to Ireland, Celine's Agriculture Study at ATU

In September 2023, international student Cecile Leynaert made the journey to ATU Donegal to begin an Erasmus semester in the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Agriculture programme.

Cecile is an agronomy student from Rouen, near Normandy in France and is currently studying in UniLaSalle university.

Speaking of her time at ATU Donegal Cecile commented, "I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend a semester at Atlantic Technological University in Letterkenny. This experience proved incredibly enriching, both culturally and intellectually. Ireland's stunning landscapes and diverse biodiversity drew me there, fostering my interest in ecology and agriculture."

While Cecile enjoyed the opportunity to meet others within the

International Society on campus, she also enjoyed the mixed approach to learning within the programme. She further added, "During my time at ATU, field trips were organised, giving us hands-on experience that enhanced our classroom learning and allowed us to develop practical skills. These trips also provided opportunities to network with professionals and explore various career paths previously unexplored".

In excellent timing, Cecile had the opportunity to study the agriculture programme's new elective when she joined in September. A new environmental pathway has recently been developed within the agriculture programme in response to the growing need for sustainable and environmental education within the agricultural sector.

The first of the new modules within this pathway was Ecology & Ecosystems, which proved popular

with Cecile. She commented, "One class that particularly stood out to me was ecology. It shed light on the challenges of balancing agricultural practices with environmental conservation efforts, especially in Ireland. This course inspired me to advocate for the necessary changes to address climate change and protect our environment and biodiversity. It reinforced the importance of preserving and finding solutions for the ecological challenges we face today".

Summing up her experience Cecile said, "I highly recommend this experience at ATU, which has been very enriching for me. I've come out of it stronger and with a more international background that will help me in my future professional projects."

To find out more about the BSc (Hons) in Agriculture at ATU visit www.atu.ie/AU371

22nd Eurachem Analytical Measurement Competition

ATU Donegal students Ekaterina Savustyan and Alice Taddei participated in the 22nd Eurachem Analytical Measurement Competition which mirrors laboratory practices but with heightened stress. Despite the pressure, the event yielded valuable experiences. Engaging with peers from their field expanded their network, fostering

potential future collaborations in industry.

The competition comprised of two experiments focused on determining the concentration of an unknown sample. Success depended on accuracy, with the team closest to the actual concentration declared the winner. Alongside the main tasks, supplementary questions and

validations added to the complexity. With only four hours allocated for completion, efficiency was crucial. Overall, the competition provided a challenging yet enriching platform to test the ATU students' skills and knowledge.

To find out more about Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science, visit www.atu.ie/au372

Somhairle Mathers Finds Home and Success at ATU Donegal



Somhairle Mathers hails from Carey, a rural area just outside Ballycastle in County Antrim. As he approached the end of his A-levels at Cross and Passion College, he had a clear idea of his desired field of study, a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Agriculture. However, the choice of where to pursue his degree remained uncertain. Exploring options both north and south of Ireland, Somhairle attended various university open days. Yet, it was the open day at ATU Letterkenny that left a lasting impression. Instantly feeling at home upon arrival, he was drawn to the welcoming atmosphere and vibrant campus life.

Within his first week at ATU, Somhairle found himself not only settling into academic life but also achieving success in extracurricular activities. Joining the ATU Hurling team, he soon earned a sports scholarship, providing not only financial support but also access to perks like physiotherapy, sports gear, and tailored gym programmes. Engaging with campus societies such as the Agricultural Society and 'An Cumann Gaeilge', reflecting his fluency in Gaelic. Getting involved in student life is one of the best ways to form friendships, he commented, "I have made lots of new friends on and off my programme, from social events in the town to my sporting activities in which I am involved in."

Reflecting on his experience with his chosen course at ATU Donegal, Somhairle expresses satisfaction with the guidance provided by lecturers and the hands-on practical approach to learning. Whether working on farm enterprises across the county or conducting experiments in the science labs, he values the diverse range of learning opportunities available. Beyond the lecture theatre, Somhairle added, "ATU Donegal offers a wealth of facilities, including a gym, library, and sports fields, all accessible to students. I really feel at home here."

ATU Donegal Student Wins Food Category Prize for Probiotic Innovation



Winner ATU student Bridgeen Doherty pictured with EveAnne McCarron and Dr. Orla Flynn President of ATU.

Bridgeen Doherty, a fourth-year ATU Donegal Food Science and Nutrition student, clinched the Food Category prize at the Student Entrepreneur Awards. Her passion for fermentation and its health benefits led Bridgeen to develop water kefir as a healthy alternative to mainstream fizzy drinks.

Bridgeen's entry also included a low-alcohol version aimed at the bar and restaurant market, promising less sugar and additives. Having brewed water kefir at home for years, she flavoured it with fruits and spices, advocating its probiotic benefits on her Instagram page. Her win highlights innovation and health consciousness in food entrepreneurship which is a fundamental element of the Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Food Science and Nutrition www.atu.ie/au370

ATU DONEGAL

NURSING & HEALTH CARE

Health and Wellbeing Day hosted by ATU Nursing Students

Second year General, Intellectual Disability and Mental Health Nursing students at ATU Donegal ran the annual 'Health and Wellbeing Day' at the Letterkenny campus in May 2024. The students hosted information stands along the

campus corridor and provided intriguing insights about a health-related topics to attendees at this event. "Let's start fearing beer steering"; "Don't sugar coat diabetes" and "Breaking Bad Habits" were amongst some of the stand themes present on

the day. During this event the students provided informative, engaging and interactive activities focused at disseminating tailored health information. The student-led event was filled with colour, vibrancy and positive energy.



Over 150 people attend Spring Mental Health Conference at ATU

In collaboration with Ulster University (UU), Atlantic Technological University (ATU) hosted a Spring Conference addressing issues surrounding college students' mental health and wellbeing. The event, titled "College Students Mental Health and Wellbeing: Challenges and Opportunities," took place in the Letterkenny campus in February 2024.

Dr Louise McBride, Head of the Department of Nursing and Health Care at ATU Donegal, highlighted there is now a heightened urgency of addressing mental health concerns across all educational levels with "Contemporary trends suggesting that we now need to refocus on mental health and wellbeing not only at the higher education level but also including secondary and primary school levels."

Dr Orla Flynn, ATU President opened the conference and welcomed attendees from all over Ireland. There was some notable speakers in attendance at the event, including: Joe McHugh TD, Professor Siobhan O'Neill, Professor of Mental Health Sciences at Ulster University



and Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland, John Meehan, Assistant National Director, Mental Health Planning, and Head of the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention, Professor Gary Donohoe (NUIG), Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Psychology at the University of Galway, Dr Ross Woods, Senior Manager, Teaching and Learning, Student Success, Health and Wellbeing, Higher Education Authority

(HEA) and lastly, Paul Hannigan Head of College at ATU Donegal who closed the conference. The main aim of the conference was to shed light on the significant shifts in the mental health landscape of higher education institutions post the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes have had a profound impact on students' progression, attrition rates, and overall college experiences, according to evidence-based research.

The conference also presented key findings and recommendations from the Higher Education Authority North-South Research funded I-SWAP project. This initiative aimed to improve the wellbeing and help-seeking behaviours among students living with ADHD on the Island of Ireland. The I-SWAP research team included Dr Elaine Murray (UU), Dr Louise McBride (ATU), Dr Margaret McLafferty (UU) and James Sweeney (ATU).

Placements and Practicals, the Perfect Learning Environment

Ethan Dilleyston is in his third year studying General Nursing at ATU Donegal. Upon enrolling in the programme, Ethan didn't know what to expect ahead of his time as a student in the Letterkenny campus. Now with three years' experience under his belt, Ethan shares insights to prospective students considering a career in Nursing.

Ethan commented, "First of all, students have a lot of placements in hospital and community settings which gives the learner a good insight into future careers." Ethan further added, "AT ATU, we get to see different areas in the hospital setting, different wards such as theatre, paediatrics, and maternity."

Ethan also highlights that the mixture of theory and practical learning delivered by lecturers equips students ahead of the placement settings, he commented, "We have a lot of practical-skills classes which give you a good break from the books while learning what you would be doing on site."

If gaining hands on experience through placement opportunities or practical labs is of interest to you, find out more about studying General Nursing at ATU Donegal visit www.atu.ie/AU380



Intellectual Disability Nursing student shares love for studies



Mary-Kate Browne is an Intellectual Disability (ID) Nursing student at ATU Donegal. Now completing her second-year, Mary-Kate shares her love for her studies, "The programme is 50% theory on campus and 50% clinical placement at various sites across Donegal. I had 6 placements across two years, and I loved every moment of them."

Mary-Kate passionately adds, "ID Nursing is a truly rewarding profession as I can make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities across the lifespan where the Registered Nurse ID improves the quality of life for all, empowers, upholds human rights and delivers person-centred care."

Sharing her career aspirations for the future, Mary-Kate commented, "I want a community-based nursing job where you see the ability and potential rather than the disability or illness."

If you are interested in finding out more about the BSc (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing, visit: www.atu.ie/au382

ATU DONEGAL

STUDENT LIFE

ATU Donegal Student Achievement Awards

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Donegal Student Achievement Awards took place in March 2024 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. The red carpet was rolled out, and it was an evening of style and glamour as over 200 staff and students gathered to celebrate the achievements of this year's clubs and societies at ATU Donegal.

The clubs & societies programme hit a milestone this year having 50 registered clubs and societies at ATU Donegal. Opening proceedings was Josephine Wilson, Students' Union General Manager at ATU Donegal, who commented that "This growth is hugely reflected in the diverse range of clubs and societies and in the increase in student engagement across the many activities and events, both on and off campus".

Guest Speaker, Mary Coughlan, former Tánaiste, and most recently elected as the first female Chairperson of Donegal GAA presented the Sports Awards on the night. In her interview with compere, Oisín Kelly from Highland Radio, Mary reflected on

her own journey through university and encouraged students to appreciate the opportunities given to them and the sacrifices made for them. Mary also advised students to "Keep an open mind, be flexible and start again when things don't always work out. Always take care of yourself and your mental and physical wellbeing".

Similarly, Dr Orla Flynn, ATU President, noted that "Participation in clubs and societies is an important part of student life and the memories and friendships made, last forever". Dr. Flynn presented several awards including; Most Outstanding Society Member, Most Improved Society, Leadership Award, Best Society and the Civic, Charity & Community Engagement Award.

Clubs & Societies Scholarships were also presented to six student society leaders. The winners were selected from a large pool of applicants and a diverse range of clubs and societies. Each of the winners received monetary awards in recognition of their achievements. Paul Hannigan, Head of College, ATU Donegal, presented the scholarships to the



winning students and congratulated all clubs and societies on the significant contribution they continue to make to student life at ATU Donegal. Paul reflected on the growth of the Clubs & Societies Programme over the years and the skills developed by students from

participation in these activities. Paul also highlighted that ATU is a "Diverse institution, developing culture across the region, now hosting an audience from all over the world". Michael Murphy, Head of Sport at ATU Donegal provided a review of the year in sport, commenting

that "2023/24 had seen an increase in the number of ATU Donegal competitive sports teams – 15 in total. The plan is to further develop these and other sports in the coming years with an overarching aim to continuously enhance the overall student experience at ATU Donegal."

What to do in Donegal

The Letterkenny campus is in the heart of Letterkenny town centre. Letterkenny is a lively town that offers a wide range of international cuisines from your favourite regions, a vibrant nightlife scene that caters for every mood and genre. Whether you are looking for a traditional Irish pub, stylish cocktail bar, live music scene or an active nightlife, you will find it here. In addition, you'll find an 8-screen cinema and the Aura Leisure Complex, which houses a 25m pool, tartan track and full equipped gym. Shop until you drop with excellent shopping options that suits every style, ranging from independent shops to high street brands and for arts and culture



enthusiasts there is the Arena 7 Entertainment Complex, An Grianan Theatre and a Regional Cultural Centre which incorporates an art gallery, an auditorium and full cinema facilities.

Our Killybegs campus is located in Ireland's premier fishing port which is rich in tradition and heritage. Perhaps one of Ireland's most scenic campuses, its unique location incorporates spectacular scenery and harbour views. Students that study in Killybegs enjoy and prosper through small class sizes while experiencing a personal approach to learning in a comfortable and welcoming environment.

Donegal has been voted the fourth best region to visit in the world (Lonely Planet) and is home to Ireland's most scenic areas including some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe, rising an astonishing 600m above the waves in Sliabh Liag.

Enjoy a relaxing walk around the country's second largest national park, Glenveagh National Park or take a hike and enjoy the beautiful views from the top of Mount Errigal. Visit one of the most beautiful lighthouses in the world at Fanad Lighthouse or choose one of the countless picturesque beaches at Marble Hill to Murder Hole all of which is located along the famous Wild Atlantic Way.

Accommodation



Donegal is one of the most affordable regions to live, work, study and travel around, offering a variety of student accommodation with the cost of living being considerably lower than the national average.

There is no on-campus accommodation, however, there are several alternative options available such as digs, houses to rent on a shared basis, in addition to the variety of apartment complexes built specifically for the student market in Letterkenny. Both campuses are quite central which makes commuting simple for students as most accommodation is within 10 minutes' walk of each campus. Every year, the Students' Union (SU) generates and updates a list of available student accommodation. This list is then sent out automatically to students who receive an offer from ATU Donegal and is also available online from early August of each year. Students are advised to begin the search for accommodation early as demand can be high.

ATU SLIGO

BUSINESS

Trips, talks and simulations for Law and Business students



Law and Business students visit the Central Criminal Courts in Dublin

Earlier this semester, Law and Business students across all years of the study enjoyed a guided tour of the Central Criminal Courts in Dublin. Students and lecturers attended a careers talk by the Courts Service and by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Students then had an opportunity to sit in on several criminal cases, including a jury trial in relation to money laundering. This allowed them to experience first-hand the role played by the judge, jury, solicitors, barristers, court clerk, Gardaí and witnesses.

The trip also included social activities, namely a visit to the Guinness Storehouse where students from all three years got to

know each other and share ideas.

Year 2 students conducted a simulated meeting of the Council of the European Union (Ministers of the Environment) as part of their module on EU Law in Semester 2. In the meeting, each student represented a different EU Member State. They discussed a Commission proposal on a new Regulation to establish an 'EU - Fair Fashion' label in an attempt to deal with the ever growing disposable fast-fashion industry. Simulation games are an important mode of active learning on this degree.

Students experience first-hand how a complex decision-making process works in practice and how difficult it can be to reach

agreement with groups representing a wide range of interests

Students also attended several talks this year. High Court Judges Mr. Justice Anthony Barr and The Hon. Mr. Justice John Jordan gave a very informative talk in ATU Sligo to Law students from both our Sligo and Donegal campuses.

Year 3 students attended an Employment Law Briefing delivered by Robin Hyde, Siobhán McGowan and Don McGann of Alastair Purdy & Co Solicitors at the Sligo Park Hotel.

For more information on the three-year BA (Hons) in Law and Business degree, please visit atu.ie/AU915

New UN Tourism Initiative at Atlantic Technology University

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin TD, launched Ireland's first INSTO Observatory at ATU Sligo on Thursday May 2nd, marking a historic moment for the nation's tourism industry and signalling a commitment to sustainable practices in the sector.

The initiative comes as Ireland sets ambitious targets outlined in Vision 2030, produced by the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC). The vision anticipates tourism revenues increasing from €10 billion to €15 billion while employing 350,000 people and providing €2.3 billion in exchequer revenue in Ireland.

To realise these ambitions, the Atlantic Sustainable Tourism Observatory will work with destinations to measure and monitor sustainable tourism indicators to inform evidence-based planning.

ATU Sligo Tourism and Event Management lecturer, Dr James Hanrahan, has been announced as director of the new Observatory. He said, "You can't manage what you don't measure and monitor, and the key to this process is to fund tourism research to ensure we can transition to sustainable destinations and meet our climate action commitments".

The Observatory will measure and



ATU Sligo lecturer Dr James Hanrahan, director of the new Observatory.

monitor over 40 indicators including energy, waste and water consumption; the percentage of residents who are satisfied with tourism in the destination; the average carbon footprint of tourists and same-day visitors.

This collaborative effort will assist Ireland's commitment to monitoring the economic, environmental, and social impacts of tourism at the destination level,

aligning with the principles advocated by UN Tourism.

The Atlantic Sustainable Tourism Observatory Ireland achieved the distinction of becoming the first member in Northern Europe of the UN Tourism International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories (INSTO), marking a significant milestone in Ireland's dedication to sustainable tourism practices.

Endless possibilities with a Business degree



A degree in business opens a wide range of dynamic and exciting career opportunities. In ATU Sligo, we offer programmes in this area at Level 8 and Level 7. In Year 4 of our BBs (Hons) in Business, students may specialise in Human Resource Management, Marketing or Finance. Work placements, Erasmus+ opportunities, professional accreditation, real-life projects and guest speakers are a big part of our business programmes. This ensures graduates have the necessary skills to start their own business, take up a management position in a multinational company, become a marketing executive and so much more.

Digital marketing is one of the fastest growing in-demand skills



Digital marketing is one of the fastest growing in-demand skills, ranking in Coursera's top 10 list in their Job Skills of 2024 report as published by Forbes. The report also noted that the industry will be worth \$1.5 trillion by the year 2030.

Professions within digital marketing are set to witness a 6% increase in growth by 2032, higher than the average job growth rate. The digital marketing industry is strongly spurred on by consumer trends, particularly on social media, with an estimated 76% of consumers browsing and purchasing items via social media. In 2023 alone, there were 4.89 billion social media users worldwide.

Throughout their studies, we equip Marketing students with the necessary skills to be at the forefront of this exciting and ever-evolving industry. Modules such as Social Media and Digital Marketing Planning, Digital Content, e-Commerce and Creative Marketing Practice employ the latest digital technologies and techniques.

Another very important aspect of our degree is work placement. In Year 3, students complete an 8-week work placement. This year students completed their work placements in sectors including fashion, sport, renewable energy, finance, accounting, engineering and education. The broad range of sectors further highlights the need for skilled marketeers.

Marketing professionals are also securing roles in attractive locations. Cities like New York, Los Angeles, London, Paris, Singapore, and Sydney have all seen an influx of fresh marketing talent. Many of our graduates are taking advantage of these worldwide work opportunities.

Business and Irish degree targeted at meeting teaching and language skills shortage



Developed in collaboration between ATU Sligo and ATU St Angelas, the three-year BA (Hons) in Business and Irish will help address skills shortages in the Irish language.

The Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021 has targets whereby 20% of public sector employees will be proficient in Irish by 2030.

There is also a shortage of qualified secondary school Irish teachers. A TUI survey of principals and deputy principals in 104 schools across the country in late 2023 found that 89% of schools experienced recruitment difficulties in the previous 12 months. Irish was in the top five most difficult subjects to employ qualified teachers in.

Business and Irish graduates may progress to a Professional Master of Education (PME) to become secondary school teachers of Business and Irish. This degree aligns with the requirements of both subjects.

Graduate employment opportunities exist in arts and culture, public sector organisations, ICT, financial services and marketing. There are also a variety of roles in communication and media, where the Irish language is core.

For more information on our Business and Irish degree, please visit atu.ie/AU906

Zoe receives the highest marks in Ireland in Accounting exams

ATU Sligo Accounting graduate Zoe Clarke received the highest mark in Ireland for her Advanced Financial Management (AFM) exam and placed 8th in the world overall.

Zoe was informed of the good news by Stephen Noonan, Head of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Ireland. In a letter to Zoe, Stephen said "On behalf of ACCA, I would like to congratulate you on your achievement, and I want to wish you every success with your career and ACCA journey."

The county Monaghan native is currently employed as a Trainee Accountant at Kelly Rahill & Co and went to secondary school in Larcy College, Clones.

Our three-year BA (Hons) in Accounting offers generous exemptions from the professional accountancy exams. Our final-year students are experiencing high demand for their skill set and receive numerous offers of employment both locally and nationally, often prior to completion of the degree.

For more information on our Accounting degree, please visit atu.ie/AU902



ATU SLIGO

BUSINESS

Business and ICT students attend week-long project in Eindhoven



The ICT and Business Multidisciplinary Internation Project took place from April 8th to April 12th in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. 63 students and 12 lecturers from seven different European universities, including final year students from ATU Sligo's Business and ICT degree, attended the week-long event.

Students worked on a web-based business simulation game for a bicycle company. The objective of the game was to make the business more circular. Students from the different universities worked in collaboration in separate groups, with each group running the company for one virtual year over the course of the week.

The group that achieved the most circularity while remaining the most profitable, won the task. In addition to the

Circular Economy Project, students were encouraged to put forward a business idea and pitch it to a panel.

Other activities over the course of the week included a cultural tasting evening, dinner at an outdoor food truck, a cultural exploration of Eindhoven, a company presentation by Phillips and a visit to the Phillips Museum.

There is currently a shortage of accredited computer science teachers in Ireland, and a worldwide shortage of ICT skills, meaning our graduates are in very high demand.

Our Business and ICT degree offers students a pathway to becoming a secondary school teacher of both computer science and business. A 2023 report highlighted there were just 34 accredited computer science teachers in Ireland

before the start of the school year in 2022. The report highlighted that in 2022 only 15.6% of post-primary schools offered computer science as a Leaving Certificate subject despite the computer science curriculum being designed and published in 2017.

The Department of Skills and Education, alongside the Higher & Further Education and Training Sector, are working with industry to meet Ireland's high-level ICT skill needs. As set out in the 'Technology Skills 2022: Ireland's Third ICT Skills Action Plan', they will deliver an additional 3,200 high-level ICT graduates per annum above the existing planned increase in provision to 2022.

For more information about our BA (Hons) in Business and ICT, visit atu.ie/au901

Sport with Business students highlight the positives of variety

Following research with current students, an increase in applications to study Sport with Business (Level 8) and Applied Sport with Business (Level 7) in ATU Sligo has been attributed to the range of options available upon graduation. Graduates can secure careers as PE teachers, high level sports coaches, health professionals, take up marketing and management roles in a wide variety of businesses and sectors, or become entrepreneurs.

This variety of options was evident in the range of work placements students secured this year. Work placements included working with Connacht GAA as Development Officers, PE teaching, coaching with Sligo Rovers, working at the ExWell Medical rehabilitation centre, business roles in a variety of organisations, fitness instruction in state-of-the-art gyms and Erasmus+ placements to destinations including Spain and Germany.

Students remarked on how they loved the mixture of classroom and practical teaching, from digital media and sports marketing to athletics and disability sport

inclusion. Outdoor modules take place in settings such as Benbulbin and Strandhill, whilst professional coaches regularly work with students as they obtain their coaching badges which includes GAA, IRFU and Basketball Ireland. Students can also obtain sports industry qualifications

including fitness instruction and swim teaching.

The consultation proved to be very positive. It highlighted the importance of giving students varied modules and options upon graduation, two key ingredients in these Sport with Business degrees.



ATU SLIGO

SOCIAL SCIENCES

English and Psychology degree awarded PSI accreditation

ATU Sligo's BA (Hons) in English and Psychology degree has been awarded accreditation with The Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) for the Psychology strand of the programme. Throughout their studies on this three-year degree, students have 50% of their modules in the English strand and 50% of their modules in the Psychology strand. This ensures career opportunities for graduates are significant and diverse, as are postgraduate options. Graduates may specialise in specific postgraduate studies, apply to complete a Psychology conversion programme, or apply to complete a Professional Master of Education (PME) to become a secondary school teacher of English.



The Psychological Society of Ireland
Cumann Siceolaíthe Éireann

Sociology and Politics students visit Dáil Éireann

As part of their studies, Sociology and Politics students visited Dáil Éireann in Semester 2 along with their lecturers.

Students had the opportunity to meet with local representative from across the political spectrum and discuss some pressing issues impacting students and young people in the Sligo/Leitrim constituency.

Students also attended the Dáil chamber for Leaders Questions, watched a debate in Seanad Éireann and took a tour of Leinster House. A particular highlight was a 'shout out' from new Taoiseach Simon Harris who welcomed the students of ATU Sligo to the Oireachtas.

Lunch was served in the Dáil Bar where students and staff met Parliamentary Assistant Jess Ní Maoláin. Jess shared her experiences of working in policy development and her expertise around transport issues, sustainability and connectivity as key areas of strategic development.

The day was completed with a trip to 14 Henrietta Street, a beautiful museum in the North Inner City of Dublin. This is a social history museum which chronicles Dublin life from its Georgian heyday to tenement



living to contemporary times. Students connected with the social history of the capital and housing policy over a 300-year period through the stories of the individuals and families who have lived in this

historical building.

The field trip provided a great opportunity for students to enhance their learning with direct experience of representative democracy in action.

Shannan highlights opportunities for Early Education and Care graduates



Shannan Mulrooney, graduate of the Early Education and Care programme, and now owner of Maia Purposeful Play.

The BEd (Hons) in Early Education and Care degree offers countless opportunities for graduates, and Shannan Mulrooney is proof of that.

After graduating in 2015, Shannan moved to Ras Al-Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates to work as a Primary School Teacher in the International School of Choueifat. Following three years teaching there she moved to Dubai to work as a Primary School Teacher once again, this time in the Emirates International School. During her time in the UAE Shannan also completed a PGCE in Primary Education through the University of Sunderland.

Shannan then decided it was time to move back to Sligo where she joined Little Pathways Crèche as a Room Leader before taking up employment as a Primary School Teacher for over two years.

Following her return to Sligo, Shannan also returned to education and completed ATU's MA in Leadership and Advocacy in the Early Years whilst working. This ultimately led to Shannan setting up her own business, Maia Purposeful Play.

Maia Purposeful Play facilitates child-led play classes and workshops to enhance children's holistic development through carefully planned playful experiences.

Our Early Education and Care degree is one of three Higher Education Institutions in Ireland offering this focused education curriculum. Learn more by visiting atu.ie/AU919

ATU SLIGO

COMPUTING

Why choose Computing in ATU Sligo?



- Our programmes are developed with industry experts.
- We equip you with the skills employers want.
- A common first year across all our computing degrees gives you more flexibility.
- Three-month work placement on all computing programmes.
- Industry based project in Year 3.
- State of the art facilities, with new computing labs that opened in 2024.
- 70% of students gain full time employment from their work placement alone.
- There is a computing graduate shortage in Ireland and globally.
- Graduate salaries of over €30k.

Video games sector continues to rapidly expand

ATU Sligo Games Development graduates are in high demand as the gaming sector sees a staggering surge in popularity.

Indeed, a number of graduates are now working for some of the industry's biggest names including Noel Conneely and Tommy Corcoran who both work for Rockstar Games.

The Global Games Market Report estimates that the number of people playing video games was 3.38 billion in 2023.

In 2023, worldwide movie box office receipts were \$33.9 billion. In the same period, the global games industry was worth \$184 billion. Unlike movie productions, games are geared towards ongoing development over a long term, often involving hundreds on a team to produce engaging, immersive experiences that keep gamers coming back for more.

Further proof of gaming's growing presence in popular culture was when Disney bought a \$1.5 billion stake in Epic Games, the maker of Fortnite.

A report published by the Financial Times in 2023, following analysis by global consultancy firm Bain and Company, predicts that global revenue for the games development industry will grow more than 50% by 2027. The gaming

industry is estimated to generate more money than the movie and music businesses combined.

Digital gaming is a priority sector for IDA Ireland, with a Digital Games Tax Credit in place to further accelerate this industry. Black Shamrock, the company behind some of the world's most popular action-adventure games for PCs and consoles announced it would grow its Dublin studio into a 200-strong team.

One of the biggest endorsements of Ireland as a location for building a games studio came when John Romero chose Galway as the base for his company Romero Games. Romero is games industry royalty, having originally developed the game series Doom – one of the most successful video games of all time.

Here in Sligo, a new €1.9m gaming hub in at the Strand Campus in Strandhill will provide a flexible workspace for companies working in the digital gaming sector. The hub will help entrepreneurs start and scale innovative gaming businesses. Strand Campus aims to become an international digital gaming development hub, further enhancing "Silicon Sligo's" growing reputation as a destination technology cluster.



There is capacity for 20 different gaming companies and can support a further 40 companies through the establishment of a digital games cluster in the northwest. For more information, visit atu.ie/AU848

Ellen takes advantage of employment opportunities

Ellen Woodward is an excellent example of our computing students securing employment whilst studying. After Ellen completed Year 1 of our BSc (Hons) in Computing she spent time in Overstock, Sligo on an internship. Following completion of Year 2, Ellen spent four months working as a Software Engineer Intern at Trailstone Group in Sligo. This included an opportunity to lead a team in a project that involved a transition from an old C# and WPF application to a modern Python and React app.

Now in Year 3, Ellen is completing an Erasmus+ as part of her studies. She now works as a Junior Software Developer with Workdeck in Barcelona, Spain.

Over 70% of our students gain employment as a direct result of their work placement. This year, for example, some of our Year 4 BSc (Hons) in Software Development students have secured employment with Dell Technologies in Dublin before even sitting their final exams.



Huge demand for cyber security graduates



The 2021 ransomware attack on the Health Service Executive (HSE) in Ireland further highlighted the need for graduates within the area of cyber security. Internationally, there is a severe shortage of cyber security professionals and Cyber Ireland estimate a global shortfall of between 1.8 and 3.5 million security professionals in the coming years.

We have seen how the cost of a data breach can end up being enormous, with both direct and indirect expenses. The largest data breach to date had three billion account records compromised. These records contained sensitive data about individuals. IBM have stated that the global average cost of a data breach is \$3.86 million. The HSE attack saw 700GB of files stolen and a ransom of almost \$20m demanded.

The cyber security eco-system has evolved and grown at an exponential rate over the last number of years and is a critical aspect for all sectors of our economy. Paul Brady, Director of Enterprise Information Security, Optum Ireland says "As society becomes more dependent on technology, the impact of a cyber-attack will be much greater than just financial or reputational. We need graduates to help deliver cyber security solutions."

Our degrees in Computer Networks and Cyber Security are available at Level 8 (AU956) and Level 7 (AU846). We equip students with the skills to work anywhere within this vitally important area and aim to play our part to help ease the skills shortages in cyber security. A qualification in cyber security can lead to an exciting and varied career in an array of industries, with graduates commanding high salaries.

New computing facilities in ATU Sligo



New high-tech computer teaching labs opened at ATU Sligo in early 2024 and give students access to the latest advancements in technology. The labs are part of the multimillion-euro development of central campus, turning a single floor building into a modern four storey complex.

Tusla highlight need for social care workers

Speaking to RTE 1 in February 2024, Tusla CEO Kate Duggan spoke about the shortage of social care workers in Ireland.

Kate noted Tusla have reached their funded workforce but due to a shortage of social care workers throughout Ireland and Europe, there is an inadequate supply. She said Tusla would ideally need an additional 200 social care workers.

Discussing special emergencies arrangement for children, Kate outlined that since

the agency was established a decade ago referrals have doubled to 90,000 in 2023.

On 1 December 2025, the title social care worker will become a legally protected title in Ireland.

The BA (Hons) in Social Care Practice in ATU Sligo has been approved by the Social Care Workers Registration Board as attesting to the standard of proficiency required for registration for social care workers.

This programme in ATU Sligo

was the first Social Care Practice programme in Ireland to secure its (Professional Regulator) CORU approval.

Graduates have the skills and competencies to work with marginalised and excluded people, such as disabled, homeless, those experiencing additions or whom, for a variety of reasons, may require assistance and support. Social care practitioners may be employed in the health services, voluntary organisations, in

community-based bodies and the private sector.

This is a dynamic field to work in and students regularly graduate with job prospects awaiting them because of the integral professional practice placement modules in Year 2 and Year 3.

Graduates may also engage in further specialised study, work in policy or research areas or establish their own business in a relevant area. We also offer a CORU approved Master of Arts in Social Work in ATU Sligo.



ATU SLIGO ENGINEERING

Mechatronics students part of Kempten University exchange



ATU Sligo Mechatronic Engineering students benefit from an annual exchange programme with Kempten University, Germany. The exchange allows students to build up international connections and immerse themselves in a new learning environment. Earlier this year, students and lecturers spent one week in the German university. Students attended lectures in mobile robotics, process automation and

metrology, gaining valuable knowledge from Kempten's faculty.

There were also factory visits to Swoboda and Fendt Tractors. At Fendt Tractors students witnessed the impressive assembly line of tractors first-hand.

An official civic reception hosted by the Lady Mayor of Kempten during the visit strengthened the bond between Sligo and its twin city, Kempten. Students also enjoyed social activities including visits to

a local climbing centre, the renowned Deutsches Museum and a captivating Munich tour.

Kempten University students and lecturers then visited ATU Sligo from April 29th to May 6th 2024. Students participated in labs and lectures and visited local factories. The German and Irish students also enjoyed nights out in Sligo and took part in a range of activities to further foster friendships.

Leah McElvaney wins Kirby Group Engineering Bursary



Mechanical Engineering student Leah McElvaney was announced as one of only five winners of the Kirby Group Engineering third level bursary programme earlier this year. The programme is part of Kirby's drive to promote the engineering sector among female students. This year's winners were chosen following a thorough selection process by Kirby senior management. The recipients received a full scholarship to cover the academic year 2023/24, as well as paid professional placements on Kirby's exciting engineering projects.

Construction students complete dual semester project

Our Advanced Wood and Sustainable Building Technology (Level 7) and Construction Project Management and Applied Technology (Level 8) students completed a dual semester project with Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) from Thermohouse



ICF this year. All relevant foundation, wall and roof junctions were detailed to comply with Technical Guidance Documents. A range of finishes and details were also completed to demonstrate capabilities of the construction system.

Group projects are an important aspect of our degrees. Full size sectional models encourage graphical, practical skills and visualisation capabilities of students based on modern methods of construction and passive house principles.

ATU Sligo initiative to aid the promotion of gender balance in the construction sector

ATU Sligo has seen year-on-year growth in female student numbers across construction and civil engineering programmes. Building on this progress, a Female Student Network has been established within the Civil Engineering and Construction programmes at ATU Sligo. This allows our students to have a strong peer group, which will help them settle into third level education and aid retention.

Traditionally, careers in construction have mainly appealed to males. As a result, according to the Construction Industry Federation (CIF), only 1 in 10 employees are female. During a time of unprecedented government capital investment plans to address shortages in housing and improve our roads, rail and water infrastructure, there are significant shortages of graduates from construction

related programmes. Without addressing this gender balance issue, it will be a major challenge to ensure an adequate supply of graduates over the next few decades to satisfy growing demand. In fact, the CIF has highlighted that 112,000 additional construction workers will be required.

Trevor McSharry, Head of Department of Civil Engineering and Construction added, "With improving health and safety, the use of digital technologies and a focus on collaboration and sustainability, I think a lot of females are now considering construction related programmes as the sector evolves. Improving gender balance within the construction sector is a key priority for all national bodies, not only to address skill shortages, but also to improve team diversity, inclusion and overall performance."



Trevor McSharry (Head of Department Civil Engineering and Construction), Kieran Gallagher - (ATU Sligo Lecturer in Construction), Lily Vickers (Project Management), Amy Donohoe (Quantity Surveying), Laura Connolly (Advanced Wood and Sustainable Building Technology), Audrey Adams Horan (Quantity Surveying), Teni Bada (Construction Project Management), Mary Ann McCann (Quantity Surveying), Stef Russell (Advanced Wood and Sustainable Building Technology), Caoimhe Clark Hagan (Construction Project Management), Aimee Branley (Construction Project Management) and Lisa Brennan (ATU Sligo Lecturer in Construction).

New Civil Engineering facilities



The ATU Sligo Civil Engineering labs got an upgrade earlier this year. New state-of-the-art facilities across our Geotechnical Centrifuge Laboratory, Water Engineering Laboratory and Hydraulics and Renewable Energy Laboratory, ensure our students have access to the latest technology advancements within the industry.



Mechanical Engineering students spend week studying in Germany

Mechanical Engineering students and their lecturers spent a week in Esslingen University of Applied Sciences, near Stuttgart, as part of a Blended Intensive Programme in Material Technology and Processes. ATU Sligo were joined by students and lecturers from universities in South Africa, Sweden, Poland, Cyprus, Greece, Finland and Malta.

Throughout the week, students took part in advanced labs, practicals and lectures. Labs and practicals included fatigue analysis for aluminium, FEM and a practical session on deep drawing of metals, and preparation of metal samples and inspection of microstructure in various samples under high powered microscopes. Lectures were delivered in fatigue analysis in metals, additive manufacturing for metals, and deep draw analysis in sheet metal forming.

Students toured the Porsche manufacturing plant where they were brought around the production line to view how the Porsche Cayenne and 911 vehicles are assembled. They also visited Trumpf manufacturing and research campus, where students learned about the high technology field of lasers and 3D printing.

There were also lots of fun activities scheduled such as go-karting, ice-skating and a day at Tripsdrill Theme Park.

In October 2024 another group of Mechanical Engineering students will participate in the week-long programme.

ATU SLIGO ENGINEERING

Sligo Engineering and Technology Expo 2024

The 10th Sligo Engineering and Technology Expo returned to ATU Sligo in May 2024. The Expo showcased projects of over 100 final year students, including a Biogas Harvester, Vision-Based Fall Detection Systems, Intelligent Apple Quality Detection Machine, Fire Fighting Robot, Hydro Harvester and much more. The Expo is also attended by a range of companies including Fortune 500 industry leaders, which allows students to network with potential employers.



Quantity Surveying and Civil Engineering site visits

Our Quantity Surveying and Civil Engineering students went on several site visits throughout the year. Site visits are a key element of these degrees as they allow students to gain valuable real-world experience.

Students from both degrees visited the Athlone Main Drainage Scheme in March and enjoyed a site tour with Project Manager Ronan Royston. They witnessed first-hand the meticulous planning, execution and problem-solving required for such a vital infrastructure project.

Quantity Surveying students were also given a guided tour of Goldcross Developments residential development in Sligo, and visited award winning Mechanical and Electrical Contractors, King & Moffatt Building Services, in Leitrim.

Year 4 Civil Engineering students enjoyed a visit to Bord na Móna and ESB Owerinny Wind Farm Visitor Centre in Mayo. The visit allowed students to get an up-close view of Ireland's largest windfarm and EirGrid Group connection.



ATU SLIGO

SCIENCE

Fascinating studies for Forensics students



There is never a dull day studying Forensic Investigation and Analysis in ATU Sligo. Some practical highlights this year included experiencing target practice and analysing gunshot residue at Lough Bo shooting range, undertaking the forensic investigation of a car, and a simulated murder scene at the Clayton Hotel in Sligo. Students also spent a very informative day in The State Laboratory, Kildare.

Throughout their studies, students engage in a number of practical learning experiences. Alongside those mentioned above, students also train in molecular biology techniques for the development of DNA profiles, learn how to test for toxins and illicit drugs, and complete expert witness training.

Human Nutrition students develop healthy products as global market rapidly expands

Year 3 Human Nutrition students have been busy with their Food Product Development module over the past few months. They developed several products that are nutritious, tasty and sustainable, and presented these in a showcase.

Student products included gluten free muffins, high protein plant-based soup and high protein pudding to address the nutritional needs of older adults,

flower-shaped gluten free pancakes for children's packed lunch, high protein vegan pasta sauce for athletes, plant-based nutritious savoury snacks, and dessert for busy people on the go. As outlined by LinkedIn, the 2024 Health Food Market Report valued the global health food market at over \$450 billion and is projected to grow to a value of over \$645 billion by 2032.

This growth is fuelled by

changing consumer preferences, increasing health awareness and the rise in lifestyle-related diseases. We only need to visit our local supermarket to see first hand how our shelves have evolved, and continue to evolve, with more options than ever before.

Gluten-free products, followed by dairy-free and plant-based alternatives dominate the market, with a growing number of people

diagnosed with food intolerances and allergies alongside those choosing products for lifestyle reasons.

Elsewhere, Clean Label Foods made with minimal and natural ingredients are growing in popularity as are the convenience of healthy ready-to-eat meals in an increasingly busy society. Indeed, e-commerce and the ease of ordering healthy meals online are seen as one of the biggest growth sectors in the future.

Protein supplements, essential for muscle building and weight management, are the fastest-growing market segment and in the beverage sector, functional drinks, low-sugar and sugar-free options continue to flourish.

Probiotics and fermented foods, integral for gut health are also increasingly popular. We only need to watch the recent Netflix documentary "Hack Your Health: The Secrets of Your Gut" to see the importance of these foods and nutrients.

This is all great news for our Human Nutrition graduates as not only can they pursue careers in this exciting industry, they also have the skills to work in a variety of food and nutrition industries or pursue further studies in multiple areas, including dietetics.



Clinical Measurement Physiologists on Critical Skills Occupations List



ATU Sligo lecturers in Clinical Measurement Physiology Tanya Byrne Pratt and Paul Nolan, with Karen Dobbyn, Director of Professional Development & Chair of the Academic Accreditation Council for the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Physiology (IICMP).

Graduates from our BSc (Hons) in Clinical Measurement Physiology are in high demand to meet a growing skills shortage. There is huge demand for this profession in Ireland and globally, with the demand forecast to significantly grow in the coming years.

The Government's Critical Skills Occupations List outlines employments where there is a shortage in qualifications, experience or skills which are required for the proper functioning of the economy. The latest list was published in December 2023 and included Clinical Measurement Physiologists.

Clinical Measurement Physiologists perform diagnostic tests for patients, reporting and acting on the outcomes, and being part of the interdisciplinary team treating patients.

Some Clinical Measurement Physiologists work in invasive areas such as operating theatres. Most of this work is hospital based but there are increasing opportunities to work in the community with the development of community based diagnostic hubs.

Our degree was developed in collaboration with the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement and allows graduates to work anywhere in the world.

There are only two clinical measurement physiology degrees in Ireland at undergraduate level, and for the first time, our degree provides students with the opportunity to train in all five disciplines – gastrointestinal, neurology, vascular, respiratory and cardiology.

During their studies, students undertake minor clinical placements in three of the five disciplines. Each minor placement is a minimum of 300 hours. In the final semester of Year 4, students undertake a major placement of 480 hours in one of the minor disciplines. Graduates also have many additional career paths available to them.

For more information, please visit atu.ie/AU973



New teaching gym for Health Science degrees



A new teaching gym for our Health Science degrees will open later in 2024. Located in the centre of the campus, in what was the Black Box Performance Theatre, the gym will include state-of-the-art facilities to ensure our students have access to the latest technologies within the industry.

The renovated space will include a Biodex Isokinetic System 4 which can test aspects of muscular fitness including maximal strength of muscle groups, a BodPod which is one of the gold standard testing techniques to measure body composition, a Cortex Gas Metabolic Analyser for VO2Max testing which assesses cardiovascular fitness and fuel utilisation, and a G-Walk which can analyse aspects of how people walk such as gait analysis and weight distribution.

A huge benefit of our Health Science degrees is that they give students options and flexibility. Firstly, they offer pathways into careers such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, radiography and speech and language therapy.

We have seen students who were positive that they wanted to study physiotherapy change to occupational therapy or radiography after experiencing different modules in the degree, or vice versa. This situation occurs each year and it is extremely important to allow this flexibility. Throughout their studies and upon graduation, our students have the option to pursue any of these allied health professions.

Many graduates choose not to pursue an allied health profession and take up employment in a wide range of areas related to health and physical activity including sports development, sports science, physical activity promotion, health promotion and much more. Graduates also pursue Level 9 and Level 10 studies in programmes such as Health Promotion and Sports and Exercise Nutrition here in ATU.

Students can also obtain embedded awards in fitness instruction and personal training, alongside international accreditation with the IUHPE as a registered health promotion practitioner.

Site visits and work placements for Occupational Safety and Health students

Site visits and work placements play a vital role in our Occupational Safety and Health degree as they ensure our students are equipped with real-world knowledge.

Year 4 students visited Ireland West Airport earlier this year. They were given a full site tour and a talk by Bryana Hindle, Company Secretary and H&S Officer. They learned about aspects of airport health and safety including security, fire safety and the importance of good manual handling practice for the baggage handlers. They also heard about the importance of sustainability in all work environments. Netflix even required

Knock Airport to demonstrate their sustainability credentials before they began filming there.

Year 3 students visited AbbVie in Sligo. They were given a full tour of the facility and a talk about how environment, health and safety is managed on the site by Charlene Rooney, EHS Manager, and ATU Sligo Occupational Safety and Health graduate. Students got to see the manufacturing process from beginning to end and robotics in action. They learned about the importance of good containment to prevent operator exposure to chemicals and active pharmaceutical ingredients in

the manufacturing process.

Year 2 students visited Coca-Cola in Ballina. Students were welcomed to this top-class facility and given an induction by members of the EHS team, alongside a tour. One of the highlights of the tour was seeing the high levels of automation being used in the warehouse.

A five-month paid work placement takes place at the end of Year 3. Students complete work placements in a variety of settings including within pharmaceutical companies, local authorities, manufacturing, construction, state agencies and retail.



ATU SLIGO

SCIENCE

Ireland is the third largest exporter of pharmaceuticals in the world

Ireland is now the third largest exporter of pharmaceuticals globally, accounting for €116+ billion in exports annually. Pharma exports jumped to almost €9bn in January 2024, up 48pc from the same time in 2023. This industry accounted for 47.5pc of all Irish exports across the month.

With 19 of the world's top 20 pharmaceutical firms based in Ireland, the demand within the pharmaceutical and medtech industries for skilled graduates is at an all-time high. Bio-Pharmaceutical companies are attracted to Ireland thanks to the deep pool of talent coming out of higher education institutes such as ATU Sligo.

Sligo is recognised as a rapidly developing hot spot for the collaborative clusters that develop from operational and research excellence between education and industry. These collaborative clusters in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical devices and diagnostics have been a key element behind the remarkable growth in this sector.

Ireland's pharmaceutical industry offers a wide range of products and services, from research and development for new medicines to the manufacturing and marketing of new medicines for humans and animals. The sector continues to develop and evolve and, more recently, Ireland has expanded its global hub beyond commercialisation to include innovation,



digitalisation and next generation technologies.

Over 30,000 people are employed in BioPharma companies in Ireland, with 90+ companies operating here. Skills within biomedical science, pharmaceutical science and other science disciplines are naturally required to fulfil the increasing job opportunities. ATU Sligo is an industry leader contributing to the research and development of this sector to ensure Ireland

has the skilled workforce required to ensure we remain a global innovative leader within this ground-breaking industry.

Graduates from our Biomedical Science and Pharmaceutical Science with Drug Development degrees often receive offers of employment before their final exams. They are now working for major companies such as Abbott, AbbVie, Pfizer, Eli Lilly, Johnson & Johnson, Baxter and Allergan to name a few..

Environmental Science: From summer schools to soil

The latest science from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change indicates that greenhouse gas emissions need to be cut 43% by 2030, compared to 2019 levels. Sustainability and climate change, as we all know, are major global issues.

Our Environmental Science with Ecology graduates play a key role in identifying solutions and making change. Throughout the degree, we equip students with the skills to have a positive impact on the future of the planet.

For instance, 11 students from our Environmental Science with Ecology, Creative Design and Business degrees will participate in the Sustainable Futures

Summer University hosted by Mid Sweden University in Sundsvall Sweden this August 2024.

Students from ATU Sligo, Sweden, Germany, The Netherlands and Switzerland will work on transdisciplinary group-based projects. The sustainability topics include ecological management, circular design, gaming for the future, electric vehicles and climate change. They will work together daily to research and solve problems and face the complex challenges around sustainability. At the end of the two-week summer school each group presents their project findings.

We also ensure our modules are relevant.

For example, the first proposed EU law on the protection of soil was put forward in 2023. Our Year 2 module Soils and the Environment includes laboratory analysis of soil samples, fieldwork for the assessment of soils and fieldtrips related to the sustainable management of soils.

Soils form an integral part of the environment and are important in the mitigation of climate change. Approximately, 60% of soils in Europe are currently classed as unhealthy due to unsustainable management practices.

Of course, Sligo also offers an array of natural resources which makes it an ideal location to study a degree such as this.

ATU SLIGO

ARTS, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

New Performing Arts facilities open



A new €18 million creative teaching hub with state-of-the-art performance facilities opened at ATU Sligo in early 2024. These include two large black box theatres, production

design studios, costume design studios, a dance studio, computer aided design and fabrication studios, and rehearsal spaces. The facilities will make studying Performing Arts at the Yeats Academy of

Arts, Design and Architecture an especially rewarding experience leading to great employment prospects in the expanding film, TV and theatre industries.

Karen Keaney commended at Interior Educators UK Awards



Interior Architecture and Design graduate Karen Keaney was commended at the Interior Educators UK Awards for her thesis titled Ruin Nation. Karen's research paper examined our relationship with modern-day ruins from the 20th and 21st centuries. It investigated the human empathic, melancholic and artistic connection with derelict and abandoned buildings, closely looking at their value and our fascination with them.

Karen was also shortlisted for her studio project in the IDI Graduate Awards in two categories: Interior Design and the Use of Visualisation in Design. Karen is the latest in a long list of Interior Architecture and Design students and graduates who have been recognised nationally and internationally for their outstanding work.

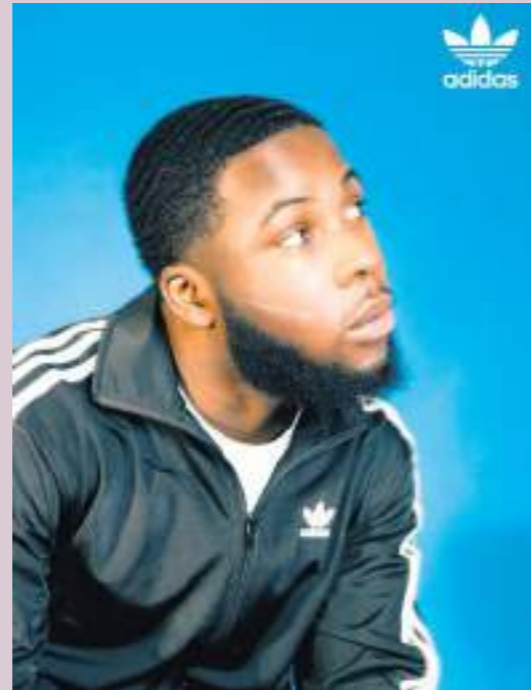
Award-winning Fine Art students



Fine Art students Laura Grisard, Samantha O'Reilly and Maria May Flemming were all longlisted in the RDS Visual Art Awards earlier this academic year. Laura was then shortlisted for the RDS Visual Arts Award. This meant Laura was one of 15 artists exhibiting at the Irish Museum of Modern Art from December 2023 to March 2024.

Laura's work was based on the Boglands of Tawley, North Leitrim. Some of Ireland's most respected and accomplished artists have featured at the awards over the years. The success did not stop there with Laura also winning the Ballinglen Award, whilst Samantha won The Dock Award.

David works with major clothing brands and music labels



Creative Design graduate David Aderogba has worked as a designer for major clothing brands, music labels, artists and more. His role involves understanding tones and moods, colour references and a brand's identity. Now living in London, David is embarking on a journey as a creative director with his own brand.

David says he loved how Creative Design in ATU Sligo covers different areas of the creative industry. His favourite modules were Product Design and Visual Identity & Branding. He feels the projects he completed whilst studying were always testing students' abilities to create and innovate, and this has ultimately moulded him into the designer he is today.

Writing and Literature students learn from the best

Students on our Writing and Literature degree learn from some of the best in the business. TWIG, a film by lecturers Tom Weir and Marion Quinn, was selected as the Opening Night Gala at the 2024 Dublin International Film Festival. TWIG is a powerful retelling of the Greek tragedy Antigone, set in Dublin's inner city. Earlier this academic year lecturer Keith Hopper launched his new book, A Door Opening: Sligo and the Legacies of Partition. This book comprises thirty contributions across a variety of writing forms and genres.

Lecturer and award-winning writer Una Mannion launched her second novel, Tell Me What I am. Her debut novel, A Crooked Tree, was published in 2021 and was nominated for the An Post Irish Book Awards and the Dalkey Prize, and won the Kate O'Brien Prize 2022. Una's work was also featured in The New York Times in September 2023.

Architecture students visit Amsterdam and Rotterdam

Architecture students and lecturers travelled to Amsterdam and Rotterdam for their annual field trip this year. This enabled them to be immersed in two leading European cities at the forefront in modern design that address climate change.

The week-long itinerary focussed on key learning objectives including housing, resilient design, climate action, modern methods of construction (MMC), urban design and transport, community building design and use of alternative materials.

Students visited key cultural buildings and spaces

as part of a wider urban study that examined the unique balance struck in both cities between heritage preservation and contemporary implementation. Students also visited reclaimed land, floating neighbourhoods and reused industrial infrastructure for accommodation purposes, all of which contribute to meeting the city's housing needs.

Students then used these learnings to investigate similar innovative design approaches in an Irish context as part of their studio design projects.



ATU ST ANGELAS

ATU St Angelas Hosting World Home Economics Congress

The International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) is a global federation which embodies the very essence and value of Home Economics, first established in 1908, this year the 25th IFHE World Congress will be hosted by National Centre of Excellence

for Home Economics based at ATU St Angelas. The theme for the Congress is 'Home Economics in a Time of Transformation: Bridging the Past - Charting the Future' and continues to highlight Home Economics as valuable learning for future students. As Home Economists,

graduates from the range of CAO Degrees offered by ATU St Angelas become advocates not just in education settings but also through research and innovation as well as a community engagement. As both Head of ATU St Angelas and incoming IFHE President, Dr Amanda McCloot

can continue to promote Home Economics to students who already have such a passion for the subject and through their continued learning can explore further pathways like never before "IFHE members are students and professionals from around the world who represent academia, community services, education, agricultural extension, businesses, government, health services, among others, with a focus in research, education and service, working towards improving the quality of everyday life for individuals, families and households."

If you want to explore Home Economics through Ireland's National Centre of Excellence at ATU St Angelas, then consider the Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Home Economics and Biology/Religious Education/Irish or as a single-subject qualification. In addition, the campus offers a Bachelor of Arts Home Economics (Hons) degree with a focus on careers in community and health promotion. For more, visit www.atu.ie/stangelas



Dr Helen Maguire, Head of School of Home Economics, ATU St Angelas, Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President, University of Galway, Dr Amanda McCloot, Head of ATU St Angelas and Patricia Walsh, Head of Conference Services, University of Galway.

Uganda Programme Continues for ATU St Angela's Student Nurses

Based on the success of last years Ugandan Study Abroad opportunity, the project is set to continue this July with five student nurses travelling to working in communities based in the Entebbe region. With Erasmus+ International funding available, students representing both General Nursing and Intellectual Disability Nursing will collaborate with Erasmus+ partner 'Bright Kids Uganda' (BKU). When there, health check clinics will be delivered at the orphanage and inclusive schools for the forgotten children in society where sadly a disability is stigmatised and can result in kids being abandoned on the street. The work will also involve stocking the schools with much needed medicines and other supplies. Thanks to last year's efforts, there is now a full-time nurse and midwife employed at BKU and funds also secured two additional care support workers in the disability school. This year, the team will also



ATU St Angela's Dr Edel McSharry, Seán Kelly, Emily Kelly, Éabha Heffron, Erin Russell and Sorchá Higgins with some of the children based at Bright Kids Uganda school and orphanage.

be engaging with the wider community through vision assessment clinics and workshops on hygiene and water sanitation. This transformative experience

makes memories that last a lifetime and ATU St Angelas wish to continue offering these amazing opportunities into future students for many years to come.

If you want to learn more about our Nursing degrees, check out General Nursing www.atu.ie/au991 or Intellectual Disability Nursing www.atu.ie/au992

Exploring Intellectual Disability Nursing

Intellectual disability nursing is based on the principles of human rights, equality, person-centredness and empowerment. These principles underpin the achievement of autonomy, active participation, inclusivity for the person and the delivery of quality life, health and social care.



Briana Coyne, BSc (Hons) Intellectual Disability Student Nurse, ATU St Angelas.

Registered Nurses Intellectual Disability (RNID) collaborate with the person with intellectual disability, their family, advocates and members of the multi-professional and multi-agency teams to enable the person with to live within their community.

Second year student Briana Coyne describes her learning journey in the discipline "I have always been interested in a career that makes a difference in people's lives and I have known nurses from an early age, so they were a great inspiration. I decided to study Intellectual Disability Nursing because of the social model approach this discipline takes. Connecting with service users and their families in the community is much different to a clinical setting and provides a person-centred care to those with an intellectual disability. My course explores all aspects of children and adults with the lived experience of disability who often rely on services that we as student nurses contribute to.

This year my practice placement included working out in the community and residential settings, in a hospital medical ward, community hospital with dementia patients, mental health services and in a specialised preschool which I really enjoyed."

Funké's Taste for Success in Food Business

Funké Egberongbe is a graduate of the BSc (Hons) in Nutrition, Food, and Business Management from ATU St Angelas. As a mature student she undertook this degree while managing a busy home with four children as well as running a small food business and even more remarkably, all of this followed nearly 10 years of living in Direct Provision.

Now as the proud owner of 'Funké Afro-Caribbean Restaurant' in Sligo, she believes in continuous development and lifelong learning - in whatever capacity that is, whether formal academic learning or on the job learning. Funké says: "Being a business owner, I wear so many hats at the restaurant such as the Chef, HR, Accountant, and Manager. Although juggling different roles can be tough, what has greatly helped is my willingness to learn new things and the determination to succeed".

During her final year of her degree, she began to commercialise her passion for food. As part of her New Product Development module, Funké created 'Jollof Sauce', which is now sold in selected SuperValu stores and Asian stores. "Achieving my degree would not have been possible without the support of my lecturers who were all so encouraging and always available to listen and guide me throughout my four years of study. I'm so thankful for the entire support system at ATU St Angelas."

Interested in exciting career opportunities in the food sector? Check out www.atu.ie/au989

SLIGO STUDENT LIFE

Sligo: A vibrant town with stunning surroundings



From sushi, vegan and tapas to Mexican, Italian and Thai, Sligo's thriving culinary scene ensures there is something to suit every taste and budget. There are nightlife options for every mood, so whether you are looking for a traditional Irish pub or a trendy cocktail bar, a live music venue or an energetic nightclub, you will find it here. A ten-screen cinema has all the latest blockbusters whilst The Hawk's Well Theatre, The Model and The Factory host



a diverse range of arts and entertainment weekly. For the shopping enthusiast, independent shops are nestled in between popular high street brands, catering for everything from clothes to computers and vintage to vinyl. Famous for its connection to W.B. Yeats, Sligo is also home to a range of literary and cultural options.

World class beaches at Strandhill and Rosset Point or the tranquil beauty of Lough Gill, provide the perfect place to



get away from it all. Sligo's rural landscape includes the world-famous Benbulbin Mountain, the Queen Maeve trail on Knocknarea, woodland walks such as Hazelwood and Sligh Wood, megalithic sites in Carrowkeel, the beautiful wilderness of the Ox Mountains and so much more.



Sligo has some of Ireland's most affordable student accommodation

The cost of student accommodation in Sligo is much more affordable than many of Ireland's other university towns and cities, with this also reflected in the cost of living. There are several purpose-built student villages in Sligo, all within easy access of both campuses. Some student villages offer a laundry service, whilst others have smart TV's and free Netflix.

Digs accommodation is popular with students moving away from home for the first time, as they live with a local family. Additionally, there is a range of private apartments and houses available for students who prefer to live with friends. While most students choose to reside close to campus, some opt for the vibrant atmosphere of Strandhill and Rosset Point.

Please visit the ATU Sligo Students' Union website www.atussu.ie for more information on the accommodation options available or email support@atussu.ie for assistance with your accommodation search.



Sligo Events CALENDAR

Below is just a taste of the variety of events and festivals which take place in Sligo.

Strandhill Peoples Market	Weekly
Sligo Farmers Market	Weekly
So Funny Comedy Festival	February
St. Patrick's Day Parade	March
Hazelwood Fun Run	April
Wild Roots Festival	June
Wild Atlantic Shanty Festival	June
Sligo County Fleadh	June
Cairde Sligo Arts Festival	July
Mirror World Sailing Championships	July
Sligo Jazz Project	July
Sligo Rally Stages	July
Black Pig Festival	July
Sligo Pride Festival	July
Hagstravaganza	August
Yeats International Summer School	August
Warriors Run	August
Sligo Baroque Festival	August
Sligo Live	September
ATU Halloween Haunting	October
Spilt Milk Festival	October
Christmas Markets	November
	December

ATU CLUBS & SOCIETIES



Joining a club or society is a great way to meet people with similar interests, try out something new or pursue your passion. We encourage students to join at least one club or society, and with a huge variety to choose from, ATU has something for everyone. We have a huge selection of clubs and societies to choose from. These cover everything from frisbee to fine art and music to motorsport. Also, new clubs and societies are formed every year which means you can even start your own.

University life is more than just study. It is also about having fun and making friends. Clubs and societies play a big role in this. Joining one can often be the start of a new passion or a lifelong friendship. Clubs and societies days are held across our campuses early in the university year. This is an opportunity to sign up to as many of them as you like. ATU subsidise clubs and societies so that they are free, as are most of the activities they offer.

E-Sport Society
What does your club do? E-sports is a special branch of digital gaming which plays competitively.

commonly for rewards in tournaments, region-wide or world-wide titles.

Who is it for? This society is a space if you're looking for digital gaming in any way.
How often do you meet? Twice a week. Both online and on campus, normally with on campus meet ups being something casual for trying new things.
How much do members pay? It is completely free.

Chess Club
What does your club do? We meet up together to play chess, learn chess and socialise. Our players have all improved their knowledge of chess. We also hold chess tournaments in the university.
Who is it for? Anyone interested in chess, no matter what level they play at.
How often do you meet? Twice a week.
How much do members pay? It is completely free.

Tea Society
What does your society do? The aim of the Tea Society is to provide a space for students to hang out and chat over a hot beverage. Sweet

treats are also on the agenda.
Who is it for? The society is open to everyone. Some people may find it challenging to get involved with a sports club or special interest society, so this is the perfect solution.
How often do you meet? Once or twice a week.
How much do members pay? The Tea Society is free.

Agricultural Science Society
What does your club do? The aim of the society is to bring agricultural science students or any student with an interest in agriculture closer together through meetings, events,

trips, a charity ball and much more.
Who is it for? Anyone interested in Agriculture - farmers or not!
How often do you meet? Once a month
How much do members pay? It is free.

Harry Potter Society
What does your club do? We meet regularly to chat and share all things on Harry Potter. We plan lots of exciting events like a Sorting Hat Ceremony, Annual Christmas Yule Ball, Harry Potter movie and book days, Harry Potter themed activity days and lots more.
Who is it for? Anyone with a love

and interest for Harry Potter.
How often do you meet? Once a week.
How much do members pay? It's free.

International Society
What does your club do? The aim of the society is to get to know the different cultures we have in university, go on amazing trips and play lots of fun games.
Who is it for? A society where everyone is welcome.
How often do you meet? At least once a week.
How much do members pay? It is completely free



Below are just some of the Clubs and Societies in ATU

American Football	Soccer	Frisbee
Archery	Surf	Games
Athletics	Swimming	Go Karting
Badminton	Table Tennis	Harry Potter
Basketball	Volleyball	International
Boxing	Ag Science	Law
Chess	Animation	LGBTQ+
Cricknet	Astronomy	Literature
Diving	Bushcraft	Mature
Equestrian	Cheerleading	Music
GAA	Christian Union	Neurodiversity
Golf	Dance	Politics
Handball	Debate	Robotics
Karate	DJ	Rock Climbing
Kayaking	Drama	Skate
Motorsport	Environmental	Tea
Mountaineering	Eurovision	Vegan
Rowing	Fashion	
Rugby	Photographic	

*Clubs and Societies available will vary across individual campuses

ATU SPORT

ATU Donegal Athletes Shine at IUA Outdoor Championships

The Mary Peter's Track in Belfast witnessed an impressive display of athleticism during the IUA Outdoor Championships on April 5th and 6th, 2024, where ATU Donegal athletes showcased their talent. Seven athletes from ATU Donegal took centre stage over the two-day event, leaving their mark on various disciplines.

Oisín Thompson emerged as a standout performer, clinching second place in the Long Jump with a remarkable leap of 6.89m. Notably, this jump marked a personal best for Thompson, who has been honing his skills in athletics since the age of seven, representing the Finn Valley club in Donegal.

Shelson Nyoni demonstrated versatility by competing in multiple events, including the

200m sprint and triple jump, where he secured a commendable 6th place. Additionally, Nyoni played a pivotal role in the ATU 4 x 100m relay team, contributing to their silver medal finish.

Oisín Toye showcased his endurance and determination by qualifying for the final of the fiercely competitive 1500m race, ultimately finishing in 6th place overall.

Johnson Bangura and Eoin Mc Kenna exhibited commendable performances in their respective events, narrowly missing out on their personal bests in the 100m and 800m races.

Among the female contingent, Aoife Giles impressed in the weight for distance event, securing a respectable 4th place finish. Meanwhile, Orla Neely



displayed her skills in both the discus and javelin competitions, contributing to ATU Donegal's overall presence at the championships.

The collective efforts of these athletes not only brought glory to ATU Donegal but also

underscored the talent and dedication prevalent in the region's athletic community. As they continue to strive for excellence, their performances serve as an inspiration for aspiring athletes across Donegal and beyond.

ATU Sligo crowned 2024 Moynihan Cup champions



The ATU Sligo Ladies Gaelic Football team made sure lightning did not strike twice as they won the 2024 Moynihan Cup.

Having lost the 2023 final by a single point, they made no mistake this time around and defeated MIC Limerick 1-10 to 1-08 in the decider. With the finalists evenly matched on paper, it was no surprise that neither team managed to develop a decisive lead throughout the contest. However, the ATU Sligo Ladies kept their composure until the very end to ensure a two-point victory.

There were several big individual performances on the day and throughout the competition. The team, comprised of players from counties around the country, was captained by Donegal's Roisin Rodgers.

They booked their place in the final following a 4-7 to 1-6 semi-final victory over SETU Waterford. Both games were played as part of the Ladies HEC third-level championships weekend hosted by MTU Cork.

Happy Camper Hurling Tournament at ATU Donegal

ATU Donegal recently hosted their annual Happy Camper Hurling Tournament at the Letterkenny Campus. Local clubs including St Eunans, Letterkenny Gaels, Setanta, and MacCumhail's joined the University team for a thrilling series of matches. The tournament featured ten intense group games, with standout moments such as the fiery 2-2 draw between St Eunans and Setanta. The seeding for the finals came down to the wire, with MacCumhail's narrowly defeating ATU Donegal and Setanta triumphing over Letterkenny Gaels to secure spots in the A final. Meanwhile, ATU Donegal clashed with St Eunans in the Shield decider. In the B final, ATU Donegal

faced off against St Eunans in a closely contested match that saw the teams' neck and neck throughout. Despite St Eunans appearing to clinch victory in the closing moments, ATU managed a last-second goal to level the score. Sudden death extra time ensued, and St Eunans ultimately secured the win with a well-executed goal.

The A Final saw Setanta taking on MacCumhail's in a tense first-half dominated by strong defensive play. Setanta broke the deadlock with a crucial goal, while MacCumhail's struggled to convert their opportunities. In the closing moments, Setanta sealed their victory with two quick goals, securing the tournament title.



The event was made possible thanks to the participation of all the clubs and the support of sponsor 'The Happy Camper Creeslough'. Special thanks were also extended to referees Noel Mullaney and James

Connors for their contributions to the successful evening of hurling. For further information on ATU Donegal Sports Teams, contact Michael Murphy, Head of Sport, ATU Donegal

ATU Galway's Annual Sports Ball & Awards



ATU Galway hosted their annual Sports Ball & Awards in the Clayton Hotel this April, recognising individual and team achievements and performances following a successful sporting year. Students, staff and coaches were joined by ATU President, Dr Orla Flynn; alongside special guest, former Galway Football Player and Manager, Kevin Walsh.

The evening commenced with the presentation of the Club Person of the Year awards, each voted for by individual competitive clubs at ATU Galway. Winners were honoured with unique ATU Galway All Star Jerseys. Eventually, the spotlight turned to the ATU Galway Team of the Year, awarded to the triumphant Fresher Hurling team. Wrapping up the ceremony was the prestigious ATU Galway Sports Personality of the Year accolade, bestowed upon Athletics and Soccer club member Ben Edeh.

Catherine Grier, A Remarkable Footballer

Catherine Grier, a remarkable footballer and ATU Donegal Agriculture student, represented Ireland in the World Deaf Futsal Championships held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in November where 16 countries participated from across the globe.

The Irish Deaf Women's Futsal Team had been drawn with Japan, England and Kenya in Group B of the World Deaf Futsal Championships. Although the Irish Deaf Futsal team didn't win it was a great achievement for Ireland.

Catherine was born with profound nerve deafness, she defied barriers and played a crucial role for her teams, Bonagee United, Irish Deaf Women's Futsal Team, ATU Donegal. Her cochlear implant, installed in 2021, allowed her to hear sounds for the first time.

It's heartwarming to see her inspiring journey and the support she receives from her teammates!



ATU Alumni to represent Ireland at Paris 2024 Olympics



Lauren Cadden

ATU Alumni Lauren Cadden and Dean Clancy will both represent Ireland at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games which are being held in Paris, France.

Lauren, who studied the BSc (Hons) in Health Science and Physical Activity during her time in ATU Sligo, is part of the Women's 4x400m relay squad heading to Paris. They booked their place at the Olympics following an impressive national record-breaking run at the World Athletics Relays in Nassau, the Bahamas.

Dean defeated Italian Gianluigi Malanga by a unanimous decision at the European Games in Poland last year, and with that secured his place at the games. The former ATU Sligo Applied Sport with Business student will compete in the Men's 63.5kg (lightweight) category. Dean was also selected as one of the two Team Ireland athletes who unveiled the bespoke Opening Ceremony wear designed by Laura Weber.

Sligo A.C athlete Lauren and Sean McDermott BC boxer Dean will both take part in several training camps over the coming weeks as they step up their preparations for the Olympic Games which begin on July 26th.



Dean Clancy

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Resilience and Triumph: ATU Donegal's Journey in University Ladies Gaelic Football

ATU Donegal's journey in Division 2 commenced with a thrilling victory against TCD1 at the Centre of Excellence, securing a narrow 3-point win. Despite subsequent losses on the road against UCD and Ulster University, they took pride in their ability to compete at the pinnacle of university ladies Gaelic football.

In their championship opener against UCD, they narrowly fell short by 2 points. A subsequent clash against Munster Technological University Kerry at the Mayo Centre of Excellence ended in defeat, despite a commendable performance marred by a late red card and two conceded goals in the final minutes.

Integral to the teams' progress was the utilisation of the elite athlete's gym, overseen by the esteemed Strength and Conditioning expert, Paul Fisher, whose expertise significantly contributed to the team's improvement and preparation.

Lauren Martin, hailing from Glenfin,



served as their esteemed captain. Her role in the team's success last year, clinching both the league and championship titles, cannot be overstated.

Despite the challenges faced, they emerged from the season with heads held high, having fiercely contested every match and upheld their fighting spirit.

Medals for Athletics trio at IUA Championships

ATU Sligo athletes Lauren Cadden, Caoimhe McDonagh and Alix Joyce all returned home with medals following a successful weekend at the 2024 Irish Universities Athletics Association (IUA) Track and Field Championships. Over 550 athletes from 21 universities competed across two full days of competition at the Mary Peters track in Belfast.

Lauren won gold in the Women's 400m in a time of 53.38s. In the process, Lauren broke multiple Olympian Karen Shinkens' record which had stood since 1999. Alix claimed gold in the 400m Hurdles and Caoimhe finished with a bronze medal in the Triple Jump. Another ATU Sligo student, Claire Kennedy, narrowly missed out on a medal after finishing 4th in the Hammer Throw.



ATU Donegal Clinches CUFAI Eustace Shield Victory in Thrilling Final Showdown

ATU Donegal Men's soccer team triumphed in the CUFAI Eustace Shield Final. The team displayed resilience and clinched an exhilarating victory against ATU Sligo with a 3-2 scoreline in Athlone.

ATU Donegal's Thomas Doherty netted twice while an own goal from ATU Sligo contributed to ATU Donegal's lead at halftime. Conor Campbell and Jason Devenney found the net for ATU Sligo in the initial period. Despite playing with a numerical disadvantage in the second half, due to a sending off, ATU Donegal's side managed to withstand ATU Sligo's pressure and secure the coveted title.

It was a remarkable feat and a testament to their dedication and effort to see out the win and lift the shield.



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ATU Galway Athletes Shine at Irish University Athletics Championships

ATU athletes showcased their prowess at the Irish University Athletics Outdoor Championships held at Mary Peters Track, Belfast in April. Over two days of intense competition, both the men's and women's teams displayed stellar performances, securing a commendable place on the leader board among Ireland's top universities, just a few points shy of 5th place. Team results set a new Championship Best Performance Record for ATU, igniting a wave of pride among its athletes.

Notable highlights from the event include ATU Sports Scholars Ben Edeh, Sport and Exercise Science, clinching silver in the 400m in a time of 48.60s, and Reakwon Lucciano, Computing in Software Development, securing bronze in the 200m in a time of 22.49s. In addition, the Men's Relay squad seized silver in the 4x100m relay in a time of 42.62s, showcasing ATU's depth and talent across various disciplines.



ATU Mayo Dominates Karate Intervarsity's: A Tale of Friendship and Triumph

The annual Karate Intervarsity event showcased the pinnacle of collegiate martial arts talent, drawing fighters from across the island to vie for the coveted title of Intervarsity Champion.

The Women's Senior Open category saw a historic show down as the spotlight fell on two formidable competitors from ATU Mayo: Tíma Connors, a seasoned Year 4 Nursing student, and Lauren Rowsome, a rising star in Year 3 of the Applied Social Care programme. Despite their close friendship across three years of training, once on the mats, the spirit of competition reigned supreme.

As the battle unfolded, Tíma's

wealth of experience, including national titles, representative fights for Ireland, and a World Youth Championship medal, proved decisive. Though Lauren proved to be a strong opponent in her first Intervarsity final, Tíma's mastery and muscle memory secured her victory. For Tíma, whose aspirations for international glory were thwarted by Covid-related disruptions and then the conflict in Ukraine; the upcoming European University Games in Hungary offer a chance to fulfill her dreams. With preparations already underway, Tíma aims to cap off her university career with a triumphant display on the international stage, proudly representing ATU Mayo.



ATU Sligo win soccer's Lydon Cup

The ATU Sligo Women's soccer team claimed the 2024 CUFAl Lydon Cup thanks to a 6-3 victory over University of Limerick in the final which was held in Maynooth. Trailing 2-0 at halftime, ATU Sligo put in a scintillating second half display to run out comfortable winners in the end.

Team captain Emma Doherty scored a hat-trick and was named Player of the Match. Also on target for ATU Sligo was Aoife Gallanagh, Erin Coyle and Ciara Henry to ensure the contest was never in doubt and spark wild celebrations at the full-time whistle.

This national title is the latest in a series of successes for the team. They won the Division 1 title and O'Regan Cup in 2023, gaining promotion to the top tier of third-level football in Ireland in the process.



ATU Sligo Students win Team Kumite Gold



ATU Sligo students Lucas Thornton and Aaron McClout won Team Kumite gold at the All-Ireland Karate Intervarsity Competition 2024. Lucas and Aaron partnered with Queen's University Belfast student Kieran Doogie for the team competition.

The Karate Intervarsity was co-hosted by ATU Galway and University of Galway. Lucas is also an ATU Sports Scholarship recipient.

Westport's Pool Prodigy: Daniel Feehan



ATU Galway Sports Scholar and Westport native, Daniel Feehan, is currently navigating the corridors of academia while excelling in the billiards arena. The Bachelor of Business (Hons) student is no stranger to success. From the pulsating atmosphere of All-Ireland showdowns to the prestige of the European Championships and the global spectacle of the World Championships, Daniel has left an indelible mark, representing Ireland with distinction. Amongst his myriad achievements, in June 2017 a 15-year-old Daniel played a pivotal role in the U18 Irish team's historic victory over England A in the World Championship final.

This year at Irelands Pool Intervarsity's held in Belfast, Daniel won the A Championship individuals' competition, beating University of Limerick in the final, 6-0 and with the ATU Pool team, won the plate section beating SETU's A team.

Continued Success for ATU Sligo Swimmers



ATU Sligo swimmers Anthony Maher, Dara Ronan, Niall McGeown and Conall Bradshaw competed at several intervarsity competitions this academic year, winning a number of medals in the process.

At the Swim Inter-Varsities in Cork, Anthony won silver in the 50m freestyle and Niall secured bronze in the 100m individual medley, whilst Dara won silver in the 100m individual medley and bronze in the 50m butterfly. The team also finished fifth overall at the event.

Dara and Niall also represented ATU Sligo on the Irish University Swim Team which competed at the Swansea Aquatics Meet in early May.

The quartet have also enjoyed success with their local swimming clubs over the past year, winning medals at competitions including the Irish Summer National Championships and Connacht Short Course Championships.

Boxing Titles for ATU Sligo and ATU St Angela's Students



Dearbhla Rooney, Cliona D'Arcy and Anthony Maher all claimed gold at the Irish Athletic Third-Level Boxing Association (IATBA) Championships which were held at the National Stadium in Dublin over two weekends in March. Cliona, who studies Home Economics and Irish in ATU St Angelas, boxes out of the Tobair Pheadair Boxing Club in Galway and won gold in the Elite Senior 82kg category. ATU Sligo students Dearbhla and Anthony both box out of the Sean McDermott Boxing Club in Leitrim. Dearbhla is studying Health Science and Physical Activity and won the Elite Senior 60kg national title, whilst Law and Business student Anthony won gold in the Junior Novice 81kg category.

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AFL Success for Abby Noonan

Abby Noonan, originating from Cahir in County Tipperary, is making waves in both academics and AFL. Having attended Coláiste Dún Iascaigh in Cahir, she is now studying a BSc (Hons) in Education (Design, Graphics and Construction) at ATU Connemara.

Engaging in multiple sports, Abby showcases her versatility as a Gaelic Football player with Cahir, Tag Rugby enthusiast with the Knights in Limerick, and AFL competitor with the Cork Vikings in Cork. Notably, she plays with the International Women's Open Tag Rugby Team and the International AFL team, the Irish Banshees.

Her journey into AFL began in 2022 in Cork; following a stint in U18s Munster rugby, Noonan's determination and skill swiftly earned her a spot on the Irish AFL team. With remarkable achievements under her belt, including two European titles and numerous league victories, Noonan's most cherished moment is when she won her first European Cup in Croatia at just 18 years old.

Despite her busy schedule, Noonan also finds time to represent ATU Galway, recently competing in the Intervarsity



Tag Rugby tournament in Limerick and bringing home a silver medal. Reflecting on her experience, she emphasises the welcoming atmosphere and camaraderie within the team.

For aspiring student-athletes, Noonan advises finding a balance between sports and academics, highlighting the importance of both pursuits. With her remarkable

achievements and insightful advice, Abby looks forward to her next tournament with the Irish Banshees in Toronto, Canada for the transatlantic Cup this August.

All-Ireland Hurling Champions



In a thrilling showdown, ATU Galway clinched the Fresher B Hurling All Ireland Championship title after an intense battle against University Ulster, Jordanstown. The showdown, held in the GAA National Centre in March, saw

ATU Galway emerging victorious with a commanding final score of 5-20 to University Ulster Jordanstown's 0-16. The ATU Galway team, comprised of talented players hailing from GAA clubs across Galway, Offaly, Westmeath

and Laois, showcased exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the tournament. Their hard work and dedication paid off, earning them the prestigious championship title.

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Ireland qualify for the 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup with help from ATU Alumni



ATU Alumni Nicole Fowley and Clíodhna Maloney played their part as Ireland qualified for the 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup.

In the first game on the final day of the 2024 Women's Six Nations, Wales narrowly beat Italy 22-20. This result meant victory over Scotland later the

same day would secure Ireland's place at the 2025 World Cup.

Ireland duly delivered the required result with a tense 15-12 win over Scotland in Belfast. Clíodhna chipped in with a try as the team finished third in the 2024 Women's Six Nations table and booked their place in the finals in

the process.

Out Half Nicole, who hails from Sligo, plays her club rugby with Connacht, whilst Galway native Clíodhna plays for the Exeter Chiefs as a Hooker. Nicole and Clíodhna both studied the BBs (Hons) in Sport with Business during their time in ATU Sligo.

ATU Donegal's Sean Gallagher Competes in Intense All Ireland 3rd Level Cycling Championships



UCD hosted the All-Ireland third level Cycling Criterium Championships at Corkagh Park's track in Dublin. ATU Donegal student Sean Gallagher competed for the first time on behalf of the university. Unlike traditional road circuits, crit racing demands quick bursts due to its short, twisty track.

The race commenced at 10 am and lasted over an hour, with an intense pace averaging at 53km/h. Despite his best efforts, Sean's plans to control the race without teammates proved challenging. Eventually, a breakaway group of five, including UCD and UCC riders, emerged.

In a thrilling sprint finish, Luke Smith from UCC claimed victory, with last year's winner Liam Crowley from UCD securing second place. While the outcome wasn't as planned, Sean hopes for a stronger presence next year remain high, aiming for increased teammate participation to bolster chances of success.

2024 HEC Rising Star Award Winners



Six ATU Sligo Ladies Gaelic Football players received 2024 HEC Rising Star Awards recently. Roisin Rodgers, Dearbhaile Lynch, Ellen O'Donoghue, Niamh Boyle, Orla Hennessy and Rebecca Higgins were rewarded following their outstanding displays for the ATU Sligo Ladies Gaelic Football team who won the 2024 Moynihan Cup. The awards presentation took place on Friday 22nd of March in the Bonnington Hotel, Dublin.

ATU Sports Scholarship applications are open

The ATU Sports Scholarship programme provides supports to talented student athletes to recognise their need to balance both sporting and academic commitments. Our sports scholarships include financial benefits of up to €3,000 per annum. Non-financial benefits include free or reduced rate access to sports facilities, access to sports science supports, free sports scholarship gear plus lots more.

ATU Sports Scholarships are awarded across a wide variety of team and individual sports. No matter what your chosen sport is, if you think you could be eligible, then we encourage you to apply. The next application closing date is Monday, June 5th. For more information or to apply, please go to atu.ie/sports-scholarship

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