

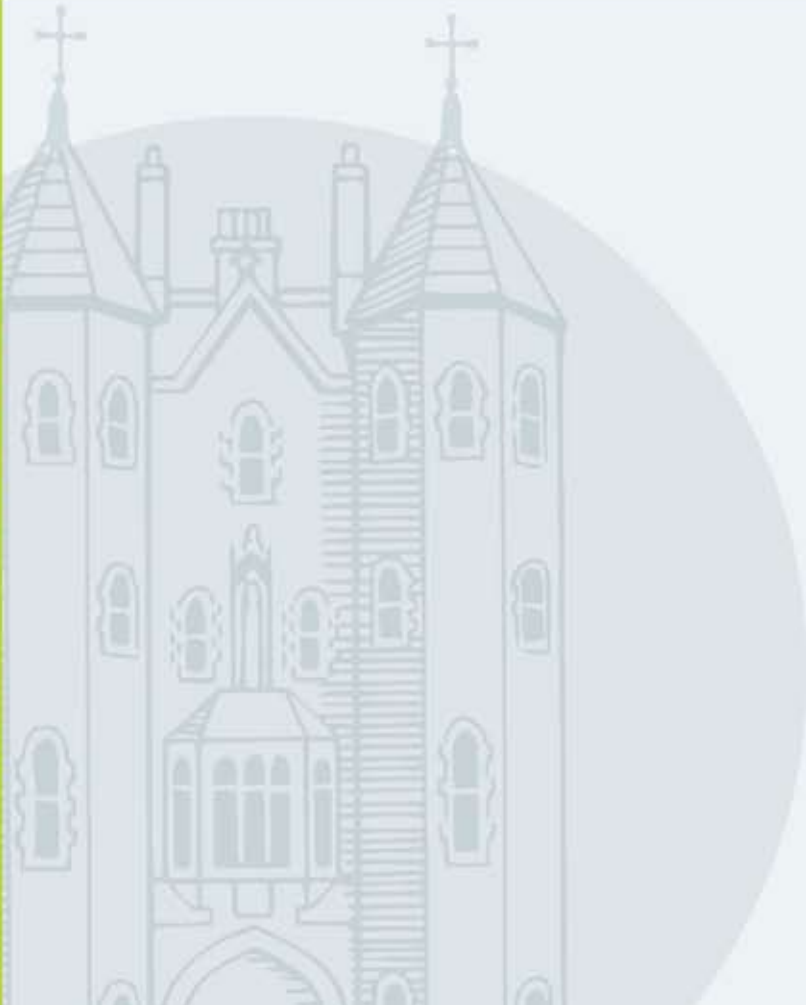


Pontifical University  
St Patrick's College  
Maynooth

# *St Patrick's College Maynooth*



## *Undergraduate Courses Entry 2012*



# Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth

## *Introduction*

St Patrick's College, Maynooth opened its doors as an educational institution in 1795 and, over the intervening two centuries, it has established for itself an impressive reputation for scholarship and learning.

*The Pontifical University has close links with the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The two universities share the same campus and co-operate in a number of important academic programmes. The campus is also the seat of the National Seminary.*

*The town of Maynooth is situated in north County Kildare. It is close to the borders of Counties Dublin and Meath. It is 15 miles/25 km. west of Dublin city centre, just off the N4/M4, the main Dublin to Sligo/Galway road.*

*Maynooth is approximately 7 miles/12 km from the N3/M3 - the main Dublin/Cavan road, and is approximately 13 miles/22km from the N7/M7 - the main Dublin to Limerick/Cork road.*

*Today, Maynooth preserves much of its rural ambience and provides easy access to large tracts of peaceful countryside. At the same time, it is within easy reach of Dublin and is close to the high-technology industrial parks on the western edge of the city. It is home to a vibrant local community and offers students and others abundant opportunities to enjoy a busy and varied social life.*

*The south campus itself is beautiful with its elegant neo-gothic and Georgian architecture, while on the north campus the buildings are more modern and contemporary. The campus is also teeming with wild life; here you will find grey squirrels, rabbits and hares in abundance. On occasion, unusual birds such as hawks and kestrels have been observed. It is hard to imagine that this haven of tranquility is so close to the capital of Ireland!*

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# General Information



## FEES

Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts (B.A.Th.)

Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.)

Both programmes qualify for the Free Fees initiative and the Higher Education Grants Scheme.

## CUT OFF POINTS (First Round)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts (B.A.Th.)	330	350*	340	340*	330	300	300	315	315	335	325
Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.)	N/A	305	300	310	310	255	260	305	300	310	320

\*The asterisk indicates that not all applicants with these points were offered places.

## ■ Semesterisation and Modularisation

Semesterisation allows students to regulate their studies by completing the first half of their examinations in January and the second half in May. Modular systems operate on the basis of credits and have become the international academic standard. They make for better access to a broader range of studies and greater transparency in the presentation of an undergraduate syllabus.

## ■ Student Assistance Fund (ESF)

The Student Assistance/Access Fund is jointly sponsored by the European Social Fund and the Irish Government. It is available for students who require additional financial support to enable them to benefit fully from their third level studies. Registered students do not necessarily need to be grant holders to apply for funding. It simply offers a limited amount of financial support to students who experience financial difficulties related to the costs of their studies.

The funding is available to all full-time registered students of the Pontifical University. Application forms are available in the second semester of each academic year.

## SERVICES

### ■ Medical

The Medical Centre is located in the Student Services Centre on the North Campus. It is staffed by a full-time nursing officer and a doctor; in attendance four days a week, on a part-time basis. Appointments are necessary however priority will always be given to emergencies. There is no charge for availing yourself of this service.

## ■ DARE (Disability Access Route to Education) and HEAR (Higher Education Access Route)

The Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth has close links with the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM). The two universities share the same campus and facilities. The NUIM Access Office caters for students of both NUIM and the Pontifical University. The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a supplementary admissions scheme for school leavers with disabilities. DARE has been set up by a number of colleges and universities, as clear evidence shows that disability can have a negative impact on how well a student does at school and whether or not they go on to college. School leavers who meet the eligibility criteria compete for a quota of places allocated to applicants on a reduced points basis in the Pontifical University, Maynooth. All applicants must meet the Irish Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) matriculation / minimum entry and subject requirements.

**Who Should Apply to DARE?** DARE is for school leavers (under 23 years of age as at January 1st 2012) who have the ability to benefit from and succeed in higher education but who may not meet the points for their preferred course due to the impact of a disability. Mature and FETAC applicants have different admissions routes and you can get further information on these routes from the Admissions Officer; Pontifical University, Tel (01) 7084772. Email [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie).

## How to Apply to DARE

1. Apply to CAO by **17:15 on 1st February 2012**.
2. No later than **17:15 on 1st March 2012** you must disclose your disability and/or specific learning difficulty in your CAO application and fully and correctly complete Section A of the Supplementary Information Form (the SIF is a part of your CAO application). If you wish to be considered for the DARE scheme, you must indicate this on Section A of the fully completed SIF by **17:15 on 1st March 2012**.
3. Instructions will be given about the completion and return of Sections B and C of the SIF to arrive at CAO by **17:15 on 1st April 2012**.

### Condition of a DARE Offer

Students who receive a DARE offer must register with the Disability Service and agree on a schedule of meetings with the service.

### More Information

More information on DARE is available from your School Guidance Counsellor or from the NUIM Access/Disability Office. Information can also be found on: [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie); [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie); <http://access.nuim.ie/disability>; <http://maynoothcollege.ie/prospective>

**2. HEAR (Higher Education Access Route).** The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a third level admissions scheme for school leavers (under 23 years of age as at January 1st 2012) from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. HEAR has been established by a number of Higher Education Institutions based on clear evidence that socio-economic disadvantage has a negative impact on educational achievement at school and progression to higher education.

School leavers who provide satisfactory evidence relating to their socio-economic circumstances and meet the Irish Leaving Certificate matriculation / minimum entry and subject requirements are eligible to compete for a quota of places allocated to applicants on a reduced points basis in the Pontifical University, Maynooth.

### Who should apply to HEAR?

HEAR is for school leavers (under 23 years of age as at 1st January 2012). Mature and FETAC applicants have different admissions routes and you can get further information on these routes from the Admissions Officer, Pontifical University, **Tel (01) 7084772. Email [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie)**

### How to apply to HEAR

1. Apply online to CAO by **17:15 on 1st February 2012**.
2. No later than **17:15 on 1st March 2012**, you must indicate in your CAO application that you wish to apply for the HEAR scheme and you must fully and correctly complete all elements of the HEAR form (the HEAR form is a part of your CAO application).
3. Submit relevant evidence in support of your application to arrive at CAO no later than **17:15 on 1st April 2012**.

HEAR applications can only be made online at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

**More Information** on HEAR is available from your School Guidance Counsellor or from the NUIM Access/Disability Office. Information can also be found on: [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie); [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie); <http://access.nuim.ie/disability>; <http://maynoothcollege.ie/prospective>

### Condition of a HEAR Offer

Students who receive a HEAR offer must attend an orientation programme before the first term. Students who accept places in the Pontifical University through HEAR are offered a variety of academic, personal and social supports while studying at third level. Details of post-admission supports for HEAR entrants can also be found on: [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie) and <http://access.nuim.ie>

### ■ Sports and Recreation

The numerous sports clubs, together with easy access to excellent on-campus facilities, provide quality opportunities for students to get involved in social, cultural and sporting activities.

### Facilities:

**Indoor:** include a swimming pool, two sports halls, fitness

centre, free weights room, physical therapy room, racquetball court and snooker room. The sports halls provide a venue for most of the indoor clubs practice and competitions, along with aerobics and fitness sessions.

**Outdoor:** There are five playing fields on the south campus. On the north campus there are three high-quality sand-based turf playing fields, facilitating inter-varsity home games in gaelic football, hurling, soccer, camogie, ladies gaelic football and rugby. To facilitate club training sessions and internal competitions, there is a FIFA regulation size "third generation" floodlit synthetic pitch.

**Sports Programs:** Inter-mural and inter-varsity training, practice and competition is provided by over thirty sports clubs active on campus. The clubs are mostly student-run, but several are assisted by professional sports development officers. Facility management and fitness programs are provided by the Sports Department. The Fitness Centre has a reception desk which is staffed during all open hours.

**Sports Scholarships/Bursaries:** are available to registered students in GAA, Rugby and Snooker. For full details on standards and application procedures please contact the Sports Office, **Tel: 708 3824**.

### ■ The University Library

The Library is a key resource for students. Staff provide students with a high quality service in a friendly and student-centred environment. We are happy to deal with any queries or problems library users may have. Library orientation, covering general use of the Library and location of resources and services is provided during the initial weeks of the first term. Library training and information skills sessions are available throughout the academic year.

Much of the library book collection is available for borrowing and returning through our self-service facility. The printed books and journals in the library are listed in the library catalogue which can be accessed both on and off campus via the library website. The Library also provides access, via the library website, to an extensive collection of online information resources including the full text of over 41,000 journals. Laptop computers are also available. For more information including opening hours, please consult the library website at: <http://library.nuim.ie>

### ■ Computer Centre

The Computer Centre provides the PCs and workstations to support research, teaching and administration. These computers are linked to the internet and to central servers over the University network. PCs are available for general student use in Public Access Computer Rooms (PACRs) and within academic departments for specific groups of students. Access to these PCs and other services is via a common username and password which is issued to the student at registration. Computer accounts for e-mail and Moodle (the university's virtual learning environment) are also provided. A helpdesk service is provided and Computing Assistants are available to assist in each of the PACRs.

A wireless network is widely deployed across the campus. All students with a username and password and a suitably wireless enabled laptop will be able to access the network. This service offers Internet access, webmail access, printing (in the library and the Arts PACR) and the ability to connect to the campus X:drive share.

### ■ Student Accommodation

The Residence Office offers a comprehensive service to students of both the Pontifical University and NUI Maynooth. Accommodation is available in University Apartments, hostels, lodgings and private rented houses. To apply for campus accommodation all you need to do is go to <http://residence.nuim.ie> to fill out an online application form. There you can also find out all the information about living in Maynooth and campus housing.

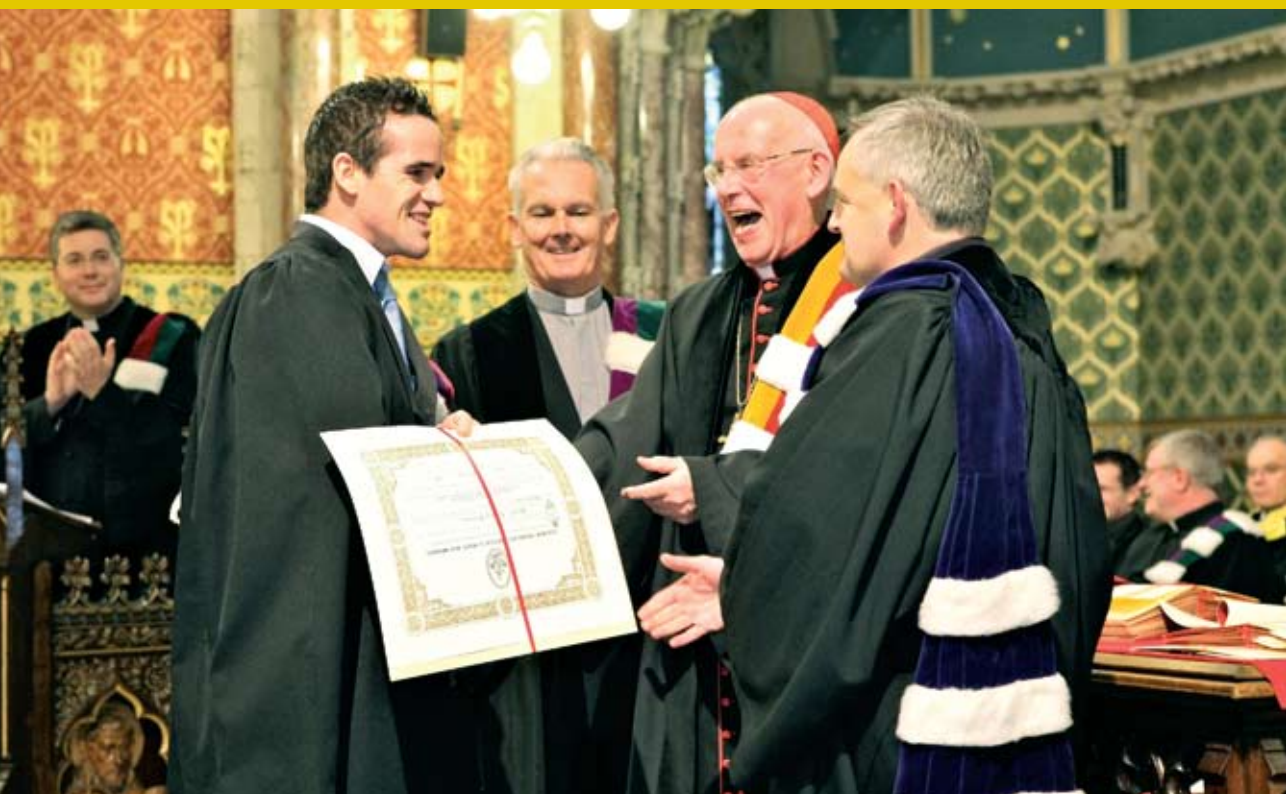
**Residence Office, NUI Maynooth.**

**Tel: +353 (0) 1 – 708 3322 Fax: + 353 (0) 1 – 708 3523**

**Email: [residence.office@nuim.ie](mailto:residence.office@nuim.ie)**

**Web: <http://residence.nuim.ie>**

# Student Testimonials



**Aoife McGrath, PhD**

Graduate

People are always amazed when they hear I spent 9 years as a student of Theology in Maynooth. They wonder how Theology as a subject could have held my interest for that length of time and what job prospects I hoped for after all those years of studying. I spent my first three years being introduced to the various topics of Theology and English, making friends across both campuses, and enjoying both the recreational side to student life and the picturesque campus.

As I neared the end of my degree, I felt that Theology was not yet finished with me, nor I with it. So I embarked on two further years of study and entered the Master's programme. While I researched and wrote my thesis in the Theology of Marriage, I tutored undergraduate students in many subjects. This experience awakened in me the desire to lecture Moral Theology in the future. Bolstered by my sense that I had something to contribute in the area of the Theology of Marriage, this desire led me to undertake the Doctorate in Theology.

As for the job prospects of a student of Theology: I have been an occasional and part-time lecturer in a number of Third Level Institutions across Ireland; I am a Research and Editorial Assistant for the anthology entitled *An Irish Reader in Moral Theology: The Legacy of the Last Fifty Years* and I am currently a full-time Parish Pastoral Worker. My role is to contribute to the life and work of the parish, which involves initiating, training, supporting, and resourcing various teams in Liturgical, Pastoral, and Formation ministries. I find Pastoral Work immensely rewarding and I am certain this experience will enable me to be a more competent and credible lecturer. My years in Maynooth opened up a new world to me, prepared me for a meaningful profession, and launched me on my way.



**Kirsten Mahon**

1st Year MTh (2010-2011)

As a secondary school student I had never given much thought to what I wanted to study once I got to college, I was too busy enjoying being carefree. So when it came time to fill out my CAO form I was at a loss as to what to put down on it. Naturally my Guidance Counsellor asked me what my favourite subjects were and what I enjoyed learning about the most. Religion had always been a favourite class of mine, simply because we had the chance to learn not only about Christianity but also other religions. Therefore the Theology degree in St Patrick's Maynooth went down as my number one choice on my CAO.

The staff and students of St Patrick's have been so welcoming and so helpful that they have made the college feel like home. The three years of my degree have been nothing short of brilliant. Alongside Theology I chose to study Greek and Roman Civilisation as part of my BATH degree. If I was asked which subject I preferred the most, I would have to say Theology. The reason for this is that Theology offers a range of topics from the Old and New Scriptures, to the Theology of Marriage, to Bioethics, Liturgy and Christology.

Studying Theology has given me a better understanding and an appreciation of my faith and the issues and challenges which surround the church today. When the three years of my degree were coming to a close, I knew that the next step for me was to continue on in my studies in the Master's programme. I have just finished my first year of my Master's degree and I am looking forward to the challenges of next year. I encourage everyone to study Theology in St Patrick's as it is a subject which has many different layers to it, providing everyone with a new experience.



### Colm O' Rourke

1st Year BATH (2009 – 2010)

Someone recently reminded me of the phrase that "Time doesn't fly by, it evaporates", and it is this phrase that comes to mind when I reflect on my first year here at St Patrick's College. It really doesn't seem that long ago when I arrived on my first day knotted with both nerves and curiosity before a crowd of unfamiliar faces. However, very quickly the unfamiliar faces became my friends and the feeling of nerves was totally taken away. St Patrick's College is one that evokes a homely feel and the friendliness of both students and staff adds to the fantastic atmosphere within the college. Within the friendly environs of St Patrick's my transition from second to third level education was made very easily.

For a very long time I wanted to study Theology at third level but it has proven better than I could ever imagine it would be, and so diverse, covering many topics and issues. Dealing with issues such as world religions, scriptures, conditions to go to war, revelation or the death penalty, every aspect of Theology has simply put me in awe. I whole heartedly recommend St Patrick's College to anyone, it is a place where you will learn so much and have so much fun amongst people of all ages and backgrounds.



### Maura Garrihy

2nd Year BATH (2010-2011)

The last two years I have spent as a student in St Patrick's College Maynooth have been among the most memorable and exciting years of my life. I have seen myself grow immensely as an individual and the people I have met will be, without doubt, lifelong friends. Making the progression from a small secondary school to university can be daunting to say the least, but I can happily say that this was far from the truth in my transition to St Pats. After a few weeks this place of great charm, craic, beauty and sheer uniqueness quickly became home!

Studying theology was something which appealed to me greatly in the later years of secondary school. I made the decision to study this subject as I wanted to know more about God and enter into dialogue with others on the mystery that is our faith. Maynooth was an obvious choice for where to study as I had heard such great things about the college from other friends who had studied here and I genuinely felt called to study here. Theology is a subject that I have found both rewarding and challenging, and extremely enjoyable to study and I really cannot wait to continue this journey over the next year.

The two Arts subjects I chose to study as part of the BATH degree in first year were Business and Sociology. The subject I chose to continue with, along with Theology in second year, is Business. I really enjoy learning about the world of business, in particular marketing and human resource management.

In September I will enter my final year in St Patrick's and I have been elected the Theology and Divinity Representative for our college. I am excited about what my final year will bring and all that I am going to learn. I would strongly encourage and recommend others to study Theology at St Patrick's because it has been such a positive and enriching experience for me. A great experience lies waiting to be shared so why not start the adventure here!



### Donna Dinnegan

3rd Year BATH (2010-2011)

I have just completed my third and final year studying the BATH programme in Theology and History. I consider my years at St Patrick's College fundamental to my education and also to my

development as a person. My time spent studying here will always be fond memories of times of a friendly and welcoming environment with beautiful surroundings.

My experience at St Patrick's College was a journey which was challenging at times, but with the support of the friends that you make over the years and the support from the staff, no problem is ever too small or too big. I felt during my years studying theology that you were not just a group or a number, but an individual and help is always at hand if needed by any student.

I would recommend this course to anyone who is interested in theology and the Christian religion itself. With the quality of the lectures, the facilities and support systems available, if you are thinking of choosing this course you will not be disappointed.



### Kevin Glennon

3rd Year BTh (2010-2011)

Coming to study in St Pats I really didn't know what to expect. Third level education was a daunting prospect but one which I was determined to see out. On the first day we were shown photos of past graduates and told that in three years time this would be us, something at the time I very much doubted! My fears, it turns out, were greatly exaggerated. With the familial atmosphere and academic support, I took little time in adjusting and learning to enjoy and savour every moment which has passed here in Maynooth. The diversity of students and beautiful campus grounds puts St Pats in a league of its own in my opinion, and truly is a life-enriching experience for anyone considering exploring the Christian faith through academia. Apart from the academic side, I have been fortunate to travel to three different continents with the Maynooth Mission Outreach, an experience which has challenged and nurtured my own faith and taught me to see things from a different perspective. Whatever one's reason for studying theology, it gives great insight into the world in which we live, as well as being a personal journey of self-exploration. The sense of satisfaction and array of possibilities that come with studying here are testament to what a fantastic place it is.



### Maria Daly

Graduate (BTh 2001-2004)

It never fails to surprise me how much of my degree I can apply to everyday life. As a newspaper editor I find the philosophy and moral theology lessons invaluable. I regularly apply theories I was taught in college when looking at court cases and other human interest pieces.

I really enjoyed my time in Maynooth. The course was always interesting and challenging and kept me thinking, and the town was a home away from home. Studying a degree is completely different to studying for the Leaving Cert and all my lecturers on the BTh were very accommodating and understood that it can take time to adjust to the college workloads. The tutorials were a real mind opener and a great opportunity to argue a case or put a theory to the test.

Moral theology and philosophy were probably my favourite subjects. In my third year when I decided that I wanted to get into journalism, Fr Twomey, my moral theology lecturer at that time, was a great help.

I went on to study Public Relations in Rathmines and sat my PR11 exams before moving to Galway and completing my Masters in Journalism. Educators always said that I stood out because I had a unique degree, a speciality that no one else in my class had. My BTh has been the focal point of many conversations and was the best foundation I could possibly ask for.

# Application Information



## Application Details

Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts (B.A.Th.)	Entry Requirements (GCE/GCSE):	See separate section
CAO Code - MU001	Entry Requirements (Other):	See separate section
Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.)	Mature applicants welcome:	Yes
CAO Code - MU002	Deferral available :	Yes
Entry Requirements (Leaving Certificate): 2 x HC3 and 4 x O/HD3	Qualifies for Higher Education Grants:	Yes
Faculty Requirements (Leaving Certificate): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ English</li> <li>◆ Irish</li> <li>◆ a third language</li> <li>◆ + 3 other recognised subjects</li> </ul>	Open Days: Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November 2011	

### ■ How to Apply - Irish and EU applicants

Application is made through the Central Applications Office (CAO). Application literature is available from second-level schools or from CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway. Applicants may also apply online at: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

**Contact: Use the "Contact Us" facility on the CAO website. Tel. 00353 – (0)91 – 509800; Fax. 00353 – (0)91 – 562344.**

An application fee is applicable when applying through the CAO.

### ■ Age Requirements

Students must normally have attained the age of seventeen years by 15th January following entry to the university. Where a candidate below that age seeks to enter the University, special application must be made to the University President, St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

### ■ Admission Requirements

Applicants under 23 years of age on 1st January of the year of proposed entry must meet matriculation requirements as follows:

- ◆ Leaving Certificate or equivalent with a minimum of two recognised subjects at Higher Level Grade C3 and four at Ordinary or Higher Level Grade D3.

- ◆ Passes in Irish, English and another language are required.
- ◆ The subject Mathematics (Leaving Certificate Foundation level) will be accepted for matriculation purposes, but points will not be awarded for it.
- ◆ 25 bonus points will be added to the points score for Leaving Certificate Higher Level Mathematics. The bonus points are included in the overall points calculation **only** when Mathematics is one of the applicant's best six subjects following the addition of the bonus.
- ◆ The subject Gaeilge – Bonnleibhéal (Irish – Foundation Level) will not be accepted for matriculation or points purposes.

### ■ LCVP

The following arrangements will apply to the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) Link Modules:

- ◆ points will be awarded as follows: 70 points for a distinction, 50 points for a merit, and 30 points for a pass.
- ◆ applicants will have the opportunity to use their points allocation for the Link Modules as one of their six subjects for the purposes of calculating points.
- ◆ the Link Modules will not qualify as a subject for matriculation purposes.

Applicants who satisfy the above requirements are placed in order of merit on the basis of the common points system, and places are allocated according to the highest preference, in their application through CAO, to which their points entitle them.

### ■ Mature Applicants

Candidates 23 years of age or over on 1st January in the year of proposed entry who do not fulfil ordinary entry requirements may apply for matriculation on the basis of mature years. **Applications are processed through the CAO, but prospective candidates must also obtain an application form from the Admissions Office or from our website, and return same to the Admissions Officer, Pontifical University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare by 1st February.** Late applications may be considered up to the late CAO closing date of 1st May. Please contact the Admissions Office before submitting a late application or before entering our courses on your CAO application using the Change of Mind Facility after 1st May. An application fee is not required with our mature student application form, however an application fee is applicable when applying through the CAO. All mature applicants will be interviewed.

**Tel: (01) 7084772 Email: [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie)**

### ■ A Level Applicants

To matriculate an applicant must obtain:

- ♦ Passes in six recognised subjects at GCSE (Grade A, B, or C) or AS Level (Grades A-E) or A level (Grades A-E)

Grade C or better in two subjects at A level (AE or BD is regarded as equivalent to two Grade C's for this purpose). In all cases, applicants require at least GCSE Grade C in English. In addition, passes in Irish and a third language at GCSE (minimum Grade C), AS Level (minimum Grade E) or A Level (minimum Grade E). However, eligibility for exemption from Irish may be claimed from:

**The Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Telephone: 00353-(0)1-439 2424. <http://www.nui.ie>**

Applicants from outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) who have applied for and been granted exemption in the subject Irish, can meet the minimum entry requirements by passing English, Irish and four other subjects in the Matriculation exams, provided all other requirements have been met. This provision applies to candidates from Northern Ireland and candidates born outside Ireland who take Irish as a Leaving Certificate subject.

Points will be calculated on the basis of:

- ♦ 4 subjects at A Level  
or
- ♦ 3 subjects at A Level plus a fourth subject at AS Level.

All subjects carry equal points. Points for A Level subjects must be obtained in one exam sitting. AS Level points must be for different subjects to those taken at A Level and may be carried over from a previous sitting. Matriculation and course requirements may be satisfied by an accumulation of subjects over more than one year.

GCE LC Points equivalence from 2010:

Grade	A Level	AS Level
A*	150	-
A	135	65
B	120	60
C	100	50
D	75	35
E	40	20

GCE LC Points equivalence prior to 2010:

Grade	A Level	AS Level
A	145	65
B	120	60
C	100	50
D	75	35
E	40	20

### ■ FETAC

Holders of FETAC qualifications are welcome to apply to our programmes. Application is made through CAO. Applicants must have obtained a FULL award. A record of Achievement will not suffice. Note that a full FETAC award normally contains 8 modules. A full award may be accumulated over more than one academic year. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the applicant to apply to FETAC for a full award where courses are taken over more than one year. A minimum of five module distinctions are required for all courses. The best eight modules in a single sitting are used for ranking purposes. A module with a credit value of 1.0 receives 3 points for a Distinction, 2 points for a Merit, and 1 point for a Pass. Places reserved for FETAC applicants are then offered in order of merit based on the ranking. As the number of places available will be limited, those places will be allocated on a competitive basis based on the student's score. Where more than one student has the same score, students will be ranked on a random basis by the CAO.

Entry to the first year of the BA in Theology & Arts programme, and the BA in Theology programme, will be considered for holders of one of the following FETAC/NCVA Level 5 and Level 6 qualifications and who have obtained distinctions in the required modules.

	Course Code	Title
Level 5	ECHSX	Culture and Heritage Studies
Level 5	ELESX	Language and European Studies
Level 5	ECAXX	Community Arts
Level 5	ELAXX	Liberal Arts
Level 5	EPJXX	Print Journalism
Level 6	BALBX	Applied Languages & Business

For further details relating to the required modules, please consult our website <http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/prospective/fetac.shtml> or contact the Admissions Office. **Tel (01) 7084772. E-mail: [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie).** FETAC is introducing a new Common Awards System. For further details on the new codes for the above awards please consult our website <http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/prospective/fetac.shtml>

It is expected that up to 2 places will be available in MU001 Theology & Arts and up to 1 place will be available in MU002 Theology. For further details, please contact the Admissions Office.

### ■ Occasional Applicants

Applications are welcomed from candidates who wish to study at the Pontifical University on an occasional basis. Such students normally follow courses in the Pontifical University for an academic year or half an academic year.

On completion, students are given a statement of results for all examinations they pass. Occasional students do not graduate from the University.

Application forms are available on request from the Admissions Office. **Email: [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie) Tel: 353 1 7084772**

### ■ International / Non-EU applicants

Applicants residing outside the EU must apply directly to the Admissions Office by 1st July. **Email: [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie)**

### ■ Entrance Scholarship

St Patrick's College, Maynooth aims to reward students who have obtained 500 points or above in their Leaving Certificate (best six subjects in one sitting) or four subjects at GCE A Levels. Three A Level subjects plus one AS Level will also suffice, however the AS Level must be in a different subject to those taken at A Level. Successful entrance scholars will be awarded €1000.00 for one academic year following their admission to the University, and a place will be reserved for them in one of the Campus Apartments irrespective of their commuting distance to the University (normal residency charges will apply). All applicants, including potential scholarship students, are advised to apply for Campus Apartments in advance of admission. Applications for Campus Apartments may be made as and from the College Open Days, which take place on the last Friday and Saturday in November annually.

# Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.)

## Honours Bachelor Degree – Level 8 (HD)



2012 Entry CAO Course Code: MU002

### Basic Information

- ♦ Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.) CAO Code MU002
- ♦ It is an Honours Bachelor degree - level 8 (HD)
- ♦ The programme extends over three years.
- ♦ It is a full-time degree programme.
- ♦ The Baccalaureate in Theology (B.Th.) is designed for students who wish to broaden and deepen their knowledge of the Christian faith by following a primary degree programme devoted to theological study.
- ♦ The B.Th. is awarded by the Pontifical University of Maynooth.

### ■ Course Topics

Systematic Theology considers why Christians believe and what they believe in order to lead students to a deeper understanding of the basis and the content of the Christian faith.

Moral Theology is the study of morality as understood in the Christian tradition.

Scripture examines the interpretation and significance of the Bible and studies the principal books of the Old and New Testaments.

Some of the topics explored over the three year programme include:

- ♦ Christianity and World Religions
- ♦ Introduction to Moral Theology
- ♦ Issues in Contemporary Ethics
- ♦ Human Rights
- ♦ Jewish Roots of Christian Faith
- ♦ Introduction to Liturgy and Initiation
- ♦ Philosophy
- ♦ Theology of Creation and Redemption
- ♦ Canon Law
- ♦ Evangelisation, Mission & Dialogue
- ♦ Tradition and Diversity
- ♦ Prophetic Literature in the Old Testament
- ♦ Wisdom Literature
- ♦ History of the Early Church
- ♦ Law in the Life of the Church

## ■ What is Theology?

"Theology", a word invented by the Greek philosophers, is based upon rational reflection on God, the world and human life. It covers a wide range of live issues from politics to business ethics to communications to issues such as truth and justice and unsurprisingly, some answers to the question of who or what God is. It attempts to express, in words, the elements of belief that are contained in faith. Like philosophy, theology is a valuable component of general education and the expertise gained in these disciplines is of value in many different career paths. Theology makes for an excellent discipline – combining research, critical analysis, independent learning and self-development.

## ■ Course Aims

The course aims to provide students with a solid intellectual formation in Theology. The scope of the course is wide, covering the range of the main theological subjects, so that students are introduced both to the breadth of the Catholic tradition and to the variety of questions raised for Theology at the present time. A smaller number of issues are treated more intensively. Students of the course should develop a well-informed understanding and a deep personal appropriation of the Christian faith.

## ■ Career Options

Some graduates of the BA in Theology enter into the teaching profession, both at second and third level. In terms of second level teaching, the BTh, followed by the Professional Diploma in Education (PDE), fulfils the academic requirement of the Teaching Council for its admission of graduates to the Open or General Register of Teachers.

Some of our graduates have entered into the following careers:

- ◆ Social Work
- ◆ Administration
- ◆ Public / Private Sectors
- ◆ School Chaplaincy
- ◆ Third Level Chaplaincy
- ◆ Parish Administration
- ◆ Religious Project Co-ordinator
- ◆ Community Development
- ◆ Pastoral Care
- ◆ Healthcare Chaplaincy
- ◆ Research Administrator
- ◆ Librarian



# Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts (B.A.Th.)

## Honours Bachelor Degree – Level 8 (HD)



2012 Entry CAO Course Code: MU001

### Basic Information

- ♦ Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts (B.A.Th.) CAO Code MU001
- ♦ It is an Honours Bachelor degree - Level 8 (HD)
- ♦ The programme extends over three years
- ♦ It is a full-time degree programme.
- ♦ It is similar to a BA but is designed for students who wish to combine the study of Theology with the study of Arts.

- ♦ Students take Theology in the Faculty of Theology in the Pontifical University; for the Arts component they follow the regular BA courses of the Faculties at N.U.I. Maynooth.
- ♦ First-year students take THREE subjects: Theology plus two other Arts subjects.
- ♦ Second and third year students take Theology and one Arts subject.
- ♦ The B.A.Th. is awarded by the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

### ■ Theology Course Topics

Some of the topics explored over the three year programme include:

- ♦ Christianity and World Religions
- ♦ Introduction to Moral Theology
- ♦ Issues in Contemporary Ethics
- ♦ Jewish Roots of Christian Faith
- ♦ Bioethics & Catholic Moral Tradition
- ♦ The God Question
- ♦ Theology of Creation and Redemption
- ♦ Liturgy
- ♦ Eucharist: Source and Centre
- ♦ Introduction to Scripture
- ♦ Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament
- ♦ New Testament
- ♦ Faith and Culture

### ■ Arts Subject Combinations

First Year: Students choose Theology and two subjects from the following groups:

1. Law\*, Philosophy
2. Geography, German.
3. Statistics (only in third year), Business, Greek, History.
4. English, Mathematical Studies (OB3/HD3 Maths required)
5. Anthropology, Nua-Ghaeilge
6. Economics, Finance, Latin
7. Computer Science, (OB3/HD3 Maths required), Music (HC3 Music required), Sociology, Spanish

\*Students taking Law as an Arts subject must achieve a minimum of 50% in the Law examinations in first year to progress into second year.

- ◆ Further details on individual Arts subjects are available from the Admissions Office, N.U.I. Maynooth.
- ◆ Students choose only one subject from any given group.
- ◆ A limit may be placed on the numbers taking a particular subject.

## ■ Second and Third Year

Students take Theology and one from:

- ◆ Anthropology
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Computer Science
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ English
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Geography
- ◆ German
- ◆ Greek
- ◆ Latin
- ◆ Law
- ◆ Mathematical Studies
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Nua-Ghaeilge
- ◆ Philosophy
- ◆ Sociology
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ History

## ■ Course Aims

### Theology

The Theology course aims to provide students with a solid intellectual formation in Theology. The scope of the course is wide, covering the range of the main theological subjects, so that students are introduced both to the breadth of the Christian tradition and to the variety of questions raised for Theology at the present time. Students of the course should develop a well-informed understanding and a deep personal appropriation of the Christian faith.

### Arts

The Arts subjects offer students the opportunity both to broaden and deepen their knowledge of subjects they have already studied and to embark on new subjects of study. The variety of disciplines available is part of the richness of the Arts, but what all the subjects have in common is that each, in its different way, requires students to consider and reassess the values by which society operates in the modern world.

## ■ What is Theology?

"Theology", a word invented by the Greek philosophers, is based upon rational reflection on God, the world and human life. It covers a wide range of live issues from politics to business ethics to communications to issues such as truth and justice and unsurprisingly, some answers to the question of who or what God is. Like philosophy, theology is a valuable component of general education and the expertise gained in these disciplines is of value in many different career paths. Theology makes for an excellent discipline – combining research, critical analysis, independent learning and self-development.

The Theology and Arts student therefore is someone with an enquiring and broad-ranging mind who will be well equipped to take his or her place in professional, social and community life.

## ■ Career Options

The theology graduate is equipped to take an active role in the intellectual and pastoral life of the Church, while bringing a broader perspective to the civil position or profession which he/she is likely to take up. They are valued for their academic training, their ability to reason clearly and their capacity to take an overview of the problem or situation confronting them. Many, but by no means all, graduates of the BA in Theology and Arts enter the teaching profession. The BATH, followed by the Professional Diploma in Education (PDE), fulfils the academic requirement of the Teaching Council for its admission of graduates to the Open or General Register of Teachers.

Recent graduates of Theology & Arts have entered into careers involving the following:

- ◆ Teaching
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Journalism
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ The Civil Service
- ◆ Administration
- ◆ R.E. Project Co-ordinator
- ◆ School Chaplaincy
- ◆ Third Level Chaplaincy
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Pastoral Work
- ◆ Publishing
- ◆ Public Relations
- ◆ Social Services
- ◆ Public / Private Sectors
- ◆ Community Development
- ◆ Research Administrator
- ◆ Healthcare Chaplaincy
- ◆ Parish Administration



# Private Buses & Additional Services



## Remember

The following services are available to all students while attending college at Maynooth. Please remember that these services are at your disposal throughout your time of study here, so students are encouraged to avail themselves of them.

### ■ Academic Advisory Office

This office functions as a convenient first point of contact for students who wish to seek advice on general issues that may arise from their relationship with the University. Information is also provided which will assist students in accessing information on regulations and progression routes to their degree. Any student requiring help with their general experience of University life is encouraged to make contact with the Office. The Office also provides an ombudsman-like role for students who may be encountering difficulties in their programme of study. In the last Academic year, just over 20% of the student population availed themselves of the services provided by the office, the category of students seeking advice ranged from first year undergraduates to those in the final year of their Ph.D.

**Tel: (01) 708 3368 or E-mail: [advisory.office@nuim.ie](mailto:advisory.office@nuim.ie)**  
**Room 59, Arts Annex, North Campus**

### ■ Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre offers a range of resources to help you make key decisions about your career path. Whether you need advice on employment options or are thinking of pursuing further studies, we encourage you to make use of our resources throughout your college days and to begin planning your career early on.

Resources on offer include:

- ◆ Careers education programme
- ◆ Drop-in advisory service
- ◆ Computer-aided guidance
- ◆ Careers library, including virtual library
- ◆ Graduate recruitment activities.

For more information on the Career Development Centre, visit <http://careers.nuim.ie>

### ■ Counselling Service

Professionally qualified Counsellors are available to assist students with problems which they may be experiencing during their academic career. These can range from personal and family problems to exam stress.

**Tel: 01-7083554.**

### ■ Mentoring Service

A voluntary mentoring service exists for first year students. It is a resource that is intended to facilitate the student's transition from second level to third level education. The mentor will provide advice and encouragement on one's overall approach to and organisation of one's first year studies.

### ■ Crèche

A fully supervised state of the art crèche is located beside Rye Hall on the north campus and this is open throughout the year with the exception of Christmas and Easter. With the increasing importance of providing affordable childcare facilities on campus, the university makes a contribution towards the running of the crèche in order to maintain the cost at a reasonable level for those who wish to avail themselves of this facility. The Crèche caters for toddlers and older children. It also offers an after school service. **Tel: 01-7083319.**

### ■ Chaplaincy

There are two full-time Catholic chaplains, along with ministers representing the Church of Ireland, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. The chaplains are available to students and provide a range of religious and support services. There are also pastoral groups on campus such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, Maynooth Mission Outreach and Christian Union that welcome new members and offer a great opportunity for students to meet new friends and enjoy new experiences. The chaplains can be contacted at the **Student Services Centre, Tel. 7083469/7083588** or at **Room 49 in the Arts Building, Tel. 7083320.** Website: <http://chaplaincy.nuim.ie/>

## ■ Transport

Maynooth, and the campus, are situated in Co. Kildare, 15 miles/25 km. west of Dublin city centre. There are frequent bus and rail services between Maynooth and Dublin and also between Maynooth and other towns and cities. The main Sligo – Dublin train line serves Maynooth.

Private Buses serving Maynooth for 2011-2012 academic year are listed as follows:

### Destinations

Kilkenny	<b>Callinan Coaches</b>	Weekly	<b>059-9141619</b>
Carlow			<b>086-6478277</b>

Wexford	<b>Ardcavan Coaches</b>	Weekly	<b>053-9122561</b>
Enniscorthy	<b>www.ardcavan.com</b>		<b>053-9124900</b>

Bunclody			
Tullow			
Maynooth			

Dundalk	<b>Finlays Coaches</b>	Weekly	<b>041-6856505</b>
Drogheda	<b>www.finlaycoaches.com</b>	Daily	
Duleek		Daily	
Kilmoon		Daily	
Ashbourne		Daily	
Ratoath		Daily	
Maynooth		Daily	

Monaghan	<b>A2B Coaches</b>	Weekly	<b>047-89831</b>
Castleblaney			<b>087-2779070</b>

Carrickmacross			
Ardee			
Collon			
Slane			
Maynooth			

Rathfarnham	<b>Slevins, Mullingar</b>	Daily	<b>044-9372157</b>
Templeogue	<b>www.slevinscoaches.com</b>		<b>044-9372777</b>

Firhouse			
Tallaght			
Clondalkin			
Maynooth			

Cavan	<b>Streamline Coaches</b>	Daily	<b>049-4330281</b>
Virginia	<b>www.streamlinecoaches.ie</b>		<b>086-8182555</b>
Kells			<b>086-8181561</b>

Navan			
Trim			
Dunshaughlin			
Dunboyne			
Maynooth			

### Service I

Carlow	<b>JJ Kavanagh</b>	Daily	<b>056-8831106</b>
Athy	<b>www.jjkavanagh.ie</b>		

Kilmead			
Fontstown			
Kilcullen			

### Service II

Newbridge			
Naas			
Sallins			
Clane			
Kilcock			
Maynooth			

### Destinations

#### Service I

Daingean	<b>Offaly &amp; Kildare</b>	Daily	<b>045-528124</b>
Croghan	<b>Community Transport</b>		<b>045-528125</b>
Rhode	<b>(OK Transport)</b>		<b>045-528126</b>
Edenderry	<b>www.oktransport.com</b>		

Carbury			
Johnstownbridge			
Maynooth			

#### Service II

Allenwood			
Robertstown			
Blackwood			
Prosperous			
Rathcoffey			
Maynooth			

#### Service III

Clonbollogue			
Bracknagh			
Rathangan			
Lullymore			
Maynooth			

Mountrath	<b>JJ Kavanagh</b>	Daily	<b>056-8831106</b>
Portlaoise	<b>www.jjkavanagh.ie</b>		

Mountmellick			
Portarlinton			
Monasterevin			
Kildare			
Newbridge			
Naas			
Sallins			
Clane			
Kilcock			
Maynooth			

Birr	<b>Kearns' Transport</b>	Daily	<b>057-9120124</b>
Kilcormack	<b>www.kearnstransport.com</b>		<b>057-9122244</b>
Tullamore			<b>086-8981748</b>

Kilbeggan			
Tyrrellspass			
Rochfortbridge			
Milltownpass			
Kinnegad			
Clonard			
Enfield			
Kilcock			
Maynooth			

### Services offered from:

Carlow	<b>JJ Kavanagh</b>	Daily	<b>0818-333222</b>
Kilkenny	<b>www.jjkavanagh.ie</b>		

Waterford			
Limerick			
Nenagh			
Roscrea			

## ■ Parking Permits

Designated permit parking is now compulsory in the College. Permits may be purchased online. For more information consult our website: [www.maynoothcollege.ie/TrafficManagementParkingPolicy.shtml](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/TrafficManagementParkingPolicy.shtml)

Information correct going to print. Please contact relevant bus companies for further details or telephone the Students' Union in Maynooth on **(01) 708 3669**

## Location



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