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Eacnamaíochta J.E. Cairnes  
J.E. Cairnes School of  
Business and Economics

# MSc Management & *Sustainability*

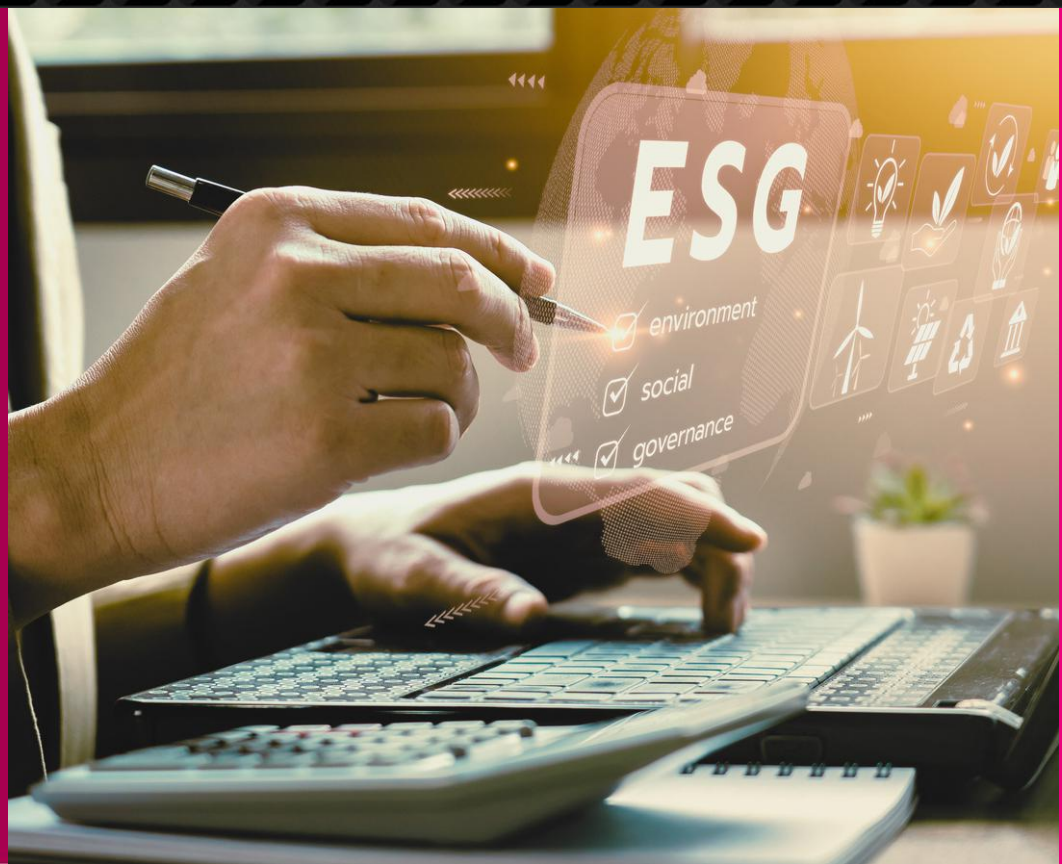


Awards  
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Business School of the Year

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# Designed to shape future *business leaders*

## Course Overview

Sustainability commands a critical position on the global business agenda, influencing decision-making and shaping the strategic course of organisations.

As the central focus of your academic journey, this course offers the chance to explore sustainability and sustainable development. Specialised units delve into topics like developing a sustainability strategy, sustainability reporting, the circular economy as well as innovation and entrepreneurship to address social, ethical, and environmental challenges. Your studies will culminate in a sustainability research project, affording you the opportunity to collaborate with a real client on a brief related to sustainability. This programme provides graduates with a generalist management education whilst nurturing leaders with a deep understanding of global business sustainability issues. Graduates will acquire a holistic skill set, blending critical thinking, problem-solving, analytical skills, as well as management and sustainable practices. This comprehensive approach ensures graduates are well-equipped to take on a range of different management roles in business, public and third sectors and embed sustainability in a rapidly evolving global landscape.



# Real-world Application & Experience

Stand out in the competitive job market with hands-on experience gained through internship opportunities, consultancy projects, and practical assignments. Our emphasis on applied learning ensures that you are not just theory-savvy but also adept at implementing sustainable business and management practices in real organisational settings.

You will have the opportunity to apply for an internship with an Irish or multinational organisation. You can alternatively complete an applied consultancy project and optional modules that will allow you to customise your learning towards your own particular focused career path.

## Global Perspective

Engage with a diverse cohort and faculty, gaining insights into global sustainability issues. Our programme fosters a rich environment for networking, providing opportunities to connect with industry leaders, sustainability experts, and alumni. This global perspective prepares you to navigate the complexities of sustainable business and management practices in different cultural and economic contexts.



# Leading Irish Universities on Sustainability Transformation

Join a **globally recognised institution** ranked among the best for sustainability, and study on a campus committed to creating a greener future. Imagine earning a MSc degree that not only equips you with

cutting-edge skills but also aligns with your values of environmental stewardship.

Our business programmes are **designed to foster innovation and leadership**, preparing you to excel in today's competitive market. The University offers a unique blend of academic excellence, practical experience, and a sustainable campus environment, making it the ideal choice for future leaders.

Envision your career flourishing as you benefit from our world-class faculty and strong industry connections.





University of Galway has been ranked **1st in Ireland** for Sustainable Development for a third year in a row by the Times Higher Education The Impact Rankings 2025



University of Galway has been ranked **3rd in Europe and 64th in the world** for Sustainable development by the Times Higher Education The Impact Rankings 2025



University of Galway is ranked 38th in the world for SDG 3 in the 2025 Times Higher Education Societal Impact Rankings



University of Galway is ranked **64th in the world** in the 6th edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) World IMPACT Rankings 2025

## University of Galway Sustainability Rankings and Accolades

University of Galway has been named the #1 university in Ireland for sustainable development for a third year in a row, we are ranked 3rd in Europe and ranked 64th in the world by Times Higher Education THE Impact Rankings 2025. The accolade has been awarded in recognition of the University's progress in responding to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are the first University to make the list as a Sustainable Development Goal Ambassador for 2024-25, chosen from across society as leaders in driving forward Ireland's progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.





# Programme Overview

Semester	Modules
<b>Sem 1</b> (40 ECTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Thinking &amp; Analytical Skills (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Business &amp; Professional Development Skills (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Intro to SUSY (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Sustainable Strategies &amp; ESG Reporting (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Sustainable HRM (10 ECTs)</li><li>• Responsible Innovation &amp; E/SHIP (10 ECTs)</li></ul>
<b>Sem 2</b> (20 ECTs) Weeks 1 to 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business &amp; Society (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Leading Change &amp; Business Transformation (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Accelerating Change for Sustainability (5 ECTs)</li><li>• Transforming Supply Chains for Sustainability &amp; Circular Economy (5 ECTs)</li></ul>
<b>Sem 2</b> (30 ECTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internship and Applied Management Report (30 ECTs) <b>OR</b></li><li>• Consultancy Project (20 ECTs)</li></ul>
<b>Optional Modules</b> (2 x 5 ECTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Management</li><li>• Negotiations</li><li>• Sustainable Marketing Energy Policy</li><li>• Green Finance</li><li>• Sustainability Transitions</li></ul>







Your Future,  
*Our Focus.*



# Why *choose* this course?

- **Join the Future of Business:** Become a leader who can solve global problems, drive innovation, and implement sustainability in any organisation.
- **Real-World Experience:** Gain an edge with competitive internships, supported by our Placement Officer, offering hands-on experience in management and sustainability.
- **Specialised Learning:** Opt for the Consultancy Pathway to tackle live business projects, enhancing your skills in social marketing, project management, and sustainability policy.
- **Unlock Leadership Potential:** Step into roles like Project Manager, Operations and Sustainability Manager, and Sustainability Team Leader in top national, international and multinational organizations.
- **Diverse Sustainable Careers:** Enter fields such as corporate sustainability, sustainability consulting, sustainability reporting/compliance and social entrepreneurship, making a positive impact on society and the planet.
- **Consulting and Strategy Excellence:** Excel in management consulting and corporate strategy, helping global and local companies, public sector bodies and community organisations solve challenges and drive sustainability.





# Exploring the MSc Management & Sustainability



## Graduate Testimonial

*During my postgrad at University of Galway I received invaluable lessons both in and outside of modules working alongside an incredibly diverse group of students.*

*Sustainability practices in the workplace is no longer just an importance but a need for thriving industries and employees.*

**Madison Roche**

***Innovation & Entrepreneur Lead  
Resolve Partners***

# Admission

## Entry Requirements

Normally a H2.1 degree (NFQ Level 8 or equivalent). However, candidates with a H2.2 honours degree and who have a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience will also be considered. IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent, if applicable.

Similar to any modern work environment, we welcome students of diverse academic backgrounds, including law, business, arts, science and engineering graduates, to apply for the programme and believe your experience will enrich the diversity of what this programme offers.

## Duration

1 year  
Full-time

## Course Fees for Academic Year 2026/27

EU: €11,700

Non-EU: €20,750

Student Levy: €140



**2 Year**  
stay-back  
visa scheme



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## Find out More

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