Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
University of Galway

Scoil Ghnó agus Eacnamaíochta J.E. Cairnes
J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics

MEconSc
International Finance

THE Awards 2026 Shortlisted Business School of the Year

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Programme at a Glance

Award
Master of Economic Science

Course code
MIF

NFQ Level
Level 9

Duration
1 year full-time

Next Intake
September

Delivery Mode
On Campus

ECTS
90 ECTS

Tuition Fees
- EU: €12,000
- Non-EU: €21,300
- Student Levy: €150

Who is this for?

This master's is for those seeking a global career in financial services, investment, and policy. With internship opportunities and expert-led learning, you'll graduate career-ready and globally connected.



Ready to apply?

Unlock your Future in *International Finance*

Course Overview

Dive deep into the global economy and financial markets with our MEconSc in International Finance. This programme is designed to enhance your understanding and technical skills using essential financial analysis tools like Stata, Python, and Excel. Stay ahead with a curriculum that focuses on current international economic policies, multinational investment flows, exchange rate dynamics, risk management, and asset pricing. Engage in computer simulation-based models to analyse financial data, providing a comprehensive view of both micro and macroeconomic factors.

Benefit from Ireland's thriving financial services sector, recognised for its high-value job opportunities and integral role in the nation's knowledge-based economy. Graduates of this programme are highly sought after by prestigious employers, including Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, and the European Central Bank. Elevate your career prospects with the option of an internship, allowing you to apply your knowledge in a real-world setting and gain valuable industry experience. Make a global impact with a qualification that opens doors to opportunities in financial hubs around the world, from New York to London, and beyond.



Real-World Experiences: *Internship Opportunities*

Enhance your learning with the valuable opportunity of an internship, integrated within our MEconSc in International Finance programme. This hands-on experience allows you to apply the theoretical knowledge and technical skills gained during your studies to real-world financial challenges. By participating in a work placement, you gain practical insights and professional exposure that are crucial for your career development.

Completing an internship offers numerous benefits, including the chance to network with industry professionals, develop a deeper understanding of the financial sector, and strengthen your resume with tangible experience. Work placements are competitive and subject to availability, but you also have the option to self-source your own placement, subject to approval. This flexibility ensures you can find an opportunity that aligns with your career goals and interests.

Internships not only enhance your employability but also provide a platform to showcase your skills to potential employers. Many of our students secure job offers directly from their internship placements, making this a significant stepping stone in your professional journey. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to gain a competitive edge in the job market and kick-start your career in international finance.



Student *Testimonials*

" ... my degree gave me the opportunity to discover where my true professional ambitions lay and equipped with the tools in which to achieve these goals. The ***Business Merit Scholarship****, which recognized my academic achievements and role as a University ambassador, not only eased my financial burden, but gave me the opportunity to fully immerse myself in the learning experience. As a result of my Master's degree and the Business Merit Scholarship, I have been able to secure a graduate job offer in the banking industry, a...*

I highly recommend the J.E. Cairnes School and the Business Postgraduate Merit scholarship to aspiring students seeking a quality education and a promising future in the field of business and finance. "

Hugh Gaffney
International Finance Student 2022-23
University of Galway



"Pursuing the MEconSc in International Finance ***has been of huge benefit to both my technical competency and personal development****. The program's comprehensive curriculum was taught by distinguished faculty. The modules equipped me with valuable knowledge of financial and economic theories, practical applications, as well as current industry trends.*

The collaborative learning environment was great for my personal development, and I formed great relationships with the faculty members and classmates from diverse backgrounds. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to excel in the field of finance and economics."

Velia Melisandra Sugiarto
International Finance Student 2022-23
University of Galway



Student *Testimonials*

" Pursuing MEConSc (International Finance) at the University of Galway was an amazing learning experience for me. The Finance aspect of the curriculum was more inclined towards current industry requirements. It came in handy for me during FRM Level I exams as it touched base on some of the core readings of the FRM curriculum.

The economics part focussed mainly on research and use of statistical tools. Throughout the year, we worked on several assignments, including a year-end dissertation that helped us groom these skills. ***The professors were easily approachable and helped us whenever it was required****. I would highly recommend this course to anyone who desires to pursue PhD or wants to get into Financial Services. "*

Antriksh Panwar
Funds Supervisor
Ocorian



" The MEconSc will equip any student with the necessary soft & technical, both quantitative & qualitative skills required to succeed in a very competitive industry. ***A great feature of the MEconSc was the fact that you could deliver tutorials to students....***

I'm currently working for Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM) where my current role is an Investment Analyst as part of the Performance team. Applied Portfolio Management was one of my favorite modules in the MEconSc & I regularly use the knowledge & skills I developed throughout this module in my day-to-day job. "

James McDonald
Property Analyst
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Why *choose* this course?

- **100% Employability:** Our graduates are highly sought after by top employers, including Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, and the European Central Bank, ensuring strong job prospects.
- **Cutting-Edge Curriculum:** Gain expertise in essential financial analysis tools like Stata, Python, and Excel, and stay ahead with a focus on current international economic policies, multinational investment flows, exchange rate dynamics, risk management, and asset pricing.

GARP
Global Association of Risk Professionals

Partnership with the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP)

- **Global Opportunities:** Open doors to career opportunities in financial hubs around the world, from New York to London, thanks to the comprehensive and globally recognized training you receive.
- **Industry Connections:** Leverage our strong network within Ireland's thriving financial services sector, identified by the Irish government as a key area for high-value job creation, and connect with leading financial institutions and multinational corporations.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Benefit from practical learning through computer simulation-based models and the opportunity to complete an internship, providing real-world experience and enhancing your employability.



What our students say:



Comprehensive Course Outline for *Skill Development*

Our MEconSc in International Finance offers a robust curriculum designed to equip you with the skills needed for a successful career in finance. Modules such as Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Applied Portfolio Management, Derivatives and Risk Management, and Financial Data Analytics provide a strong theoretical foundation. In addition, our hands-on training in tools like Stata, Python, and Excel ensures you gain essential technical skills.

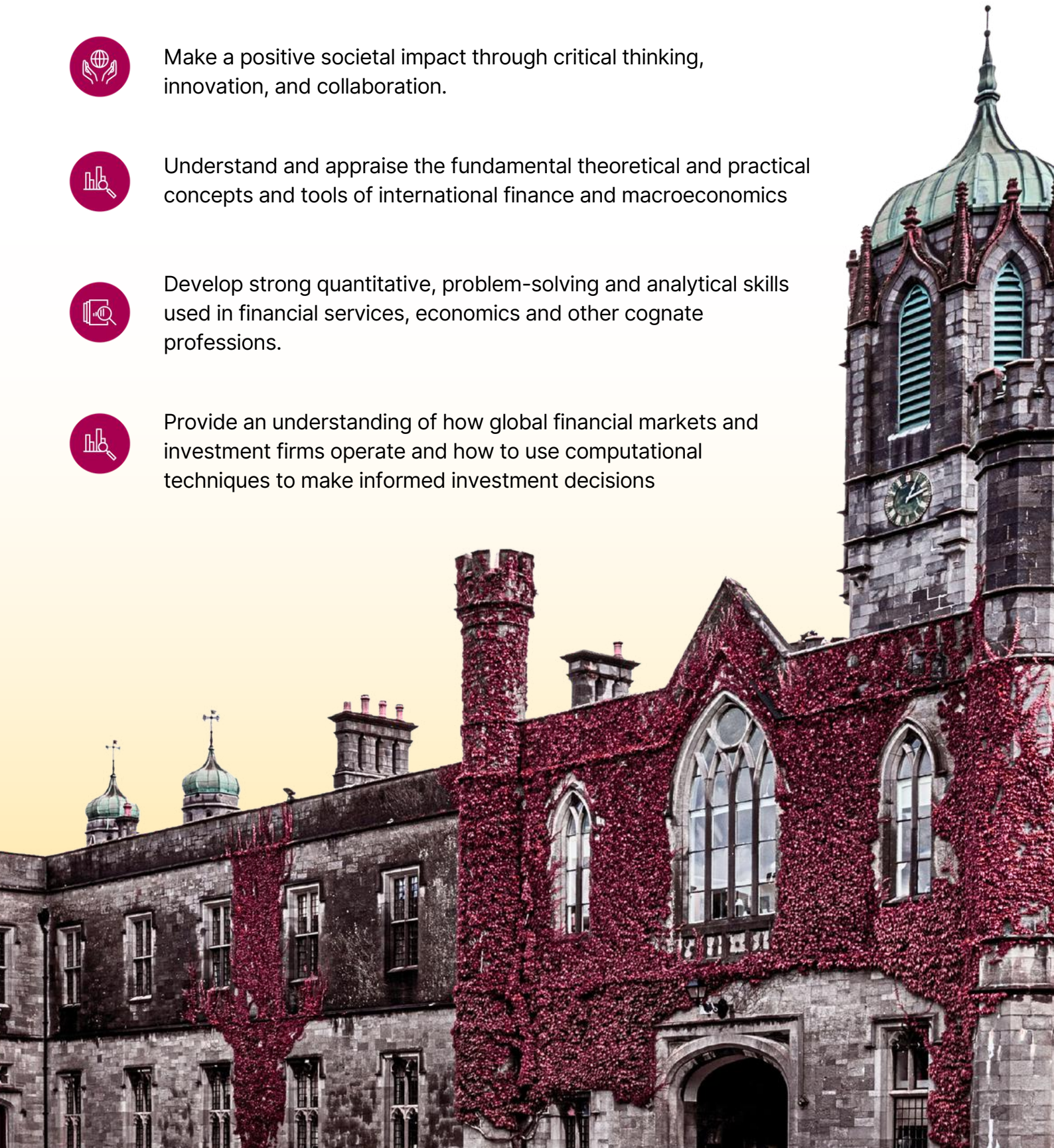
Special emphasis is placed on current issues in international economic policy, multinational investment flows, and risk management, enabling you to understand and analyse financial data using advanced computer simulation models.

This comprehensive approach ensures you are well-prepared to tackle real-world financial challenges and excel in a competitive job market.

Programme Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme, graduates should be able to:

- Identify, analyse, and solve business, public policy and societal problems within a global context.
- Make a positive societal impact through critical thinking, innovation, and collaboration.
- Understand and appraise the fundamental theoretical and practical concepts and tools of international finance and macroeconomics
- Develop strong quantitative, problem-solving and analytical skills used in financial services, economics and other cognate professions.
- Provide an understanding of how global financial markets and investment firms operate and how to use computational techniques to make informed investment decisions



Modules Overview

Year 1

Semester 1

Core Modules (40 Credits)

EC506: Econometrics - 10 Credits
EC5104: Applied Portfolio Management - 10 Credits
EC501: Microeconomic Theory - 10 Credits
EC5109: Macroeconomic Theory and Policy - 10 Credits

Semester 2

Core Modules (20 Credits)

EC5119: Derivatives and Risk Management - 10 Credits
EC5127: Financial Data Analytics - 10 Credits

Optional Modules (20 Credits)

EC563: International Finance - 10 Credits
EC5124: Economics and the Global Economy - 10 Credits
EC5137: Green and Sustainable Finance - 10 Credits
EC5153: Applied Behavioural Economics and Finance - 10 Credits

Year Long

(10 Credits required)

EC5138: International Finance Project - 10 Credits

List of modules is indicative and subject to change.

Click on individual modules for course module information

Leading *the future*

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 business leaders.

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

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Top 2%

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

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SDG AMBASSADOR

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.

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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

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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

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

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

Admissions & how to apply

Entry Requirements

Normally a H2.1 degree (NFQ Level 8 or equivalent) with Economics to intermediate level.* Candidates with a significantly high H2.2 honours degree and who have achieved a 2.1 average in relevant Economics modules as their major, may also be considered.

*By "intermediate level economics" we mean courses in microeconomics and macroeconomics at a level typically done in second or third year of an undergraduate programme.

English Language Requirements

IELTS 6.S overall, with no less than 6.S in Writing and no less than 6.0 in any other band or equivalent, where applicable.



How to apply?

Apply online at: https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login



Scholarships

Merit based Business Merit Scholarships available. Learn More



Work in Ireland

Non-EU students are eligible for the 24-month StayBack Visa here. A great opportunity to accrue international experience.

Questions?

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