

Induction 2026 Arrival Guide

Faculty of Science and Health School of Life/Physical Sciences

Department of Life & Physical Sciences

Programmes:

- BSc/BSc in Hons Agriculture with Award Options
- BSc Science Common Entry with Award Options
- BSc/BSc Hons in Bioanalytical Science
- BSc/BSc Hons in Food Science & Nutrition
- BSc/BSc Hons in Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Science
- BSc Hons in Physiotherapy
- Higher Certificate in Science in Dental Nursing
- Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmacy Technician
- Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies
- Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Dietetics Studies
- Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies

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Welcome!

Welcome to ATU Donegal! We are delighted you have chosen to study in the Department of Life & Physical Sciences. Induction allows you to get to know your classmates, find your way around, meet the lecturers and support staff and learn about the facilities and services you can avail of during your time here.

It is essential you attend all the induction activities to ensure you don't miss out on any important information that will make life and learning easier at ATU Donegal.

Introduction to the Department of Life & Physical Sciences

The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant and dynamic Department within the Faculty of Science and Health at ATU Donegal. The Department currently has an excess of 600 undergraduate students studying at Level 6, Level 7 and Level 8 in addition to postgraduate students undertaking MSc Research and PhD Research at Level 9 and Level 10. We have established several progression partnerships with other universities to enable our students to progress to further studies. We also actively engage with professional bodies to enable our students to achieve professional accreditation in their respective disciplines.

Induction: Wednesday 9th September and Thursday 10th September 2026

Induction for all courses in the Department of Life & Physical Sciences will take place on either **Wednesday 9th September and/or Thursday 10th September 2026**. You can begin the registration process with online registration before you visit the campus.

It is very important that you attend your course induction. Please see the following pages for dates/times of your induction. This is your opportunity to meet your lecturers and support staff. Our academic staff will provide all information you need about course materials, placements, laboratory requirements, field trips and your timetable to help you prepare for the first day of class. You will also receive information about The Curve Learning Support Centre and Computer Services. Please read this document carefully for induction information session times.

You will receive information about your class group and timetable at Induction.

Once again congratulations on securing your place in the Department of Life and Physical Sciences. We wish you every success with your studies, and we look forward to meeting you at Induction. Welcome to Atlantic Technological University Donegal – the future is here!



Dr Andrew McCloskey
Head of Department of Life and Physical Sciences

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Induction and Garda Vetting Schedules

Garda Vetting Schedule

Thursday 10th September 2026

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science Pharmacy Technician	Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30am	1402
Higher Certificate in Science Dental Nursing	Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30am	1402
Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physiotherapy	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30am	1402
Higher Certificate in Science Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies	Thursday 10 th September 2026	2:00pm	1402
Higher Certificate in Science Health Science with Dietetics Studies	Thursday 10 th September 2026	2:00pm	1402
Higher Certificate in Science Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies	Thursday 10 th September 2026	2:00pm	1402

Programme Induction Sessions

Wednesday 9th /Thursday 10th September 2026

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmacy Technician	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30-13:00	1162
Higher Certificate in Science in Dental Nursing	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30-13:00	2271
Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with: - Occupational Therapy Studies - Dietetics Studies - Physiotherapy Studies	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30-13:00	1166
Bachelor of Science common entry (level 7) with named degree award options: - Bioanalytical Science - Food Science and Nutrition - Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Science AND Bachelor of Science Honours (level 8) in: - Bioanalytical Science - Food Science and Nutrition - Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Science	Thursday 10 th September 2026	13:00-14:30	1452
Bachelor of Science Agriculture/ Bachelor of Science (Hons) Agriculture	Thursday 10 th September 2026	13:00-14:30	1166
BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy	Wednesday 9 th September and Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30-16:30	1184

Getting Started

Online Pre-Induction

Information regarding your on-campus induction can be found here:

[Donegal Induction - Atlantic Technological University](#)

You are advised to take our online Pre-Induction now via the following link:

<https://www.atu.ie/student-life/induction/online-and-flexible-induction/atu-donegal-flexible-induction/atu-donegal-flexible-pre-induction>

You will find information on programme registration, fees and payments, student supports and learn more about the technologies used in online learning and the virtual learning environment (VLE). You will also learn about the supports and resources available to online learners at ATU and how to prepare for taking up or returning to study.

How to Register for your Programme

Information on how to register for your programme can be found here:

[Registration - Atlantic Technological University](#)

Once you have registered for your programme of study you will be able to access the ATU Student Hub, where you will find information that you need for student supports and services available at ATU: [ATU Student Hub](#)

Virtual Learning Environment/ Blackboard

Student Guidance and support for using Blackboard, our VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) is available on the Student Guidance and Support module, in Blackboard. Once you have completed your student registration you will be able to access this module here:

https://lyitbb.blackboard.com/ultra/courses/_46489_1/cl/outline

You will find a Blackboard video guide here: [Accessing Blackboard](#)

First 5 Weeks

The first 5 Weeks welcome programme is designed to make your start to university life easier – helping you adjust to third-level education, meet new people, and find your way around. It runs from 15 September until 16 October 2026.

For returning students, it's a great chance to reconnect with campus life and refresh your knowledge of the supports and services available to you.

Each week has a different theme – like making friends, finding academic support, or getting involved in clubs and societies. You'll get helpful tips, info, and events to guide you through your first few weeks.

You can find further information here: [First 5 Weeks - Atlantic Technological University](#)

Department Administration Support

Location: Room 2469

Opening times: Monday-Friday 10.30am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-3:30pm.

The Department of Life & Physical Sciences office is located at room 2469, on the first floor. To access the office from the main reception desk; proceed up the main staircase and turn right, follow the corridor passing the stairs and take the next right, room 2469 is on the right-hand side.

Support services available to students include:

- Communicating to students regularly via ATU Student email regarding timetables, class groups, class activities, attendance requirements etc.
- Scheduling appointments for students to meet with the Head of Department if required.
- Provision of guidance with regards to timetables/student groups etc.
- Providing the College stamp/logo on required documents such as medical card applications, social welfare applications etc.

You must present your ATU student ID card if you require any of our services. Please note that there is a 5-day timeframe for documents to be issued and this may increase at peak times. You are advised to request any necessary documentation in a timely manner to allow us to support your request.

Administrative support can only be provided directly to registered students and cannot be provided to third parties (parents/guardians). Should you require support or guidance with any issue or query, you are welcome to contact the office in person at Room 2469 or by email to Science.Donegal@atu.ie and we will direct you to the relevant supports.

Your Student Email

You will have your own ATU email address when you register as a student with ATU. It is important for students to regularly check their student email account as lecturers and almost all ATU Donegal correspondence is communicated with students via their student email account. Before your course begins with ATU Donegal, you will receive instructions on how to access your student email account. If you need to report any login problems, please use our IT Services [Helpdesk](#).

All communication with students from the Department will be via your **ATU Student Email only**, please set up your student email account as soon as possible.

Garda Vetting Schedule **Thursday 10th September 2026**

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Higher Certificate in Science Pharmacy Technician	Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30am	1402
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Please see the above table for the list of programmes that require Garda Vetting.

Depending on the programme you are studying, **you may be required** to complete **Garda Vetting** and **Mandatory Training and/or Health Screening** as part of your programme. It is very important that you engage with the Garda Vetting Liaison Officer and your Department Administrator regarding these additional requirements as your **registration may not be complete until you have submitted all relevant documentation.**

Information on Garda Vetting application process can be found by clicking on the links below, please ensure you read the information below and bring all relevant documents with you to induction:

- ATU Student Hub, Student Vetting Information:
<https://atlantictu.sharepoint.com/sites/StudentHub/SitePages/Garda-Vetting.aspx>
- Garda Vetting Process information and Forms:  [Garda Vetting Info Forms 26-27 incl Schedule.pdf](#)

Mandatory training

For some programmes mandatory training will be scheduled during Induction week, prior to lectures starting. More information on this will be available on the day of Induction.

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture AU272 and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Agriculture with Degree Award Options: Animal & Crop Science or Environmental Management AU371

Programme Induction

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Bachelor of Science Agriculture/ Bachelor of Science (Hons) Agriculture with Award Options	Thursday 10 th September 2026	13:00-14:30	1166

Congratulations on being offered a place on the three-year BSc in Agriculture (Level 7) or the four-year BSc (Hons) Agriculture (Level 8) at ATU Donegal. The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department at ATU Donegal which is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories. A recent national report indicated that the demand for skilled graduates in the Agri-Food sector is expected to increase significantly over the coming years.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09:30 to 17:30. Attendance at all lectures, practical classes, site visits and placements is recorded and monitored. Consistent attendance is extremely important and should a student's attendance fall below 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department. As part of your programme of study you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs. Lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. Suitable clothing must also be worn when on farm visits and academic staff will advise you of these requirements during Induction.

In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning. You are also required to undertake **mandatory training** prior to engaging in skills sessions and work placement. Training will be arranged on your behalf by ATU Donegal, and attendance is mandatory. Please see Additional Costs on the next page for further information.



Placement Information

- Year 2 placement is 12 weeks in Semester 4: 6 weeks Farm and 6 weeks Industry (this must take place outside your family enterprise)
- Mandatory Training – Manual Handling to be completed prior to work placement/field trips
- Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

BSc/ BSc Hons Agriculture with Award Options-Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Course Costs	€160 – student contribution towards the following course activities: Mandatory Training/ Manuals/ Educational Trips	Paid through ATU Student Account
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

*Please note additional costs are not covered by the SUSI grant and students are required to arrange payment through their ATU Student Account.

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Higher Certificate in Science in Dental Nursing AU173

Garda Vetting

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science in Dental Nursing	Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30am	1402

Programme Induction

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science in Dental Nursing	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30- 13:00	2268a

Congratulations on being offered a place of study on the Dental Nursing programme at ATU Donegal. The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department which is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories. This programme offers you the opportunity to learn and develop new skills to seek employment in the dental health area.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09:30 to 17.30. Attendance at all lectures, practical classes, site visits and placements is recorded and monitored. Consistent attendance is extremely important and should a student's attendance fall below 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

As part of your programme of study, you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs. Lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning.

The programme involves three work placements: two of six weeks and one of 12 weeks duration. The Dental Council of Ireland, who you can register with on completion of this course, has oversight of the placements and, as such, students will be expected to undertake a variety of placements to ensure that they get exposure to the full workings of a dental environment. As a result, students **will be required to engage in placements outside the Donegal and Northwest region** which will be sourced by you in conjunction with our Dental Nursing team. Students are responsible for sourcing and paying for both accommodation and travel to these placements.

Whilst on placement, students will be expected to wear official uniforms, and academic staff will provide further information about your uniform during Induction. Each student is expected to have official uniforms for placement purposes. The cost of the uniform is incurred by the student - please see Additional Costs overleaf for further details.

As per the Irish Dental Council Code of Practice relating to Infection Prevention and Control "All staff who are at risk through contact with blood and/or body fluids should be immunised against HBV'. As such, **Dental Nursing students are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B.** This vaccine needs to be administered in three stages. This vaccination will be arranged for students through the Student Health Centre on campus. Students will start their vaccinations immediately and this must be completed prior to progressing to placement. Further information regarding vaccination will be provided at Induction. Students are required to provide written evidence of achieving a sufficient antibody titre following vaccination. Students who do not provide this information will not be allowed to progress on to work placement.

Professional Body Registration

- Upon completion of this programme, you can register with the Dental Council of Ireland (ROI) or the General Dental Council (UK)

Vaccinations

- You are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B – ATU Donegal Health Centre. Further information about this process will be provided at Year 1 Induction.

Placement Information

- 3 placements (6-weeks Jan 2027, 12-week Sept 2027 and 6-week Mar 2028)
- Range of locations/regions
- Mandatory Training – arranged by Department of Life and Physical Sciences – further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Course Costs	€200 – student contribution towards the following course activities: Mandatory Training/ Uniforms/Vaccinations	Paid through ATU Student Account
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

*Please note additional costs are not covered by the SUSI grant and students are required to arrange payment through their ATU Student Account.

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Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmacy Technician AU174

Garda Vetting

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science Pharmacy Technician	Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30am	1402

Programme Induction

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmacy Technician	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30-13:00	1162

The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department which is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories. This programme offers you the opportunity to learn and develop new skills to seek employment in the pharmacy area.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09:30 to 17:30. Attendance at all lectures, practical classes, site visits and placements (if applicable) is recorded and monitored. Consistent attendance is extremely important and should a student's attendance fall below 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

As part of your programme of study, you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs; lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning.

The course involves placements of 6 weeks duration in each of the 4 semesters of the programme. These work placements are critical as they put into practice all that the student has learned in the classroom. Students will be expected to undertake a variety of placements to ensure that they get exposure to the working of both community and hospital pharmacies. As a result, students will be **expected to engage in placements outside the Donegal region**. While the University will make every effort to assist the learner in finding a placement, final responsibility for securing the placement resides with the learner. Students will be responsible for sourcing and paying for both accommodation and travel to these placements.

Placement Information

- 6 weeks per semester – range of community and hospital pharmacies – further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction
- Range of locations/regions
- Mandatory Training – arranged by Department of Life and Physical Sciences

Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

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Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies AU171

Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies AU170

Higher Certificate in Science in Health Science with Dietetics Studies AU172

Garda Vetting

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies/Occupational Therapy Studies/Dietetics Studies	Thursday 10 th September 2026	2:00pm	1402

Programme Induction

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Higher Certificate in Science Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies/Occupational Therapy Studies/Dietetics Studies	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30-13:00	1166

The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department which is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09:30 to 17:30. Attendance at all lectures, practical classes, site visits and placements are recorded and monitored. Consistent attendance is extremely important and should a student's attendance fall below 80%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

As part of your programme of study, you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs. Lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning.

These programmes involve work placements and students **will be required to engage in placements outside the Donegal and Northwest region**. Students cannot contact the HSE directly themselves. Students are responsible for sourcing and paying for both accommodation and travel to these placements.

Health Science students are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. This vaccine needs to be administered in three stages. This vaccination will be arranged for students through the Student Health Centre on campus. Students will start their vaccinations

immediately and this must be completed prior to progressing to placement. Further information regarding vaccination will be provided at Induction. Students are required to provide written evidence of achieving a sufficient antibody titre following vaccination and prior to progressing to placement. Students who do not provide this information will not be allowed to progress on to work placement. The cost of the vaccination programme is included in your course costs.

You are also required to undertake **mandatory training** prior to engaging in work placement. Training will be arranged on your behalf by ATU Donegal, and attendance is mandatory. Please see Additional Costs on the next page for further information.

Vaccinations

- You are required to be vaccinated against, and show immunity to, Hepatitis B – ATU Donegal Health Centre. Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

Placement Information

- Please note, placement will be facilitated outside of County Donegal.** Students will have the responsibility of organising transport and/or accommodation where required to support their placement.
- Students complete placement in year 2.
- Mandatory training includes – Fire Safety at work, People Moving and Handling, Cardiac First Response Training – all students must attend
- Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

Progression

- Upon successful completion of the programme at ATU Donegal, students can progress to year 2 of the BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy or BSc (Hons) Dietetics
- All graduates of the programmes in Coventry University are eligible to register with the HCPC in the UK

Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Course Costs	€200 – student contribution towards Mandatory Training, Uniforms, t-shirts, Vaccinations	Paid through ATU Student Account
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

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BSc Hons Physiotherapy AU374

Garda Vetting

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physiotherapy	Thursday 10 th September 2026	11:30am	1402

Programme Induction

Programme	Date	Time	Location
BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy	Wednesday 9 th September and Thursday 10 th September 2026	09:30- 16:30	1184

The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department which is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09:30 to 17:30. Attendance at all lectures, practical classes, site visits and placements are recorded and monitored.

Consistent attendance is mandatory with a minimum attendance requirement of 85% for all classroom and practical activities. Should a student's attendance fall below 85%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

As part of your programme of study, you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning.

Placement

As part of this programme, students will undertake 1000 hours on placement during their programme. Each placement will last between 6 and 8 weeks. Placements may be outside of County Donegal. Placements will be arranged by the Placement Education Coordinator, however, students will have the responsibility of organising transport and/or accommodation where required to support their placement. Further information will be provided at induction.

BSc Hons Physiotherapy students **are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B**. This vaccine needs to be administered in three stages. This vaccination will be arranged for students through the Student Health Centre on campus. Students will start their vaccinations immediately and this must be completed prior to progressing to placement. Further information regarding vaccination will be provided at Induction. Students are required to provide written evidence of achieving a sufficient antibody titre following vaccination and

prior to progressing to placement. Students who do not provide this information will not be allowed to progress on to work placement. The cost of the vaccination programme is included in your course costs.

You are also required to undertake **mandatory training** prior to engaging in work placement. Training will be arranged on your behalf by ATU Donegal, and attendance is mandatory. Please see Additional Costs on the next page for further information.

This programme is not approved by CORU. However, ATU has already met with CORU and will meet with CORU soon again to engage with the accreditation process. Typically, all four years of the programme will have to be completed in the first iteration before the programme be accredited. Once this programme is accredited, graduates can apply to register with CORU. ATU intends to apply for accreditation for this programme of study to CORU. This process can take up to two years.

Vaccinations

- You are required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B – ATU Donegal Health Centre. Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

Placement

- As part of this programme, students will undertake 1000 hours on placement during their programme. Each placement is 6 weeks in duration. Placements may be outside of Donegal. Students will have the responsibility of organising transport and/or accommodation where required to support their placement. Further information will be provided at induction.

Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Course Costs	€200 – student contribution towards Mandatory Training, Uniforms, t-shirts, Vaccinations	Paid through ATU Student Account
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

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BSc in Science (Common Entry with Award Options) AU270
BSc (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science AU372
BSc (Hons) in Food Science and Nutrition AU370
BSc (Hons) in Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Science AU373

Programme Induction

Programme	Date	Time	Location
Bachelor of Science common entry (level 7) with named degree award options: • Bioanalytical Science • Food Science and Nutrition • Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Science AND Bachelor of Science Honours (level 8) in: • Bioanalytical Science • Food Science and Nutrition • Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Science	Thursday 10 th September 2026	13:00- 14:30	1452

The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department which is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories. Recent reports indicate that demand for science skills is expected to remain high within the high-tech manufacturing sectors and because of increased demand for healthcare and healthcare products. Now is a good time to be taking a course in science and science related areas.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09:30 to 17.30. Attendance at all lectures, practical classes and site visits is recorded and monitored. Consistent attendance is extremely important and should a student's attendance fall below 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department.

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Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

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Department of Life & Physical Sciences

1st Year Student Registration Checklist

Registration Process	Students	Complete	Follow -Up Required
Online Registration	All Students		
Computer Services Induction	All Students		
ATU Donegal Student Card collect from Admissions Office Main Reception	All Students		
ATU Student Number	All Students		
ATU Student Email	All Students		
Access ATU Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment)	All Students		
Admissions/Fees – Fee Payment plan	All Students		
Garda Vetting – Required to complete registration. - Photographic ID - Proof of address - Contact Garda Vetting Liaison Officer	Pharmacy Technician Dental Nursing Dietetics Studies Occupational Therapy Studies Physiotherapy Studies BSc Hons Physiotherapy		
Induction - Meet Programme Team - Timetable/Class Group - Day 1 (find out what you need for the first day of class)	All Students		
Laboratory Coat SU shop	All Students		
Mandatory Training Further information at Induction	Agriculture Pharmacy Technician Dental Nursing Dietetics Studies Occupational Therapy Studies Physiotherapy Studies Veterinary Nursing BSc Hons Physiotherapy		
Material's Fees extra costs for your course check ATU Student Account	All Students		
Student Toolkit Available on Blackboard	All Students		
Work Placement Temporary registration with professional body Further information at Induction	Veterinary Nursing (NI Placements only)		
Vaccinations Student Health Centre Further information at Induction	Dental Nursing Dietetics Studies OT Studies Physio Studies BSc Hons Physiotherapy		

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