Atlantic Technological University
Welcome to ATU
Your future is here
Hello and Welcome to ATU

Ba mhaith liom fáilte mór a chur romhaibh ar fad anseo go dtí Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh ... and to say a big thank you for choosing to study in Atlantic Technological University!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to one of our nine campuses. We are one of the largest providers of third level education in Ireland with over 25,000 students, and you are now part of this success story for our future.

At ATU, students benefit from our very positive staff-student interactions and learn through small classes, hands-on practical work, mentoring, internships, and opportunities to study abroad.

As you start the new academic year with us, I want you to remember some key pieces of advice: connect with each other and engage with your academic departments. A significant part of our examination and assessment involves continuous assessment and you can improve your chances of good results by ensuring you maintain a high attendance rate throughout the year. Most of all, do engage with the campaigns and activities organised for you during the induction programme and throughout the year (www.atu.ie/welcome). Participate in Clubs and Societies where possible and follow your Students’ Union on social media to keep up to date and stay connected.

Your third level journey can yield huge rewards for you after you graduate in a few short years from now. Work hard while you are with us, but make sure you also enjoy that journey. Stay well, look after each other, and I hope to meet you along the way.

Best wishes,

Dr Orla Flynn
President, Atlantic Technological University

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You will be in Demand
Demand for ATU graduates is significant. 9/10 ATU graduates go straight into employment or further education.

Your Career is our Focus
We work closely with industry to ensure our graduates have a qualification which employers recognise and need. Many of our degree programmes offer work placement opportunities.

Modern Campuses
ATU’s nine campuses offer state-of-the-art facilities and modern campus environments.

Amazing Locations to Live and Study
Our campuses are located in a range of urban and rural settings, surrounded by stunning natural beauty, in some of the most scenic spots in Ireland.

It’s Personal
Across our campuses, we offer the best lecturer to student ratio in Ireland. Our students benefit from individual attention and support from our dedicated staff.
Accept Your Offer

Accept
Log on to the CAO website (www.cao.ie) to accept your offer. You must do this before the reply date published by the CAO.

2024 Acceptance Deadlines
Round A Thursday 11th July at 3pm
Non-Standard such as deferred, mature or access applicants.
Round 0 Tuesday 13th August at 3pm
Non-Standard such as QQI FET/FETAC applicants.
Round 1 Tuesday 3rd September at 3pm
Main Round of offers following Irish Leaving Certificate results.
Round 2 Wednesday 11th September at 3pm
Subsequent rounds and available place offers.
To accept your offer and see the full list of dates go to www.cao.ie

Defer
If you are offered a place through the CAO and find that you are unable to start it in the current year, it may be possible to defer your place until the following year.
Please email the admissions office at atucaodefers@atu.ie immediately if you wish to be considered for a deferral.
Deferrals are granted on a case-by-case basis. Deferrals may be granted based on certified illness, family bereavement or similarly serious grounds. Formal documentation from appropriately certified professionals must be provided.

Admissions Contacts
• General ATU Admissions admissions@atu.ie
• ATU Galway-Mayo admissions.galwaymayo@atu.ie
• ATU Donegal admissions.donegal@atu.ie
• ATU Sligo admissions.sligo@atu.ie
• ATU St Angelas admissions.stangelas@atu.ie

Which Offer to Choose
Level 8 v Level 6/7
You may receive two offers, one from your Level 8 and one from your Level 6/7 preference list. You can only accept one of these offers.
We recommend you choose the programme you have a genuine interest in studying.
Most Level 6 and Level 7 programmes can lead you to the exact same Level 8 honours degree, in the same length of time, but provide greater flexibility to change path along the way.

Subsequent Offers
You may get additional offers on programmes higher up on either of your two lists, if places become available in later rounds.
Accepting the new offer will automatically cancel the previous acceptance.
You will not be disadvantaged by accepting your current offer because under the CAO system, you will always be offered the highest preference to which you are entitled.
Step 2
Registration

After you have accepted your offer on cao.ie, you will receive the details you need to register as an ATU student by email.

When to Register

Round A, Round 0 and Round 1 registration details will be sent to you by email, after Round 1 offers close, before 6pm on Friday 8th September.

Registration details for subsequent rounds of offers will be emailed within five working days after each round closes.

Once you receive the email from ATU, you can register anytime between the dates listed in the registration email. This must be completed before induction and the start of class.

How to Register

1. Visit www.atu.ie/offers
2. Click on ‘Registration’
3. Click on the relevant campus
4. Complete all action items to register

What You Need

To register, you will need your User ID and active directory password, details of which can be found in your registration email. A credit/debit card will be required if you are paying for your fees.

Registration Contacts

ATU Galway-Mayo
studentreg.galwaymayo@atu.ie

ATU Donegal
studentreg.donegal@atu.ie

ATU Sligo & ATU St Angelas
studentreg.sligo@atu.ie

Fees and Grants

Cost

The Student Contribution fee is normally €3000 per year but this is under review by Government. Any reduction in fees will be passed to our students. For Non-EU students, the fee will be assessed based on documentation supplied to the Admissions Office.

Tuition fees are an additional fee but are normally paid by the Department of Education for full-time students who are citizens of a Member State of the EU and who meet the residency requirements (Free Fees Initiative).

Payment

During the registration process you will have the option to pay your fees. When prompted you can choose ‘Yes’ to pay now or ‘No’ to pay later. If you select ‘No’ to pay later you will not be fully registered on your programme until you pay your fees in full.

If you have a SUSI application pending to pay your fees, select ‘Pay Later’. SUSI will confirm to ATU all grant payments. You will become fully registered if/when SUSI confirms 100% grant award to ATU. If awarded part fees, ATU normally takes the SUSI payment as the first instalment and asks you for the remainder of payment by January.

Instalments

We also offer an instalment plan. Please follow the same directions as detailed in the Payment section above. If you wish to avail of this you must contact the fees office via the relevant email address below.

Grants

All applications for a grant should be made through SUSI at www.susi.ie

SUSI will inform ATU of any grants that are awarded. The grant has two aspects: a fee grant which may cover the student contribution fee and a maintenance grant which goes directly to the student towards living costs. Grant awards are calculated using several means including income. For more information visit www.susi.ie

Financial Support

Our Access Offices may be able to help fully registered students who have paid their fees with additional financial support through schemes such as The Student Assistance Fund. You will get information on supports, including financial supports, during the Induction process.

Fee Refund

If you pay your fees and then get approval from SUSI after the initial payment deadline of 31st October 2024, you will be eligible for a refund. Please contact the fees office via the relevant email below if you are due a refund. If for any reason you are considering leaving your course early, talk to the Admissions Team about the fees implications.

Contact

If you have any questions or queries about fees please contact our team on one of the following emails and they will be happy to help.

feecollection.galwaymayo@atu.ie
feecollection.donegal@atu.ie
feecollection.sligo@atu.ie
feecollection.stangelas@atu.ie
Once you have accepted your offer and registered online, it is time to start your journey as an ATU student.

Welcome to the start of your university experience. It’s an exciting time for new students. We have several supports in place to help you enjoy these first steps on the journey that will lead to your independence, your education and eventually, your career.

What’s Next?

1. Visit www.atu.ie/welcome
2. Select your campus for details on locally organised events
3. Attend Induction - our comprehensive Induction events and #First5Weeks Welcome Programme will make your transition to university an easier one
4. Induction will take place for full time students on September 11th and 12th across all ATU campuses.
5. Teaching will start on Monday 16th of September for first year students
6. Get involved

Joining a club or society is a great way to meet people with similar interests, try out something new or pursue your passion. University life is more than just study. It is also about experiences and friendships. That is why we encourage students to join at least one club or society – and with a huge variety to choose from, we have something for everyone.

Our clubs and societies day is held early in the university year. This is an opportunity to check out all that is on offer and sign up to as many as you like. Also, if we don’t already have it – you can even start your own!

The Atlantic Technological University Welcome Programme supports students’ transition to university. This programme provides students with the opportunity to actively engage in university life, get to grips with their programme, join a club or society, become a volunteer and develop a personal toolkit to live a healthy, balanced and enjoyable lifestyle.

As part of settling into your new life we have organised student-focused orientation events commencing from the 16th of September called #First5Weeks Welcome Programme.

This welcome programme has weekly themes designed to provide students with the necessary support and guidance to enhance the university experience. We encourage you to engage and connect with campus life and supports.

For further information on our Induction Programme and #First5Weeks Welcome Programme visit atu.ie/welcome

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Welcome to ATU
**Disability and Learning Support Service (DLSS)**

ATU is committed to creating an environment that is inclusive and supports our diverse student population. We offer a dedicated professional service for students with disabilities, significant on-going illness, or a specific learning difficulty. Contact the DLSS on your campus as early as possible to register with the service.

**Academic and Learning Supports**

If you have high support requirements it is important to notify the DLSS of your intention to study at ATU as soon as you have been offered a place. Students who have not completed the DARE process can submit their documentation directly to the DLSS. All students are required to register with the DLSS to receive additional support and provide documentary evidence of their disability. Students are offered the opportunity to participate in a needs assessment. The needs assessment determines the appropriate type and level of support.

**Reasonable Accommodations for Examinations**

ATU may provide students who register with the DLSS with reasonable accommodations for examinations. You must register with the DLSS well in advance of sitting examinations, to ensure the accommodations are in place.

**Maze Maps**

Finding your way around campus can be daunting for new students, specifically for students who have a disability that impacts on their orientation and communication skills. ATU campuses have an application you can download onto your phone called Maze Maps to help. Just download the app and find any room or lab on any campus. The app will guide you there.

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**ATU Students’ Union (ATUSU)**

The ATU Students’ Union (ATUSU) is a democratic organisation run by students, for students. As soon as you become an ATU student, you automatically become a member of a Students’ Union (SU).

The ATUSU is a valuable source of support to students. They represent, support and run a number of campaigns and events for students. The supports they offer range from helping with any academic concerns you might have, to assisting in your search for the perfect accommodation.

**Accommodation**

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

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

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**Contact**

ATU Galway-Mayo: atustudentpad.ie
ATU Donegal: atusudonegal.ie
ATU Sligo: atussu.ie
ATU St Angelas: su@stangelas.ie
Available Places (also known as Vacant Places) will be available for application through the CAO from Thursday 29th August 2024 at 12 noon.

Available Places are spaces on programmes that are unfilled after offers are issued. This is a great opportunity for applicants who are unhappy with their offer, didn’t get an offer, have changed circumstances, or simply have just changed their mind about what they would like to study since they first applied.

ATU programmes listed may offer pathways into other related streams, so be sure to check out the weblinks once published or contact our CAO team who can help point you in the right direction at cao@atu.ie

Visit [atu.ie/available-places](http://atu.ie/available-places) for more information.

Not happy with your offer?

Here to Help

The CAO team are on standby to help you with any queries you may have about joining ATU. Contact us at cao@atu.ie