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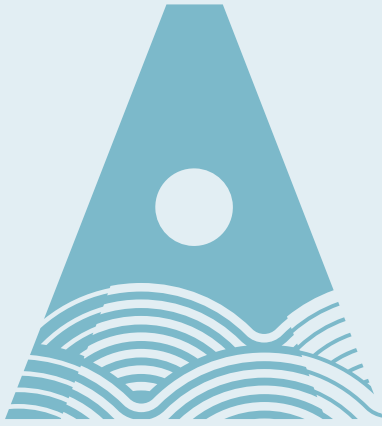
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Part-time **Quick Guide**

January
2023

Online | Blended | On-Campus





Welcome

Welcome to our new Part-time Quick Guide and we do hope that you find all the information you need about becoming a flexible learner at Atlantic Technological University. Formerly GMIT, LYIT and IT Sligo, Atlantic TU is one of the largest multicampus universities on the island, bringing together students, enterprise and communities spanning a unique geographical region across the North-West.

ATU has over 50 part-time courses starting in January 2023 that are now open for applications. Whether you are entering third level for the first time or seeking to progress in your career, flexible and funded study options are available here at ATU.

As a leader in part-time learning, ATU offers students the opportunity to study part-time through a variety of delivery modes such as online, blended, and on-campus learning with progression routes from Level 6 Higher Certificate right up to Level 9 Masters.

We have the experience and expertise amongst our academic and support staff to ensure our graduates succeed, in whatever path they choose.



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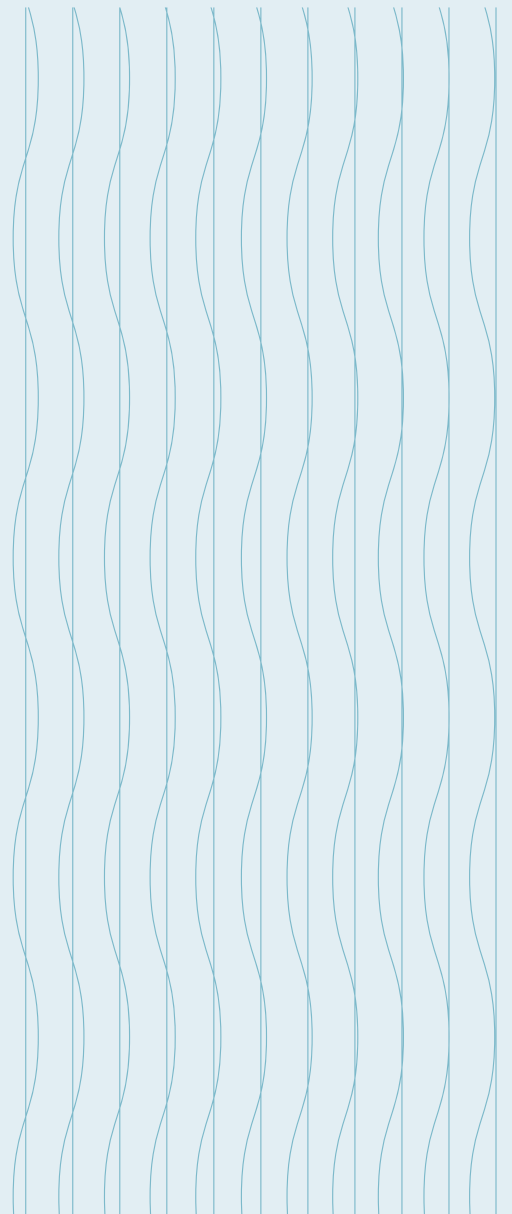
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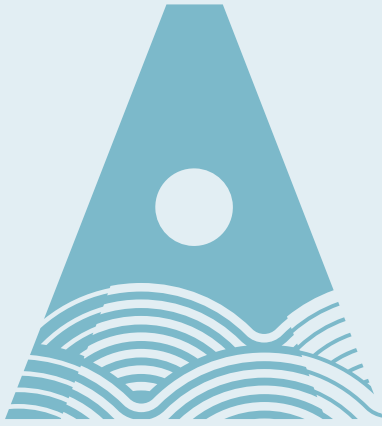


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Why Study at Atlantic Technological University

Collaborative Strength

Students at Atlantic TU will join a student population of over 20,000 learners, spanning 600+ academic programmes from pre-degree to doctoral level. ATU's strength lies in our collaborative ethos, realising our shared goals by elevating and championing success.

Academic Excellence

Atlantic TU offers a new higher educational experience. Building on the foundations of applied learning, our university will grow through research informed teaching. We will empower learners to realise their full potential, developing responsible citizens, critical thinkers, innovators and problem solvers equipped for life-long learning.

Research, Engagement & Innovation

At Atlantic TU we will continue our proud tradition of industry engagement, through collaborative research and providing courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels that meet employers' skills requirements. As the leading higher educational institution in the region, our students, staff and communities will be intrinsically linked to regional employers, building sustainable employment opportunities, and driving growth in the west and north-west.

Global Opportunities

At Atlantic TU, students will develop as global citizens, recognising and building awareness of the opportunities and roles we play in developing sustainable global economies. From collaborative international research to overseas study and work placement opportunities, ATU students will be part of a global community with a mindset that reaches far beyond our shores.



Course List

Business

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Logistics and Marketing	Certificate	Blended	✓	15	7	1 year	Mayo/ Donegal/ Sligo	✓
Business Models and Emerging Technologies	Certificate	Blended	✓	10	8	1 year	Mayo/ Donegal/ Sligo	✓
Digital Media and Marketing	Master of Science	Blended		90	9	2 years	Galway	✓
Innovation and Leadership (Executive)	Master of Business	Blended		90	9	2 years	Letterkenny	✓
Leadership and Innovation in the Public Sector	Master of Science	Blended		90	9	2 years	Letterkenny	✓

Civil Engineering and Construction

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Auctioneering and Estate Agency Practice	Certificate	Online	✓	30	7	1 year	Sligo	✓
Property Services and Facilities Management	Degree	Online	✓	60	7	2 years	Sligo	✓
Road Safety Audit and Engineering	Certificate	Online		15	9	1 year	Sligo	✓
Certificate in Applied Fire Safety Management	Certificate	Online		10	7	8 weeks	Letterkenny	✓
Engineering in Civil Engineering	Higher Diploma	Blended	✓	60	8	1 year	Galway	✓
Sustainable Development Goals, Partnership, People, Planet and Prosperity	Certificate	Online	✓	20	6	1 year	Galway	✓



Built Environment Regulation	Master of Science	Blended		90	9	1.5 years FT or 2.5 PT	Galway	PT & FT
Built Environment Regulation	Postgraduate Diploma	Blended		60	9	1 year FT or 2 years PT	Galway	PT & FT
Fire Safety	Certificate	Blended		15	9	1 year PT	Galway	✓
Energy Conservation and Environmental Services	Certificate	Blended		15	9	1 year PT	Galway	✓

Computing and Electronic Engineering

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Masters in Data Science	Master of Science	Online		90	9	2.5 years	Sligo	✓

Education, Law and Social Studies

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
School Age Childcare	Diploma	Blended		60	7	1 year	Mayo	✓
Outdoor Education	Master of Science	Blended	✓	90	9	2 years	Mayo	✓
Diploma in Human Resource Management and Employment Law (CIPD)	Diploma	Online		60	7	1 year	Letterkenny	✓
Certificate in Licensing Law	Certificate	Online		10	7	12 weeks	Letterkenny	✓
Master of Arts in Learning and Teaching	Master of Arts	Online		90	9	2 years	Letterkenny	✓
Cert in Recognition of Prior Learning	Certificate	Online		10	9	11 weeks	Letterkenny	✓
BSc in Inclusive Practice for Special Needs Assistance	Bachelor of Science (LY007)	On-Campus		180	7	3 years full time	Letterkenny	
BSc in Applied Approaches to Childhood Autism	Bachelor of Science	On-Campus		60	7	2 years part time	Letterkenny	✓
Higher Diploma in Science in Counselling Studies	Higher Diploma	On-Campus		60	8	1 year full time	Letterkenny	
Access Studies	Certificate	Blended		30	6	12 weeks	Letterkenny	✓

Environmental Science

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Health and Safety Representation	Certificate	Online		10	6	13 weeks	Sligo	✓
Irish Archaeology	Certificate	Online		15	7	1 year part time	Sligo	✓
Irish Archaeology - International	Certificate	Online		18	7	1 year part time	Sligo	✓
Environmental Management	Bachelor of Science	Online		60	7	2 years part time	Sligo	✓



Environmental Protection	Postgraduate Diploma	Online		60	9	2 years part time	Sligo	✓
Irish Wild Flower Identification	Certificate	Blended		10	6	13 weeks	Sligo	✓

Life Science

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Aseptic Biopharmaceutical Operations	Certificate	Online		30	6	1 year PT	Sligo	✓
Biopharmaceutical Science	Certificate	Online		30	9	1 year PT	Sligo	✓
PgD Biopharmaceutical Science	Postgraduate Diploma	Online		60	9	2 years PT	Sligo	✓
MSc Biopharmaceutical Science	Master of Science	Online		90	9	2.5 years PT	Sligo	✓
Medical Technology Regulatory Affairs	Master of Science	Online		90	9	2.5 years PT	Sligo	✓
Computerised Systems and Data Quality for Medtech	Certificate	Blended		25	8	1 year	Galway	✓

Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Heat Pump Installation	Certificate	Blended	✓	20	6	1 semester FT or 1 year PT	Galway	✓

Nursing

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Emergency Nursing	Certificate	Blended		20	8	26 weeks	Letterkenny	✓
Acute Medicine Nursing	Certificate	Blended		10	8	13 weeks	Letterkenny	✓
Contemporary Healthcare Management	Certificate	Blended		30	9	1 semester	Letterkenny	✓
Therapeutic Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs	Postgraduate Diploma	Blended		90	9	1 Year & 2 Years	Letterkenny	✓
Therapeutic Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs	Master of Science	Blended		60	9	1 Year & 2 Years	Letterkenny	✓
Avancing Health and Social Care	Postgraduate Diploma	Blended		90	9	1 Year & 2 Years	Letterkenny	✓
Avancing Health and Social Care	Master of Science	Blended		60	9	1 Year & 2 Years	Letterkenny	✓
Teaching and Learning	Stand alone module	Blended		10	9	1 semester	Letterkenny	✓
Contemporary Legal and Professional Issues	Stand alone module	Blended		10	9	1 semester	Letterkenny	✓



Tourism and Sport

Course Name	Award	Delivery	New Course	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Professional Skills for High Performance Sport	Certificate	Online		20	9	12 weeks	Letterkenny	✓
Professional Kitchen Management	Bachelor of Arts (Honors)	Online		60	8	1 year	Killybegs	✓
Food Business and Production Innovation (WBL)	Higher Diploma	Online		60	8	1 year	Donegal/ Sligo/ Galway	✓
BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management (Work Based Learning)	Bachelor of Arts (Honors)	Online		180	8	3 year	Donegal/ Sligo/ Galway	✓
Applied Strength & Conditioning	Bachelor of Science (Honors)	Blended		240	8	4 year	Donegal	✓
Personal Fitness	Certificate	Online		60	6	1 year	Donegal	✓



Springboard+ Course List

Civil and Construction

Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Certificate in Revit and 4D BIM	Certificate	Online	30	7	1 year	Letterkenny	✓
Building Information Modelling and Digital Leadership (BIM)	Postgraduate Diploma	Blended	60	9	1 year	Galway	✓

Culinary Arts

Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Culinary Arts	Higher Certificate	Blended	60	6	1 year	Galway	✓
Culinary Skills	Certificate	Blended	60	6	1 year	Galway	✓
Culinary Arts (Consortium - Midlands Athlone Lead)	Higher Certificate	Blended	60	6	1 year	Killybegs	✓

Life Science

Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Biopharmaceutical Processing	Certificate	Online	35	6	26 weeks	Sligo	✓

Marketing, Tourism and Sport

Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Digital Marketing Practice	Certificate	Online	20	6	13-Weeks	Sligo	✓
Social Media Marketing	Certificate	Online	20	6	13-Weeks	Sligo	✓

Science

Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	NFQ Level	Duration	Campus	Part-time
Advanced Analytical Chemistry	Higher Diploma	Blended	60	8	1 year	Galway	Full-Time
Food Innovation and Entrepreneurship	Certificate	Blended	30	9	1 Semester	Galway	✓



Bringing flexible learning to life

With over 20 years' experience in part-time online and blended learning, we will give you the flexibility you need to invest in yourself and your career whilst also balancing life commitments such as family, work, or caring responsibilities. Our focus has always been to deliver a flexible part-time learning experience designed to suit you and your life.

Online

Learn online with ATU by attending live lectures through our online learning environment. Simply log on from work, home, or anywhere you choose and be part of weekly lectures. Engage in discussions, live chat, and interact with fellow students and lecturers. Unable to attend? Recorded sessions are available within hours, so students can watch them back at a time that suits them.

Blended

Blended learning is a flexible way of completing your course of study, combining online aspects with in-classroom experience to allow for an accessible learning style. In a blended course, students may view lectures, access readings, ask questions and complete assignments online, so time in the classroom can focus more on discussion and activities.

On-Campus

Some of our courses are available to study fully on-campus and students studying an on-campus course will have the full in-classroom experience at ATU.

Experiential Learning

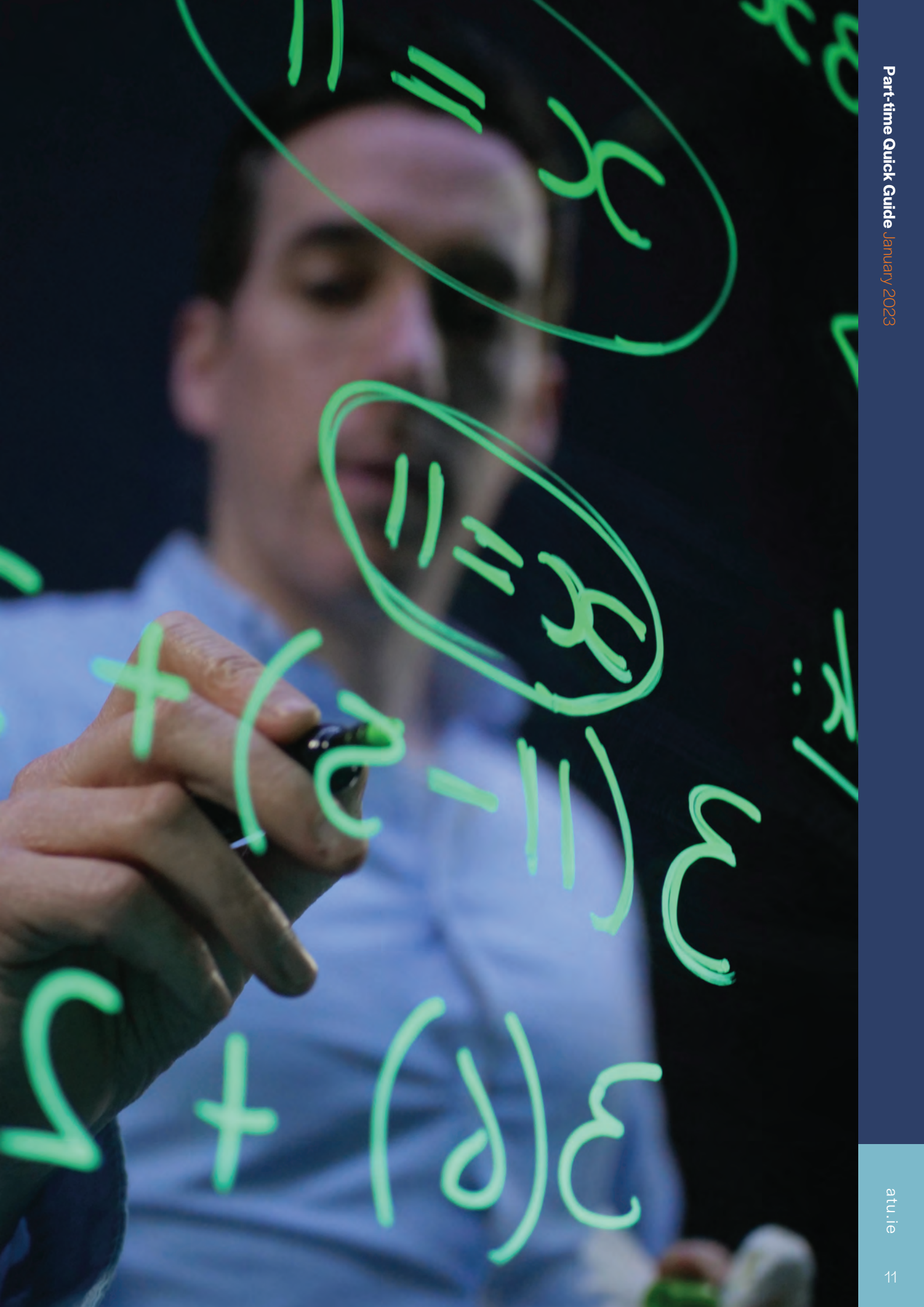
Students will learn and experience all the practical elements in the learning outcomes. Guest lectures, tutorials and residential workshops are accessible to all online students either via live streaming or as recorded sessions.

Peer-to-Peer Learning

Working collaboratively is part of the college experience and part-time learning is no different. Group learning and assignments encourage peer support and small classroom sizes ensure students are supported throughout the learning journey.

Assessments & Examinations

Assessments in the forms of quizzes and assignments are used to gauge students' understanding of a topic throughout the semester. Examinations take place at the end of each Semester. For Examinations, students may have to attend at the ATU campus through which they completed their studies. For some programmes it may be possible for the Exam to be taken remotely via online proctoring. ATU Students resident in the Republic of Ireland will be invited to attend exams at an exam centre located in Ireland. Students' resident outside of Ireland or with exceptional circumstances may be eligible to attend remotely via online proctoring, where examinations are taken online and supervised virtually, subject to availability.





Fees & Funding

Course fees vary for each part-time course. It is important that you check the relevant course webpage for further information regarding the fees for your interested course. Links to our course webpages are included in the course list above.

Self-Funding Students

To help make payments more manageable for students who are self-funding, ATU has a variety of payment options that include payment per semester, in-full or by instalment. For specific fees for each online programme, please visit the programme webpage.

Employer Funded

If your employer is partly or fully funding your course, you will need to organise payment through the ATU Admissions team with your employer.

Springboard Funded Students

If you are a Springboard+ funded student completing a Level 6 programme, it is fully funded by the HEA, and you are not required to make any payment towards your tuition fees. If you are completing a Level 7 – 9 programme it is 90% funded and you are required to pay the remaining 10% tuition fee.

The HEA require you to confirm your registration status on the Springboard+ platform at specific times during the academic year to ensure your tuition fees are released to ATU. The Springboard+ Co-ordinator will send you an email when you are due to complete these registration steps.

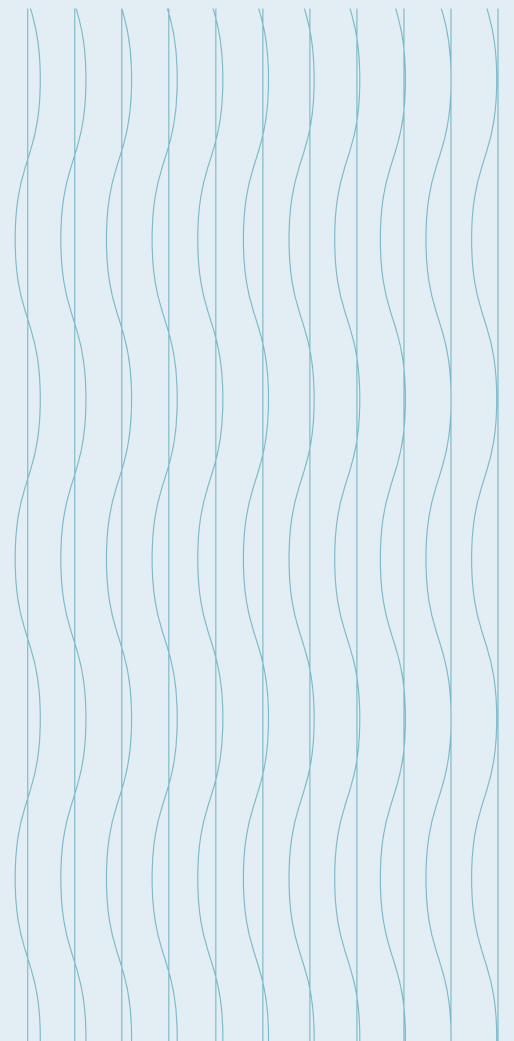
Skillnet Funding

Skillnet Ireland partner closely with Industry to fund upskilling programmes which are responsive to business needs. ATU has partnered with a number of Skillnet bodies to provide funding on specific programmes. These programmes can be noted by the inclusion of the Skillnet logos and information on the programme pages.

Tax Relief

As ATU is listed by the Irish revenue as an 'APPROVED INSTITUTION' students are eligible to claim tax relief at the standard rate for tuition fees. In order to determine your own eligibility and if the course you have applied for qualifies for a tax refund, please read the information on the Revenue website:

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/personal-tax-credits-reliefs-and-exemptions>





Submitting an Application

Before you Apply

Before you apply for a part-time course at ATU, we recommend that you firstly research your course from the above course list and by viewing the course webpage. Please also ensure to check the entry requirements and time commitment involved, as these vary from course to course. You will find your course's specific entry requirements on the course webpage.

When to Apply

Part-time courses are popular, and they fill on a first come, first served basis. Applications open for a January start on Thursday 27th October 2022 and close in early January 2023. Majority of classes start on the week commencing 16th January 2023.

How to Apply

Applying for a part-time course is easy – simply visit the webpage of your chosen course and select the 'apply now' button and follow the steps outlined.

Alternatively, you can visit the 'apply now' website of each of our campuses below. Each campus has their own dedicated application process and information on the application process relevant to you and your course below. It is best to apply as early as possible.

ATU Galway-Mayo [Apply Now](#)

ATU Donegal [Apply Now](#)

ATU Sligo [Apply Now](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a process whereby evidence of learning (formal, non-formal or informal) that has taken place prior to enrolment in higher education is recognised and given value as part of your application process.

A fundamental principle of RPL is that a learner should not be asked to relearn something they already know. With RPL, prior learning can count towards entry, advanced entry, credit or exemptions from modules at ATU.

To apply for RPL, please visit myexperience.ie/how-to-apply/

Springboard+ Applications

Springboard applications must be submitted via the Springboard website <https://springboardcourses.ie/> Full details on Springboard approved courses and eligibility are available at <https://www.atu.ie/study-at-atu/springboard-2022>

My Career Path

Alternatively, if you are unsure about what you would like to study, My Career Path is an excellent 1-to-1 mentoring service available from ATU for people in the workplace, returners to education, entrepreneurs seeking to upskill and people looking to accelerate their career and progress within their organisation.

You will receive advice on the learning pathways available to you and how to achieve your career objectives or improve your employability.

For further information on My Career Path, please visit www.mycareerpath.ie

Student Testimonials





“Digital Marketing is a field that is constantly evolving and the Masters in Digital Media and Marketing at ATU Mayo, allowed me to develop new skills and knowledge within the marketing field, but also expand certain competencies such as Digital Content and Marketing Technology, SEO and Visualisation for Strategic Decision Making.”

Sam O'Neill

Current student of the Master in Science in Digital Media and Marketing at ATU Galway-Mayo

“This MSc experience, which is what it is, has been a real growth opportunity. The action learning structure of the programme enables participants to focus, reflect and grow to an extent that I have not experienced in previous academic undertakings. The opportunities to collaborate with Public Servants from North and South are fantastic, with knowledge and experiences freely shared. The programme would be of benefit to public sector managers who are leading teams, particularly through any change initiatives and for those who wish to consider taking on a more senior leadership role in the future.”

Lynda Slattery

**Master of Science Leadership & Innovation in the Public Sector at ATU Donegal
Assistant Secretary General, Revenue Commissioners, Investigation, Prosecution and Frontier Management Division, Dublin**



“My team recently moved into the algorithms department of Overstock which employs a lot of data scientists, ML scientists and ML engineers. The move highlighted a large skills deficit that I had when talking to my colleagues. I had always had in the back of my head to continue further education and ATU Sligo was a good fit.

It is great to have the flexibility of studying online. I have a young child so if I need to miss a lecture, I can come back and watch it later. There are great online resources for learning and the college seems to have paid particular attention to ensuring online studying is very smooth with their tools like Moodle and Microsoft Teams.”

Darragh Sherwin

Graduate from our Master in Science in Data Science at ATU Sligo & Development Team Lead at Overstock



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