



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh



St. Angela's College, Sligo
Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach



B.A. Environment and Society/ Youth and Family Studies

Course Code GY120

- Innovative 3-year multidisciplinary degree
- Two years at St. Angela's College, Sligo, one year at NUI Galway
- Addresses pressing issues in modern society
- Common First Year with students specialising in either Environment and Society or Youth and Family Studies in Second and Final Year
- Excellent and diverse range of postgraduate and career opportunities across the disciplinary areas

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This three year interdisciplinary programme has been developed in response to the demand for courses focusing on two key areas of concern for modern society, namely, (i) Environment and Society and (ii) Youth and Family Issues. All students take a Common First Year before diverging into one of two specialist pathways in Year Two.

First Year Subject Areas

Economics, Sociology, Politics, Information Technology, Introduction to Environment and Society and Introduction to Youth and Family.

Specialist Pathways

Environment and Society

This pathway provides a coherent and integrated introduction to the study of social sciences and the environment. Environment, society and the economy are all interlinked. Changes in the environment affect society and the economy and vice versa. Climate change, rapid depletion of natural resources and associated problems, such as rising food and fuel prices, are beginning to change the way we operate economically, socially and politically. Further social changes will occur as people change their consumption, production, work and travel patterns, and political systems will play an ever increasing role in determining future environmental policy.

This innovative degree programme analyses the environment from the perspective of the social sciences, using the disciplines of economics, sociology and politics. It brings together the most important approaches to understanding the economic, social, human, political and environmental world, developing skills for a whole range of future careers and activities.

Second and Final Year (Environment and Society)

In each year students study 12 modules across the disciplines of **Economics, Sociology** and **Politics** with a focus on the **Environment**.

Career Opportunities (Environment and Society)

- Environmental Policy
- Sustainable Development
- Public Administration and Civil Service
- Consultancy Work and Research Bodies
- Journalism
- Development Agencies and Rural Development
- Public, Voluntary and Private Sector Organisations

Youth and Family Studies

This pathway has been developed to enable students to analyse and understand the social constructs of youth and family, from a variety of social science perspectives.

While the course of adolescents' physiological and psychological development might not have changed over the last number of years, there is little argument that the social context within which this takes place has altered hugely, both globally and nationally. Similarly, the concept of family is continually evolving and being socially constructed. The course takes stock of this and attempts to bring together core information on central aspects of family life, highlighting key features, trends and challenges.

The Youth and Family Studies degree is a broad educational programme, placing specific emphasis on knowledge and skills required for personnel working within a range of sectors seeking to support and enable families and young people to function more effectively.

Second and Final Year (Youth and Family Studies)

In each year students study 12 modules, mostly from **Sociology**, with some from **Economics** and **Social Policy**

Career Opportunities (Youth and Family Studies)

- Public Administration and Civil Service
- Education
- Rural and Community Development
- International Organisations
- Access to Youth Work Careers
- Access to Social Work Careers
- Research Bodies.

Entry requirements

Minimum Grade HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O level in the Leaving Certificate including: Irish, English, another language and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Students must also satisfy the entry points requirement for the programme.

Find Out More:

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