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Technological University of the Shannon:
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President's Welcome

Welcome to TUS – not just a new university, but a new type of university.

TUS is vibrant, supportive and welcoming. TUS fuses practical and workplace-based learning with applied research, while staying student-centred.

Those of you who join us will benefit from a new and innovative approach to Higher Education which makes our graduates the most employable in the country.

Our next-generation teaching and research will future-proof your career. This benefits you and the communities, regions and societies that we all live in. Our research is focussed on fixing problems, getting results and making life better, while our courses are all developed with industry and include a ladder system of qualifications that allow you the flexibility to learn in a way that fits your life.

Each of our seven campuses is diverse, and this diversity unites us as a university community, transcending geography. Smaller class sizes mean you'll be more than just a number, while being part of a new university opens doors for you. Your lecturers

will know you, and you will be part of a community. A host of clubs and societies along with outstanding sports facilities all create a fun place to be a student. You have opportunities to study abroad through our European University status, or to undertake your work placement overseas through our partnerships with universities and others. Scientists, engineers, artists, medical and caring professionals, educators, designers, sportspeople and businesspeople all over the world have begun their journeys with us on our campuses. TUS is the latest incarnation of this ever-changing educational heritage, one that is oriented clearly towards the needs of new generations.

TUS is the university for you, for your community, for now and for the future.

Come on the journey with us.
TUS is yours.



**Professor
Vincent Cunnane
President**



Vice President Student Education and Experience

Welcome to the 2026/2027 Academic Year

As the Vice President for Student Education and Experience, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the Technological University of the Shannon.

This is an exciting and important occasion for both you and TUS as you start your educational journey this September. Every member of the management and staff of TUS are extremely proud and grateful that you have chosen to study in TUS, a university that puts you, the student, at the heart of everything we do.

Our purpose, as noted in our TUS Strategic Plan 2023-2026, is to provide leading student-centred higher education that is research informed, regionally relevant and accessible to all.

The transition to higher education is an exciting new phase in your life and we hope that your experience in TUS will be happy, memorable, and fulfilling. Your health, safety and wellbeing are of critical importance whilst you are on campus. We will maintain and protect the quality of your learning experience, the standard of your learning, and your holistic well-being.

We want your student experience to be positive, supportive, inclusive, and transformative. TUS is here to aid you and there are a wide range of both academic and student support services fully available to you. Details of these can be found in this handbook. Every member of the TUS staff is here for you and because of you; we want you to achieve your full potential and to succeed. You have a great deal to learn academically but you also have a significant amount of life experiences and energy that we need you to share with your classmates and your new Technological University community.

It is important as you commence your education journey in TUS that you mind yourself, your fellow students, and the wider community. This includes adhering to the student policies and procedures that are relevant to you as a registered student of TUS. These are available on our website at [Academic Quality Assurance Enhancement Handbook - TUS](#)

Please be sure to check your student email account on an ongoing basis. This is critical as the University uses this account to communicate with you on a range of activities, events and critical university notices that are important and relevant to you throughout the academic year.

One of the lessons that we have learnt from managing the student experience in TUS is the importance of students' caring for themselves and others. This includes taking care of your **mental** and **physical** wellbeing whilst also being considerate, mindful,

respectful, and kind to your fellow students. TUS fosters and promotes a safe, fair, supportive, respectful, and positive environment for all our students. You are now a central member of the TUS community that enshrines these values.

So - during your time in TUS – we encourage you to embrace new ideas, ask questions, be curious, engage in events beyond your academic activities by enrolling in **societies or sporting activities**, make new friends, stay healthy, celebrate your achievements as you work through your assignments and projects, and manage your time – the academic year passes very quickly! But most importantly, celebrate being a third level student and all the newness it brings.

I wish you every success now that you have entered our campus gates into a whole new exciting world of learning, activities, and friendships.

Best wishes for the years ahead

Frances O'Connell
Vice President
Student Education
and Experience

Frances O'Connell



Welcome to TUS - Technological University of the Shannon

***Home to Ireland’s most
employable graduates!**

We are a multi-campus technological university. We are ambitious, supportive and welcoming and in choosing TUS, you will become part of a university that places our students at the heart of everything we do. With our focus on practical, research-led, applied learning, a qualification from TUS will equip you with the knowledge and skills for an exciting and rewarding career.

Why choose TUS?

We know that making your university choice is an important decision, with many factors to consider. Our courses are designed with your future in mind and studying at TUS offers many advantages. Here are just some of the great reasons to make TUS your CAO choice.

**We are TUS. We don’t
just learn, we do.
Join us!**

Highest Graduate Employment Rate in Ireland

TUS has the highest graduate employment rate in Ireland for degree graduates – for the third year running.* Our diverse range of career focused courses are developed in partnership with industry to give you the best possible academic and employment outcomes. A university qualification from TUS is globally recognised and will open a world of opportunities to you.

(*Source: HEA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022, 2023 & 2024)

Practical Learning

Practical, hands-on learning is central to our courses, making for an enjoyable learning experience. Through a mix of lectures, workshops, group work and projects, along with work placement and study abroad opportunities, studying at TUS will equip you with the relevant knowledge and skills you need to launch a rewarding career.

Small Class Sizes

Our small class sizes mean you’re more than just a number at TUS. You will know all your classmates and your lecturers will know you too, meaning you feel part of a friendly university community. This commitment to small class sizes and our open, supportive and friendly environment ensures that as a student in TUS, you won’t get lost in the crowd here.

Supportive Environment

College life is exciting; however, it is not without challenges. Supporting you is at the heart of everything we do, and we want you to get the most out of your studies. Our support services are dedicated to supporting you in reaching your potential, both academically and personally and provide a valuable support network for students.

Our Campuses

TUS is made up of over 15,000 students across our seven campuses in the Midwest and Midlands regions. Our unique community links a network of towns and urban centres, spanning four counties and three provinces! Each campus differs in size, and all have their own unique atmosphere, but whichever TUS campus you choose, you can be sure of an enjoyable student experience.

***Source:** HEA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2022, 2023, 2024 has confirmed that the Technological University of the Shannon is Ireland’s top university for graduate employment for the last three years.

TUS Graduates are the most employable in Ireland – for the third year running!



15,000+ Students



2,500+ Graduates Annually



250+ Global Partnerships



150+ Courses



7 Campuses



4 Counties



2 Regions



1 Great University

TOGETHERALL

Togetherall is an anonymous, peer support community available to all TUS Students 24/7, 365 days a year. In this safe space, students can connect with others experiencing similar feelings and benefit from support.



If sharing isn't your thing, Togetherall offers well-being tools, resources and many structured self-help courses to explore e.g., Managing Emotions, Coping with Mood, Balance Your Thinking, Problem Solving, Coping with Grief and Loss, Managing Stress or Worry and more.

GET SUPPORT. TAKE CONTROL. FEEL BETTER.

If you are struggling to cope, feeling lonely or just not yourself, join Togetherall, get support and start to feel better.

Connect, gain access to the Togetherall peer community in minutes, available all day, every day.

Feel safe, professionally trained clinical moderators, ensure the safety of students 24/7.

Stay anonymous, Togetherall protect everyone's identity within the community.

Get Results, members report that Togetherall wellbeing tools, resources and courses help.

SIGN UP with your TUS student email address using the QR CODE or at www.togetherall.com/en-ie/

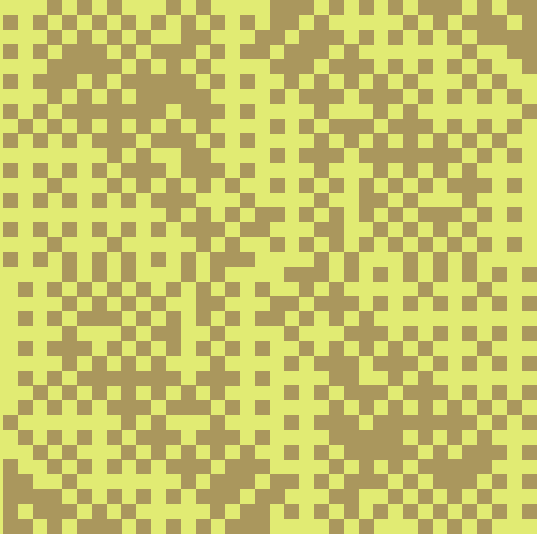
Free for **all students**.
24/7 Support.
Confidential Online Community



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Campus Life Information



As a student of TUS, you'll be taking your first steps in what will be a rewarding and inspiring journey. We can offer an enriching educational experience in each one of our campus locations, with inclusivity and innovation at the heart of everything we do. When you join us, you'll become part of our diverse community of learners, alongside students from all corners of Ireland and the world, where you'll find a warm and friendly atmosphere at every turn. Small class sizes and our student-first approach means you'll get to know your classmates and lecturers quickly and easily in a relaxed environment. No matter which campus you choose, you will thrive in a positive university atmosphere that will bring you another step closer to an exciting career, whichever course you choose.

1.1

We Are TUS

Our vibrant, supportive and welcoming campuses in Athlone, Limerick City, Clonmel, Ennis and Thurles offer an exceptional educational experience, with inclusivity and innovation at the heart of everything we do. So whichever TUS campus or course you choose, you will thrive in a student-centred environment, dedicated to providing you with the best possible college experience, with globally recognised and respected qualifications that will carry you into an exciting future.

- TUS has seven campuses:
- Athlone campus, Co. Westmeath
- Moylish, LSAD Clare Street and Coonagh campuses, Limerick City
- Clonmel Digital campus, Co. Tipperary
- Thurles campus, Co. Tipperary
- Ennis campus, Co. Clare



ATHLONE CAMPUS

Located just a stone's throw outside the town, our Athlone campus is home to over 6,000 students and is renowned for its warm, friendly and inclusive campus culture, which supports students in reaching their full potential. The campus offers 200+ industry-focused courses on a full, part-time, blended, and online basis, ranging from higher certificate right through to PhD and beyond. Students can expect to find exciting courses in areas like virtual reality and gaming, cybersecurity, veterinary nursing, robotics, digital marketing, and pharmaceutical science, to name but a few. The Athlone campus is also home to some totally unique course offerings, including Ireland's only dedicated microbiology degree. Athlone campus houses our state-of-the-art International Arena and contains the country's first international-standard indoor athletics track; Ireland's premier athletics meet. Students at the Athlone campus can avail of all of the latest technologies and equipment, including Alter G AntiGravity treadmills (designed by NASA), and a fully refurbished spinning studio hosting our new virtual classes.



LIMERICK CITY CAMPUSES – MOYLISH, LSAD CLARE STREET, COONAGH

Moylish Campus

Our Moylish Campus is located on the outskirts of Limerick city and is our principal Midwest campus. Located in the shadow of the world-renowned Thomond Park, home to Munster Rugby, and a short walk from the TUS Gaelic Grounds, more than 7,000 students are based at Moylish. Students benefit from access to modern lecture theatres, science labs and computer suites, as well as our state-of-the-art Millennium Theatre, used during the day for practical classes and in the evenings and weekends as one of Limerick's leading live entertainment venues. Our Students' Union building has its own games room, relaxation lounge and radio station - Wired FM. A well-equipped gym facility and several pitches used for both recreational and competitive fixtures are also located at Moylish campus. Work has commenced on our new Applied Science and Information Technology (ASIT) Building. This state-of-the-art building will provide 5,200m² of specialist teaching and research space, including purpose-built science laboratories, computer rooms, general teaching spaces and a large lecture theatre.



Limerick School of Art & Design (LSAD) - Clare Street & George's Quay Campuses

The Clare Street campus is home to our internationally renowned Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD), one of the longest-established centres of art and design education in Ireland. It is a vibrant living 'canvas' for the creation, display and celebration of the artistic talents of our students. With an award-winning reputation, including our Fashion Department, listed in the top 50 fashion schools worldwide and cutting-edge creative technologies for student learning, LSAD is one of the most significant providers of art and design education in Ireland. Students learn from leading art and design practitioners; can access excellent workshop, studio and exhibition facilities and where their education is informed by the latest developments in the wider world of art and design.

Coonagh Campus

Located near the TUS Moylish Campus on the outskirts of Limerick city, our Coonagh Campus



consists of a state-of-the-art 5,819 square metre engineering building. This superb facility accommodates 800 students, with an emphasis on increasing the number of apprentices at TUS. The Coonagh campus continues to drive the expansion of our engineering education and research and includes a range of modern workshops and laboratories. A shuttle bus service operates for students between Coonagh and Moylish. TUS has lodged a planning application for the development of a 200-metre indoor cycling velodrome track and multi-sport arena at Coonagh, designed to deliver enhanced sporting and community infrastructure for Limerick and the wider Midwest region.

THURLES CAMPUS

Our Thurles campus caters for students studying for qualifications in Applied Sports Science, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Business, Social Care Work, and Software Development with Games Programming/Cyber Security. It is a friendly and student-centred campus with excellent sports facilities. Alongside lecture theatres, science labs and specialist games development labs, is our superb SportsLab, a dedicated strength and conditioning facility, designed and developed to the highest global standards. The 2,000 square metre facility includes a 45 metre six lane sprint track, especially designed to improve speed, as well as a range of sport technology systems, including micro electromechanical systems and GPS systems. Recent sports developments at Thurles campus include two new tennis courts

and a padel court in conjunction with Thurles Tennis club. Thurles town is an affordable study location for students and the town is well served by the Irish Rail network, Transport for Ireland, Local Link services and other private bus operators.

CLONMEL DIGITAL CAMPUS

Our Clonmel Digital Campus is part of the renowned TUS Limerick School of Art and Design, and although a small campus, it is a vibrant and creative hub that provides a relaxed and friendly learning space for students. Our popular and innovative degrees in Game Art and Design, Digital Animation, and Visual Effects for Film, TV and Animation are based at the Clonmel campus. A fantastic addition to the campus is the €5 million Clonmel Sports Hub located on the campus grounds and includes a 400-metre IAAF standard athletics track, skatepark, walkways and cycleways. Clonmel town has a thriving arts scene, with lots for students living locally to get involved in.

ENNIS CAMPUS

A lively, bustling urban centre, Ennis is proud to be a university town with Social Care Work degrees at Level 8 and Level 7 available through the CAO at the Ennis Campus on Bindon Street. Located on one of the finest late-Georgian streets in Ireland, it is a newly refurbished building, where historic charm sits alongside contemporary facilities. Our small class sizes and friendly atmosphere ensures students can gain the most from their TUS experience in Ennis.

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New Entrants

NEW ENTRANTS – WELCOME TO TUS

Whether you are a First Year starting your third-level journey or a new student joining TUS for the first time, you are stepping into a warm, supportive community. We know that starting college can feel overwhelming, but we are here to help every step of the way.

NEW STUDENT INDUCTION

Once you accept your CAO offer, you will be invited to log in to your digital **TUS Starter Pack** which is a step-by-step digital platform to help you register, activate your online student accounts, learn about supports, services and resources available to you.

Your **TUS Starter Pack** is part of your **7-week Connect & Engage**, orientation and induction programme.

Throughout the Connect and Engage programme, you will meet **Student Leaders** on your campus who are recent graduates and understand what it is like to be a new student. Student Leaders will be available on your campus and at online events to answer your questions, share tips, and help you find your feet.

We know making connections is a big part of the college experience, so we have built in plenty of

opportunities to meet new people and feel part of student life. One of the ways you meet new people is to use the GoIN CONNECT App which will be available within your Starter Pack.

SUPPORT BEYOND YOUR FIRST YEAR

Support at TUS does not stop after Connect and Engage. Throughout your entire time here, you will have access to a wide range of services designed to help you succeed academically, socially, and personally.

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**We look
forward to
meeting
you.**

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Connect & Engage Programme

We are dedicated to ensuring student success and well-being at TUS and have developed a comprehensive seven-week programme called Connect and Engage, which serves as a gateway to a transformative university experience.

Once you accept your CAO offer, you will be invited to log in to your digital TUS Starter Pack which is a step-by-step digital platform to help you register, activate your online student accounts, learn about supports, services and resources available to you.

Kicking off at the start of term, Connect and Engage provides a curated series of events and activities ranging from support services to essential information for progressing students and for first years. This programme also includes onsite orientation for first years. Themed weeks of activities provide the support, resources and guidance necessary for a seamless and successful start to the academic year and also lay the groundwork for wider holistic development to encourage students to both survive and thrive!

Activities are outlined below and further details and information campaigns will be posted on social media, through your student email and on Moodle.

Together we help students connect, engage and unlock their full potential at TUS where connections are made, dreams are pursued and success is achieved.



CONNECT & ENGAGE INDUCTION PROGRAMME

THEMED WEEKS 2026/2027

Week	Theme
Week 1: 7 – 11 Sept	Welcome Back and 1 st Year Pre-Arrival Induction
Week 2: 14 – 18 Sept	Get Connected
Week 3: 21 – 25 Sept	Financial Fitness
Week 4: 28 Sept – 2 Oct	Mind Your Health
Week 5: 5 – 9 Oct	Mental Health Matters
Week 6: 12 – 16 Oct	Boosting Academic Success
Week 7: 19 – 23 Oct	Community and Culture

Week 1: Welcome Back and 1st Year Pre-arrival Induction

In our first week of term, we will welcome back returning students, new students joining us in advanced years of study and of course our new first years!

For returning students: it’s a great time for re-engaging with the TUS community of friends, faculty and support services staff. Student support services are on hand and students are encouraged to reach out for support to help them click back into gear following their summer break. Repeat exam results are on the horizon and students will be provided with information regarding supports and options for moving forward with their studies.

For 1st Years: details of local campus induction activities will be provided along with registration information to ensure our new students know where to go. Students are encouraged to follow TUS social media channels in advance of their arrival on campus and connect with services as appropriate.

Week 2: Get Connected

During “Get Connected” week there will be a variety of workshops to help students get off to a flying start at TUS. This week is all about settling in and engaging with fellow classmates, as well as connecting with the academic and professional services staff who are here to help students throughout their time at TUS.

One of the ways you meet new people is to use the GoIN CONNECT App which will be available within your Starter Pack.

Student Leaders will be onsite every day to ensure our new students know where to go on their first day and help our Freshers in their first week on campus. Student Leaders are ‘in the know’, they are TUS graduates and will be based on every campus throughout the remaining 6 weeks of the Connect and Engage programme to answer queries, guide students to services and classrooms, engage with students on social media and encourage students to get engaged with college life at TUS.

The Students’ Union will be hosting a fun line-up of events and Clubs and Societies activities will also kick off, providing a great way to meet

new friends and develop new interests.

Week 3: Financial Fitness

This week is all about getting in ship shape, financially speaking! Students will be offered information and advice relating to third level financial supports, and will be able to pick and choose from a variety of offerings ranging from information sessions on managing finances to how to budget for college life. Workshops and drop-in clinics will be held throughout the week to facilitate students' financial queries and advise on available supports.

Week 4: Mind Your Health

Health and Wellbeing are of vital importance and Mind Your Health week will focus on promoting our comprehensive health and wellness resources. From fitness and eating well, to managing illness and sexual health, we are committed to fostering a healthy and balanced lifestyle and encourage students to participate in events and opportunities to look after all aspects of their health while they study at TUS.

During this week, Student Health will deliver awareness campaigns across each campus. If students have a pre-existing condition or if they have any health concerns, they are encouraged to register with the Student Health Service, on a confidential basis.

Week 5: Mental Health Matters

World Mental Health Day takes place this week on October 10th. Our Counselling Service will deliver activities and workshops to promote student

engagement in proactively managing their mental health throughout this week and their time at TUS. Walk-in clinics are offered with no appointment necessary for students who might benefit from help and support.

Students are encouraged to register for free mental health support with Togetherall, a safe online peer support community for all students which is moderated by mental health professionals and which can be accessed 24/7.

Please Register on the [Togetherall Website](#)

Week 6: Boosting Academic Success

Week 6 is all about learning and boosting our students' academic success. Students will be invited to engage with the Library through drop-in clinics and workshops to learn about all the wonderful resources and supports which benefit all students throughout their academic journey.

TUS will provide information on Academic Integrity to ensure that assignments and projects follow the correct guidelines for using academic sources, referencing and avoiding plagiarism. This will be new information for many, so this week will include lots of opportunity for engagement, classes and resources to help optimise learning for students.

This week students will also learn about tutoring supports and there will be information sessions on time management, getting organised and settling

into a routine of good study habits. Our learning support tutors will provide students with the necessary tools and strategies to excel academically and navigate the academic landscape to achieve their full potential. Students will be reminded that, classes & supports will be available throughout the year too!

Speaking of success, our Annual TUS Careers Expos will give students the chance to explore career opportunities available to them during and after their studies. TUS Midwest Careers Expo is scheduled to take place on the 13th and 14th of October, with TUS Midlands Career Expo taking place on the 6th of October.

Week 7: Community and Culture

For our final week of Connect and Engage we switch the focus from **surviving to thriving**. Community and Culture week is all about unlocking students' full potential personally, academically and professionally. We take a holistic approach, acknowledging that student growth and development also happens outside the classroom. This week students can engage with a tapestry of opportunities to help them thrive and engage with their own development. We promote an array of community oriented and cultural opportunities including food, music, clubs and societies and the arts. This is a great time to explore volunteering and take the opportunity to celebrate each other and the wonderful diverse community and culture at TUS. By engaging beyond a disciplinary focus, students will broaden their horizons and begin to build their own narrative and personal brand. We believe that a well-rounded

university experience and fostering wider holistic development will enhance the student experience and will contribute positively to graduate attributes.

Careers EXPO

6th October - Midlands

AND

13th & 14th October - Midwest

The Annual TUS Careers Expo gives students the chance to explore career opportunities available to them during and after their studies. This is an excellent opportunity for students to meet with over 100 key local, national and international employers and find out about life after college. Details of how to register for these events will be sent to students by email.

Continue to Engage and Connect!

Throughout the seven weeks of Connect and Engage returning students have been supported in returning to college and our new joiners have been helped to get off to a flying start across all aspects of student support. This support does not end here, rather it is a beginning and will continue to be provided throughout students' time in TUS. This sense of community and support will continue beyond this programme, as we aim to foster a network of connections and open students to new experiences that will enhance their time at TUS and beyond.

We will continue to remind students to reach out and seek assistance from the extensive supports designed to help students to thrive both personally and academically throughout their time at TUS.

1.4

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in our Community

As a student here, you will be part of a wonderfully diverse community who look out for each other and treat each other with dignity and respect.

As a Technological University, we promote fairness, equal opportunity, respect and positive outcomes for all our students and staff.

We celebrate and are proud of our diverse community: it brings innovation, strength and collaboration. We strive to create an atmosphere where everyone feels included and welcomed, where students and staff feel inspired by the diversity around them, where stereotypes are challenged and where equality of opportunity is central to our ways of working so that each individual can learn and work to their full potential.

As a student here, you will have the opportunity to expand your mind, grow as a person and get to know people from all walks of life.

GENDER EQUALITY

We have been awarded an Athena Swan Bronze Award and are implementing our commitments in support of gender equality.

GENDER DIVERSITY

If you are a student with a diverse gender and would like support in terms of how you are recognised in TUS, please contact the Equality and Diversity Office: equalityanddiversity@tus.ie

RACE EQUALITY

TUS has signed the Higher Education Authority (HEA)'s Race Equality Anti-Racism Principles for Higher Education Institutions and has a Race Equality Action plan in place. Racial discrimination in all its forms cannot be tolerated and is not in line with our TUS values. We all have a collective responsibility to challenge racism to foster a safe, respectful, and supportive campus culture for every student.

UNIVERSITY OF SANCTUARY

TUS is a designated University of Sanctuary and is committed to fostering a culture of welcome and inclusion for those seeking sanctuary. For further information on University of Sanctuary, please see details [here](#) or contact Mona Khan mona.khan@tus.ie

SPEAK OUT ANONYMOUS REPORTING

Speak Out is an online anonymous reporting tool available to students and staff to disclose incidents of

bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, discrimination, hate crime, coercive behaviour, stalking, assault, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and rape. The information you provide using this tool is valuable as the data collated will help inform our activities aimed at addressing bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct. It is important to remember that, because Speak Out is anonymous, there is no way of identifying or contacting any person who uses the tool.

If you use this reporting tool, you will also be directed to information and contact details of relevant TUS supports and specialist external supports. Click on the link to access this tool:

<https://tus.speakout.ie/>

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.tus.ie/edi provides further information on our work and initiatives relating to equality, diversity and inclusion.



1.5

Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment

POLICY

TUS is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and supportive campus culture, and in this regard, we have a *TUS Policy and Procedure for Responding to Sexual Violence and Harassment*, available here

<https://tus.ie/esvh/policies-procedures/>

This policy is relevant to students and staff irrespective of location. Each disclosure and complaint of sexual violence or harassment will be treated sensitively, confidentially and taken seriously.

Promoting Consent and Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment

<https://tus.ie/esvh/>

This page contains all the information you need during your next few years here at TUS. You will find information about healthy relationships, where to go if you need to get support and talk something through, how to support your friends, reporting an incident and much more. There is also information about events and training that will help you develop your knowledge in this area.

For any queries, please email svh@tus.ie

We are here for you.

SUPPORT

The Sexual Violence Support Service is a provision for survivors regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation who have been affected by any form of sexual harassment or violence. We also support staff and students impacted by domestic abuse, relationship abuse, coercive control and stalking. You can find a full list of **supports** available.

We provide a safe space for you to be heard, with advisors offering free support and advice to any current student or staff member who has been impacted by sexual harassment or violence. We will support you in all situations, whether the experience(s) of sexual harassment or violence happened in TUS or elsewhere, and whether it was recent or in the past.

If you would like to make an appointment or seek assistance, please email: svh@tus.ie

We also have ESVH allies across TUS campuses, who are trauma informed and are here to listen, believe and signpost you to the supports available if you need to talk about something that has happened to you. If you have been affected by sexual violence or harassment, click the link to find the list of **ESVH Allies** on our campuses.

You do not have to provide any information in your communication regarding what has happened. Whether you choose to make a formal report or not, you are able to access support.

REPORT

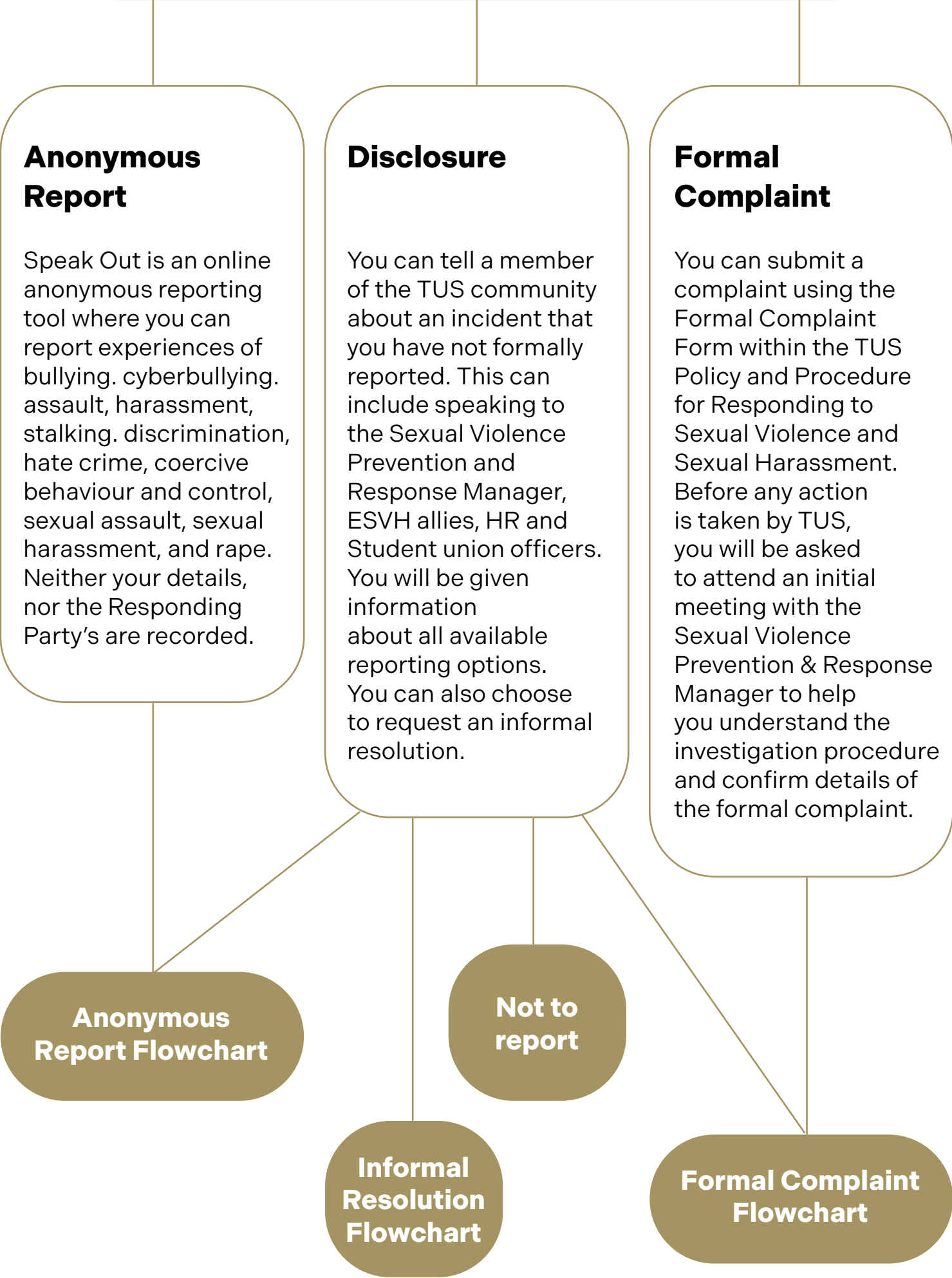
If you have experienced sexual harassment and/or sexual violence you may have very mixed feelings about what happened, and whether to tell anyone. People can react very differently, and this is normal.

You should not feel under any pressure to act in any specific way. The aim of these guidelines is for you to have access to information and support services who can help you to explore your options in a safe and confidential way.

You have the option to:

- Not make a report
- Report anonymously through the **Speak Out tool**
- Tell the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response manager or ESVH ally
- Submit a formal complaint

TUS Policy and Procedure for responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment



You can seek support from TUS whichever option you choose. You can also change your mind while pursuing one option to pursue another option.

Anonymised aggregate data is shared with the HEA for statistical analysis in compliance with its statutory obligations and to inform funding and other decisions made by the HEA.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EVENTS

TUS offers **Active* Consent** Workshops to all first-year students. The workshop focuses on skills and knowledge to navigate the college landscape and establish healthy, consensual sexual relationships, as well as develop an awareness of sexual violence and harassment and local supports and services.

In addition to this, you will be offered a **Sexual Violence and Harassment eLearning module**, **Bystander intervention training**, and the **TUS Social Activist Digital Badge**.

HOW TO ASSIST YOUR PEERS

Each of us can help someone who has experienced sexual violence or harassment by listening patiently and without judgement, offering support and intervening when it is safe to do.

Remember!

- Listen to the person disclosing
- Believe them and validate their feelings

- Ask them how they want to be supported
- Say “I’m glad you felt able to tell me”
- Respect their decisions and restore choices
- Don’t ask questions which may imply blame of the survivor
- Respect their gender identity and pronouns
- Reassure them that the violence was not their fault
- Offer them contact details for appropriate services
- Tell them about the TUS Sexual Violence Prevention and Response supports available
- Respect their experiences and their concerns
- Ensure their safety – do they have some place safe to stay, friends to give support etc.
- Let them know you will help, and that they can trust you
- Take care of yourself

If you are unsure about whether you have experienced is sexual harassment or violence you can get information on our [FAQ page](#).

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Admissions

The Admissions Offices of TUS provides information on courses and admission requirements to prospective and current students.

We organise formal registration of students and are responsible for keeping student records updated.

HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU

- We provide students with registration details, which includes your start date. Once you receive your registration details, it is important that you complete your registration in order to have access to services such as Moodle and Library.
- We provide students with ID cards following registration and can arrange to make replacement cards available (for a €10 fee) if the original card is lost.
- We arrange formal de-registration / withdrawal for students who decide to leave college and can advise of the likely consequences of such action if a student is considering re-entering college at a later date.
- We provide details on how to apply for an add-on programme once you have completed a Level 6 or 7 course.
- If you wish to defer a semester or an

academic year, the Admissions Office will provide information on how to do this.

PLEASE BE ADVISED

- We do not confirm student details to third parties.
- We cannot process incomplete applications.
- We cannot respond to personal queries without a student ID Number.

STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED

- To register in a timely manner, providing accurate information.
- To inform us of any change of circumstances throughout your studies e.g. address, telephone, etc.
- To complete the HEA online survey as part of the registration process when you are in 1st year.
- To pay all fees pertaining to your account.

How to contact us:

Athlone:

Admissions.midlands@tus.ie

Limerick, Tipperary, Clare:

Admissions.midwest@tus.ie

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Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL recognises all of your prior learning, no matter where that learning has taken place. Your learning may have been gained in a formal setting, at work, in everyday life or through community activities.

You may be able to use this learning to gain:

- Entry to a programme
- Advanced entry (to a year other than year one)
- Module exemption on a programme

For entry / advanced entry to a programme the student must demonstrate that the entry requirements have been met in another way, for example, through work experience or formal/non-formal/informal learning. A portfolio of evidence will need to be presented as evidence of prior learning. The closing date for advanced entry applications is May 20th of the year of admission.

RPL can be used to gain an exemption in a programme module where evidence can be provided that this learning has previously been achieved. Module exemptions can only be applied for after the student has registered for a module and within three weeks of starting the module.

For further information please contact:

RPL Office:

rpl@tus.ie

Athlone:

Admissions.midlands@tus.ie

Limerick, Tipperary, Clare:

Admissions.midwest@tus.ie

See www.tus.ie/registry/rpl for further information.



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Global Office

TUS is committed to promoting global perspectives in all of our activities, through the commitment of all members of our Technological University community to an internationalised curriculum, transnational research and education partnerships, and an extensive staff and student mobility network. We are proud of our diverse community and the richness that this brings to the learning experience of our learners. Our Global Office is committed to creating a culture across our TUS campuses that promotes and supports international and intercultural initiatives and fosters engagement with international students. We seek to ensure equal access to internationalisation opportunities for all learners.

TUS Global Office works to develop links with international institutions and coordinates host programmes for incoming students and academic staff as well as advising students on outbound opportunities for study abroad and international placement. TUS has a network of nearly 230 international partner universities for incoming and outbound mobility programmes for students and staff.

INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We welcome international students from more than 100 countries to our TUS campuses.

The richness and diversity of cultures seen on all of our campuses enhance both learning experiences in classrooms and life in the wider university communities. Our international students play a crucial role as we continuously learn from one another and grow together.

Every year we welcome students from all corners of the world and look forward to further growing our presence in new destinations, further contributing to the rich intercultural experience for our students.

Email: global@tus.ie

At the start of the academic year, the Global Office hosts an International Student Orientation Programme to welcome, inform and guide new international students. This is supplementary to the overall University Orientation programme that is provided for all new students to meet one another and learn about procedures and supports available on our campuses.

Global Office staff are happy to guide students through the application process, provide advice on visa application process, registration for an Irish Residency Permit (IRP) and settling into life in Ireland.

Our Global Student Experience Officers organise excursions, cultural events, and activities during the academic year. Please get in touch

if there are events of interest to you.

Email: GlobalExperience@tus.ie

OUTGOING STUDENTS: STUDY ABROAD & WORK PLACEMENT

Current students completing a period of Study Abroad or Work Placement in an EU member state can apply for an Erasmus grant to assist with cost of living away from home. Please contact the Global Office to discuss funding opportunities at least one year in advance of planning your mobility:
Email: Erasmus@tus.ie

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK – EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY – RUN EU

TUS is pleased to be a member of the Regional University Network – European University – RUN EU along with nine other regionally focused European Higher Education Institutes. Students from TUS are encouraged to take up a funded Study Abroad opportunity during their studies in one of our partners based in Portugal, The Netherlands, Finland, Austria, Spain, Czech Republic, Romania and Belgium. The network is expanding and for full details visit:
<https://www.RUN-EU.EU>

Email: runeu@tus.ie

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Flexible Learning

A Strategic Priority for TUS is to *“provide a relevant high-quality education offering, focused on interdisciplinarity, delivered in both traditional and flexible ways to cater to a diverse cohort of students, across multi-campus locations”*. The Faculties of Flexible and Learning support this delivery providing upskilling, training, continued professional development and academic programmes to individuals, enterprises and industry.

These programmes are developed in response to industry needs and skills shortages, and can be developed on a bespoke basis responding to the needs of individual organisations or industry specific sectoral programmes. The diverse range of academic part-time flexible programmes span a range of awards including Micro-credentials, Special Purpose Awards, Higher Certificates, Degrees, Higher and Postgraduate Diplomas through to Master’s Degrees.

These programmes are delivered predominantly online, with some including a face to face or hybrid learning delivery element.

All our programmes are designed to be relevant to those considering future-proofing your careers whether you work within our Regions or

indeed anywhere in Ireland. Our objective is to deliver relevant learning programmes to you, in a manner that is accessible, especially for those in employment seeking to upskill or reskill.

In recent years we have been very successful in securing funded or part funded programs across the many government upskilling initiatives including Springboard and SUSI, as well as partnerships with a range of Skillnets. These successes demonstrate the relevance of our programs. Our partnership approach with industry and employers in the Midlands and Mid-West regions ensures we collaborate with them to identify skills needs and areas for educational development. To date we have collaborated with some of the leading companies in our regions to deliver tailored upskilling programmes to suit their employees' needs.

Please contact us at any one of our Flexible Learning Centres:

Midwest

Department of Flexible Learning

Email: flexible.midwest@tus.ie

Tel: +353 61 293802

<https://tus.ie/flexible/>

Midlands

Department of Lifelong Learning

Email: flexiblelearning.midlands@tus.ie

Tel: 0906483050

<https://tus.ie/flexible-learning/athlone/>

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Fees and Grants

INFORMATION ON STUDENT FEES

All undergraduate programme fees consist of two elements:

1. Student Contribution Fee

The Student Contribution Fee for the 2026/2027 academic year is €2,500 for Full-Time EU Undergraduate students. This is an annual charge, which is set by the Government for all full-time third level students.

2. Tuition Fees

Most full-time undergraduate students are covered for the tuition fee under the “Irish Government Free Fees scheme”. Under this scheme, the Government (HEA) pays tuition fees for full-time, non-repeat undergraduate students from Ireland and other EU countries, who have been resident in an EU country for at least three of the last five years.

For more information on the eligibility, criteria for the free fees scheme please visit

<https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/course-fees/>

MATERIALS / HEALTH & SAFETY FEES

Some courses also attract a course specific fee. Please check the programme prospectus to see if additional fees are applicable to your chosen course.

SUSI GRANT APPLICATIONS

SUSI is the single awarding authority for all grant applications and is an “online application system” accessed at www.susi.ie Students can apply through the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) for a grant to cover the Student Contribution Fee. Students are advised to apply early for the SUSI grant, as approval must be in place in advance of fee payment deadlines. You will be required to reapply for funding from SUSI for each year of study. PLEASE NOTE: Students must be registered in order for the fees office to process student grant awards received from SUSI.

To assist all applicants in the application process there is a SUSI Support Desk:

Phone Number: 0818 888 777

Email: support@susi.ie

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

If a student is experiencing financial difficulties while waiting for a grant/scholarship, they should seek advice from student services, the student's union or the access office. You can find out all you need to know about other sources of assistance available to students, such as the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) from the HEA Website:

<https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/>

How to contact us:

Athlone:

studentfees.midlands@tus.ie

Limerick, Tipperary, Clare:

studentfees.midwest@tus.ie



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Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar for
2026 - 2027 is available here:

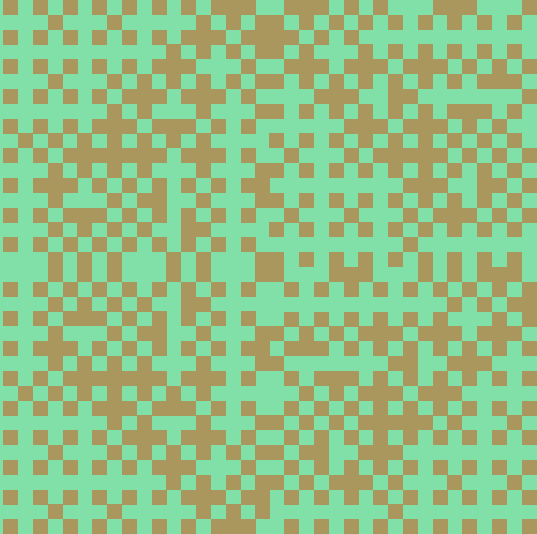
[Academic Calendar](#)



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Student Experience



TUS is a dynamic and vibrant multi-campus community where energy, enthusiasm, and a commitment to student success are at the core of everything we do. Our student-focused educational approach fosters academic excellence in a supportive learning environment, where well-being is prioritised.

We create a warm, welcoming space for students, encouraging diversity, inclusion, and social integration. Students are at the heart of this collaborative learning community, and we are dedicated to helping you thrive.

ENGAGING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We offer many opportunities to engage in activities that support your academic, cultural, social, and sporting interests. These extra-curricular activities help you develop valuable skills and set you up for career success, empowering you to shape your future.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

We understand that college life can present challenges, and that's why we offer a range of

services to ensure you feel supported throughout your time at TUS. Our high-quality student services are dedicated to your success, helping you, every step of the way.

As a TUS student, you have access to a wide range of support, including:

- **[Access & Disability Services](#)**
- **[Student Counselling](#)**
- **[Student Health Service](#)**
- **[Learning Support](#)**
- **[Chaplaincy/Pastoral Care](#)**
- **[Sports](#)**
- **[Societies](#)**
- **[Students Union](#)**
- **[Careers & Employability](#)**

Check out this these handy linktrees, Midwest refers to campuses in Limerick, Tipperary, Clare and Midlands refers to the Athlone campus.

[TUS Midlands Linktree](#)

[TUS Midwest Linktree](#)

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Please remember, no issue is too big or too small – we are here to support you every step of the way. At TUS, your success is our priority, and our team is always ready to provide the guidance and support you need.

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Support Services

LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning Support offers a comprehensive range of services available to all TUS students, such as individual appointments, class and group workshops. The services offered by Learning Support are designed to assist students in developing skills across all areas, while at the same time, encouraging them to take responsibility for their own learning journey.

In TUS Midwest (Limerick), students contact the Learning Support Unit (LSU) directly or are referred by their lecturers or self-referral through MS forms where the student provides details of their academic learning needs, **email: lsu@midwest.tus.ie**

The LSU then matches the students with a tutor qualified in the subject area. Students and tutors meet online or in person or in a group on campus.

In TUS Midlands (Athlone), students may wish to avail of the Academic Writing Centre (AWC) by reaching out through email ([email here](#)) or by using the booking system ([book here](#)). The Academic Writing Centre in Athlone provides assigned lecturers who offer tailored guidance across all faculties, enhancing the students' ability to communicate effectively while fostering confidence and competence in their writing. In

addition, the AWC offers an extensive range of learning resources via the AWC link tree, that students can access at any time.

Additionally, if a student wants to contact one of the subject specific tutors (Science, Maths and/or Business) they can do so directly, by email where meetings are set up at a time mutually agreed by both parties. The tutors provide comprehensive feedback to students on their work, discuss the feedback and invite the student to follow-up with appointments on other tasks where they may need support. Students are also encouraged to attend group workshops and seminars to help improve their academic skills.

This learning support is underpinned by the principles of active learning, with the student leading the process. Students experience many challenges both on and off campus and the objective is to provide appropriate learning support when required.

Learning Support tutors are available to all registered students, including students on the apprentice programmes, free of charge, during term time.

Some of the services provided include:

- **Additional tuition** in all subjects e.g. Maths, Engineering, Science, Business and Academic Writing
- **Workshops** in a range of areas including Study Skills, Exam Techniques, Critical Writing and Reflective Writing Academic Writing, Maths, Computing and Course Subject. Workshops by request
- **Support for students** with learning difficulties
- **Peer Assisted Learning**

- **Academic English Language** support for international students

How to apply for Learning Support:

Information on how to apply is available on the Learning Support section of the website and on Moodle.

Learning Support TUS - Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campuses:

email: lsu.midwest@tus.ie

Learning Support TUS - Athlone Campus:

Academic Writing Centre:

Email: academicwriting.midlands@tus.ie

Science Tutor:

Email: sciencetutor@tus.ie

Maths Tutor:

Email: emer.coughlan@tus.ie

Business Tutor:

Email: brianp.kelly@tus.ie

ACCESS

TUS is committed to promoting equitable access to and successful participation in higher education for all members of society. Our approach is founded in the principles espoused in the HEA National Access Plan and flows from a philosophy of integration and social inclusiveness. We are committed to widening access for underrepresented student groups including but not limited to:

- Students who experience socio-economic disadvantage
- Students with disabilities/specific learning difficulties/ongoing health conditions
- Mature Students
- Irish Traveller & Roma communities
- Students progressing from Further Education
- Part-time students
- Lone Parents
- Care Experienced Students

ACCESS: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Student Assistance Fund (SAF) is managed by the Higher Education Authority on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. Administered by the Access Service, the fund provides limited support for qualifying full-time and part-time registered students who are in on-going financial difficulties.

Students who apply to SAF are assessed on an individual and confidential basis and must meet the application eligibility criteria to apply. Students will be required to produce financial information to support their application. The areas which are considered for funding include rent, food, travel or childcare.

Funding is not available under this fund for the cost of registration or tuition fees. Application forms are available at the beginning of each academic year.



ACCESS: TUS PRE-ENTRY INITIATIVES

TUS has a tradition of combining excellence, imagination and authenticity in our work. Below is a small sample of our engagement activities, which aim to widen and support progression to and participation in third-level education.

- TUS Access Service operates initiatives in partnership with schools, community organisations, and Further Education colleges in local regions.
- TUS is a member of the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR). This scheme offers reduced points places and extra college supports to school-leavers from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. Applicants must apply via the CAO, indicating that they wish to be considered for the HEAR scheme.

- TUS Access Service facilitates afterschool initiatives for students through the provision of academic support, encouragement and mentorship for young people as they progress through their second level education.
- TUS Access Service is committed to increasing participation in third-level education by Irish Travellers, Roma and early school leavers. We work to widen participation and aim to provide the support and educational guidance to enable further progression to higher education.
- The Access Service regularly welcomes prospective students to our campuses to offer an opportunity to witness the third level environment first-hand.

Mature Students

Mature Students are supported in their transition into third-level education and throughout their time in TUS with facilitated workshops, individual support and learning opportunities. Further details are available on your local campus.

All Access services are confidential. For full information on all services and supports please visit / email:

Access Midwest:

Access.midwest@tus.ie

Access Midlands

Access.midlands@tus.ie

TUS DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICE

TUS PRE-ENTRY INITIATIVES for students registering with TUS Disability Service:

DARE

TUS is part of the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) national admissions scheme that allocates reduced points places to eligible school leavers under 23 years old with specific learning difficulties, health conditions and/or disabilities who have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education. Each DARE student is encouraged to link in with us as soon as they have accepted their course so that the process of registering for additional supports can begin. More info on DARE:

<https://accesscollege.ie/dare/>

Autism&Uni Toolkit

A most recent development, which we believe significantly enhances the student experience pre and post entry is the Autism&Uni Toolkit. This is an EU-funded initiative to help autistic students during the transition to university.

The Autism&Uni Toolkit gives students information and strategies for overcoming the challenges they typically encounter during the transition to university. It is laid out in a logical way offering practical advice and detailed information on the student journey, from thinking about going to university to arranging support with the TUS Disability Service. The toolkit can be found in the disability section of the website.

Toolkit for TUS Athlone Disability Support Service:

<https://tusmidlands.autism-uni.org/>

Toolkit on Midwest page:

<https://tusmidwest.autism-uni.org/>

Registering with TUS Disability Support Service

The most important first step for the student when they enter TUS is to register with the Disability Support Service. Following registration, a Needs Assessment is carried out with the student to determine what level of support a student requires based on the appropriate evidence of disability provided by the student. We also consider the impact of their disability and their academic course requirements. During the needs assessment, recommendations are agreed with the student regarding which reasonable accommodations will be put in place.

To register please see the contact details shared below or Registration pages on the website.

TUS Athlone Disability Support Service:

[https://tus.ie/access-services/midlands/
disability-support/register/](https://tus.ie/access-services/midlands/disability-support/register/)

Midwest:

[https://tus.ie/access-services/midwest/
disability-support/](https://tus.ie/access-services/midwest/disability-support/)

If you register with TUS Disability Support Service a range of supports may be available to you, these include:

- Specific Examination Accommodations (including: Reader, Scribe, Alternative Examination
- Venue, Technological Aids, Rest Breaks)
- Learning Support
- Assistive Technology resources (including student training)
- Referrals to appropriate support personnel
- Personal assistants, notetakers
- Deaf supports (sign language interpreters)
- Transport support

Students who are supported include, but are not limited to those with; ADHD, Autism, Sensory Disabilities, DCD, Mental Health Difficulties, Neurological Conditions, Physical Disabilities, Medical Conditions, Speech and Language Difficulties and Specific Learning Difficulties i.e. dyslexia, dyscalculia.

The Fund for Students with Disabilities (FSD) is managed by the Higher Education Authority on behalf of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. For further information on FSD visit the [HEA Website](#).



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Quiet Areas

Although we cannot guarantee silent spaces, we wish to provide certain areas as quieter spaces. These spaces are designated Quiet Areas that students can use to retreat to when feeling overstimulated or stressed. Contact the Disability Support Service for more info on where to find these spaces on your campus.

Contact Details

All Disability services are confidential. For full information on all services and supports please visit/ email:

Disability TUS – Midlands:

Disability TUS Midlands: disability.midlands@tus.ie

DARE enquiries: dare.midlands@tus.ie

Disability Officer, Lisa Hanlon: lisa.hanlon@tus.ie

[View TUS Athlone Disability Support Service Webpage](#)

Disability TUS – Midwest:

Disability TUS Midwest: disability.midwest@tus.ie

DARE enquiries: dare.midwest@tus.ie

Disability Officer, Broze O'Donovan:

broze.ODonovan@tus.ie

[View TUS Midwest Disability Support Service Webpage](#)

COUNSELLING SERVICE

TUS Student Counselling Service (SCS) offers professional, confidential individual counselling, which is free to registered students, available in person or online and is staffed by highly qualified mental health clinicians. Our Service provides accessible, student-centred psychological and emotional support for students. Students who present in crisis are prioritised for support.

TUS Student Counselling Service also offers a variety of skills & support groups, psychoeducational workshops and webinars in areas such as overcoming anxiety, building resilience, managing depression, mindfulness, emotional regulation, distress tolerance and more. During each academic year TUS SCS also host mental health and wellbeing events.

What to talk about?

TUS Student Counselling Service supports students with a wide range of issues including academic related issues, stress, anxiety, panic, low mood, depression, body image issues, relationship issues, diagnosed mental health conditions, loss/bereavement, sexual trauma, addictions and more.

TUS SCS also signpost to, and collaborate with University supports such as pastoral care, student health, learning support, disability services, including supports for our neurodivergent student community, financial support, careers and employability.

TUS SCS work closely with external services including the HSE, GP's, community, voluntary services and

supports.

Whatever your issue, if you are in distress or need support, please contact the service (details below).

Resources

The **Student Counselling** website has a link to the Midlands and Midwest campuses. There are tips on how to manage your mental health and wellbeing, including psychoeducational resources on managing anxiety, depression, stress, relationships, and more. You can view upcoming events here and register for appointments.

TUS Student Counselling Service Instagram accounts are very active and engaging platforms on which to view our mental health & wellbeing events, tips, and competitions (details at end).

Register for Counselling

Students can register for counselling on the secure MindAClient online portal, using their TUS email. This is accessed via the TUS Student Counselling website. Click your campus and follow the brief instructions. You will be asked some questions on wellbeing, mood, and some basic background details before your appointment. If you have any difficulties, please contact the service (details below).

Out of hours Supports

- Text support

What: Partner service at

Textaboutit. It is free, anonymous, and 24/7.

How: Text Hello to 50808.

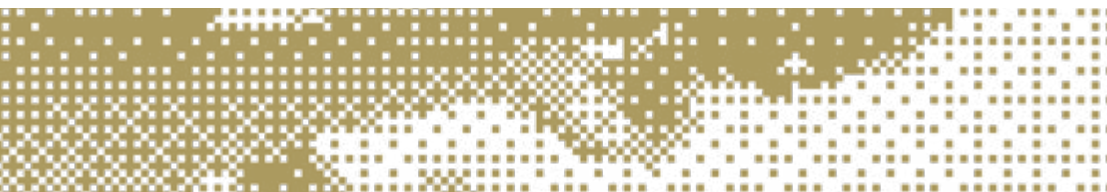
View: [See how it works](#)

- Online Mental Health Community and Support Programmes

What: Partner service at [Togetherall](#). It is anonymous, and 24/7.

How: Login using your TUS email.

View: [See how it works](#)



Contact details, questions, further information

Midlands (Athlone):

Tel: 090 6468063

Email: Counselling.midlands@tus.ie

Insta: @tusmidlandsstudentcounselling

Midwest (Coonagh, Clare Street, Clonmel, Ennis, Moylish, Thurles):

Tel: 061 293129

Email: Counselling.midwest@tus.ie

Insta: @tusmidweststudentcounselling



STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE

Whether you are sick or injured, managing a chronic health problem or working to develop a healthier lifestyle, the Student Health Service is here to help.

We provide confidential, professional on-campus medical care to registered students. Our service is nurse-led and provides comprehensive health services and emergency care as well as health promotion and supportive measures to assist you in ways that keep you committed to your studies. Our ethos is centred around the premise that students who develop a healthy lifestyle in an environment that supports healthy choices are likely to have the best academic outcomes.

Student Health Services are available from Monday to Friday throughout the term time.

Your student contribution fee provides funding for the service therefore charges at the student health service are minimal.

Nurse Consultation Free

Doctor Consultation €15.00

Any students with a Medical Card/Doctor Visit Card/EHIC Card should make us aware of this when booking an appointment.

For further information or to make an appointment:

Student Health TUS - Athlone Campus:

Email: Studenthealth.midlands@tus.ie

Student Health TUS - Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campuses:

Student Health Midwest (including Sexual Health)

Email: Nurses.midwest@tus.ie

Student Sexual Health Clinic – Athlone Campus:

Technological University of the Shannon (TUS)

Midlands provides a free, confidential, nurse-led sexual health, contraception and health promotion service for students. Funded by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Healthy Ireland, the service supports students to make informed choices and promotes overall health and wellbeing in line with national priorities.

For more information, please visit our webpage [Sexual Health – Athlone - TUS](#) or contact the service directly at sexualhealth.midlands@tus.ie

CHAPLAINCY/PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service is available to students of all religious denominations and of none. We are here to support you in the areas of Pastoral Care,

Community, Spirituality, and Personal Development.

We work collaboratively with our colleagues in TUS Student Support Services, as well as with all TUS staff, to support students throughout their time with us. We are glad to help you in any way we can throughout your time with us.

Both TUS Midwest and TUS Midlands operate an Emergency Fund / Hardship Fund for students who are experiencing a financial emergency.

Applications are available at your local campus, from your local Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service.

In TUS Midlands, the Chaplaincy Service has a 24/7 emergency line 087-2402514 that operates throughout the year and is attended by the Chaplaincy Service who reside at the Chaplaincy house at 11 Auburn Heights, Athlone.

Also, in TUS Midlands, under the Food Cloud scheme, free food is made available to students on a nightly basis.

In TUS Midwest and in conjunction with the Student Union, food parcels are also available for students who are experiencing food poverty. Please contact the Pastoral Care office or the Student Union for more information.

In the TUS Midlands, the Interfaith Centre is located near the main reception. In TUS Midwest, the Reflection Room is located close to rear entrance on the Moylish Campus. These spaces are available as a quiet space, for Mass, daily prayer, reflection and meditation.

For further information please visit:

**Pastoral Care TUS - Limerick, Tipperary
& Clare Campuses:**

Pastoral Care Coordinator Midwest: Joseph.walsh@tus.ie

**Pastoral Care for the Clonmel and Thurles
Campuses:**

Theresa.OSullivan@tus.ie

Pastoral Care TUS - Athlone Campus:

Pastoral Care Midlands: seamus.casey@tus.ie

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**Please take
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the year and
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Careers & Employability

CAREERS OFFICE

The Careers Offices (Midlands and Midwest) at TUS are committed to providing a wide variety of professional services to support you in making the career decisions that are best suited to your qualifications, interests, abilities and goals. We support our students and recent graduates in developing and implementing successful career plans. We also assist you in building your personal brand through your CV, goal setting, application forms, at interviews and on social media.

Students can access Target Connect Websites (links below) where you will find all of the available job opportunities such as Internships, Summer Roles and Graduate roles. This online support tool can also be used to book into scheduled workshops, seminars, clinics and advice webinars, book a one-on-one appointment with one of our TUS Careers Advisors and see the Events Calendar with Employer Presentations, webinars and visits on- campus. We also run an annual Careers Fair in TUS Midlands and Midwest in October of Semester One.

PLACEMENT

Core to the values of preparing students for the workplace at TUS, the majority of our programmes

feature work opportunities through integrated learning or placements. There are Work Placement Officers in Careers & Employability to support you to prepare for placement and to identify and source potential placement opportunities. You will be informed about placements procedures, responsibilities and timings on your course through your lecturers and academic department. More information can be obtained from the website links below for each Campus.

GARDA VETTING

Some placement opportunities require Garda Vetting. It is important to consider whether any previous convictions may hinder you in securing a placement and therein meeting the required learning outcomes of your chosen course of study. Please connect with your lecturers to ensure that you engage with this process at the appropriate time so as not to delay your placement.

Target Connect Athlone Link:

<https://careers.midlands.tus.ie/>

Athlone Email:

careers.midlands@tus.ie

Target Connect Limerick, Tipperary, Clare Link:

<https://careers.midwest.tus.ie/>

Limerick, Tipperary, Clare Email:

careersandemployability.midwest@tus.ie

Student Placement – Further Information:

<https://tus.ie/careers-employability/student/work-placement/>

2.3

CPID and PASS

CENTRE FOR PEDAGOGICAL INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT – CPID

CPID encourages respect and support for our diverse student population, the development of student-centred learning environments where students can learn and excel. CPID also actively promotes academic integrity and excellence in learning, teaching and assessment and facilitates the implementation of teaching and learning initiatives and innovations, through an evidence-based approach.

The CPID team supports staff development in areas of focus outlined in our comprehensive Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy. These include active and applied learning approaches, authentic assessments, technological innovations and a pedagogy of care, demonstrating a commitment to creating an inclusive and enriching learning experience for all our students.

TUS has chosen to use the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to underpin its curricula and approach to learning, teaching and assessment. The UDL framework focuses on changing the way a class is managed and content presented. UDL recognises that people approach learning in different ways, and in an inclusive learning environment it is important to find a way to reach each learner.

Further information about CPID is available from the [TUS website.](#)

PEER ASSISTED STUDENT SUPPORT – PASS

Coming to college for the first time can be both exciting and worrying. You're probably wondering how you'll make friends, what's involved with your course, how you're going to write assignments and organise your time effectively. PASS encourages first year students to support each other and to learn cooperatively under the guidance of second year students called PASS Leaders.

PASS sessions are weekly timetabled sessions run for first year students by PASS Leaders. If PASS is available on your programme, it will appear on your timetable. Sessions are generally offered for the first 6 – 10 weeks of semester one.

PASS is intended to help you:

- Adjust quickly to university;
- Acquire a clear view of course direction and expectations;
- Develop your independent learning and study skills to meet the requirements of higher education;
- Enhance your understanding of the subject matter of your programme through collaborative group discussion;
- Prepare better for assessed work and examinations.

PASS is NOT:

- Teaching by students.
- Targeted at weak or problem students – all participants benefit.
- A means of reducing lecturer-student contact class time.
- An environment for social chatting.

How do I find more about PASS?

- Head to the [TUS website](#) for more information
- If PASS is available, it will appear on your timetable.
- Make sure you enrol onto your PASS Moodle page to get the most from sessions with your Leaders.
- If you don't have PASS, you could think about volunteering to be a PASS Leader in your second year.

Email PASS@TUS.ie with any questions.

Follow @TUS_PASS on Instagram for regular updates.

Quotes from happy first years who attended PASS:

"The best thing about PASS was that it was a place where I could revise my notes and understand the structure of a university."

"The advice, especially since it was coming from a fellow student who went through what we're going through now, so he knew how we felt and how to help us."

"I really enjoyed doing quizzes and working in groups to try and revise topics. I thought the session had quite a fun energy to it, so it was a nice place to unwind."

2.4

Students' Union

Your Students' Union is an independent, autonomous and representative organisation for the student voice in TUS. We act in your best interests, advancing and defending your rights in relation to your education, welfare and your overall student experience.

We are a student-led, democratic, inclusive and transparent organisation that wishes to empower you, the student. We urge you to get involved and have your voice heard. We hope that each and every student we represent will have a positive and transformative time at TUS and we look forward to helping you grow to reach your full potential.

Your Union has a diverse team of elected officers, of which there are 9 full-time and 8 part-time officers. The President and the Deputy President for Postgraduate Affairs are the only cross regional officers.

The Midlands and Midwest each have a Deputy President. The Midlands has 2 VP Officers, one for Education and one for Welfare who are located in the Students' Union building. The Midwest has 3 VP Officers: the VP for Thurles and Clonmel, the VP for the Moylish campus and the VP for Clare St. and Ennis.

The contact details to all officers will be below:

President:

supres@su.tus.ie

Deputy President for Postgraduate Affairs:

supostgrad@su.tus.ie

Deputy President for Midlands: sudeputy.midlands@su.tus.ie

Deputy President for Midwest: sudeputy.midwest@su.tus.ie

VP for Education Officer for the Midlands:

sueducation@su.tus.ie

VP for Welfare Officer for the Midlands:

suwelfare@su.tus.ie

VP for Education and Welfare for Clare St and Ennis:

suartcollege@su.tus.ie

VP for Education and Welfare for Clonmel and Thurles:

suthurles@su.tus.ie

VP for Education and Welfare for Moylish:

sumoylish@su.tus.ie

Deputy President for Midwest - Coonagh Campus:

sudeputy.midwest@su.tus.ie

Our hours of operation weekly are:

Mon - Thurs: 9.00am – 5pm.

Friday: 9.00 – 3pm

Don't forget to follow us on our social media and catch up on all things SU!

TUS SU:

Insta: @TUS_SU_

Facebook: TUS SU

TikTok: @TUSSU

Athlone Campus

Insta: @tusstudentsunionathlone

Facebook: @tusstudentsunionathlone

TIKTOK: @tusstudentunionathlone

Clonmel and Thurles

Instagram: @tus_su_thurles_clonmel

Clare St. and Ennis Social Media Instagram: @tus_su_clare.st_ennis

Moylish and Coonagh

Instagram: tus_su_moylish

Facebook: TUS Students' Union – Moylish

Website:

www.tussu.ie

REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

Your campus specific officers are your first line of contact for support and advocacy. They can help to resolve issues that may occur in your class, between lecturers and students or issues even at departmental level. They advocate for issues that you, the student, might need or challenges you may face throughout the academic year.

Each student union officer sits on a number of college committees and boards such as governing body, academic council, working groups and numerous sub-committees, where they represent you and advocate on your behalf.

At a national level, TUS SU is a part of AMLÉ (Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn) which is the national representative body for the 374,000 students in third level education on the Island of Ireland.

Engaging with your Students' Union can be of great benefit to you. You may wish to become a Class Rep which is a great opportunity to have your voice heard and to represent your fellow students. There are many more ways to get involved, such as being a Departmental Rep or a Student Councillor. Student Councillors sit on our student council, where the SU team is held accountable and you the student can task us with actions such as tackling period poverty or bullying issues.

We have four main committees which you can take part in throughout the year, these include: student

experience committee, welfare committee, education committee or EDI committee, there is something for everyone! Make sure to check out our website to learn more about how you can get involved and become a student activist!

www.tussu.ie

WELFARE

Often it is personal aspects of coming to college that prove challenging for students in addition to keeping up with your studies. You may hit a rough patch along the way, and we are here to help. We work closely with the TUS Student Resource Centre and Student Support Services as well as professional services staff to promote awareness and run workshops and campaigns regarding all aspects of trending student welfare topics including student health, sexual health, and mental health. We also promote and provide information on an array of trending student welfare related topics and information throughout the year.

Your Safety is vitally important both on and off campus. There will be an SU Officer attending all SU events, so if you ever feel uncomfortable or just want to have a chat make sure to come to us and let us know! If you ever feel unsafe make sure to give us a ring or get in touch with the pastoral team. If not, you are advised to reach out to venue staff or contact the local Garda station.

EDUCATION

We understand third level education can be difficult at times and you may need extra support. Students may need educational support with a course issue such as timetabling or exams or they may need help with requesting a transfer or deferral. With the help of the Education Officer, the Students' Union can steer you in the right direction or assist by liaising with staff on your behalf and with your permission.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Coming to college is your opportunity to find yourself and enjoy your time both in and out of your studies. We urge you to get involved, come to student nights out, join a club or society - there are so many ways that you can engage and meet other students that might have similar interests as you.

The SU is involved in Orientation and also leads Freshers' Week. Freshers' Week is an exciting week in the calendar for you. The SU will run stands and nights out and there will be great spot prizes on our social media channels so make sure you keep an eye out for what is going on.

We like to make sure to give back and one of the biggest ways we can do this is through Raise-And-Give (RAG) week, raising and giving to people from all walks of life. It's not just an opportunity to raise money but also for you to let your hair down and enjoy yourself. So, make sure you get involved and enjoy what it means to

be a part of TUS!

Speaking of enjoying yourself, there are loads of ways that the Union offers to help take your mind off your college work - throughout the year we run nights out, bring in guest speakers, run quizzes, games nights and run Balls at the end of each year. There is also the student experience committee where you the student can get involved, sharing ideas, meeting other students and contributing to what is going on for the upcoming year!

CAMPAIGNS:

The Students' Union host many education and welfare campaigns throughout the year. Campaigns are designed to support you and build awareness around topics that are important and relevant to you the student. Some of the staple campaigns that we run every year are SHAG week, Mental Health week, PRIDE, GET CONNECTED and Exams. Campaigns change from year to year so make sure you check in regularly with social media to see what is going on.



2.5

Sport

Sport and physical activity are central to life at TUS. We firmly believe that active membership in a sporting club has a positive and enhancing effect on students, affording you opportunities to represent the University nationally and, in some instances, to represent the University and Ireland in overseas competitions. However, you do not need to aspire to such lofty sporting achievements. There are great opportunities at all our campuses to try out lots of sports and physical activities. As well as benefiting from a little relaxation and fun, who knows what latent talents will be discovered in the process!

Students are actively encouraged to become involved in sporting and cultural activities, laying the foundations for all kinds of interesting, diverse, and exciting opportunities which contribute to creating an enriched and dynamic student life. Therefore, the participation of students in sport is seen to be a very important part of the student experience, which enhances the student's personal as well as social development.

Involvement in sport complements academic life, bringing countless benefits and helps to forge lifelong friendships. Joining a sports or cultural club means that an immediate social scene is available to new students, making settling into student life all the easier

and more enjoyable.

Last year, TUS teams and individuals achieved success in a wide variety of codes and competitions. Such sporting success is built upon the excellent indoor and outdoor facilities as well as the established coaching/ team management system, which is implemented by full-time sport and recreation officers, with the assistance of part-time coaching staff and the students’ sports representative.

The variety of sports available ensures most interests are catered for including:

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| Go Karting | Rugby |
| Hurling | Gaelic Football |
| LGFA | Camogie |
| Handball | Soccer |
| Futsal | Boxing |
| Aerobics | Indoor Cricket |
| Weightlifting | Outdoor pursuits |
| MMA | Kickboxing |
| Taekwondo | Tag Ruby |
| Athletics | Basketball |
| Volleyball | Badminton |
| Equestrian | Golf |
| Archery | Rowing |
| Judo | Yoga |
| Pilates | Dance |
| Surfing | Pool |

We are always open to adding new sports to our line-up. If any student has a new sport that they would like to initiate at TUS or if a sport/club listed above is not active on your TUS Campus then they can contact their individual campus sports department for further details on how to create that club.

GAA CLUB

TUS GAA Club is a thriving, sporting hub for all students regardless of playing ability and experience level. We aim to cater for each student's needs, with particular emphasis on Freshers and International Students as a means of assisting their integration into college life. Our GAA Club offers playing opportunities in competitive and recreational/social environments. Whether your desire is to win an All-Ireland, develop your current skills, meet new friends or try a new sport to stay active – TUS will welcome you with open arms. We have existing members in all TUS campus locations – Athlone, Ennis, Clare Street, Clonmel, Moylish and Thurles.

Our GAA Club consists of Camogie, Gaelic Football, Handball, Hurling and Ladies Football. Every academic year, our competitive teams play in a League during Semester 1 – usually commencing in late September and finishing prior to Christmas exams. Semester 2 signifies the start of the Higher Education GAA Championships in each of the respective codes, typically with a playing window of January to March. Our Handball athletes have a series of competitions running nationally and internationally throughout the year also.

The 2024/25 Academic Year, saw many of our GAA Teams reach new heights with numerous appearances in Higher Education Championship Semi Finals and Finals, most notable our Ladies Footballers reaching the Lagan Cup Final. Although there was no Trophy success, there were huge steps taken for the TUS GAA Club as a whole.

In the 2026/27 Academic Year, we intend to offer a social environment for beginners and/or returning players to try out and enjoy Gaelic Games. The manner of these activities will be small-sided and on a casual “show-up” basis for those wishing to participate. We look forward to welcoming newcomers and International students who may never have witnessed GAA in the flesh, held a hurley or kicked a size 5!

The GAA Club also boasts various scholarships and bursaries which our students are invited to apply for. These are awarded across all codes of Gaelic Games, and range from entry Academy to Gold award packages. We believe sport plays a huge a role in a student’s personal and professional development and commit to aiding our students to balance the academic, sporting & social elements of their lives.



RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club caters for both male and female participants in terms of both competitive and social opportunities. With multiple male and female sides, the Club caters for every Rugby player grade from beginner to ALL players. Included on our campuses are Men's U20's, Men's Senior, Men's 2nd XV, Ladies' Senior XV and various 7's and Tag Rugby teams. Our Rugby Club aims to provide all students with an opportunity to participate, while also catering for all levels and abilities. This year the men's team from our Midwest Campus won the All Ireland cup beating UCC in the final, who were aiming for 4 in a row.

The Rugby Club will continue to develop all forms of rugby for the 2026/27 academic year which will allow students to develop their skills in a Non-Contact Game.

BASKETBALL CLUB

The Basketball Club is a club going from strength to strength. We have teams registered in Division 1 and Division 3 men's leagues for college basketball; and a team in the Division 2 and 3 for the Women's league in college basketball. The Limerick campus also competes locally with a men's team registered in the North Munster Area Board Men's League and the Athlone campus compete in the Midlands Club League playing against teams from Athlone to Donegal. The Senior Men's team from our Midwest Campus are current Basketball Ireland Division 1 Colleges & Universities Champions. TUS also had 3 teams

compete at the varsity weekend in 2025.

TUS partner's with Limerick Sport Eagles and Limerick Sport Huskies to provide a pathway for students to play Men's National League Division 1, Men's Under 20 National League, with the Limerick Sport Eagles basketball club and Ladies National League Division 1, with the Limerick Sport Huskies basketball club.

TUS recruit basketball scholars from America to play with our college teams and national league club sides as well as recruiting scholars from all over Europe with recent players coming from Belgium, Serbia, France, and Spain.

This has really improved the standard of basketball in TUS as the international scholars are always pushing our Irish based players to be the best.

The basketball clubs cater for all levels be it National League, Colleges, Local League. Our Technological University also organises participation events such as one-day 3x3 and 5x5 participation tournaments designed to create an introduction to basketball for students who want to play socially or want to try something new before joining our basketball clubs.

SOCCER CLUB

Our Soccer Club caters for all students throughout all years of college and boasts some of the highest participation figures of any club in the TU. We cater for all ability levels, across all of our campuses with a

multitude of teams in every division from Premier down to Division 5 in Men's Soccer. Women's soccer is also developing at a fast rate. We enter futsal teams in both male and female competitions. The standard of soccer in the TU is high with numerous players from both men's and ladies' teams playing with League of Ireland teams while also having League of Ireland coaches involved in coaching college teams. Over the past number of years, we have had Male and Female players represent Ireland with the Colleges International Team, The Irish Amateur Team and at U19 & U21 level. The Senior Women on the Midlands Campus are current Senior Intervarsity Kelly Cup Champions while the senior men's team on our Midwest Campus claimed the Eustace Cup in the 2024-2025 season. Colin Conroy & Richkov Boevi, from our Midwest Campus were also selected on the Irish Colleges and Universities team for the 2024 – 2025 season. The soccer club offers regular Futsal & 5 a-side participation tournaments for people who just want to get out for a kickabout with mates as well as offering loads of coaching opportunities to both experienced and beginner coaches alike. No matter what your level or goals, the Soccer Club is the place for you.

ATHLETICS

TUS Athletes compete in IUAA intervarsity competitions throughout the academic year while a number of our athletes undertake their coaching qualifications in their events to develop their event specific knowledge and skills. Facilities for Athletics are at a high standard on or near many of our campus locations. At intervarsity level our students compete in

Road Relay, Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field events, while some progress to International and World Student Games level.

VOLLEYBALL

TUS has men's and women's volleyball teams competing in the Student Sport Ireland leagues. The Women's & Men's teams from our Midlands Campus compete regularly in the Student Sport Ireland Volleyball Finals. TUS also has a vibrant intermural competition for people who just want to either take up the game or have a bit of friendly competition with their mates.

Finals for the 5th consecutive occasion. TUS also has a vibrant intermural competition for people who just want to either take up the game or have a bit of friendly competition with their mates.

BOXING CLUB

Our TU Boxing Club caters for all students. The club also caters for competitive fighters, recreational student athletes and students just wishing to improve their fitness and try something different via Boxercise classes etc. For students wishing to fight competitively there are many opportunities to do so from various colleges around the country who host fight nights to the IATBA intervarsity's. The boxing club has produced numerous boxers who have won intervarsity medals, represented Ireland in college tournaments and gone on to compete with Irish national squads.

SPORTS FACILITIES – ATHLONE

TUS International Arena boasts an array of options for health-conscious students, beginners and elite athletes alike. This facility includes a fully approved IAAF Indoor Athletics Stadium, student fitness gym, elite training gym, spinning studio, fitness studio, high performance testing room, two cryotherapy units and a movement mechanics sports science studio. Outdoor facilities provided for most sports including an eight-lane IAAF-approved outdoor athletics track which also features a full-size international dimension soccer pitch in the infield area (floodlit), a fully FIFA approved artificial soccer pitch, sand based multi-sport grass training field, full size GAA pitch and a 2km floodlit cross country trail.

The TUS Athlone sports gym has a dedicated team of qualified instructors who will provide you with excellent guidance, advice and comprehensive fitness programmes to match your fitness level, from complete beginners to elite athletes. Students can avail of discounted membership rates or can use the facilities on a pay as you go basis. A wide array of fitness classes are offered in our state-of-the-art studios.



For Bookings or Enquiries contact: Email: [Gym.
midlands@tus.ie](mailto:Gym.midlands@tus.ie)
Tel: 090-6471803

SPORTS FACILITIES – LIMERICK & TIPPERARY

TUS has an impressive range of sports facilities for students, including three full size pitches and an all-weather playing pitch, as well as a fully equipped gym and indoor sports hall at the Moylish campus.

While development of sports facilities is on-going at the Tipperary campuses in Thurles and Clonmel, students have access to a wide range of sports facilities in both towns. In recent times, Thurles campus has developed a purpose built €3.7m, state of the art strength and conditioning building, known as the 'Sports Lab'. Among the facilities available in the 2,000 sq. metre facility are a 45m, six lane sprint track specially designed to improve speed; a Paralympic area; cable machines; a range of sport technology systems, including micro electro mechanical systems and GPS systems; Olympic lifting platforms; five functional screening kits; weights and the full range of exercise machines. It is one of the finest facilities available in the country and is designed to support our Sports Strength and Conditioning programmes. Many local club and inter-county teams have also availed of the superb facilities in the Sports Lab. In June 2023 a new multipurpose sports facility was officially opened on our Clonmel Campus by then Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. The €5.5 million Clonmel Sports Hub

development consists of a 400-meter IAAF-approved athletics track, a skatepark, walkways, cycleways, a playground and a cycle (pump) track. The project also consists of tower buildings and associated site works, as well as floodlights for the athletics track and public lighting for all other areas. The multipurpose sports facility has been developed by Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) in partnership with Tipperary County Council.

For Bookings or Enquiries contact: Email: Bookings.midwest@tus.ie

Tel: 061-293134

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

TUS's commitment to sport is underlined by our Sport Scholarship Scheme which allows students who are at the forefront of their chosen sport to apply for a range of supports which includes use of our sports facilities, physical therapy, one on one strength and conditioning coaching, functional screening assessments, cookery demonstrations, academic support, nutritional advice, lifestyle management, accommodation, financial support and sports psychology. Year on year, TUS awards over 100 Scholarships; The scholarships are not aimed solely at elite players, but are also open to some individuals that take part in coaching and administrative roles in clubs across the college.

Sports scholarship recipients must adhere to the TU's sports scholarship regulations, a copy of which must be signed by those offered the scholarship from

the Sports Department at the annual scholarship induction. Further information on Sports Scholarships is available from the TUS Sports Offices or visit the websites where an application form can be downloaded.

Athlone Sports Department:

Tel: + 353 (0)90 6468022

Limerick Sports Department:

Tel: + 353 (0)61 293134

ELITE SPORTSPERSON ENTRY SCHEME

TUS has in place, for all its undergraduate degree courses, an academic entrance scheme for elite sportspersons. A number of places will be reserved for outstanding candidates who have reached a very high standard of sporting achievement, through performance or coaching, and who are committed to further developing their sporting and academic careers. A 50 CAO Point waive may be awarded to prospective students.

Applicants must satisfy the minimum entry requirements for level 7 and/or level 8 degrees at the TU. In addition, applicants must have reached a specified sports standard to be eligible for this very competitive scheme, and selection of successful candidates will be based on a range of criteria including sporting achievements.

Further details of the Elite Entry Scheme are directly available from Admissions Offices.

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Societies

Enrolling in our Technological University should involve more than just academic learning. It can be a fun experience with lots of opportunities to broaden your horizons. Joining a society gives you the opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people to share your student experience with.

The diversity of TUS Midlands Midwest societies means that practically every taste is catered for. Grab the opportunity to experience something new or pursue an interest you have always wanted to explore. Why not get involved in the Drama, Animation, Poetry or Nutrition Society. Get to know more people with similar interests and expand your network across courses by getting involved in an Academic Society.

TUS Midlands Midwest are members of BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) who run National Award ceremonies every year. Students who are at the heart of societies get the opportunity to achieve the honour of winning a national award for all their hard work.

Societies provide a huge range of activities both on and off campus throughout the academic year, including:

- volunteering opportunities
- leadership training

- trips away
- guest speakers
- social nights
- workshops
- national awards

If you are interested in finding out more,
please contact our Societies Officer

Treacy McIntyre

Email: socsofficer@tus.ie

Follow us on Insta/Facebook:

tus_societies_midlands_midwest



2.7

Student Accommodation

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

A top priority for students is finding suitable accommodation, whether it is for the first time, or for your return to college.

Make sure to look at our SU website which is where you can see what accommodation near your local campus. Simply check out our website www.tussu.ie.

The Students' Union works closely with local landlords and have an approved list of accommodation providers as a first place to start looking. Reach out and get in touch with your union and ask all the questions before booking your student accommodation. Even after finding student accommodation, you may also face challenges or tenancy issues. Your Union will be on hand to provide support and information with any conflict that may arise. As a tenant, you have rights, and your Union will be here to fight for your rights and link you with relevant services if required!

For more tenancy information & student accommodation rights see:

Threshold: 1800 454 454

Residential Tenancies Board: (0818) 303 037

Or contact your local TUS Students Union reception.

Get in touch with our administration team and get to know about everything when it comes to student accommodation in the Midlands and the Midwest.

Athlone Campus:

Tel: 090 646 8067

Email: accommodation.midlands@su.tus.ie

Midwest Campuses (Moylish, Coonagh, LSAD, Thurles & Clonmel):

Tel: 061 293 135

Email: accommodation.midwest@su.tus.ie

Your Officers are there to support you so make sure you reach out to your welfare officer if you have any issues.

VP for Welfare Officer for the Midlands:

suwelfare@su.tus.ie

VP for Welfare for Clare St and Ennis:

suartcollege@su.tus.ie

VP for Welfare for Clonmel and Thurles:

suthurles@su.tus.ie

VP for Welfare for Moylish and Coonagh:

sumoylish@su.tus.ie

Accommodation Safety

- Do not leave personal property exposed.
- Always lock doors and windows before leaving the property.
- If a caller to the door claims to be an official, ask for proof of identity.
- If you lose your accommodation door keys, make sure the locks are changed.
- Never hide keys outside the house.
- Ask the property owner to install an outside light above the front door so that you can see callers clearly after dark.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Please ask the landlord to provide smoke alarms.

Useful Telephone Numbers

- Athlone Garda Station: 090 649 8550 (24 hours)
- Limerick Mayorstone Garda Station: 061 456980 (10am – 6pm)
- Limerick Henry Street Garda Station: 061 212400 (24 hours)
- Thurles Garda Station: 0504 25100
- Clonmel Garda Station: 052 6177640
- Ennis Garda Station: 065 6848100
- Garda Free Phone Confidential: 1800 666 111
- Threshold: 1800 454 454

2.8

Banking Services

ATM facilities are available for students in the following locations:

Thurles Campus – ATM is located outside of the Student Restaurant

2.9

Getting to Campus & Parking Facilities

ATHLONE CAMPUS - GETTING AROUND

Athlone is superbly located and well serviced by public transport links, private and public bus services operate to, from and within Athlone. Bus Éireann operates a number of services in the region which include local and national commuter services.

Bus stops operate on the campus to the rear of the HTL Building and, and on the main Dublin Road just outside the East Campus. Athlone is easily accessible by rail as it is on the main Dublin-Galway, Dublin-Westport and Dublin-Ballina lines and is serviced by over twenty trains per day (Monday-Saturday) and by fourteen trains on a Sunday.

Real Time Information on public transport is available via the screen located adjacent to the main reception. Bus and train timetables are also posted on the Students' Union notice board in the John McCormack Centre. More information (including timetables) can be found at www.irishrail.ie, www.buseireann.ie and www.athlone.ie

TUS Midlands Carpooling Scheme

TUS Midlands Estates Carpooling Scheme allows students to avail of privileged guaranteed car parking on TUS Midlands Campus in the John Count McCormack Centre car park designated car-pooling bays. This scheme is operated by TUS Estates Department in co-operation with our car-parking service providers APCOA.

Benefits include:

- Free Guaranteed all day car parking space
– once used and conditions are met,
- Hundreds of euros in savings a year,
- Greater resale value on your vehicle,
- Lower CO² emissions.

The SU also operate a carpool notice board for those wishing to team up with others commuting to the campus. We encourage all students to opt for healthy options like cycling or walking where possible.

TUS Midlands Estates Department are pleased to provide additional car parking and cycling facilities which are available to TUS staff and students.

Additional Car Parking TUS Midlands Locations:

TUS Car Park No. 17 located at Garrycastle GAA Car Park Eircode N37 DN28:

Conveniently located with ample parking for staff, students, and visitors.

TUS Car Park No. 18 located at Willow Park Soccer Club Car Park Eircode N37 AW68:

Another key parking area close to campus for easy access.

Pay and Display

Pay and Display parking is available adjacent to the John Count McCormack Centre and at the International Arena car park - please follow APCOA Connect app for payment instructions. Please note: Permit holders are not exempt from paid parking charge in these designated areas.

Cycling Facilities

We encourage all students to opt for healthy options like cycling or walking where possible.

We have cycling facilities at the John Count McCormack Centre, including showers and changing rooms with locker storage for cyclists with bike storage shelters located at the rear of John Count McCormack Centre, and across from the International Arena car park. All free of charge.

Bike racks are available in multiple locations on campus and they're FREE. Also, you won't have the hassle of trying to find a parking space. Local bike shops offer a bike rental scheme and discounted bike purchase rates for students so you won't have to worry about getting your bike to Athlone if you live further away. Further info available at Buckley's Cycles 090 646 78989.

Westmeath County Council also provide a bike hire scheme using bicycles parked on campus and an

online app. Further information is available at www.westmeathcoco.ie

Electric car charging facilities are available on the Athlone East Campus. Further information can be found at

<https://tus.ie/estates/athlone/parking/>

All information related to parking your vehicle on campus, including permit purchase and Parking regulations can be found at

<https://tus.ie/estates/athlone/parking/>

LIMERICK, TIPPERARY & CLARE - GETTING AROUND

Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campuses are committed to the promotion of sustainable modes of transport.

All users of each Campus are encouraged to bear this in mind when considering their travel options.

All campuses can be accessed on foot, by bicycle, by bus and by train. Limited car parking is also available.

To see what smarter travel options are available for you please select your campus from the following link:

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/tfi-smarter-travel/>

MOYLISH & CLARE STREET PARKING FACILITIES

At both Moylish and Clare Street, we charge for car parking (staff parking is free). The reasons for this are twofold; one, there are limited spaces and two, to discourage car use.

TUS is a partner with Limerick Smarter Travel and together we are working towards providing more sustainable ways to access our campuses. Various promotions and events are held each year and you are encouraged to take part.

Cashless Parking

The cheaper alternative for paying for your parking by app, online or over the phone. It's simple to use and you can download the APCOA Connect app or alternatively scan the symbol at pay and display machines.

www.apcoaconnect.ie

When you have downloaded the APP

- 1.** Enter the location code
(1089 for Moylish & 0690 for Clare Street)
- 2.** Select your vehicle
- 3.** Select your duration and pay using your e-wallet

Pay & Display

When you purchase your ticket at a machine in the car park please display it inside your windscreen.

The cost of Pay and Display is 50c per hour,
€2.00 per day, € 7.00 per week.

Electrical Car Charging Facilities

Electric car charging facilities are available on the Moylish Campus, Thurles Campus and Questum Research Centre in Clonmel. Further information can be found [here](#)

TUS Midwest Carpooling Scheme

TUS Midwest Estates launched a Car-pooling scheme in 2025 which allows students to avail of privileged guaranteed car parking on TUS Midwest Campuses in designated car-pooling bays. Carpooling is available on the following campuses in the Midwest region, Moylish, Coonagh and Clare Street. This scheme is operated by TUS Estates department in co-operation with our car parking service providers APCOA.

Benefits include:

- Free Guaranteed all day car parking space – once used and conditions are met,
- Hundreds of euros in savings a year,
- Greater resale value on your vehicle,
- Lower CO² emissions.

Please find more details are available on TUS Midwest Parking Regulations at

<https://tus.ie/estates/Midwest/parking/>

USEFUL WEBSITES AND CONTACT NUMBERS

Transport for Ireland

Tel: 01 879 8300

Email: info@nationaltransport.ie

www.transportforireland.ie

Bus Éireann

Tel: 1850 836 611 / 01 8302 222

www.buseireann.ie

Eurolines Central Reservations

Tel: 0871 781 8178

Irish Rail

www.irishrail.ie

Bikeshare

Tel: 0818 44 44 77

Email: contact@bikeshare.ie

www.bikeshare.ie/limerick.html

2.10

Catering

MIDLANDS



There are five Catering Outlets spread across the TUS Athlone Campus, ranging from an extensive Food Hall to a High Street Barista Coffee offering, and a street food style Food Trailer.

These outlets provide great variety, affordable options and something to suit all tastes. The focus is on providing a wide choice of healthy food and beverage options, at affordable prices, in locations across campus, from early morning until evening.

(All Opening Hours advertised locally).

Functions and events can also be catered for with an extensive range of catering options available to suit any requirement and budget.



Centrepont Restaurant

Our Live Cooking Station rotates some of the best dishes, from around the world, cooked fresh, and to

order, right in front of your eyes.

You could try the best authentic oriental cuisine at “Wok This Way”, or maybe dine at “Pasta Fresca”, which delivers traditional pasta dishes, just like from Old Italy.

Or maybe try “Sizzle “N” Stack”, our bespoke “Build your Own Burger” experience.

Add in our daily specials, our fast-food offering and an extensive variety of vegetarian, vegan and healthy options, and you will understand why the Centrepont Restaurant is so popular.

With this, we provide an extensive sandwich bar, serving freshly made sandwiches, wraps, bagels, baps and subs. Something for all tastes, at any time throughout the day.

Centrepont Restaurant is ideally located, in the centre of the Main Campus Building, to allow you to enjoy real food, meet with peers and connect with friends.

Café Barista - WPS Starbucks

Situated in the Main Building, Café Barista, is an escape from the hustle and bustle, where “We Proudly Serve Starbucks” brings that familiar high street coffee experience to the University.

The “We Proudly Serve Starbucks Coffee” offering is more than just high-quality coffee from the 5th most admired brand in the world, it creates an elevated beverage experience that customers know and love.

Whether you are looking for the morning coffee boost, or a refreshing iced drink, at “We Proudly Serve Starbucks”, we provide an everyday and seasonal range of premium Starbucks beverages with iconic flavours and a menu that will connect with our customers, at all parts of the day.

Satellite Outlets

Trailer Swift is our newest eatery on the Midlands Campus, recently opened on East Campus.



Offering a delightful array of Premium Grilled Sandwiches, Mouth-watering Loaded Fries, Deep Filled Jacket Potatoes and, for the more health conscious, our deliciously light, and freshly made, Poke Bowls.

Complimented by our Frank & Honest, bean-to-cup coffee offering, Trailer Swift is not just a new experience, but a whole experience, for diners looking for a change.

The eclectic menu, served with convenience, and a lot of flair, promises to attract food lovers seeking freshness, creativity, and comfort, in a festival type atmosphere.

There are 2 Coffee Shops, strategically located across Campus, meaning a nice cup of coffee is always close by.

Café West is located in the Engineering and Informatics Building, and offers a wide range of hot and cold beverages, light snacks and confectionery. Fresh sandwiches, salads and pastries are also available.



Café East is located on East Campus, in the Nursing and Health Sciences Building, and offers a wide range of hot and cold beverages, light snacks and confectionery. Fresh sandwiches, salads and pastries are also available. Our homemade soups prove very popular with customers here.



TUS Athlone Merchandise Shop

Visit our TUS Merchandise Shop in the Centrepoint Restaurant, to browse our wide range of the latest Official TUS Merchandise including hoodies, sportswear, gifts, etc.

Full range also available through Click & Collect at: www.shop.tus.ie for details.

All outlets accept payment via contactless pay:
i.e. Credit/Debit Cards (Google Pay/Apple Pay)

There are several food & beverage outlets provided in our 4 campuses in Limerick & Tipperary serving a range of hot meals, grab n' go items, confectionary and hot beverages. All served at competitive prices.

The GreenRoom Restaurant in Moylish, Limerick

The GreenRoom offers a variety of food choices – from fresh gourmet burgers and ethnic dishes to classic lunches with a full range of breakfast, vegetarian and vegan options to choose from.

A healthy mind means a healthy body and the aim of the GreenRoom to provide highly nutritional meals that students can incorporate into their diets in a social leaning space.

The GreenRoom is an incredible incentive for students to eat healthy meals on campus, as not only are they beneficial but they are also very affordable. Students can be guaranteed nutritious and alternative meals at unbeatable prices.

Functions and Events can also be catered for with a number of options to suit all budgets.

Starbucks at Moylish Campus

Many coffee drinkers will tell you that coffee is more than a beverage. Starbucks is committed to ethically sourcing, roasting, and brewing the perfect cup of

coffee. This passion extends itself naturally to all coffee beverages and hence we have developed a full range of specialty drinks to enjoy.

Our fully trained Baristas are on hand to make your favourite beverage, from a comprehensive menu.

Starbucks offers hot and cold drinks consisting of; whole bean coffee, espresso, café latte, full and loose-leaf tea and Frappuccino beverages.

A variety of grab n' go wraps, sandwiches, confectionery and freshly baked pastries are also available.

Java Republic at Moylish, Limerick

We make a total commitment to the quality of the coffee we serve. How we source, roast and blend is just the start of a journey that takes in equipment, service and training, all tailored to your needs. We do this to protect the quality of our coffee, but also to help you earn greater customer loyalty. We are passionate about our environment and sustainability. We created the world's first, purpose-built, carbon neutral Roastery – and we spend real money to buy carbon credits from developing countries.

Campus Catering Facilities – Open Times Monday to Friday

Moylish Green Rooms

Starbucks	8:00 - 20:30 (Monday closing 16:30, Friday closing at 15:30)
Breakfast	8:30 - 11:30
Lunch	12:00 - 15:00 (Friday closing at 14:00)
Snack Shack	12:00 – 16:00 (Friday closing at 14:00)
Deli bar	10:30 - 20:30 (Monday closing at 16:00, Friday closing at 14:00)

Moylish Millennium Café

Open daily 8:30 - 15:30 (Friday closing at 14:00)

Serving Hot & Cold Beverages, Pastries and Snacks,
Grab n' go sandwiches and wraps.

All outlets accept payment via: Contactless Credit/
Debit Cards – Google Pay/Apple Pay. Academic Year
Meal Plans can also be arranged.

Gather + at Clare Street, Thurles and Clonmel

We are Gather + Gather and we're delighted to
introduce ourselves as the new on-site catering
providers at TUS Clare Street, Thurles and Clonmel,
looking forward to meeting you all.

Our goal is simple: to provide fresh, delicious, and
affordable food that keeps you fuelled throughout your
day.

From the new term year, you'll see a range of exciting menu options, daily specials, and seasonal favourites, with something to suit a variety of tastes and dietary requirements. We look forward to getting to know the campus community and hearing your feedback so we can continue to offer meals you'll enjoy.

So don't be a stranger pop in for a Coffee, stay for Lunch and enjoy a well deserved treat.



2.11

Withdrawal

If you are thinking of leaving...
Please drop in before you drop out!

It is essential that you speak to a staff member if you are thinking of leaving your course. Often, we can help you address issues you face and help solve problems together. If you still feel you need to leave, we can assist you in exploring your options.

Here is a guideline of who you may wish to speak with depending on the factors surrounding your decision.

Academic Concern	Athlone Campus	Limerick, Tipperary and Clare Campuses
Struggling Academically	Your Head of Department	Your Head of Department
	Your Lecturers	Programme Leader/ Lecturer
	Your Academic Writing Centre academicwriting.midlands@tus.ie	A Faculty Staff Member
	Tutors Maths/IT: Emer.coughlan@tus.ie Business: brianp.kelly@tus.ie Science: sciencetutor@tus.ie	Learning Support Unit E: lsu.midwest@tus.ie Online Resources www.tus.ie

Academic Concern	Athlone Campus	Limerick, Tipperary and Clare Campuses
Wrong Course	Talk to the Careers Officer T: 090 6468129 E: denise.dolan@tus.ie	Careers & Employability Talk to the Careers Officer T: 061 293295 E: joanne.holland@tus.ie
		Head of Department/ Programme Tutor/Staff member
Financial Concern(s)	Student Assistance Fund E: mary.bohan@tus.ie	Student Assistance Fund T: 061-293520 E: saf.midwest@TUS.ie
	Talk about Fees Fee liabilities, payment plans & payment options E: studentfees.midlands@tus.ie	Grants & Fees Office T: 061-293366 E: studentfees.midwest@tus.ie (Fee liabilities, payment plans & payment options)
		Student Emergency Fund Limerick & Clare Campus: Joseph.Walsh@tus.ie Tipperary Campus: Theresa.OSullivan@tus.ie
		Students' Union Welfare Officer W: www.tussu.ie

Academic Concern	Athlone Campus	Limerick, Tipperary and Clare Campuses
Personal Concern(s) <i>- continued</i>	Student Resource Centre Manager E: sarah.lacumbre@tus.ie	Student Support Services E: studentsupportservices.midwest@tus.ie
	Student Counselling Service T: 090 6468063 E: Counselling.midlands@tus.ie	Midwest Student Counselling Service T: 061 293 129 E: counselling.midwest@tus.ie
	Disability & Learning Support T: 090 6468142 E: Disability.midlands@tus.ie	Disability T: 061-293112 E: Disability.midwest@tus.ie
	Medical Centre T: 090 6468063 E: studenthealth.midlands@tus.ie	Medical Centre T: 061293106 E: nurses.midwest@tus.ie
	Chaplain T: 090 6468065 E: seamus.casey@tus.ie	Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator Limerick & Clare Campus: Joseph.Walsh@tus.ie Tipperary Campus: Theresa.OSullivan@tus.ie
	Students Union T: 090 6468067 W: www.tussu.ie	Students Union T :061-293138 W: www.tussu.ie
		Staff within your Department

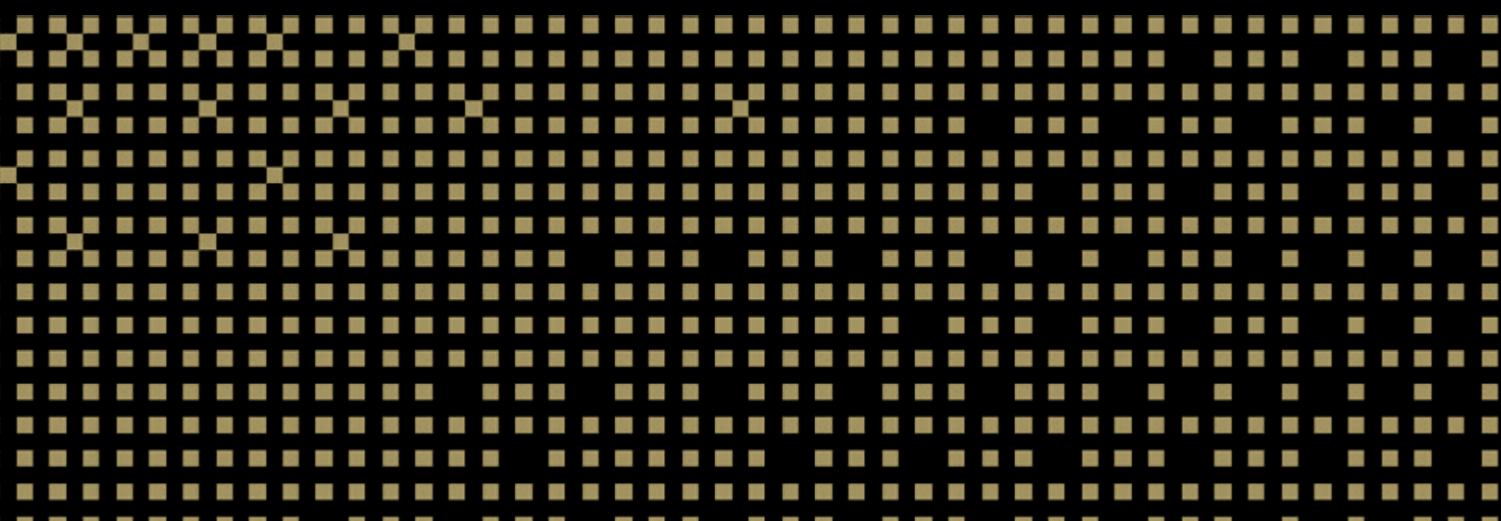
Please note: All students leaving a Programme must complete the withdrawal process with your Admissions Office (Admissions.midlands@tus.ie and admissions.midwest@tus.ie) to ensure accurate records are maintained and to limit any current/future fee or liability.

In the event of your withdrawal, student fees will be charged as follows:

Official Withdrawal Dates	Refund	Fee Liability
< 31 October	Full Refund of Fee	No Fee Liability
01 November – 31 January	Excess of liability paid (50% Student contribution and 50% tuition)	50% Student Contribution Fee 50% Tuition Fee (where applicable)
> 31 January	No Refund	Full Fees

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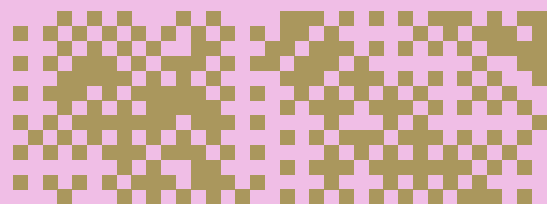
**We firmly believe
that active
membership in
a sporting club
and/or society
has a positive
and enhancing
effect on
students.**

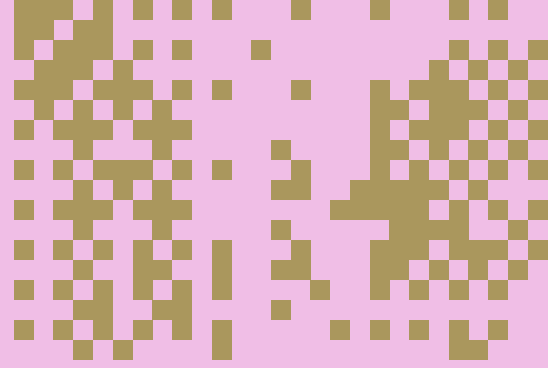


3.



Library





TUS Library plays a key role in supporting the learning, teaching and research needs of our students and staff. Throughout your time in university, library staff will provide you with all of the resources you need to engage with your curriculum, the information skills training to be able to work with information sources, the space for studying and collaborating and the support to get the most out of your learning experience. This guide will provide you with a general introduction to your Library and how you can contact us if you need some help.

The Library has two main campus libraries in Athlone & Limerick, with additional specialist/satellite libraries in Limerick School of Art & Design (LSAD, Clare St.), Nursing in Athlone, sites in Clonmel and Thurles, and staff onsite weekly in Ennis. Each campus location has a collection of books, study spaces and facilities onsite and all electronic resources are accessible to TUS students via the library website 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from anywhere in the world. All of the libraries are staffed by a friendly team of librarians who want to help you to use your library well.

Students are assigned a 'primary' campus library of either Athlone or Limerick and have access to all of the services, collections & supports available to them through their campus library.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Library opening times vary by location. For more information and for evening and weekend opening hours for all our campus libraries, you can check out our library website for links to specific campus locations:

<https://library.tus.ie/opening-hours/>

COLLECTIONS

During your time in TUS, you will discover a range of library collections that are part of your curriculum including reading lists and a wide range of other collections that will support you in completing assignments, projects and exams. The types of collections you have access to include: print books, eBooks, print and online academic journal titles, newspapers, magazines, theses, past examination papers and more. The library has physical books that you can borrow, reference books and journals that you can look at onsite and a significant range of electronic resources in all formats that you can access 24/7 from anywhere in the world!

If you ever feel like you need a break from your academic study to clear your mind, we also have collections for leisure reading such as fiction, titles on personal development, managing mental health, relationships and more. If you want to switch off and watch something different, you will also have access to a streaming platform with movies and documentaries. Whatever you need, the library has you covered.

INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS

Your lecturers may invite the library team into your classes to deliver information literacy training to support you with assignments and projects. During the academic year a great programme of IL sessions are offered by the library that you can sign up to yourself, at a time that suits you. IL sessions are delivered online and onsite. Check the library website, your emails and library social media to find out what is on week to week. You can book an IL session via the library website. Recordings of a selection of sessions will be available to you through Moodle so that you can learn on your own time too. Additional “how-to” recordings are also available via library guides (libguides) on the library website.

STUDY SPACES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Library offers a wide range of study spaces, services and facilities for students including:

- Browsing and borrowing of print books including online services for renewing, reserving an item and more.
- Live Chat from the library website for quick questions and information directly from one of the library team.
- Library desk staff onsite and faculty librarians to help you locate material for your subject area.
- Online library guides and video tutorials accessible via our library website that will take you through most of your how-to's.
- Clinics, classes and workshops where our librarians will cover topics such as 'how to understand your

reading list', 'how to find an e-book', or 'how to reference academic sources' and much more.

- Individual study and group study spaces.
(Selected campus libraries)
- Group study rooms (Selected campus libraries)
- Wifi throughout buildings, Eduroam
- Photocopying, printing and scanning
- Access to PCs and short loan laptops (2 hours) - (selected campus libraries)
- Laptop Loan Scheme
- VR Headsets onsite (Selected campus libraries)
- 3D Printing service (Selected campus libraries)

TOP TIPS AND SOME COMMON QUESTIONS WE GET ASKED...

Where can I access the library online/digital collections and can I access them from home?

All of our e-collections/electronic resources are accessible via your library [website](#). From the library homepage, search for the collections you want and when prompted with a password box, log in with your TUS credentials.

If I take out a book, can I renew it online? How can I check how many items I have out?

You can log into your library account through the library website and view what books you have out and renew them to extend your loan time.

How will I become familiar with the Library and learn how to search through all of the onsite & online resources? I've never used these types of resources before...

Not to worry! When you start in September, we will take you through a library induction where you will meet the library teams and learn the basics to get you started. To ensure you get the best out of your first year in university there are a number of things you can do:

- Check out our LibGuides – accessible from our library homepage, these are great guides written by our librarians, including images and videos on all relevant subjects and skills, including a guide for the referencing style you will need.
- Watch out for in-class and online sessions with your librarians where we'll cover searching skills with you so you can find the most relevant information for your assignment, how to access and read our e-books, online journal articles, how to cite and reference and much more.
- Follow us on social media to keep updated on events happening in the library!
- During Freshers Week please drop into your local campus library, and Boost Your Academic Success Week as part of Connect & Engage, we are looking forward to meeting you.

LIBRARY HELP

The most important thing to remember is that you can always contact one of our librarians via phone, email, the Library Desk onsite, our Live Chat or social media. If you want to ask a quick question, or arrange a one-to-one meeting with any of our librarians to show you how to do something, just let us know. We are here to help!

Please email your queries to library@tus.ie

Additional contact details for each campus library are available via the following link on our website <https://library.tus.ie/locations/>

4.



Computer Services

Your digital/online life as a student centres around your **Microsoft Office 365 account**.

WHAT IS A MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 ACCOUNT?

An online account where all students can access most of their online college resources such as:

- Student email (called Outlook)
- Moodle (our Virtual Learning Environment)
- OneDrive (online file storage)
- Banner Student System (an online site where you access exam results and pay fees)
- TopUp Mobile Printing (add credit to your student account to pre-pay for printing)
- Teams (online meetings/lectures)

HOW DO I ACCESS MY MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 ACCOUNT?

On any internet connection, browse to <https://myapps.microsoft.com>. Or, on the TUS website, browse to <https://tus.ie/students/> and click **Student Apps Portal**.

Student Usernames for Athlone Campus begin with A00***** and Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campuses begin with K00*****

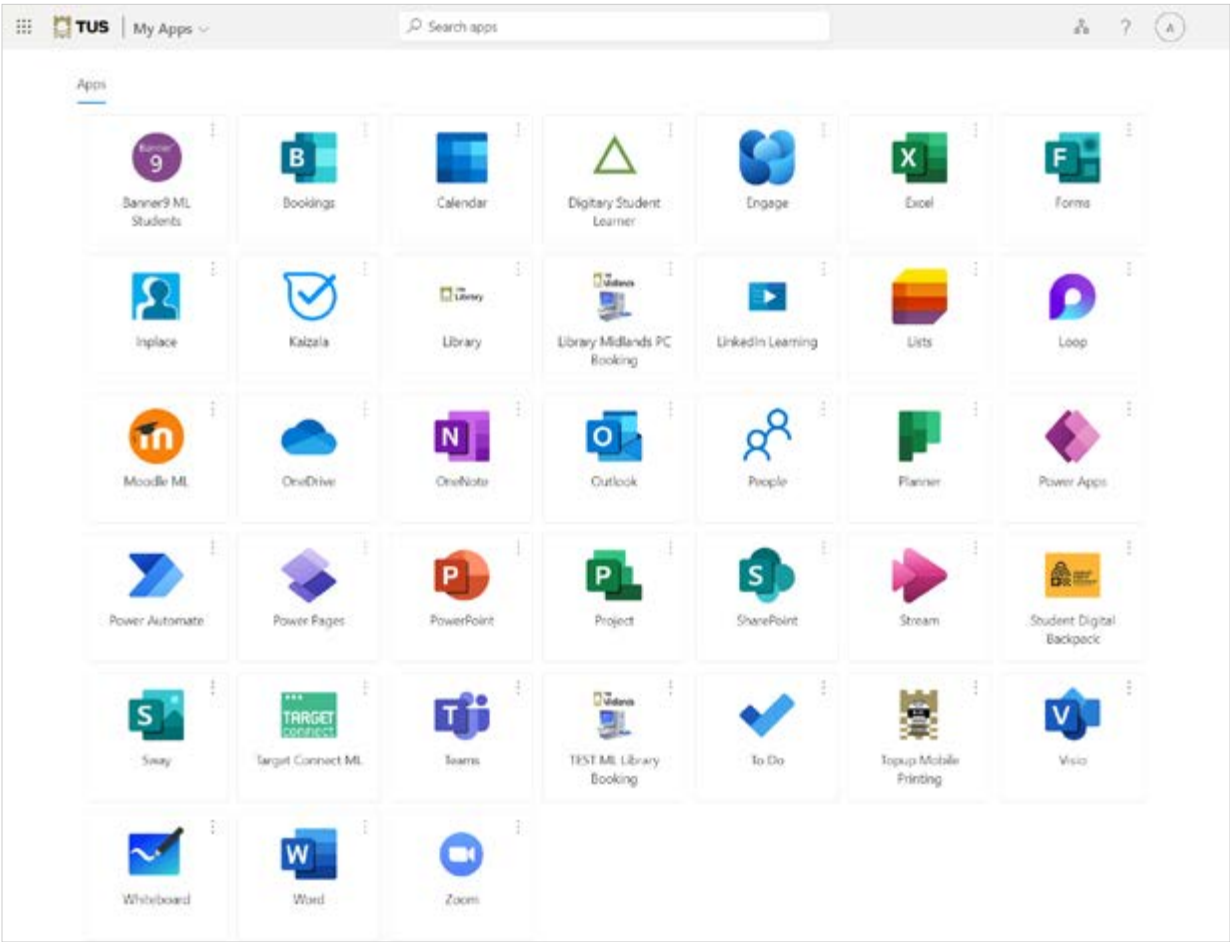
Login with your TUS student username and password as follows:

Username: K00123456@student.tus.ie (your student email address)

Password: By default, this is your date of birth in the format DDMMYYYY

MFA: you will be challenged for MFA. See the MFA Section for more details.

The **MyApps page** (shown below) will be displayed.



Clicking on any of the tiles will open the application shown.

Note: You will only have access to your Office 365 Account while you are a student in TUS. If you graduate and/or leave your course for any reason, you will lose access to your account and all its contents.

MULTI FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

All staff and students must download and use the Microsoft Authenticator app to their smartphone and register for MFA.

Further information can be found by watching this video

<https://go.screenpal.com/watch/c0jUD2VpGLW>

And on this webpage:

<https://tus.ie/it-services/athlone/student-learning-portal/>

STUDENT EMAIL

Your student email account is the primary method of contact between the university and you. You should check it regularly. You can access your student email via your Office 365 Account by clicking on Outlook. Your email address is in the format:

K00123456@student.tus.ie (Student email addresses will begin with an “A” for Athlone based students)

MOODLE (OUR VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT)

Moodle is a virtual learning portal where lecturers upload course materials such as notes, web links, details of assignments etc. Within Moodle, students and lecturers can communicate about subjects using forums and chat. Lecturers can also create surveys, quizzes, questionnaires and blogs on Moodle. Moodle can also be used to submit assignments. Links to the Athlone Campus Moodle can be accessed via the website.

ONEDRIVE (ONLINE FILE STORAGE)

Login to your account and on the MyApps page, click on OneDrive to access OneDrive where you can save/upload all your files. It's a good idea to create a folder for each of your modules (a module is like a secondary subject). NEVER save files to USB sticks or memory

cards. They are potential sources for picking up viruses if used in multiple computers and you run the risk of losing USB sticks. Saving all your college work to OneDrive is the recommended and most convenient way to manage your college notes and files.

BANNER STUDENT SYSTEM (AN ONLINE SITE WHERE YOU ACCESS EXAM RESULTS AND PAY FEES)

Login to your account and on the MyApps page, click on Banner 9 MW Students (or ML for Athlone based students). It is a purple coloured icon on the MyApps Page.

TOPUP MOBILE PRINTING (ADD CREDIT TO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT TO PRE-PAY FOR PRINTING)

Students can add credit for printing using this app on the MyApps page. There are student printers on all campuses. You need your student ID Card to access the printers.

WI-FI ON CAMPUS

Our on-campus Wi-Fi is known as Eduroam (short for Educational Roaming). Sign in with your student email address as your username and your student password. Eduroam is available for you to use in all college campuses in Ireland and many internationally also. It is also available in many hospitals, libraries and public buildings.

STUDENT ID CARD

The Identification Card plays a very important role in the day-to-day life of a student on campus. In addition

to providing identification, it can be the key that gives the student access to a range of secure services throughout the campus. All registered students will receive a student ID card. Please ensure to keep your card with you at all times while on campus. You should note that replacement ID cards cost €10, so try not to lose it! To request a replacement card, please contact the Admissions Office.

USING TUS COMPUTERS ON CAMPUS

There are many computers on campus that students can login to and use. Many of these are in various IT Labs. To login, use your student number as your username e.g. K00123456 and your computer password. Always remember to logout after use. The larger campuses in Moylish and Athlone have rooms (sometimes called Open Access, it's called the Student Computer Centre in Athlone) where students can use computers at any time during the day i.e. these areas do not have scheduled classes and so the computers are free for student use. Ask around on your campus for more information.

STUDENT IT ASSISTANCE

Athlone based students can find further information here:

<https://tus.ie/it-services/athlone/student-learning-portal>

Students based in Moylish, Coonagh, Thurles, Clonmel, Clare Street & Ennis can find further information here: <https://tus.ie/it-services/midwest/>



5.



Examinations & Assessment

5.1

Examinations and Assessment

Our Technological University utilises a variety of assessment methods and you will be advised which methods are used for each module. These may include end of term examinations, continuous assessment including tests, assignments and project or essay submissions and will normally form part of the overall final grade. Assessment information is available through your academic department.

EXAM TIPS AND TRICKS

- Ensure you read and familiarise yourself with the University's Exam Regulations.
- You are required to bring your student ID (photo I.D.) to all examinations.
- Check the details on the timetable regularly as they are subject to change. Please do not take a screenshot of your timetable. The timetable will be available online 4 weeks (where possible) before each exam period.
- You are expected to follow the instructions of the invigilation staff.
- Non-exam related items are not permitted in an exam venue. This includes mobile phones, smart watches, programmable calculators,

notes or books of any kind, pencil cases, cans or labelled bottles, wallets, bags etc.

- Log tables, statistics tables and graph paper will be supplied by the exam invigilator, where required.
- Always check that you have received the correct exam paper.
- Make sure you have completed the cover sheet of your answer booklet before returning it to an invigilator.
- Remember to alert an invigilator if you have any queries during the exam, are feeling unwell or have forgotten an item of stationery.
- If you require a special accommodation for an exam, you must have registered for exam accommodations through the disability support service:

Athlone: Disability.midlands@tus.ie

Limerick, Tipperary and Clare:

Disability.midwest@tus.ie

Exams information, including your exam timetable and help accessing results can be found here:

<https://tus.ie/exams/>

Further details on the Technological University's examination policies and regulations can be found at [https://tus.ie/quality/academic-](https://tus.ie/quality/academic-quality-assurance-enhancement-handbook/)

[quality-assurance-enhancement-handbook/](https://tus.ie/quality/academic-quality-assurance-enhancement-handbook/)

It is the responsibility of each student to read and familiarise themselves with the content of these regulations. The University reserves

the right to modify these regulations and procedures during the academic year.

Exams office contact details:

Midlands: exams.midlands@tus.ie

Midwest: exams.midwest@tus.ie



5.2

Plagiarism - Academic Integrity Policy

Students should be aware that plagiarism is a serious form of academic misconduct. Plagiarism can be defined as “presenting someone else’s work or ideas as your own, with or without their consent, by incorporating it into your work without full acknowledgement” (University of Oxford).

The purpose of intentional plagiarism is to obtain academic benefit, credit or gain. Plagiarism can apply to many materials, such as words, ideas, images, information, data, approaches or methods. Sources of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to, books, journals, reports, websites, essay mills, another student, or another person. The use of Artificial Intelligence to present material as one’s own is also considered a form of plagiarism.

Examples of Plagiarism:

- i. Presenting work authored by any third party or person as one’s own, including work originally authored:
 - by another student, individual, friend, or family member
 - work obtained via the Internet
 - work purchased through the hiring of
 - services such as academic ghost-writers
- ii. Presenting work copied extensively with only minor textual changes from the Internet, books, journals

- or through artificial intelligence, or any other source.
- iii. Improper paraphrasing, where a passage or idea is summarised without due acknowledgement of the original source.
 - iv. Failing to include citation of all original sources.
 - v. Representing collaborative work as one's own.
 - vi. Self-plagiarism, i.e., submitting the same (or closely similar) body of work for two different assessments.

Plagiarism may be found to have occurred if a student copies material from a book, journal, website, fellow student or any other source, and then includes this material in a submission for an assignment or project of any kind, without giving suitable credit to the original creator of the material. Plagiarism, when found to occur, is subject to the Technological University Academic/Disciplinary Regulations.

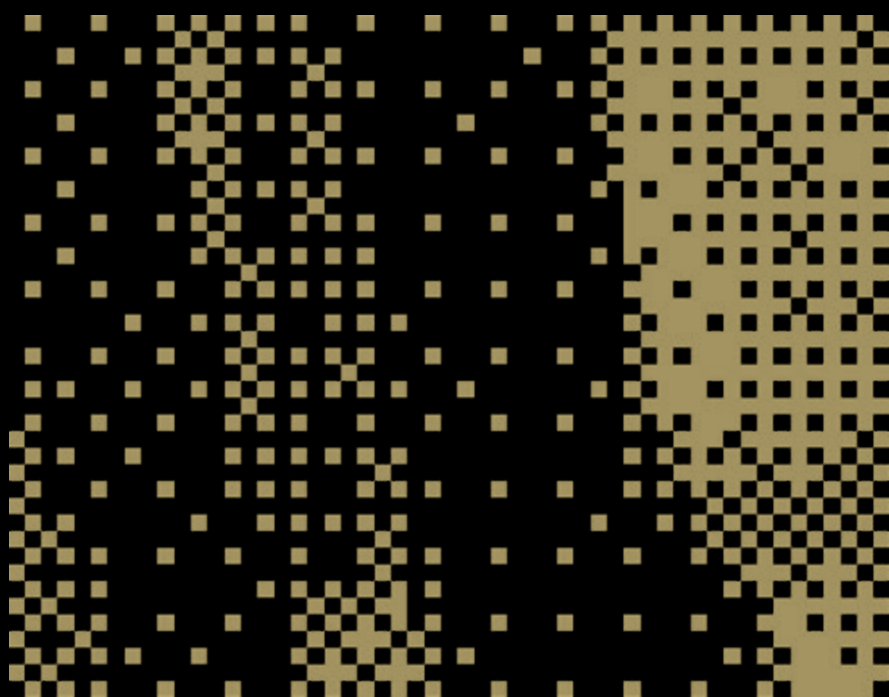
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

AI such as ChatGPT, Co-pilot, and Grammarly AI, are increasingly accessible to students and may be useful for supporting academic work. However, it is essential to use these tools ethically and in line with TUS academic regulations. Students are responsible for ensuring that any material used complies with referencing and originality standards. If in doubt, always consult your lecturer or academic advisor (TUS, 2025). For further context, please refer to TUS Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes.

For additional information on Academic Integrity, please see the following link: [**Academic Integrity - TUS**](#)

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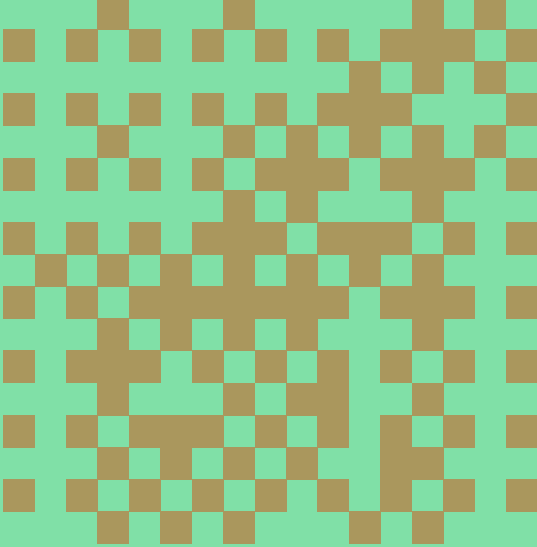
The Technological University is fully committed to helping you flourish and successfully participate and complete your programme of study.



6.



**Research,
Development
& Innovation**



**At Technological University of the Shannon,
Research, Development and Innovation
delivers excellence in multidisciplinary and
interdisciplinary research practice, encouraging
collaboration between researchers and
strategic European and Global partners.**

**Our research ecosystem offers state of the
art infrastructure and high-level expertise
embedded in our many partnerships with industry,
government, and civil society, to solve complex
societal problems. Aligned with institutional
strengths, research raises TUS's profile, attracts
top researchers, and serves as training ground
for postgraduate PhD and master's by Research
students, providing opportunities to work on
advanced projects with experienced supervisors
and mentors. Crucially, our research ecosystem
drives innovation by turning academic research
into real-world impact through technology
development, policy outputs, and community
engagements- reinforcing TUS's role in shaping a
more informed, sustainable, and inclusive future.**

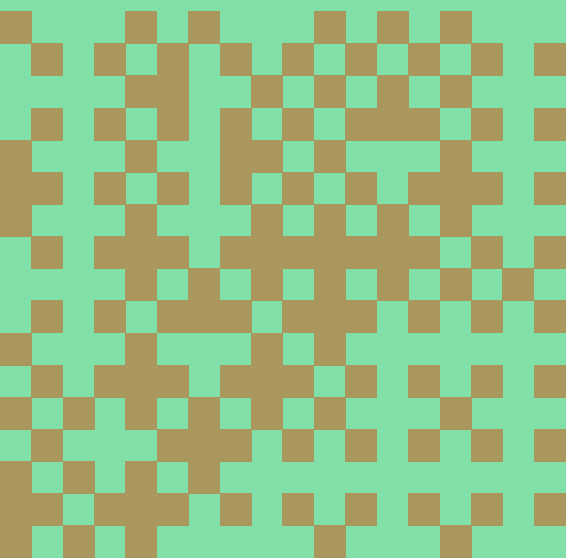
**Our mission is to increase staff and student
participation in research, expand postgraduate**

research enrolments, enhance graduate student satisfaction, driving RDI income, and improve overall growth in research outputs.

While advancing key research priorities that are relevant to the Midlands and Midwest regions, aligned with national and European research priorities, and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We encourage our researchers, both staff and students, to undertake and experience international research. Through our Regional University Network European University Alliance (RUN-EU), we support research mobility opportunities in Austria, Belgium, Finland, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands, Romania and Czechia.

Mobility opportunities in other EU countries and outside the EU are also supported through our TUS Global Office and international team.



WHY UNDERTAKE A POSTGRADUATE DEGREE BY RESEARCH AT TUS?

TUS has a world leading research infrastructure which inspires and enables transformative research, development, innovation and entrepreneurship. We empower PhD and Master's by Research students by providing an outstanding higher education experience that is reflexive, relevant and responsive to our stakeholders' needs. Our research is guided by 'real world' challenges, a commitment to employability, ethics, collaboration and advancing the state-of-the-art.

The hallmark of the educational philosophy within the TUS Graduate School is active and transformative learning through dynamic theory-practice interchanges, ethics of care for staff and students and a marked orientation to understanding the complexities of societal change.

Quality and research excellence is at the centre of everything we do. TUS is renowned for cultivating research leaders, providing world-class education, driving enterprise, and fostering societal engagement. Driving impactful research, development, and innovation is central to our TU strategy and to our vision as a Graduate School. We provide cutting-edge research training that is informed by world-leading research to our postgraduate student and staff communities, collaborating actively with universities in Ireland, Europe and internationally. Our mission is to become the most impactful and leading Graduate

School in Ireland and to become recognised across the world as a centre of excellence in graduate education.

Our research is applied and impactful; we engage in next generation thinking and excel in capturing deep interchanges between societal, economic, scientific, cultural and environmental challenges. At TUS, we invest in you, helping you to develop your distinctive identity as a researcher and as a leader. In joining our research community at the TUS Graduate School, you join world class scholars with a strong commitment to excellence who share this vision of unparalleled quality in supervision, graduate outcomes and maximising our impact for profound global change.

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer research programmes in many different areas which includes the following: engineering, arts, humanities, social sciences, science, health, business and education.

Since 2025, we also offer a PhD in Digitalisation Engineering with our partner universities Politécnico de Leiria (IP Leiria, Portugal) and Polytechnic Institute of Cávado and Ave (IPCA, Portugal). Please see link attached for more information:
PhD Digitalisation Engineering - TUS

CONTACT

For more information contact:

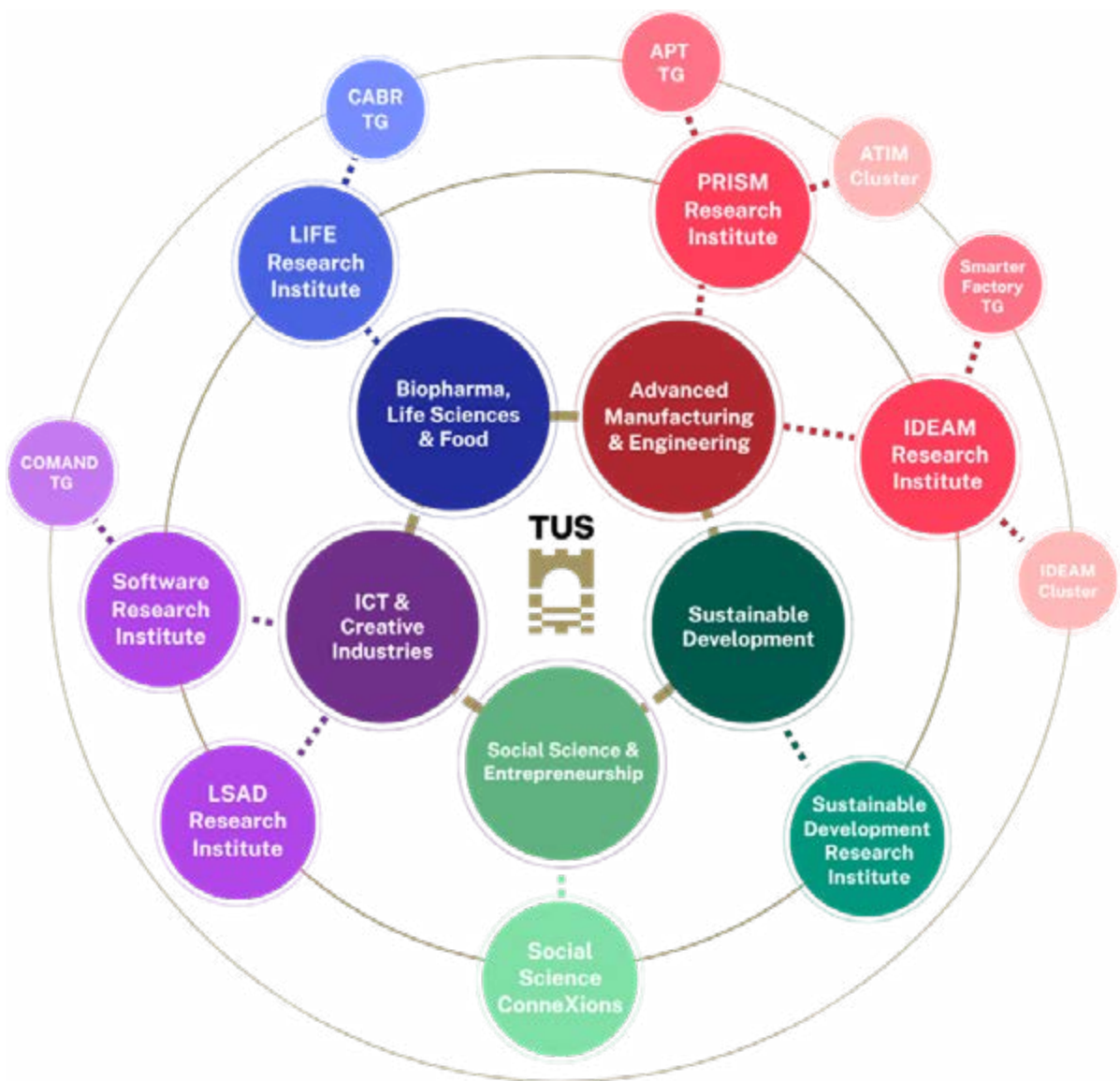
Gsr@tus.ie (Graduate School Athlone) or

graduatestudies@tus.ie (Graduate School Moylish)

Or click on the following: [Graduate School - TUS](#)

OUR RESEARCH INSTITUTES

TUS has seven Strategic Research Institutes as well as four Enterprise Ireland funded (EI) Technology Gateways and two Industry Clusters.



In the Midlands, our Athlone campus addresses national and international research priorities through impactful knowledge creation and transfer. Its three

research institutes are in the areas of materials, software and bioscience.

- LIFE, Health and Wellbeing Biosciences Research Institute
- PRISM (Polymer, Recycling, Industrial, Sustainability and Manufacturing) Research Institute
- Software Research Institute (SRI)

Software Research Institute (SRI)

Established in 2006, the Software Research Institute (SRI) acts as a catalyst to spur innovation through applied research collaboration with industrial partners. The SRI conducts applied research in digital media communications and applications, and network and infrastructure management. The centre has built a reputation for applied research in the communications and network management domain and has collaborated extensively both with small and medium enterprises (SME) and transnational companies, bringing cutting-edge research to the marketplace. SRI is connected to a number of Research Ireland funded Research Centres including Adapt, Lero and Confirm.

The PRISM (Polymer, Recycling, Industrial, Sustainability and Manufacturing) Research Institute

PRISM conducts interdisciplinary research focused on polymer materials science and engineering and builds upon over 50 years' experience in the field.

PRISM is internationally recognised as the leading hub for polymer research and development in Ireland, with a long tradition of developing innovative polymer

solutions for Irish industry. PRISM researchers focus on a wide range of research areas of national importance including sustainable packaging, medical devices, polymer processing, additive manufacturing and digital manufacturing technologies. PRISM is internationally engaged through its membership with the European Composites, Plastics, Polymer, Processing, Platform (ECP4) and a number of multipartner research projects funded by the European commission especially in the biomedical and sustainability fields.

PRISM researchers contribute polymer expertise to a number of nationally funded centres including the Applied Polymer Technologies (APT) gateway co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF , The Enterprise Ireland Meat Technology Centre and the Research Ireland funded Research Centres for advanced materials (AMBER), medical devices (CURAM), bioeconomy (Biorbic) and the Food-Co-Centre, a joint initiative Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-27 between the governments of Ireland and the UK.

LIFE Research Institute (LRI)

Health and Wellbeing Biosciences

LIFE is our first university-wide research institute, it acts as a conduit providing bioscience, health and environmentally focused research and development. Both fundamental and applied research are facilitated with innovation and enterprise in the strategically important areas of microbiology, fermentation, bioprocessing, toxicology, parasitology, analytical chemistry, cell and molecular biology, bioinformatics,

immunology and biotechnology. LIFE RI has a strong focus on advancing circular technologies that operate in tandem with nature, enabling resource efficiency, waste valorisation, and low-carbon and closed loop production systems for the bioeconomy. LIFE RI coordinates and participates in a range of national and EU Horizon transformative projects working with international and national partners to deliver human and environmental health and wellness technology solutions of the future.

Our **Athlone campus** also houses two Enterprise Ireland (EI) funded national technology gateways: APT (Applied Polymer Technologies) and COMAND (Connected Media Software Centre) which are vital supports to regional and national industry.

In the **Mid-West**, our five research institutes are in the areas of Lifesciences, Engineering, Sustainable Development, Creativity and Design, and Social Sciences.

- **IDEAM (Irish Digital Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing) Research Institute**
- **LIFE, Health and Wellbeing Biosciences Research Institute**
- **LSAD (Limerick School of Art and Design) Research Institute**
- **Social Sciences ConneXions Research Institute**
- **SDRI (Sustainable Development) Research Institute)**

IDEAM (IRISH DIGITAL ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED

MANUFACTURING) RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The IDEAM Research Institute, is focused on the research and development of data-driven solutions for Industry. With core expertise in Engineering, Energy, Electronics, Informatics and Manufacturing, IDEAM is a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary institute focused on the development of excellence in research, collaborative research projects and regional training & skills that can deliver impactful research and innovation. It has an extensive industry support base across Ireland, is currently collaborating on 24 industry-based research projects and is directly supported by a strong eco-system of 65 actively engaged companies who have contributed to the definition and growth of this research area.

LSAD (Limerick School of Art and Design) Research Institute

LSAD Research Institute was established in 2013 and brings together research activity across the Departments of Design, Fine Art and Education, Digital Arts and Media, and the Midlands Media Design Department. It operates as a cross-disciplinary research environment, connecting staff researchers with PhD, MA and MSc students across six campuses. The Institute has been involved in a wide range of international, European and national research projects and proposals, supported through programmes including Creative Europe, Erasmus, INTERREG, Science Foundation Ireland, the Irish Research Council, Horizon Europe, Enterprise Ireland and Creative Ireland. LSAD Research Institute currently includes two

research centres, various research groups and a design hub **Forge Design Factory**. Together, these support collaborative research across areas such as sustainable materials, fine arts, digital arts, design and other evolving fields of creative practice and inquiry. The Institute supports research development through project planning, partnership building, budgeting and project management, helping to strengthen research capacity across different disciplines and at different career stages.

For students, LSAD Research Institute offers opportunities for academic growth, skills development and professional advancement through direct engagement with a live research culture. It provides the experience, networks and support needed to help emerging practitioners and researchers make meaningful contributions within the fields of art and design.

Social Sciences ConneXions Research Institute

Social Sciences ConneXions is a collective of 5 research groups located in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the TUS Midwest campuses. Founded in September 2013, the collective is comprised of: Loss and Grief research group, Engage, EDGE, TAG and VIPER.

Our aim and vision is to promote social inclusion, provide a voice for those who are not heard, and enrich the body of academic knowledge informing social and community practitioners from a variety of disciplines. With this in mind, we are engaged in collaborative

efforts with organisations supporting those who are vulnerable through graduate research projects, media appearances, conference and workshop presentations, publications and community research events.

Sustainable Development Research Institute

The Sustainable Development Research Institute (SDRI) advances TUS's ambition to lead in sustainable development within our technological university. By conducting interdisciplinary research, SDRI aims to generate new knowledge and deliver positive societal impacts.

Building on the strong foundation of applied research at the TUS Thurles campus, SDRI aspires to become a nationally and internationally recognised centre of excellence, empowering communities, enterprises, and industries to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. SDRI's efforts are centred around the themes of Nature, Economy, Society, and Wellbeing, marking a significant enhancement in TUS's role in the sustainable development agenda.

This aligns with TUS's goal of being a research-informed organisation and influencing future policy through active collaboration with higher education institutions (HEIs), research-performing organisations (RPOs), and policymakers both nationally and internationally.

SDRI's research activities focus on key themes: Climate Action & Energy, Rural & Sustainable Development, Social Enterprise, and Sustainable Technology

for Education. These focus areas have been strategically chosen to align with current sustainable development thinking, ensuring SDRI can secure funding and form partnerships to address specific issues while promoting interdisciplinary research.

In TUS Midwest, our two EI-funded Technology Gateways – The Centre for Applied Bioscience Research (CABR) a collaboration with MTU, focused on Biotechnology while Smarter Factory Technology Gateway focuses on Digitalisation in Manufacturing drives industry collaborative research.

TUS also hosts two industry focused Clusters – ATIM (Advanced Technologies in Manufacturing) in the Midlands and IDEAM (Irish Digital Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing) in the Midwest.

RESEARCH SPECIALISATIONS

Research within TUS occurs across multiple disciplines and includes interdisciplinary research. From an Engineering and Information Technology perspective, a key focus is around Industry 4.0 Strategies where there is a convergence between many disciplines including Engineering, Manufacturing Digitalisation, ICT, Human Computer Interactions (HCI), Interactive Systems Research, Bioinspired Materials, Energy Efficiency and Deep Decarbonisation.

In the Lifesciences sector, our state-of-the-art facilities include CABR where we have a key focus on food, biotechnology, analytical methodology development, controlled environmental life sciences laboratories.

From a Fine Art and Design and Creativity perspective, there is a specific focus on Art, Design and Creative Multimedia through the LSAD Research Institute.

In Business and Humanities there is a strong focus on Business, Events, Sport and Tourism research. Social Sciences and Social Enterprise are prioritised through Social Sciences ConneXions.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

TUS is committed to the creation of new knowledge and Intellectual Property. Knowledge transfer is a multidisciplinary process that begins with the discovery of novel technologies and covers the complex value chain linking research to its eventual market deployment.

TUS's Intellectual Property Policy (IPP) sets out TUS's policy in relation to the protection and commercialisation of IP arising from research undertaken by staff and postgraduate students - in line with the National IP Protocol. It is a condition of being a staff member or postgraduate student of TUS that the results of all research or projects should be promptly and fully disclosed to TUS.

We support innovation – the process of transferring results from your research to the marketplace and to wider society.

Email: ktco@tus.ie

INNOVATION & ENTERPRISE

Our innovation and enterprise mission is to turn ideas into innovation and innovation into thriving businesses, helping to drive economic growth within our regions and across Ireland, driven by the quintuple helix innovation model.

This involves interactions among five key elements of society:

- Academia
- Industry
- Government
- Culture
- Environment

Our four enterprise and acceleration centres on our



Midlands and Midwest campuses have supported globally award-winning entrepreneurs for more than 15 years through our programmes of support.

If you have a business idea or want to develop your entrepreneurial and innovation skills contact us at innovate@tus.ie

- Learn to test a business idea and develop a product/service to ensure venture success
- Learn about all the startup supports available to you here and beyond
- Book an appointment for a 1-1 or team start-up clinic or workshops
- Join our community and build your network
- Join us at our Enterprise Centre(s) for our Breakfast Club Sessions, Lunch & Learn Series, Startup Grind and special events to help you to develop your Entrepreneurship & Innovation skills and build your network
- Compete in our Student and National Entrepreneurship & Innovation Awards
- Apply for one of our Entrepreneur & Innovation programmes such as New Frontiers (the national entrepreneur development programme funded by Enterprise Ireland) or join us for masterclasses or mentoring programmes
- Need space for your startup? Become a campus incubator member
- Do you have a product / service / process idea that

you could work on for a Masters or PhD?

- Do you need support commercialising your idea?
- Do you need advisors for your startup?

Find out about opportunities to work with a start-up company on campus and more... Contact us by email innovate@tus.ie or online.

The Midlands Innovation and Research Centre on our Athlone campus provides incubation and business support for innovative start-ups. Contact: mirc@tus.ie

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK EUROPE (RUN-EU) ALLIANCE

TUS is part of a European University Network – Regional University Network Europe (RUN-EU).

RUN-EU is made up of higher education institutions with a long-term vision of institutional structural and strategic cooperation, based on common values and agreed on principles. The RUN-EU alliance brings together regionally focused Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in a highly ambitious transnational alliance, committed to societal transformation in their regions in the context of both new and emerging regional and global challenges and in particular, sustainable regional development. RUN-EU mobilises all four missions of a university including education, research and innovation and service to society and will be responsive to the digital and green transition agendas and key socio-economic challenges of the EU.

Look out for RUN-EU opportunities and events advertised on the TUS website, social media pages, TV screens and in the Erasmus office' throughout the year

RUN-EU is made up of 9 further partner HEI's:

- Politecnico de Leiria (Portugal)
- HAMK - Hame University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
- Vorarlberg University of Applied Science (Austria)
- Polytechnic of Cávado and Ave (Portugal)
- NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
- University of Burgos (Spain)
- Howest University of Applied Science (Belgium)
- University of Galați (Romania)
- Technical University of Liberec (Czechia)

RUN-EU's focus is to provide the necessary skills so students, researchers, and regional agents can successfully face the challenges of the future.

Through the network, RUN-EU provides industry in the Midlands and Midwest with access to a new collective of research and skills expertise from over 11,600 staff and almost 117,000 students improving national and international competitiveness.

RUN-EU has developed an integrated long-term

strategy for research and innovation within our European university. RUN-ERA will consist of three different pillars, namely the RUN Immersive Research Institute (RUN-IRI), RUN Discovery (RUN-DIS) and the RUN European Innovation Hubs (RUN-EIH). It is envisaged the creation and delivery of RUN-ERA will increase the national and international competitiveness of the associated regions and their academic community. RUN-ERA will deliver enhanced access to research and innovation excellence and enhanced interconnections between innovation ecosystems across RUN-EU through the RUN-EU European Innovation Hubs with particular emphasis on green and digital transitions and socio-economic challenges. The following provides a short summary of the aims of the 3 pillars of RUN-ERA.

RUN-EU has created 3 European Innovation Hubs to date for

- (i) Future Industry and Sustainable Regional Development,
- (ii) The Bioeconomy and
- (iii) Social Innovation.

These innovation hubs will evolve further in the coming years with a view to enhancing their focus on EU priorities associated with the digital and green transition and current and future socio-economic challenges.

RUN Discovery has built European future-looking research, development, and Innovation (RDI) teams of researchers, research students, academic staff and

regional partners in a multidisciplinary approach thus delivering innovative solutions adaptable to different regions in Europe. The network will also collaborate with RUN-IRI to deliver high-quality training courses on developing research ideas into projects.

To attract high-potential students for research tracks in the alliance, RUN-DIS will also establish the RUN Discovery Student Academy in which students are engaged in research for a period of 3 to 12 months in an immersive tutor-student research-based learning ecosystem with obligatory mobilities within the alliance. The RUN Discovery Student Academy will be a highly competitive network with a yet to be developed selection procedure for students to become members of the academy each year. RUN-IRI aims to develop research-focused as well as innovation-focused training courses for the RUN-EU research community. They share their knowledge with the goal of lifelong learning and focus especially on career development in research and innovation.

CONTACT DETAILS

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**Graduate Studies (Midlands) Technological
University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest**

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Research Office

Technological University of the Shannon

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Email: Research@tus.ie

RUN-EU Office

Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands
Midwest, Moylish Park, Limerick, V94 EC5T
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Email: runeu@tus.ie

Innovation & Enterprise

Hartnett Enterprise Acceleration Centre
Moylish Park, Limerick, V94 E8YF

Questum Enterprise Acceleration Centre

Ballingarrane Science & Technology Park,
Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 V239

TCEC (Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre)

Thurles Campus, Nenagh Road,
Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41 T6K5

Email: innovate@tus.ie

Phone: 061 293 151 / 061 293 830 / 0504 28 027

Midlands Innovation and Research Centre

Dublin Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37 F6D7

Email: mirc@tus.ie

Phone: 090-6468116

Technology Transfer

Email: tto@tus.ie

Phone: 090-6468116

Email: research@tus.ie

Phone: 061 293509

7.



Data Protection and Freedom of Information

DATA PROTECTION

TUS is a data controller of student personal data. We must process personal data in compliance with the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and all relevant data privacy guidelines issued by the EDPB, and the Data Protection Commissioner (DPC).

TUS publish a **student privacy notice** which outlines how we process the personal data of our past, current and prospective students. This privacy notice is available to view on the website links listed below. We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the contents of this privacy notice and contact the office using the email listed below with any queries or concerns you may have.

OTHER PURPOSES

Where TUS wish to process your personal data for a purpose outside that for which it was collected, for example to take part in surveys, we will contact you to request your consent and provide you with all the necessary information to make an informed choice. If you choose to allow the processing, you can change your mind and withdraw your consent within the timeframe noted in the consent form, without any negative impact on you. If you choose not to allow the processing, then you will not receive any further communication relating to that particular purpose.

NECESSARY SHARING - HEA

The Higher Education Authority is responsible for funding higher education institutions and advising the Minister for Education and Skills on policy formulation to develop the highest standards in our higher education system. This means that TUS is legally required to share some of your personal information with the HEA.

HEA Data Collection Notice

The HEA data privacy notice for the collection of personal data from HEI's is available on the HEA Website and in the TUS Student Privacy Policy. You can also follow the link [here](#) to access the HEA Webpage.

Student Privacy Notice

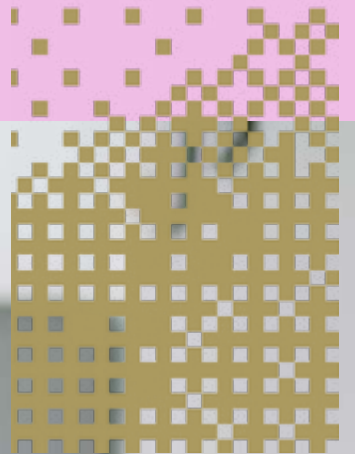
The Student Privacy notice is available on the TUS website at <https://tus.ie/privacy/data-protection/> Contact datacompliance@tus.ie / 090 6468009 with any questions you may have in relation to the processing of your personal data.

Freedom of Information

For information relating to the Freedom of Information process in TUS please log on to our website at: <https://tus.ie/privacy/freedom-of-information/> or contact at datacompliance@tus.ie / 090 6468009 with any questions you may have in relation to requests for records or information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

Further Queries and Ombudsman

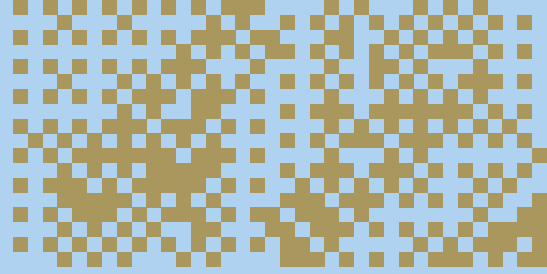
Queries related to any of the above and any queries regarding complaints to or contact with the Ombudsman may also be referred to this office at datacompliance@tus.ie



8.



**Health
& Safety**



TUS wishes to ensure that your time spent here as a student is a safe and healthy one. In this regard, it is important that you familiarise yourself with the Safety Systems, and Emergency Procedures.

While TUS core health and safety principles apply across the Athlone, Limerick, Tipperary and Clare campuses, the buildings, their accommodation, and the activities taking place on each campus can differ significantly. As such, the local campus health & safety procedures, and Campus emergency contacts will be different.

The following sections provide a summary of important health and safety information for students.

Please adhere to all relevant TUS safety policies, procedures and provisions made to secure and maintain good standards of health and safety for all TUS directed student activities.

TUS Health and Safety information is available at:

<https://tus.ie/health-and-safety/>

Campus Specific Information:

For the Midlands Campuses

<https://tus.ie/health-and-safety/midlands/>

For the Midwest Campuses

<https://tus.ie/health-and-safety/midwest/>

8.1

All Campuses

STAYING SAFE

Whether your study takes place in a library, classroom, laboratory, or workshop it is important that all students are aware of the hazards and safety arrangements in place in each working environment. TUS directed student activity needs to be undertaken safely and must be performed in accordance with the approved local (e.g. Academic Department or Faculty) Health and Safety Rules and Procedures, which include Safety Rules, Safe Operating Procedures, Risk Assessments, Safety Signage and the appropriate levels of student supervision. Some important safety requirements a student must follow, are set out below:

- It is the duty of every student to take reasonable care of their own safety, health and welfare and that, of any other person who may be affected by their acts or omissions while on any TUS Campus.
- A student must cooperate with staff and any other TUS appointed person to support maintaining good standards of Health and Safety and compliance with the Health and Safety statutory provisions.
- All students need to ensure that they wear the right PPE & Attire before entering workshops or laboratories. The PPE needs to be the correct type & fitted correctly for the task a student is to perform. Your academic department or

supervisor will provide information on the specific requirements, the rules and how to acquire the PPE.

- For you, your fellow students and staff safety, do not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse equipment or machinery e.g. do not remove or bypass machinery guarding, or misuse fire extinguishers, protective clothing, spectacles, goggles, warning signs, caution cones, etc.
- Students must report any defect in equipment or machinery to the relevant member of staff without delay, to help prevent accidents and incidents.

FIRE SAFETY

In the event of an outbreak of fire in any campus building, the Fire Alarm will be sounded & all persons are required to leave the building and go to the designated external assembly areas. Lifts should not be used during any emergency evacuation of a building or fire drill.

Fire Emergency information evacuation plans (Floor plans) showing exit stairs and doors are located in prominent positions in building corridors. These charts also contain the procedures to be followed in an emergency.

ACCIDENTS

In the case of an accident or injury, immediately report it to the person in charge of the practical or class (e.g. Lecturer). An accident report form will need to be completed and submitted to the H&S Office.

FIRST AID

There are staff in each department trained as First Aiders. First Aid Boxes/kits are located throughout all campus buildings and in laboratories and workshops. Defibrillators are available on each campus for emergency use.

SECURITY

TUS will not accept responsibility for any loss of personal property, whether or not such property is left in lockers or cupboards provided. In order to avoid such losses, students should be vigilant at all times. In particular, students should:

- Report to Campus Security/Caretakers/ Estates Department anyone acting suspiciously within the campus grounds.
- Be careful with money and don't leave it unprotected in clothing or bags.
- Ensure that bicycles are locked securely to the bicycle racks.
- Keep lockers locked at all times and do not keep valuables in lockers.
- Take normal precautions regarding personal safety, both on and off campus.
- Report all incidents of theft or other irregularities to security/ caretakers/Estates Department.
- When you are out socially with your friends, it is important to always be aware of your own and each other's personal security. In keeping with the 'Mind Your Mates' programme, if your friend becomes unwell or out of control, and if safe to do so, please step in to ensure they don't get into bother.

8.2

Midlands-Athlone Campus

CAMPUS EMERGENCIES

In the event of any emergency Dial 112 or 999 from any internal, public or mobile phone. Give the details of the service you require; ambulance fire service or Garda and wait until you have given all the information requested of you.

The address or location on the TUS Midlands Athlone Campus (i.e. East & Main Campus, Identify the Campus Building Name & your location in the building if possible), Dublin Road, Athlone, County Westmeath, including the Eircode 'N37 HD68'

You must also contact the Campus Emergency Response Team on 087 111 4444 for any campus emergency. Our team will assist in all campus emergencies and support the National Emergency Services getting to the incident location on campus.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY ON CAMPUS

During a medical emergency, it may require some time for the ambulance personnel to reach the location. If required, during term-time and where available, the **student health nurse** can be reached for assistance at **087 9977437**

AND

Contact the **Campus Emergency Response Team** on **087 111 4444** - they are trained First Aiders. Defibrillators are available on each campus for emergency use.

MEDICAL ADVICE/SUPPORT (NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCIES)

For medical support and advice contact the **student health centre** at **090 64 68063** (term-time, students only)

For alternative services contact **MIDOC** at **1800 302 702** - for service after 6 pm weekdays and 24-Hour service at weekends.

TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS - ATHLONE

The Athlone Campus is a Tobacco Free Campus which means smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco or unregulated nicotine products (such as electronic cigarettes) are prohibited in all campus areas (i.e. this includes inside & outside buildings on all campus grounds/property).

More detailed health and safety, policies, procedures, and guidance information are available on the TUS website at <https://tus.ie/health-and-safety/>

8.3

Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campuses

CAMPUS EMERGENCIES

In the event of any emergency Dial 112 or 999 from any internal, public or mobile phone. Give the details of the service you require; ambulance fire service or Garda and wait until you have given all the information requested of you.

The following are the Eircode's of the Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campuses:

Limerick:

- Moylish – V94 EC5T
- Clare Street - V94 KX22
- Georges Quay - V94 RH21
- Merriman House - V94 YV10
- Coonagh - V94 4K88

Clare:

- Ennis – V95 DP96

Tipperary:

- Thurles - E41 PC92
- Clonmel - E91 D896

You may also contact the Estates Department or Caretakers on campus, who will assist in any emergency. Defibrillators are available on each campus for emergency use.

MEDICAL ADVICE/SUPPORT

For medical advice and support between 9am and 4pm contact the **Student Health Centre** on 061-293106 or email nurses.midwest@tus.ie

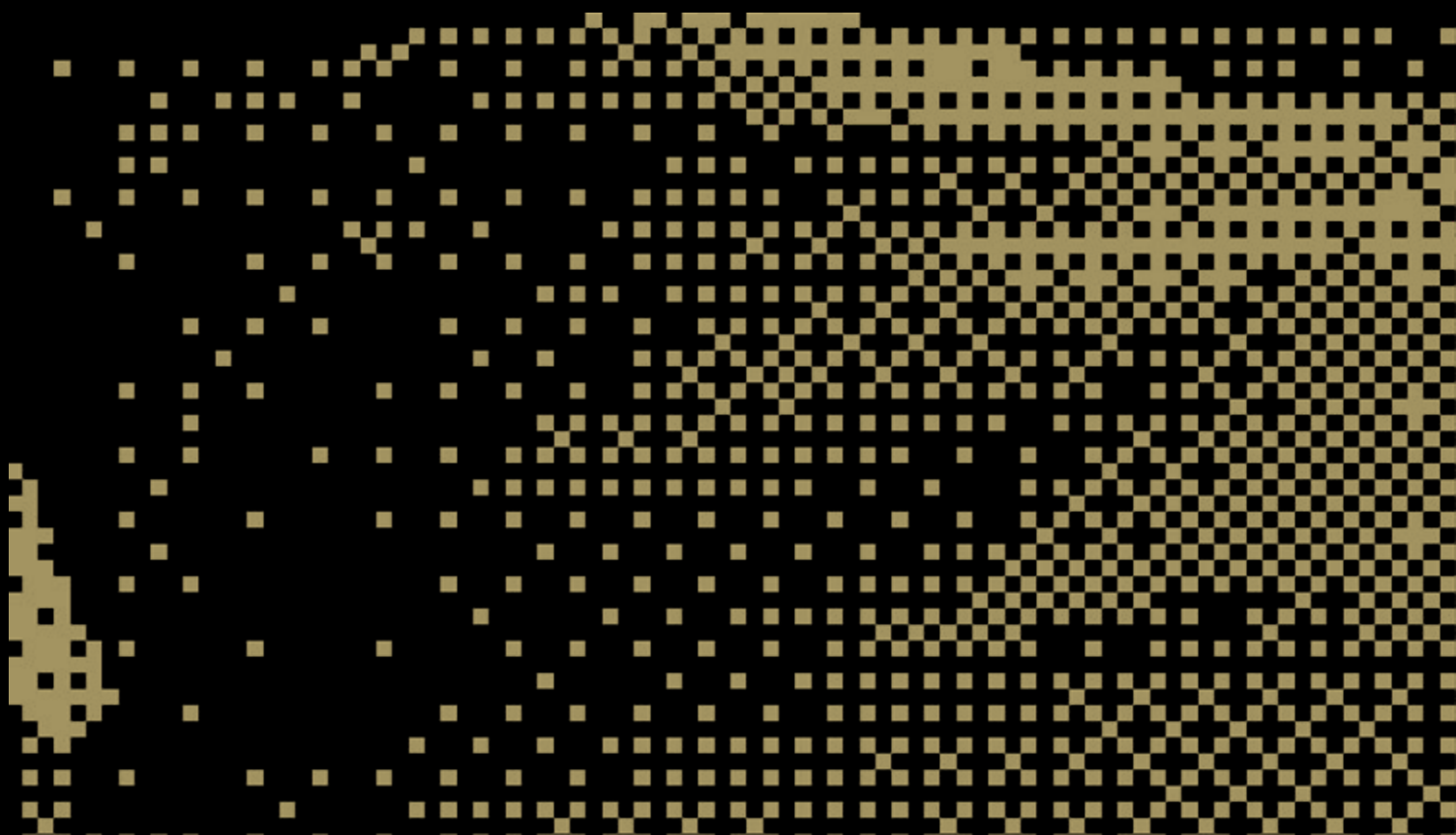
SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The Limerick, Tipperary & Clare campuses operate a Smoke Free Workplace Policy as set out below:

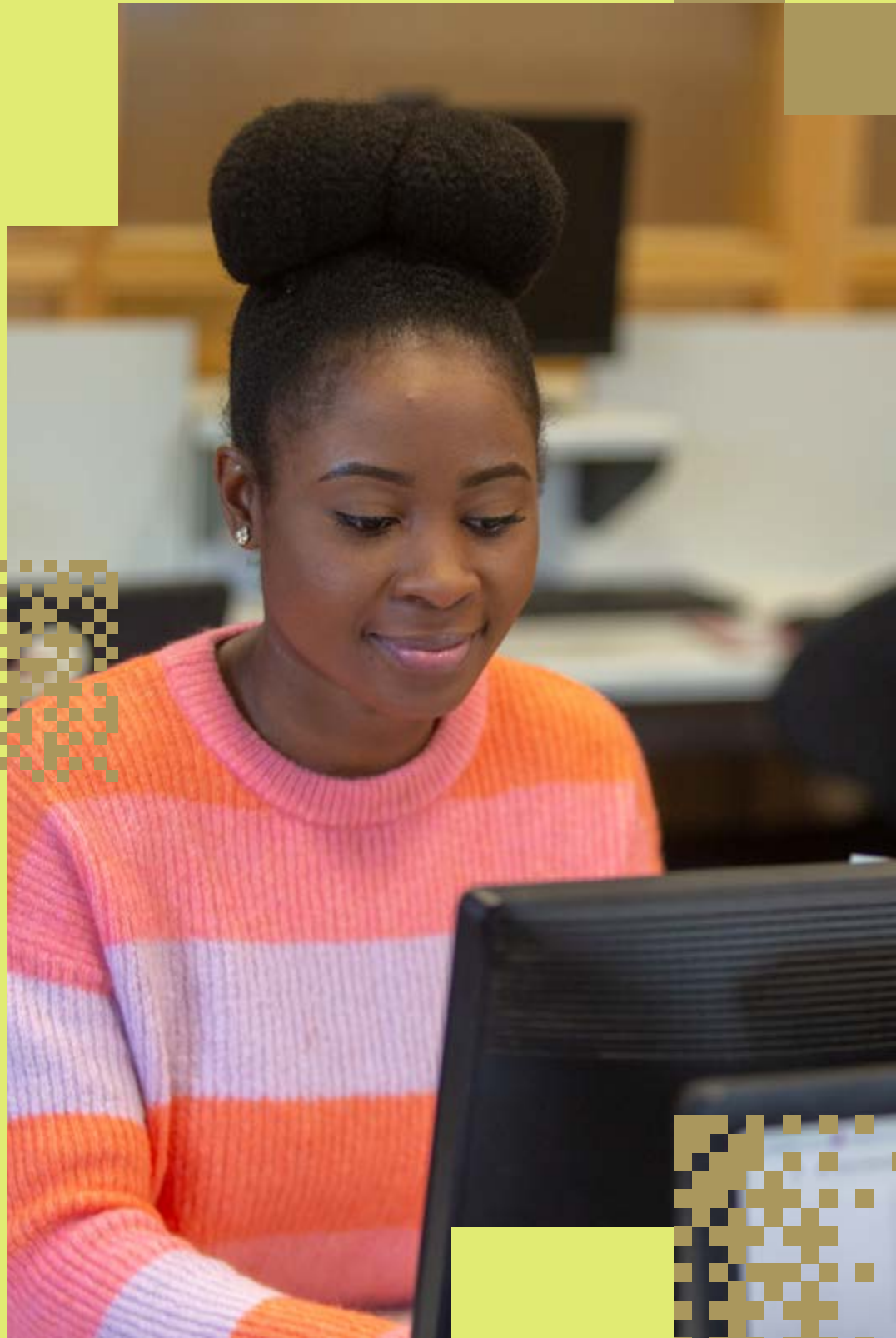
- Smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings including tobacco, e-cigarettes, herbal cigarettes etc.
- It is not only prohibited within campus buildings, but also areas within 6 meters of all entrances, exits, open windows, ventilation intake systems and covered entryways of any building.
- Infringements for staff and students will be dealt with in accordance with normal disciplinary procedures.
- Smokers must ensure that cigarette butts and packaging are properly disposed of, and do not litter or introduce a risk of fire.

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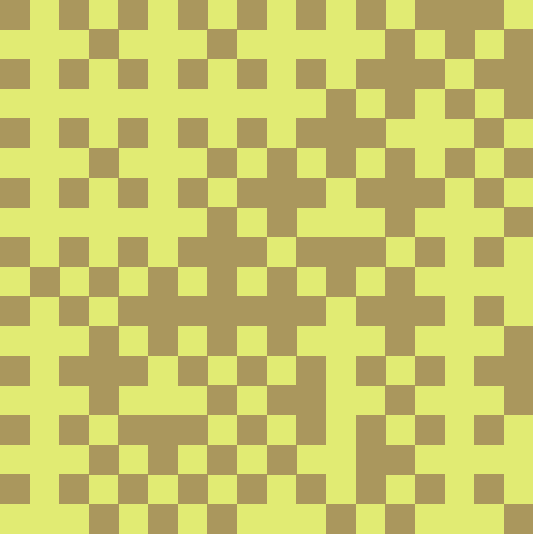
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Study Guide for Students



We are committed to supporting your learning throughout your academic journey. The following guidance outlines the blended supports available to you at TUS as well as useful tips and resources.

LEARNING SUPPORT UNIT

The Learning Support Unit offers free academic assistance to all registered TUS students upon request. Support is delivered through a supervised self-help model, encouraging collaboration between students and tutors. To find the resources available on your campus, explore the Learning Support page via the links below:

For Athlone:

[Learning Support – Midlands](#)

For Limerick, Tipperary and Clare:

[Learning Support - Midwest](#)

LEARNER SUCCESS TOOLKIT

As you begin your journey at TUS, the [Learner Success Toolkit](#) is an invaluable one stop shop for learning resources including; services, apps, downloads, and videos, all designed to support your academic success. Some resources are specific to TUS Midwest and TUS Midlands campuses ensuring you have the right support where and when you need it.

The toolkit is presented in nine easy-to-navigate tiles. Each tile is tailored to help you find exactly what you need, making your academic journey smoother and more successful, click on the relevant heading below to find out more:

IT & Digital Skills

- Student Guide: Microsoft Office 365.
- Student Guide to Moodle.
- Student Printing.
- Microsoft Word: Formatting an Assignment.

In-class Resources

- Effective Reading Skills.
- Notetaking.
- Presentations.
- Group Work.

Organisation & Time Management

- Organisation and Prioritising.
- Removing distractions to help you focus.

Planning & Writing Your Assignments

- A variety of tools and guides to support you through every stage of your assignment from initial planning to final editing.



Research Skills

- At university, you will use academic sources in various forms, this section offers tools to help you find, evaluate, and organise them effectively for your assignments.

Referencing Skills

- Referencing is key to academic work, this section offers resources and tools to help you reference properly, avoid plagiarism, and manage citations using tools like Zotero and EndNote.

Exams & Revision

- Effective revision is key to exam success, discover techniques that suit your learning style to boost productivity and reduce stress.

Thesis & Final Year Projects

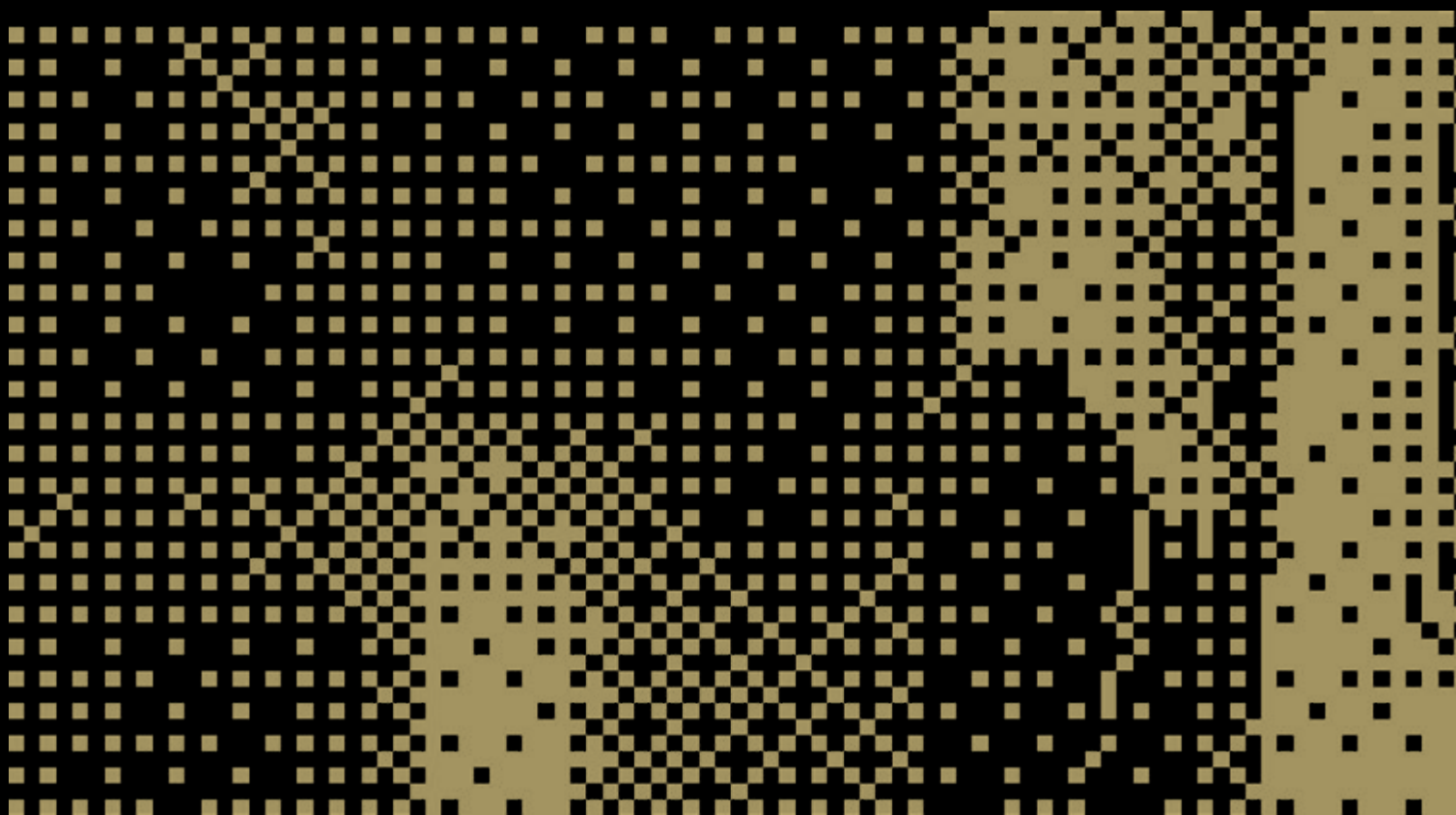
- Writing essays, a thesis or dissertation showcases your research and writing skills. In this section you will find resources and tools to help you effectively plan, structure, and present your work including a handy 'your essay builder' guide.

Mental Health Resources

- Managing College and Life.
- Coping with Anxiety.
- Exam Stress.
- Additional Resources.

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**Skills,
Support,
Success**



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Student Policies & Student Insurance

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Policies & Further Information

The TUS Academic Quality Assurance and Enhancement (QAE) Handbook contains the Quality Assurance Policies and Procedures of TUS. The QAE Handbook is in continuous review and the constituent documents are developed and maintained by Academic Council and the Sub-Committees. For convenience of access the TUS Academic QAE Handbook is divided into a series of Volumes and can be accessed on the TUS website at the following link:

<https://tus.ie/quality/academic-quality-assurance-enhancement-handbook/>

The QAE Handbook includes the TUS Academic Regulations, and these are available in Volume 4 in the document named: TUS Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes.

A range of Student Support Policies are also available in the TUS QAE Handbook. These policies are designed to support you during your time at TUS. You are strongly advised to make yourself familiar with their contents.

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Student Insurance

STUDENT PERSONAL ACCIDENT POLICY

All registered students and apprentice students registered with TUS are covered by a personal accident policy during official TUS activities. The terms, clauses and conditions of the policy are available for inspection at the Finance Department.

When travelling abroad, students are required to take out their own personal travel insurance and should carry an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) for travel within Europe (previously E111 or the E128). Irish resident students carrying an EHIC are entitled to get healthcare through the public system in countries of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland if they become ill or injured while on a temporary stay there.

For more details contact your local health board, community care office or health centre or refer to

www.ehic.ie

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Public Information and Acts

1. CORE EDUCATION ACTS

Act / Legislation	Stakeholders Affected	Main Focus	Key Impact
<u>Education Act 1998</u>	Students, Staff, Leaders	General Education	Sets out roles/ responsibilities of schools, boards, and the Minister responsibilities of schools, boards, and the Minister
<u>Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018</u>	Students, Parents	School Access	Prohibits discriminatory admission policies
<u>EPSEN Act 2004</u>	Students (with SEN), Leaders	Special Education	Ensures inclusive support and assessments for special needs
<u>Universities Act 1997</u>	Leaders, Academic Staff	University Governance	Autonomy, structure, and funding of universities
<u>Higher Education Authority Acts (1971 & 2022)</u>	Leaders, Staff	Strategy & Governance	Enhances oversight, accountability, and performance of higher education
<u>Technological Universities Act 2018</u>	Leaders, Staff, Students	Institutional Development	Enables mergers and creation of technological universities
<u>Qualifications and Quality Assurance Act 2012</u>	Students, Staff, QQI	Academic Standards	Establishes QQI to oversee quality and awards
<u>Student Support Act 2011</u>	Students	Financial Aid	Governs SUSI and grant supports
<u>Further Education and Training Act 2013</u>	Students, SOLAS	Skills & Training	Coordinates FET planning and funding
<u>Education and Training Boards Act 2013</u>	Leaders, Staff	Local Education	Establishes ETBs for regional education governance

2. DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Act / Legislation	Stakeholders Affected	Main Focus	Key Impact
<u>Data Protection Act 2018 (inc. GDPR)</u>	Students, Staff, Leaders	Personal Data Rights	Defines lawful data use, consent, privacy, and breach management
<u>Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993</u>	Institutions, Staff	Accountability	Oversight of public bodies, including educational finance and data

3. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI) LEGISLATION

Act / Legislation	Stakeholders Affected	Main Focus	Key Impact
<u>Employment Equality Acts 1998–2015</u>	Staff, Leaders	Workplace Equality	Protects staff from discrimination across nine protected grounds
<u>Equal Status Acts 2000–2018</u>	Students, Staff	Equal Access & Treatment	Prohibits service discrimination in education
<u>Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014</u>	Leaders, Staff	Human Rights & Equality	Requires public sector duty: promote equality & human rights
<u>Disability Act 2005</u>	Students (with disabilities), Staff	Accessibility	Requires reasonable accommodations in education settings
<u>Gender Recognition Act 2015</u>	Trans Students & Staff	Gender Identity	Enables legal gender change; relevant for records and privacy

4. HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY (HEA) ACT 2022 & POLICY CONTEXT

Policy / Legislation	Stakeholders Affected	Main Focus	Key Impact
Higher Education Authority Act 2022	Leaders, Staff, Students	Governance and Accountability	Modernises the HEA's role, expands powers over planning, performance, and equality in higher education
HEA Strategic Plan / Policy Frameworks	Institutional Leaders, Staff	Sector Strategy	Provides national strategic direction for inclusion, innovation, digital transformation, and research excellence
HEA Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Policy	All Stakeholders	Equity & Inclusion	Drives gender equality, accessibility, and support for underrepresented groups in higher education
HEA International Education Strategy (via DFHERIS)	Students, Institutions	Global Engagement	Promotes Ireland as a destination for international students and enhances institutional global partnerships

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Campus Maps

Athlone Campus Map

Athlone Campus

<http://tus.ie/estates/athlone/campus-maps/>

Limerick, Tipperary & Clare Campus Maps

Midwest Campuses

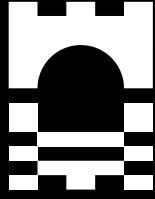
<https://tus.ie/estates/midwest/maps/>

Interactive Maps

TUS has introduced interactive maps across campus to help you find your way with ease.

You can access the map anytime here:

<https://tus.ie/smarter-travel/maps/>



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