

TUS

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta na Sionainne:
Lár Tíre, An tIarthar Láir
Technological University of the Shannon:
Midlands Midwest

TUS Learning Gates

Expanding access to higher education through flexible learning and strong regional connections.



Welcome to TUS Learning Gate



TUS Learning Gate is a collaborative partnership that connects community institutions with Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest. It creates local access points to higher education through a nationally distributed and connected university network.

By working with trusted community partners, TUS can bring information, guidance and learning opportunities closer to people where they live and work. The TUS Learning Gate network already includes more than 70 hubs across Ireland, forming a strong and growing community of partners supporting wider access to higher education.

Community Space

Trusted local venues and organisations already embedded in the heart of their communities.

University Access

TUS programmes, guidance, information and support – made available through community partners.

TUS Learning Gate

A national network of over 70 hubs bringing higher education closer to where people live and work.

A Growing National Network

TUS Learning Gate continues to expand, working with communities across Ireland to improve access to higher education and lifelong learning.

70+

Community Hubs

Active Learning Gate partners across Ireland

2

Principal Campuses

Athlone and Limerick serving the Midlands and Midwest

15K+

Students

Supported by TUS across all programmes and campuses

i TUS Learning Gate is one of the largest community-connected higher education networks in Ireland, with hubs in libraries, community centres, enterprise spaces and more.

Funded and Supported Learning

A wide range of flexible learning opportunities is available through TUS Learning Gate. These pathways are designed to support learners at different stages – from first-time returners to education to experienced professionals seeking postgraduate study.



Springboard+

Funded and subsidised courses for unemployed, inactive and employed learners.



SUSI Part-Time Scheme

Financial support towards approved part-time undergraduate programmes for eligible learners.

Micro-Credentials

Short, focused courses designed to help you build specific skills in a focused area.

Fee-Paying Courses

A wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate and professional programmes across multiple disciplines.

Springboard+ Funded Courses

What is Springboard+?

Springboard+ offers funded and heavily subsidised higher education courses for unemployed, inactive and employed learners who wish to upskill or reskill in areas of demand across the Irish economy.

Many courses are delivered fully online, making them suitable for learners who need flexibility in their studies.

Areas Available

- **Business and management**
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- **Digital marketing and software**
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How to Apply

Applications for Springboard+ courses are made through the official national portal. Learners should check entry requirements on the relevant TUS course page before applying. Places can be competitive – early application is strongly advised.

Apply at: www.springboardcourses.ie

Springboard+ is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.



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Springboard+ Courses at TUS

TUS offers a wide range of funded and subsidised courses from Level 6 to Level 9, designed to help learners upskill, reskill and gain recognised qualifications in areas of demand. Places can be competitive – early application is strongly advised.

Programme	NFQ Level	Credits	Funding	Delivery
Bachelor of Engineering in Process and Engineering Management	8	60	Springboard +	Online
Certificate in Financial Accounting and Payroll	6	60	Springboard +	Online
Certificate in Human Resource Management	6	60	Springboard +	Online
Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management	6	60	Springboard +	Online
Certificate in Operations, Quality and Lean Management	6	60	Springboard +	Online
Certificate in Supervisory Management and Team Leadership	6	60	Springboard +	Online
Higher Certificate in Culinary Arts, Year 2 Add-On	6	60	Springboard +	Athlone Campus
Higher Diploma in Leadership	8	60	Springboard +	Online
Postgraduate Diploma in Business in Executive Management	9	60	Springboard +	Online
Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Marketing and Analytics	9	60	Springboard +	Online
Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering in Engineering Management	9	60	Springboard +	Online

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Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Validation and Regulatory Affairs, Pharmaceutical	9	60	Springboard+	Online
Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Quality Management and Validation	9	60	Springboard+	Online
Master of Science in Software Design with Cloud Native Computing	9	90	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Aircraft Lease Transition Management	7	30	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Aircraft Technical Services	7	30	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in ESG and Carbon Footprinting for SMEs	6	10	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Green Procurement for Construction	7	10	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Quality Management and Statistics	7	20	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Quality Documentation, GMP and Data Integrity	7	20	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Regulatory Affairs and Quality	7	20	Springboard+	Online
Certificate in Engineering in Residential Energy Retrofit Fabric	8	20	Springboard+	Online
Postgraduate Certificate in Science in Biomethane and Renewable Gas Development	9	30	Springboard+	Online

SUSI Part-Time Fee Scheme Supported Programmes

The SUSI Part-Time Fee Scheme provides financial support towards approved part-time undergraduate programmes for eligible learners. From September 2026, TUS Athlone will offer selected flexible, part-time courses approved under this scheme.



Mostly Online Delivery

Study from home with recorded lectures and flexible, asynchronous learning. Access course materials at a time that suits you, without being tied to a fixed schedule every week.



Some Campus Attendance

Attend selected sessions on campus in Athlone. Campus days are scheduled on Saturdays just four times per year, making them manageable and easy to plan around your life.



Flexible Route into Higher Education

A practical, supportive pathway into higher education designed around real life. Gain a recognised qualification without sacrificing your career or personal commitments.

Programme	NFQ Level	Credits	Duration	Delivery
Higher Certificate in Operations, Quality and Lean Management	6	120	2.5 Years	Blended
Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Quality and Lean Management (Add-On)	8	60	1.5 Years	Blended
Higher Certificate in Business	6	120	2.5 Years	Blended
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law	8	240	5 Years	Blended

Programme Highlights at a Glance

Higher Certificate in Business

NFQ Level 6 | 120 Credits | 2.5 Years

A broad, practical foundation in business disciplines including management, finance, and marketing. Ideal for those seeking to formalise their professional skills.

Higher Certificate in Operations, Quality & Lean

NFQ Level 6 | 120 Credits | 2.5 Years

Equips learners with the tools and methodologies of quality and lean management in operational settings. Highly relevant across manufacturing, healthcare, and services.

BSc (Hons) Quality & Lean Management (Add-On)

NFQ Level 8 | 60 Credits | 1.5 Years

An accelerated Honours degree pathway for those who already hold a relevant Level 6 or 7 award. Build on your existing qualification and advance your career.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law

NFQ Level 8 | 240 Credits | 5 Years

A comprehensive and rigorous law degree for part-time learners. Explore criminal, contract, constitutional, and EU law over a structured five-year journey.

Delivery Options: Daytime

SUSI DAYTIME SCHEDULE

The daytime delivery option is ideal for learners who prefer to study during working hours, perhaps those who work shifts, part-time, or have flexibility in their schedules. All online sessions run on Monday, Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday mornings, keeping your afternoons and evenings free. Campus attendance days are held on just four Saturdays throughout the academic year at TUS Athlone, running from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Online Session Times

Higher Certificate in Business

Monday & Wednesday | 10:00am – 1:00pm (Online)

Higher Certificate in Operations, Quality & Lean

Monday & Wednesday | 10:00am – 1:00pm (Online)


Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law

Tuesday & Thursday | 10:00am – 1:00pm (Online)

On-Campus Saturday Sessions

TUS Athlone Campus | 9:00am – 1:00pm

- Saturday 3rd October
- Saturday 14th November
- Saturday 6th February
- Saturday 11th April

 All daytime programmes share the same four on-campus Saturday dates each academic year.

Delivery Options: Evening

EVENING SCHEDULE

The evening delivery option is designed for learners who are in full-time employment during the day. Online sessions run on two evenings per week – Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday – from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, meaning you can complete your studies after work without disruption to your career. As with the daytime option, on-campus attendance is required on just four Saturdays per year, keeping your weekends largely free.

Online Session Times

Higher Certificate in Business

Monday & Wednesday |
6:30pm – 9:00pm (Online)

Higher Certificate in Operations, Quality & Lean

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Your Study Week at a Glance

Understanding the time commitment involved is one of the most important considerations for any prospective part-time student. TUS Athlone has carefully structured each programme to be genuinely manageable alongside full-time employment and family life. Whether you choose daytime or evening delivery, your online study sessions account for just two evenings or two mornings per week – complemented by self-directed study in your own time and four scheduled Saturday sessions on campus each year.

SUSI Eligibility: Are You Eligible?

Nationality or Residency Status

Applicants must typically hold Irish or EU nationality, or meet qualifying residency requirements as set out by SUSI. Certain visa and residency categories may also be eligible – check www.susi.ie for the full list of qualifying statuses.

Household Income

Your household income will be assessed against income thresholds set by SUSI. The level of support you receive may be partial or full depending on your income bracket. Income thresholds are updated annually, so always check the current figures at www.susi.ie.

Previous Education and Progression

SUSI requires that your chosen programme represents genuine academic progression from your prior qualifications. If you have already completed a degree at the same level or higher, you may not qualify – but in many cases, part-time learners entering at Level 6 for the first time will meet this criterion.

📄 For the most up-to-date eligibility criteria and income thresholds, always visit www.susi.ie directly.

How to Apply: Three Simple Steps

Step 1: Apply to TUS

Visit www.tus.ie/flexible and submit your application for your chosen programme. You will need to provide personal details, educational history, and select your preferred delivery option (daytime or evening).

Step 2: Apply to SUSI

Submit your grant application at www.susi.ie. You will need to provide supporting documentation including proof of income, nationality, and previous qualifications. Applications typically open in spring each year.

Step 3: Send Grant Letter to TUS

Once SUSI approves your application, you will receive an official grant letter. Send this letter to TUS to apply your funding towards your fees. TUS will then confirm your place and fee arrangement.

TUS Micro-Credentials

TUS Micro-Credentials are short, focused courses designed for flexible upskilling. They are suitable for people who want to build targeted skills without committing immediately to a full degree or postgraduate programme. Many TUS Micro-Credentials are delivered fully online and are employer-relevant, nationally recognised and suitable for working adults.



Technology

- Cybersecurity
- Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies



Quality & Operations

- Quality assurance
- Operational excellence
- Advanced quality systems



Leadership & Business

- Supervisory management
- Strategic talent leadership
- Entrepreneurship



Wellbeing & Education

- Workplace wellbeing
- Business English
- Leadership in education



Level 6 Micro-Credentials

Programme	Credits
Certificate in Supervisory Management Skills for Team Leaders	20 ECTS
Certificate in Operational Excellence	20 ECTS
Certificate in Customer Service Excellence	20 ECTS
Certificate in Fundamentals of Quality Assurance	20 ECTS
Certificate in Fundamentals of Organisational Psychology	20 ECTS
Certificate in Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	10 ECTS
Certificate in Fundamentals of Business English	20 ECTS
Certificate in Volunteering Theory and Practice	10 ECTS
Certificate in Professional, Personal, Workplace Development and Wellbeing	10 ECTS
Certificate in Applied Entrepreneurship and the Irish Enterprise Ecosystem	10 ECTS
Certificate in Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies	10 ECTS
Certificate in Foundations of Nutrition for Health and Fitness	10 ECTS

Level 9 Micro-Credentials

Programme	Credits
Certificate in Applied Management Practice and Leadership in Education	10 ECTS
Certificate in Strategic Risk Governance and Financial Decision Making	20 ECTS
Certificate in Advanced Quality Systems and Process Excellence	20 ECTS
Certificate in Therapeutic and Creative Play Skills	10 ECTS
Certificate in Strategic Talent Leadership and Organisational Psychology	20 ECTS

Fee-Paying Courses



Who Are These For?

TUS also offers a wide range of fee-paying flexible learning programmes across multiple disciplines. These programmes may suit learners who are not eligible for funded places, who wish to progress along a structured academic pathway, or who are seeking a specific qualification for career development.

Disciplines Available

- Business and management
- Talent management
- Quality and supply chain
- Engineering and finance
- Professional development

Programme	Award Type	NFQ Level	Credits	Duration	Delivery
Business	Bachelor (Hons)	8	60	1 Year	Online
Business	Bachelor (Ordinary)	7	60	1 Year	Online
Business	Higher Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Business	Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Business in English for Professionals	Bachelor (Ordinary)	7	180	3 Years	Online
Business in Operations Management	Higher Diploma	8	60	1 Year	Online
Customer Service Excellence	Certificate	6	20	12 Weeks	Online
Fundamentals of Organisational Psychology	Certificate	6	10	12 Weeks	Online
Human Resource Management	Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online

Browse all available courses at: www.tus.ie/flexible-learning

Programme	Award Type	NFQ Level	Credits	Duration	Delivery
Introduction to Project Management	Certificate	7	10	12 Weeks	Online
Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Office Technology and Administration	Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Operational Excellence	Certificate	6	20	12 Weeks	Online
Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Higher Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Social Media and E-Business	Certificate	6	60	12 Weeks	Online
Supervisory Management Skills for Team Leaders	Certificate	6	20	12 Weeks	Online
Sustainable Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Bachelor of Business	7	60	1 Year	Online
Talent Management	Higher Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Talent Management	Master of Arts	9	90	1 Year	Online
Computer Systems Validation	Special Purpose Award Certificate	9	20	1 Semester	Online
Introduction to Good Manufacturing Practice	Certificate	6	10	12 Weeks	Online
Law	Bachelor of Arts	8	240	4 Years	Online
Operations, Quality and Lean Management	Higher Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Operations, Quality and Lean Management	Certificate	6	60	1 Year	Online
Professional, Personal, Workplace Development and Well-being	Certificate	6	10	12 Weeks	Online
Quality and Lean Management	Bachelor of Science (Honours)	8	60	1 Year	Online
Quality and Lean Management	Bachelor of Science (Ordinary)	7	60	1 Year	Online

Coming Soon Through TUS Learning Gate

TUS Learning Gate will continue to grow as a national network of community access points for flexible learning. Through the network, TUS aims to support local communities with a wide range of activities and resources designed to make higher education more visible, more relevant and more accessible than ever before.

Each Learning Gate can develop in a way that reflects the needs of its own community. Some hubs may focus on digital skills. Others may focus on adult learning, employability, sustainability, entrepreneurship, wellbeing, or professional development. The shared aim is always the same: to make higher education more accessible, more visible and more connected to local communities.

Information Sessions

Local awareness of Springboard+, SUSI and Micro-Credentials – bringing funded learning opportunities directly to communities.

Community Learning Events

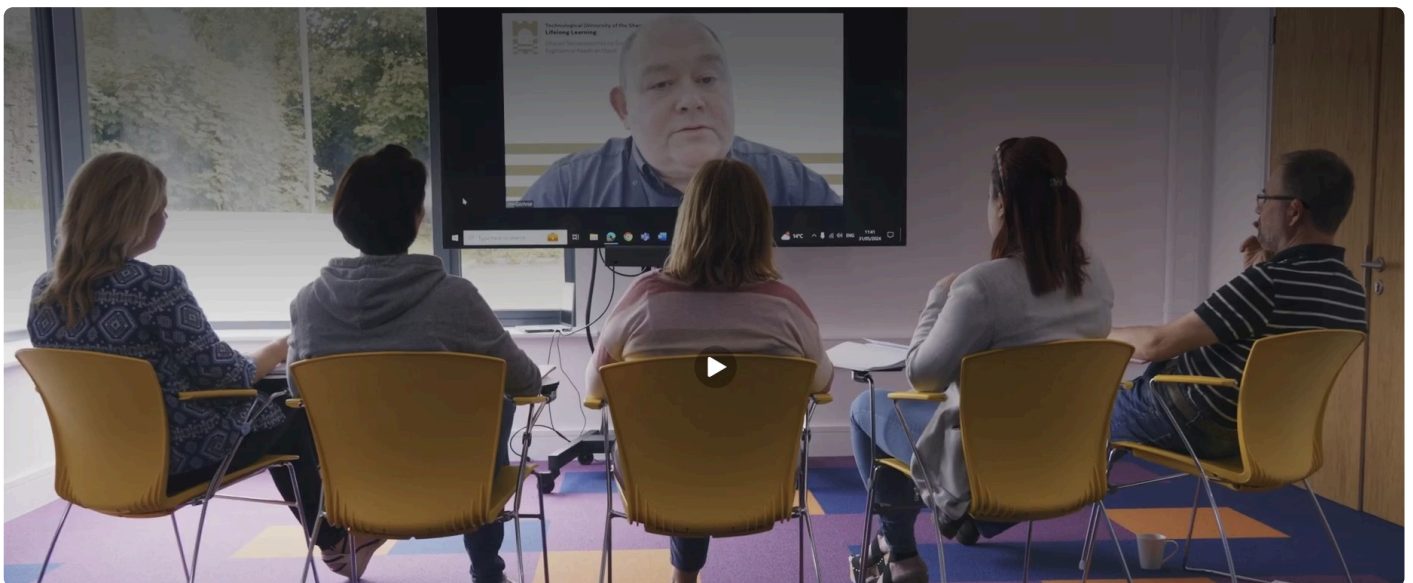
Subject-specific talks, seminars and skills-focused workshops tailored to local needs and interests.

Learner Support

Guidance for adults returning to education, with pathways and progression routes explained clearly and accessibly.

Expert Connections

Introductions to TUS academic staff and subject experts, bringing university knowledge into community spaces.



TUS Learning Gate and Global Impact

Through a distributed and connected model of access, TUS Learning Gate supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. By strengthening inclusive access to higher education, reducing geographic and social barriers, embedding learning within communities, supporting regional skills development and operating through strong partnerships, TUS Learning Gate connects local action with wider global priorities.



SDG 4: Quality Education

Supporting inclusive and accessible higher education for all learners, regardless of background or geography.



SDG 8: Decent Work

Helping people develop skills for employment, career progression and regional economic development.



SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Reducing geographic, social and practical barriers to higher education across Ireland.



SDG 11: Sustainable Communities

Embedding learning within local communities and trusted community spaces across the country.



SDG 13: Climate Action

Supporting flexible and online learning options that may reduce the need for travel for learners.



SDG 17: Partnerships

Building collaboration between education, communities, public bodies, industry and local organisations.



