



# University College Dublin

## An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

### Summary Entry Requirements (A-Level/GCSE - Entry in 2017)

#### Application

Application for admission should normally be made via the Central Applications Office (CAO). Online application is encouraged at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). The CAO handbook, which gives details of application procedures and closing dates, is available on the CAO website.

#### Central Applications Office

Tower House Website: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)  
Eglinton Street Phone: 091 509800  
Galway Fax: 091 562344

Applicants not eligible for EU fees (see below) and transfer applicants (post-year 1) must apply directly to the University. Please see the UCD website for details.

#### Applicant's Responsibility

The onus is on the applicant to check entry criteria for the programmes for which they are applying. Please note, criteria can change from year to year.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide full and accurate information in the application and to notify the University of any changes or corrections made to the original application. UCD may request verification from the issuing authority of any or all details on documentation presented. If documents are found to have been falsified the awarding body will be notified.

In the light of additional information which was not available at the time of selection, an offer may be amended or, in exceptional circumstances, withdrawn. The University also reserves the right to correct errors where they have been made in the communication of decisions and offers.

#### Note about Fees

- Were you born outside the EU/EEA?
- Have you, or your parents, lived outside the EU/EEA for 3 of the last 5 years?
- Are you a non-EU/EEA National?
- Have you previously attended a third-level institution (in Ireland or elsewhere)?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may not be eligible for "free" fees or EU Fees. See [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees) for information on the fees which may apply to you. If you are a non-EU candidate for fees purposes, you apply direct to UCD. See [www.ucd.ie/international](http://www.ucd.ie/international) for more details.

#### General Regulations

- Students must normally be seventeen years of age by 15 January following entry: i.e. for entry in 2017, date of birth must be on or before 15 January 2001.
- Admission to all courses is competitive and, other than access routes (e.g. mature years or QQI FET), is based on the Leaving Certificate points system or equivalent. In the case of Medicine, HPAT-Ireland results are taken in combination with the school-leaving results.
- Candidates for admission to Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences (DN440), Human Nutrition (DN262), Medicine (DN400 and DN401), Physiotherapy (DN420), Radiography (DN410) & Nursing (DN450-453) courses are required to pass a health assessment prior to admission and from time to time thereafter, in accordance with the health policy of the College of Health and Agricultural Sciences.

The assessment includes testing for Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis. The assessment costs the student approximately €225.

- Candidates for some programmes (currently: Human Nutrition, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Nursing) will be required to undergo Garda Vetting.

In the event that a relevant offence is disclosed, candidates may not be permitted to register.

- Applicants presenting qualifications gained outside Ireland are assessed for admission purposes on a points conversion in accordance with UCD published procedures
- For CAO applicants, all documentation and exam results which are being presented for assessment for entry to UCD must be with CAO no later than the dates below:

HEAR/DARE supporting documents 1 April 2017  
Irish Leaving Certificate/A-level: 16 August 2017  
Other School leaving exams: 31 July 2017

Other applicants (e.g. QQI FET/Mature/Transfers): please see the relevant UCD website.

It may not be possible to gain entry in the current year if documents and/or results are presented after these dates. This includes rechecks.

#### Previous third level

Applicants **must** include details of all previous third level attendance when applying. Restrictions may apply for some programmes. Please see [www.ucd.ie/myucd/transfer](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/transfer) for details.

## A-Level Applicants

To matriculate on the basis of A-level and GCSE examinations, a student must obtain Grade C or better in two recognised subjects at A-level (A/E or B/D is regarded as equivalent to Grade C/C for this purpose) and passes in four other recognised subjects at A-level/GCSE. At GCSE, grade C or better is regarded as a pass. Applicants must also meet Programme Entry Requirements (see overleaf).

*Students presenting subjects through A-level/ GCSE examination programme should check the NUI website [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie) for details of A-level subjects which are acceptable and those which will not be considered in combination (i.e. are mutually exclusive).*

### Indicative points equivalence:

The following equivalence of A and AS-level examination grades with Irish Leaving Certificate points will operate for entry in 2017.

	Best 3 A-Level	4 <sup>th</sup> subject A-level	AS
A*	180	60	
A	150	50	30
B	130	45	25
C	100	35	20
D	65	20	15
E	45	15	10

### Note:

- A maximum of four different recognised subjects, which are not mutually exclusive, will be counted.
- Only A-level grades awarded at the same date can be considered for computation.
- Applicants are scored on the basis of their best four A-levels, or three A-levels and an AS level in a different subject from the same or preceding year.
- Grades in the same subject in A2 and AS level cannot be combined.
- AVCE subjects are not accepted for matriculation or entry purposes.
- In 2017, 25 additional points will be awarded for a grade E or better in Mathematics at A2 level. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Maths where that subject is one of the four subjects being counted for points purposes.
- **N.B.** Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.
- As cut-off points are determined by the school-leaving results of applicants, it is not possible to forecast the points which will be required for entry to programmes in 2017.

### Sample conversions (AS in lowercase)

Sample Grades	Points (no bonus)	Points (Maths bonus)
BBC	360	385
BBCd	375	400
CCCC	335	360
AABb	455	480
A*ABD	480	505
A*A*Aa	540	565
A*A*A*C	575	600

Website: [www.ucd.ie/myucd/alevel](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/alevel)

## Important dates for applicants

5 Nov 2016	CAO Applications for 2017 Open
5 Nov 2016	UCD Open Day
10 Jan 2017	UCD CAO Information Evening
20 Jan 2017	CAO Early Closing Date (discounted fee)
1 Feb 2017	CAO Closing Date— <i>don't leave it until the last minute!</i>
25 Feb 2017	HPAT-Ireland Test
4 March 2017	MSAP-Ireland Test (mature applicants: relevant programmes listed on web)
25 March 2017	GAMSAT test
1 May 2017	Late CAO closing date (NB not applicable for all programmes)
1 July 2017	CAO Change of Mind Closing Date
Early July	Round A CAO Offers (Mature applicants and applicants deferred from 2015)
Early August	Round 0 CAO Offers (QQI FET/Graduate Entry)
c21 Aug 2017	Round 1 offers
c28 Aug 2017	Round 1 reply date
5 Sept 2017	Start of UCD orientation week
11 Sept 2017	Lectures start

## Scholarships

Student excellence and achievement is recognised in UCD through a wide variety of scholarships and awards. For details please see [www.ucd.ie/scholarships/](http://www.ucd.ie/scholarships/)

## Useful Publications

- UCD Undergraduate Prospectus
- Programme areas leaflets
- Leaving Certificate version of this leaflet



These can be requested at

[www.ucd.ie/myucd/requestinfo](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/requestinfo)

Entry requirements and course information are available at [www.ucd.ie/myucd/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/apply)

## Mature applicants

See: [www.ucd.ie/maturestudents](http://www.ucd.ie/maturestudents)

## EU/EEA applicants

See: [www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu)

## Non-EU applicants

See: [www.ucd.ie/international](http://www.ucd.ie/international)

## Programme requirements overleaf

University College Dublin is not bound by any error in, or omission from, this publication.

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# University College Dublin – Summary Entry Requirements

This table is intended as a summary of entry and matriculation requirements for school leavers; further details are published in the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus 2017. For contact details and Frequently Asked Questions, please see [www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions)

## Key to required subjects:

O indicates minimum grade at GCSE  
A indicates minimum grade at A-level

\* All applicants with a score greater than this were offered a place but it was not possible to offer to all applicants with this score and random selection was applied.  
Please note: for some courses particular subjects, while not required, are recommended – please see the prospectus for full details

CAO Code	Programme Title	Programme Entry Requirements					Points (min)		Approx No of Places
		English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science	Additional Matric Subjects	2016 Round 2	2015 Final	
DN100	Architecture <sup>(1)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC		3	515	490	56
DN120	Landscape Architecture	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	285	325	24
DN150	Engineering <sup>(3)</sup>	AE/OC		AC	AD <sup>(2)</sup>	3	510*	500	250
DN200	Science <sup>(3) (4)</sup>	AE/OC		AD/OB	AD/OB <sup>(2)</sup>	3	510	510	402
DN201	Computer Science	AE/OC		AD/OB		4	485	470	105
DN230	Actuarial and Financial Studies	AE/OC		AB		4	560	570	47
DN250	Agricultural Science <sup>(5)</sup>	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	460	470	160
DN252	Dairy Business	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	440	445	20
DN253	Agri-Environmental Science	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	430	N/A	20
DN261	Food Science	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	490	485	40
DN262	Human Nutrition	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	530	525	26
DN271	Forestry	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	AQA	360	20
DN272	Horticulture, Landscape and Sportsturf Management	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	AQA	410	20
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) <sup>(6) (7) (8) (11)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC	Chemistry AC	2	565	575*	82
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	AE/OC		AE/OC	AC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	465	465	44
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) <sup>(6) (7) (10) (11)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	2	730*	736	90
DN410	Radiography	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	2	530	535	62
DN420	Physiotherapy <sup>(11)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	2	550	545*	56
DN425	Health & Performance Science	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	2	495	500*	40
DN430	Sport and Exercise Management	AE/OC	AE/OC	AD/OB		3	435*	440	40
DN440	Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	2	545*	560	40
DN450	General Nursing <sup>(6)</sup>	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	420	415	164
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated) <sup>(6)</sup>	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	485	490	30
DN452	Midwifery <sup>(6)</sup>	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	480	465*	22
DN453	Mental Health Nursing <sup>(6)</sup>	AE/OC		AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(2)</sup>	3	385	405*	17
DN500	BA Degree Joint Honours <sup>(3) (9) (12)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	310	330	1252
DN510	Economics <sup>(15)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	495	485	20
DN511	English	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	445	425	15
DN513	English with Film	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	425	420	40
DN514	Planning, Geography & Environment	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	300	370	25
DN515	History	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	395	395	15

DN519	Psychology	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	500	505*	75
DN541	International Languages <sup>(12)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC			4	460	460	40
DN550	Social Science <sup>(3)</sup>	AE/OC		AE/OC		4	415	420	145
DN600	Law <sup>(13)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(13)</sup>			4	525	520	125
DN610	Business and Law	AE/OC	AE/OC	AD/OB		3	520	530	120
DN650	Commerce	AE/OC	AE/OC	AD/OB		3	500	500	215
DN660	Commerce International <sup>(14)</sup>	AE/OC	AE/OC <sup>(14)</sup>	AD/OB		3	510	515	97
DN670	Quantitative Business – Economics and Finance	AE/OC	AE/OC	AC		3	580*	585*	60

1 Please note that graduate fees apply for the Master's portion of this programme.

2 The following subjects in the Irish Leaving Certificate/A-level are recognised laboratory science subjects:

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics and Chemistry (Joint)
- Physics

In addition to the subjects above, Geography or Applied Mathematics may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for Science (DN200).

Home Economics (Social & Scientific) may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for Veterinary Nursing (DN310).

3 See [www.myucd.ie](http://www.myucd.ie) for details of subjects available.

4 Applicants must select one of the options below.

- BBB Biological, Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences
- CCS Chemistry and Chemical Sciences
- MPG Mathematical, Physical and Geological Sciences
- NPF No Preference (students can decide on their area of study during their first year)

**You can apply for DN200 only ONCE.** Successful applicants are guaranteed a place in the degree option chosen on the CAO form.

5 Applicants must select one of the options below

- ACP Animal & Crop Production
- ASC Animal Science
- AST Agricultural Systems Technology
- EQS Animal Science – Equine
- FAM Food and Agribusiness Management
- NPF No Preference (students can decide on their area of study during their first year)

**You can apply for DN250 only ONCE.** Successful applicants are guaranteed a place in the degree option chosen on the CAO form.

6 Applicants who have previously taken a similar programme and who are not in good standing (i.e. have not met academic or other requirements within the programme) will not normally be accepted to this programme.

7 Restricted Application –application **must** be made by 1 February. However, applicants may add at CAO Change of Mind time, provided their CAO application at 1 February included undergraduate Medicine at another institution.

8 There is a mandatory work experience requirement for this course.

9 It is possible to register for part-time study within this programme.

10 In 2017, undergraduate entry to medicine for school leavers will be based on both:

- meeting the minimum entry requirements for the programme within three consecutive years, e.g. GCSE (2015), AS (2016), A-levels (2017). Only the score from the combined AS/A-level sittings which meet this requirement will be considered. A minimum of 480 points (or equivalent in other EU examinations) is required for consideration. **And**
- completing the required HPAT-Ireland test. The score from HPAT-Ireland can be used for admission to an undergraduate medical course commencing in the same year ONLY. For example, results from HPAT-Ireland 2017 can be used for undergraduate medicine courses beginning in 2017 but NOT 2018. The points scores for Medicine are adjusted when combined with HPAT – Ireland. Please see [www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/DN400\\_HPAT.html](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/DN400_HPAT.html).

11 Graduate entry pathway exists. Please see [www.ucd.ie/maturestudents](http://www.ucd.ie/maturestudents) for details.

12 Applicants for DN500 and DN541 should pick their two-subject preference from the drop-down lists on the CAO online application form. **Applicants can apply for each of these CAO codes only ONCE.** Successful applicants will be guaranteed modules for the subjects chosen on the CAO form. For further details, refer to the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus.

13 Applicants must select one of the options below:

- BCL Law
- LCS Law and Chinese Studies
- LES Law with Economics
- LFL Law with French Law
- LHY Law with History
- LIH Law with Irish
- LPS Law with Politics
- LPY Law with Philosophy
- LSJ Law with Social Justice

**You can apply for DN600 only ONCE.** Successful applicants are guaranteed a place in the degree option chosen on the CAO form. Students who enter without a minimum of grade B in A-Level French will not be able to take LFL.

14 Applicants **must** select a two language combination at time of application (see grid in CAO Handbook). Following semester 1, students will decide which language to continue with to degree level (Minor) and which language to drop. **You can apply for DN660 only ONCE.**

Students who enter without a minimum of grade C in A-Level French will not be able to take any French language combination.

15 The requirements for DN510 in 2018 will be AC in Mathematics and AE/OC in English, and four other recognised subjects