



# University College Dublin

## An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

### Summary Entry Requirements (for 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

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.

#### 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 should apply directly to UCD at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply). Please see [www.ucd.ie/international](http://www.ucd.ie/international) for more 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information which was not available at the time of selection, an offer may be amended or, in exceptional circumstances, withdrawn.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.

#### 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, the 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 later than the relevant dates. This includes Leaving Certificate rechecks.

# Irish Leaving Certificate

## Matriculation (minimum entry requirements):

Candidates must present at least six recognised subjects, selected according to programme requirements, and must obtain

- a minimum of Grade H5 in two subjects and
- a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects.

All subjects of the Leaving Certificate – Higher and Ordinary level – are recognised for matriculation purposes, except as outlined below:

## Subjects and combinations of subjects not permitted:

- 1 The subject '*Physics and Chemistry*' may not be presented with either '*Physics*' or '*Chemistry*'.
- 2 '*Agricultural Economics*' may not be presented with '*Economics*'.
- 3 '*Classical Studies*' may not be presented with '*Latin*' or '*Greek*'.
- 4 The subject '*Mathematics Ordinary Alternative/Foundation Level*' will be accepted for matriculation registration purposes. However, points will not be awarded for this subject and it cannot be used as a substitute for the subject '*Mathematics*' in programmes for which '*Mathematics*' is an entry requirement.
- 5 The subjects '*Gaeilge – Bonnleibhéal*' (Irish-Foundation Level) will not be accepted for matriculation registration purposes or points.
- 6 Applicants presenting Leaving Certificate results which include subjects no longer offered should contact [admissions@ucd.ie](mailto:admissions@ucd.ie) with regard to acceptability and any exclusions which may apply.

## Laboratory Science Subjects:

The following subjects in the Irish Leaving Certificate are recognised laboratory science subjects:

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

See [www.ucd.ie/myucd/matriculation](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/matriculation) for further details. For some programmes, additional subjects are recognised as laboratory science subjects.

## Applied Leaving Certificate:

This examination does not meet matriculation or entry requirements.

## The points system:

As there are usually more applicants than places available, admission to undergraduate programmes is competitive based on a points system.

The examination results of applicants who matriculate and meet Programme Entry Requirements are assessed on the basis of allocating points for grades obtained in the Leaving Certificate examination.

Points are awarded as follows:

%	Grade	Points Higher Level	Points Lower Level
90-100	1	100	56
80-89	2	88	46
70-79	3	77	37
60-69	4	66	28
50-59	5	56	20
40-49	6	46	12
30-39	7	37	N/A

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP) Link Modules	Grade	Points
	Distinction	66
	Merit	46
	Pass	28

## Notes:

- In 2017, 25 additional points will be awarded for a grade H6 or better in Leaving Certificate Mathematics, where that subject is one of the six subjects being counted for points purposes.
- The school-leaving examination performance of applicants is scored on the basis of applicants' best results in no more than six individual subjects taken in the Leaving Certificate examination of any one year. Where an applicant presents school-leaving examinations in two or more years, the best result in a single sitting will be selected for scoring purposes.
- The one-year scoring restriction does not affect the separate matriculation requirements of the National University of Ireland; i.e. it is still possible to complete matriculation requirements over more than one year, except for Medicine where applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements in the same sitting of the Leaving Certificate that they present for points calculation purposes.
- The subjects and combination of subjects not permitted for matriculation also applies when computing an applicant's points score.

## Leaving Certificate pre 2017

For scoring of pre 2017 Leaving Certificate examinations, please see [www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/er.html](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/er.html)



## QQI FET applicants

Holders of a QQI FET Level 5 or Level 6 Certificate in a designated programme, with distinctions in five modules, will be granted matriculation for admission to some programmes. For many courses, entry is competitive and more than five distinctions may be required.

For full details, including required modules, please see [www.ucd.ie/myucd/fetac](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/fetac)

## A-Level Applicants

To matriculate on the basis of A-level and GCSE examinations, a student must obtain Grade C or better in two 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.

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). For full details of A-level scoring please see website or A-level version of this leaflet.

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

## Previous Third Level Attendance

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.

## Useful Publications:

- UCD Undergraduate Prospectus
- A-level version of this leaflet
- Brochures for specific programme areas

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)

## 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 February 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)
c.21 Aug 2017	Round 1 offers
c.28 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/)

## 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, available on request from [www.ucd.ie/myucd/requestinfo](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/requestinfo)

**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 Ordinary level at Leaving Certificate  
H indicates minimum grade at Higher level at Leaving Certificate

\* 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.

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 in 2017.

CAO Code	Programme Title	Programme Entry Requirements						Points (minimum)		Approx No of Places 2017
		Irish	English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science Subject	Additional Matric Subjects	2016 Round 2	2015 Final	
DN100	Architecture <sup>(1)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7		2	515	490	56
DN120	Landscape Architecture	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	285	325	24
DN150	Engineering <sup>(4)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		H4	H6 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	510*	500	250
DN200	Science <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		O3/H6	O3/H6 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	2	510	510	402
DN201	Computer Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O3/H6		3	485	470	105
DN230	Actuarial and Financial Studies	O6/H7	O6/H7		H2		3	560	570	47
DN250	Agricultural Science <sup>(6)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	460	470	160
DN252	Dairy Business	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	440	445	20
DN253	Agri-Environmental Sciences	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	430	N/A	20
DN261	Food Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	490	485	40
DN262	Human Nutrition	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	530	525	26
DN271	Forestry	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	AQA	360	20
DN272	Horticulture, Landscape & Sportsturf Management	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	AQA	410	20
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) <sup>(7)(8)(9)(13)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	Chemistry H5	1	565	575*	82
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O3/H6 <sup>(2)(11)</sup>	2	465	465	44
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) <sup>(8)(9)(12)(13)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	730*	736	90
DN410	Radiography	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	530	535	62
DN420	Physiotherapy <sup>(13)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	550	545*	56
DN425	Health & Performance Science	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	495	500*	40
DN430	Sport and Exercise Management	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O3/H6		2	435*	440	40

CAO Code	Programme Title	Programme Entry Requirements						Points (minimum)		Approx No of Places 2017
		Irish	English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science Subject	Additional Matric Subjects	2016 Round 2	2015 Final	
DN440	Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	545*	560	40
DN450	General Nursing <sup>(8)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	420	415	164
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated) <sup>(8)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	485	490	30
DN452	Midwifery <sup>(8)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	480	465*	22
DN453	Mental Health Nursing <sup>(8)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	385	405*	17
DN500	BA Degree Joint Honours <sup>(4) (14) (10)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	310	330	1252
DN510	Economics <sup>(17)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	495	485	20
DN511	English	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	445	425	15
DN513	English with Film	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	425	420	40
DN514	Planning, Geography & Environment	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	300	370	25
DN515	History	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	395	395	15
DN519	Psychology	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	500	505*	75
DN541	International Languages <sup>(4) (14)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	460	460	40
DN550	Social Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	415	420	145
DN600	Law <sup>(15)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(15)</sup>			3	525	520	125
DN610	Business and Law	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O3/H6		2	520	530	120
DN650	Commerce	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O3/H6		2	500	500	215
DN660	Commerce International <sup>(16)</sup>	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 <sup>(16)</sup>	O3/H6		2	510	515	97
DN670	Quantitative Business – Economics and Finance	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	H4		2	580*	585*	60

## Footnotes

- Please note that graduate fees apply for the Master's portion of this programme.
- The following subjects in the Irish Leaving Certificate/A-level are recognised laboratory science subjects:
  - Agricultural Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics and Chemistry (Joint)
  - Physics

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

- meeting the minimum entry requirements for the programme in the same sitting of the Irish Leaving Certificate Examination that they present for points calculation purposes. 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 in 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)

- 3 In addition to the subjects above, Geography or Applied Mathematics may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for Science (DN200).
- 4 See [www.myucd.ie](http://www.myucd.ie) for details of subjects available.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.
- 7 There is a mandatory work experience requirement for this course.
- 8 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 in to this programme.
- 9 Restricted Application – special tests require that application **must** be made by 1 February. However, applicants may add any of those courses (except DN300) to their application at CAO Change of Mind time, provided their CAO application at 1 February included the same course at another institution.
- 10 It is possible to register for part-time study within this programme.
- 11 Home Economics (Social & Scientific) may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for the BSc in Veterinary Nursing in addition to the list at footnote 2.

- 13 Graduate entry pathway exists. Please see [www.ucd.ie/maturestudents](http://www.ucd.ie/maturestudents) for details
- 14 Applicants for DN500 and DN541 should pick their two-subjects 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 are guaranteed modules for the subjects chosen on the CAO form. For further details, refer to the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus.
- 15 Applicants must select one of the following options at time of application:  
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 H3 in Leaving Certificate French will not be able to take Law with French Law.
- 16 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 H4 in Leaving Certificate French will not be able to take any French language combination.
- 17 The requirements for DN510 in 2018 will be H4 in Mathematics and O6/H7 in Irish and English, and three other recognised subjects.

## Please note

For some programmes particular subjects, while not required, are recommended  
– please see the prospectus for full details