



Applying on the Grounds of Mature Years

## Science DN200

Apply to CAO  
by 1 February

[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

Apply for MSAP-Ireland Assessment  
by 5 February

[msap-ie.acer.edu.au](http://msap-ie.acer.edu.au)

Applicants can select **ONE** of the following options:

- **No Preference (NPF);**
- **Biological, Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences (BBB);**
- **Chemistry and Chemical Sciences (CCS);**
- **Mathematical, Physical and Geological Sciences (MPG).**

Applicants who select one specific area (BBB or CCS or MPG) are guaranteed a place in a degree programme from within that area should they receive an offer of a place.

Those who want to sample a number of subject areas can choose the online DN200 - No Preference option or simply enter DN200 on the paper Application Form.

All applicants may change their selection during first year and all will be able to study subjects from more than one area in first year.

**You can only apply for DN200 once.**

### Entry Procedure:

Entry is via one of two routes:

#### 1: UCD Access to Science, Engineering and Agriculture Programme

Applicants who achieve a GPA in excess of 3.08 in the overall course assessment, and have applied via CAO by 1 February, will automatically qualify for a place in DN200 (all subject codes)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Applicants who are eligible for a place must take up that place within 2 years of the completion of their Access programme. Thereafter any application will be considered in the light of all other applications that year and a place cannot be guaranteed.*

Further information is available on the [UCD Adult Education website](http://www.ucd.ie/adult).

Applicants who successfully complete the Access course for entry to Science DN200 only, will be offered 10 credits for prior learning. This is equivalent to 2 modules of work, which means the workload in first year will be 10 modules instead of 12 modules. The 10 credits do not exempt an applicant from any of the compulsory or core modules required for the Science subjects an applicant is interested in pursuing.



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### 2: MSAP – Ireland Assessment & Written Application (via CAO)

Both elements must be completed.

In some cases an interview may be required to facilitate a decision on an application.

The **MSAP-Ireland assessment** is designed to allow you to demonstrate your skills in written English (Module 1) and your capacity for critical reasoning in the area of Sciences, Mathematics and Social Sciences (Module 3). The assessment takes two hours in total.

**The only sitting of the MSAP-Ireland assessment in 2017 will take place on 4 March 2017. There will be no alternative assessment date.**

Further information on the MSAP-Ireland assessment is available on the [UCD Mature Applicants website](#).

Please ensure that you read this information carefully before making your application.

#### **Important Note for MSAP-Ireland Applicants:**

Applicants must receive their CAO application number before they can apply for the MSAP-Ireland assessment so you are advised to apply online via [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). Your CAO application number will issue by email, as soon as the application is submitted. Applicants who apply using the paper version of the CAO application form may not receive their CAO application number in time to meet the MSAP-Ireland registration deadline.

The **Written Application** allows applicants to explain their reasons for wishing to undertake a Science degree and detail their achievements to date. Applicants must ensure that they tick the Mature Special Category on the CAO application form and complete sections 1-11 of the Mature Application section. Evidence of maturity, commitment and potential is sought from the information you provide.

As well as your MSAP-Ireland score, additional evidence of academic ability is required as displayed by your final school leaving examinations and/or other assessed courses or examinations you have undertaken.

**A minimum grade 6 in Leaving Certificate Higher level or a minimum grade 3 in Leaving Certificate Ordinary level (or equivalent) is required in one of the following subjects: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Chemistry (Joint), Physics, Geography, Applied Mathematics.**

Please ensure that you forward copies of any relevant results, transcripts and certificates to the CAO.

**Applicants for Science (DN200) may also be interested in the QQI FET /FETAC entry pathway – please see [myucd.ucd.ie//admission/fetac.ezc](http://myucd.ucd.ie//admission/fetac.ezc) for details.**