



Applying on the Grounds of Mature Years

Social Science DN550

Apply to CAO by 1 February	Apply for MSAP-Ireland Assessment by 5 February
www.cao.ie	msap-ie.acer.edu.au

Entry Procedure:

Entry is via one of two routes:

1: UCD Access to Arts & Social Sciences Programme

Applicants who achieve an average mark in excess of 60% in the overall course assessment, and have applied via CAO by 1 February, will automatically qualify for a place in DN550¹.

¹ 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).

2: MSAP – Ireland Assessment & Personal Statement

Both elements must be completed.

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 Humanities and Social Sciences (Module 2). 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](http://www.ucd.ie/mature).

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. 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.



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Your **Personal Statement** allows you the opportunity to indicate why you wish to undertake a degree in Social Science and should not exceed 600 words.

It should cover the following areas:

Relevant Occupational or Life Experience:

- details of any relevant experience gained through employment and/or volunteer work which indicate your readiness for the degree programme;
- any other experiences (e.g. personal experiences, interests, activities, etc.), which you believe to be relevant to somebody embarking on a Social Science degree.

Motivation and Interest:

- your interest in academic study and your desire to return to learning;
- your reasons for wishing to undertake the a BSocSc degree;
- the degree's potential contribution to your future plans;
- any other experience which is relevant to your application.

A Personal Statement Template is available at www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

Candidates are assessed on the basis of information supplied with the CAO application. Interviews are **not** held and references are **not** considered.

Applicants for Social Science (DN550) may also be interested in the QQI FET / FETAC entry pathway – please see myucd.ucd.ie/admission/fetac.ezc for further details.