



University College Dublin

An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

Summary Entry Requirements (for Entry in 2018)

How do I apply?

Generally, if you are an EU applicant for the first year of an undergraduate degree, you should apply via the Central Applications Office (CAO). It is best to apply online at 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
Eglinton Street Phone: 091 509800
Galway

If you are not eligible for EU fees (see below) or are a transfer applicant (post-year 1), you must apply directly to the University. Please see the UCD website for details.

When must my results be with CAO?

All documentation and exam results which you are presenting for assessment for entry to UCD must be with CAO no later than the dates below:

- HEAR/DARE supporting documents 1 April 2018
- Irish Leaving Certificate 15 August 2018
- A-level: 16 August 2018
- Other School leaving exams: 3 August 2018
- 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.

How do I know my fee status?

- 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. Please see www.ucd.ie/fees for information on the fees which may apply to you.

If you are deemed to be a non-EU candidate for fees purposes, you should apply directly to UCD at www.ucd.ie/apply. Please see www.ucd.ie/international for more details

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General Regulations

Are there age limits?

Students must normally be 17 years of age by 15 January following entry: i.e. for entry in 2018, date of birth must be on or before 15 January 2002. There is no upper limit.

How are applications assessed?

Admission to all courses is competitive (i.e. there are more applicants than places) 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.

Do any courses require medicals?

You will be 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 if you are admitted to any of the following courses:

- Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences (DN440)
- Human Nutrition (DN262)
- Medicine (DN400 and DN401)
- Physiotherapy (DN420)
- Radiography (DN410)
- Nursing (DN450-453)

The assessment includes testing for Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis. The assessment will cost you approximately €280 (€250 for DN262 and DN440).

Is a background check required?

If you are admitted to some programmes (currently: Human Nutrition, Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Sports Management and Veterinary Nursing) you will be required to undergo checks with the National Vetting Bureau (NVB). In the event that a relevant offence is disclosed, you may not be permitted to register.

If you have lived outside Ireland for more than 6 months since the age of 18, you must provide Police Certificates for those countries.

I am taking other EU exams, how will I be assessed?

UCD has agreed methods for converting all other recognised EU/EEA qualifications to a points equivalent. Please see our website for details. EU applicants presenting non-EU qualifications should contact Admissions for advice.

Irish Leaving Certificate

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In order to be eligible to compete, you must present at least six recognised subjects (including all those necessary for the programme, see overleaf) and you must obtain a minimum of Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects.

For all courses Irish and English are required. (Candidates born outside Ireland or educated outside Ireland for significant periods and candidates with certain disabilities may be entitled to claim an NUI Irish exemption. See www.nui.ie for details)

What subjects are recognised?

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

- 1 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.
- 2 The subjects 'Gaeilge – Bonnleibhéal' (Irish-Foundation Level) will not be accepted for matriculation registration purposes or points.

Are there any 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'.

Applicants presenting Leaving Certificate results which include subjects that are no longer offered should contact admissions@ucd.ie with regard to acceptability and any exclusions which may apply.

What are the 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/registry/admissions/matric.html for further details. For some programmes, additional subjects are recognised as laboratory science subjects.

What languages meet the third language requirement?

All languages offered in the Irish Leaving Certificate other than Irish and English. It does not have to be a European language.

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 points allocated 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 2018, 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.

What about Leaving Certs pre 2017?

For scoring of older Leaving Certificate results, please see www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/er.html

Does UCD accept the Applied Leaving Certificate?

No, this examination does not meet matriculation or entry requirements.

QQI -FET applicants

If you have a QQI-FET Level 5 or Level 6 Certificate in a designated programme, with distinctions in five modules, you may 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/registry/admissions/FET.html

A-Level Applicants

To matriculate on the basis of A-level and GCSE examinations you 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. You must also meet Programme Entry Requirements.

If you are presenting subjects through A-level/ GCSE examination programme should check the NUI website 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.

Website:

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/alevel.html

Does it matter if I've attended third level before?

You **must** include details of all previous third level attendance when applying. For some courses restrictions apply. Previous third level attendance may have fees implications.

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/transfer.html

What is my 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.

As an applicant, it is your responsibility to provide full and accurate information in the application and to notify the University and CAO 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. We also reserve the right to correct errors where they have been made in the communication of decisions and offers.

More Questions?

See www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/faqs.html

Important dates for applicants

4 Nov 2017	UCD Open Day
6 Nov 2017	CAO Applications for 2018 Open
9 Jan 2018	UCD CAO Information Evening
20 Jan 2018	CAO Early Closing Date (discounted fee)
1 Feb 2018	CAO Closing Date—don't leave it until the last minute!
24 Feb 2018	HPAT-Ireland Test
3 Mar 2018	MSAP-Ireland Test (mature applicants: relevant courses and alternative dates listed on web)
24 Mar 2018	GAMSAT test
1 May 2018	Late CAO closing date (NB not applicable for all courses)
1 July 2018	CAO Change of Mind Closing Date
Early July	Round A CAO Offers (Mature applicants and applicants deferred from 2017)
Early August	Round 0 CAO Offers (QQI FET/Graduate Entry)
c15 Aug 2018	Leaving Certificate results issue
c16 Aug 2018	A-level results issue
c20 Aug 2018	Round 1 offers

Useful Websites

Entry requirements

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/matric.html

A-level Applicants

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/alevel.html

EU/EEA applicants

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/eu.html

Non-EU applicants

www.ucd.ie/international

QQI FET applicants

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/FET.html

Mature applicants

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/myapply.html

DARE and HEAR

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/access_targets.html

Graduate Entry Pathways

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/gradentry.html

Scholarships

www.ucd.ie/scholarships/

Accommodation

www.ucd.ie/residences/

Transfer Applicants

www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/transfer.html



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This table is intended as a summary of entry and matriculation requirements for school-leavers. Further details are published in the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus 2018, available on request from www.ucd.ie/myucd/requestinfo.
(Note: any changes in requirements for 2019 will be updated @ www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/er.html)

For contact details and Frequently Asked Questions, please see 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 2018.

CAO Code	Programme Title	Programme Entry Requirements						Points (minimum)		Approx No of Places 2018
		Irish	English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science Subject	Additional Matric Subjects	2017 Round 2	2016 Final	
DN100	Architecture ⁽¹⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7		2	492	510*	57
DN120	Landscape Architecture	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	348	AQA	25
DN130	City Planning and Environmental Policy	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	N/A	N/A	25
DN150	Engineering ⁽²⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		H4	H6 ⁽³⁾	2	498	510	260
DN200	Science ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O3/H6	O3/H6 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	2	509*	510	400
DN201	Computer Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O3/H6		3	476	485	105
DN230	Actuarial and Financial Studies	O6/H7	O6/H7		H2		3	577	560	47
DN250	Agricultural Science ⁽⁶⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	454	460	175
DN252	Dairy Business	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	440	440	20
DN253	Agri-Environmental Sciences	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	412	430	20
DN261	Food Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	463	485	40
DN262	Human Nutrition	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	499	530	27
DN271	Forestry	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	292	AQA	15
DN272	Horticulture, Landscape & Sportsturf Management	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	262	AQA	16
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	Chemistry H5	1	559	565	82
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O3/H6 ⁽³⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	2	467	465	44
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾⁽¹¹⁾⁽¹²⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	1	734	730*	90
DN410	Radiography	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	1	500	525	95
DN420	Physiotherapy ⁽¹¹⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	1	552	550	56
DN425	Health & Performance Science	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	1	498*	495	40
DN430	Sport and Exercise Management	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O3/H6		2	432	435*	40
DN440	Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	1	543*	540*	40

CAO Code	Programme Title	Programme Entry Requirements						Points (minimum)		Approx No of Places 2018
		Irish	English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science Subject	Additional Matric Subjects	2017 Round 2	2016 Final	
DN450	General Nursing ⁽⁸⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	409*	420	169
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated) ⁽⁸⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	467	485	33
DN452	Midwifery ⁽⁸⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	462	480	22
DN453	Mental Health Nursing ⁽⁸⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽³⁾	2	381	385	20
DN520	Arts ^{(2) (13)}	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	N/A	N/A	350
DN530	Humanities ⁽¹⁴⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	N/A	N/A	220
DN541	Modern Languages ^{(3) (13)}	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	464	455	50
DN600	Law ⁽¹⁵⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽¹⁵⁾			3	522	525	120
DN610	Business and Law	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O3/H6		2	521	520	120
DN650	Commerce	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O3/H6		2	499	500	210
DN660	Commerce International ⁽¹⁶⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 ⁽¹⁶⁾	O3/H6		2	509*	510	95
DN670	Economics and Finance	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	H4		2	589	580*	60
DN700	Social Sciences ⁽¹⁷⁾	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	N/A	N/A	500
DN710	Economics	O6/H7	O6/H7		H5		3	N/A	N/A	40
DN720	Psychology	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	N/A	N/A	78
DN750	Social Policy and Sociology	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	N/A	N/A	145

Footnotes

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

- 1 Graduate fees apply for the Master's portion of this programme.
- 2 See www.myucd.ie for details of subjects available.
- 3 The following subjects in the Irish Leaving Certificate/A-level are recognised laboratory science subjects:
 - Agricultural Science
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics and Chemistry (Joint)
 - Physics
- 4 In addition to the subjects in note 3, Geography or Applied Mathematics may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for Science (DN200).

- 5 Applicants must select one of the options below:
 - Biological, Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences
 - Chemistry and Chemical Sciences
 - Mathematical, Physical and Geological Sciences
 - No Preference (you decide on your area of study in first year)

You can only apply for DN200 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:
 - Animal & Crop Production
 - Animal Science
 - Agricultural Systems Technology
 - Animal Science - Equine
 - Food and Agribusiness Management
 - Food Business with Chinese Studies
 - No Preference (you can decide on your area of study during first year)

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

- 7 Applicants must have at least 60 hours practical experience relevant to animal handling between 1 February 2015 and 19 March 2018 (see www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/vet.html).
- 8 Applicants who have previously been unsuccessful in a similar programme will not normally be eligible.
- 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 Home Economics (Social & Scientific) may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for the BSc in Veterinary Nursing (DN310) in addition to the list at footnote 3
- 11 Graduate entry pathway exists. Please see www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/gradentry.html for details
- 12 In 2018, 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 medicine course commencing in the same year ONLY. For example, results from HPAT – Ireland 2018 can be used for undergraduate medicine courses beginning in 2018 but NOT in 2019.
 - The points for DN400 are adjusted when combined with HPAT – Ireland (see www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/DN400_HPAT.html)
- 13 If you are applying for DN520 or DN541 you must pick two-subjects from the drop-down lists on the CAO online application form. **You can only apply for each of these CAO codes ONCE.** Successful applicants are guaranteed modules for the subjects chosen on the CAO form. For further details, refer to the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus.

- 14 You must choose one of the following degree options:

- Celtic Studies, Art History & History
- Classics, Art History & Archaeology
- Classics, English & History
- English Literature
- English with Creative Writing
- English, European and World Literatures
- English, Drama and Film
- Languages, Linguistics and Cultures
- Music, Film & Drama

You can only apply for DN530 ONCE.

- 15 Applicants must select one of the following options at time of application:

- Law
- Law with Chinese
- Law with Economics
- Law with French Law
- Law with History
- Law with Irish
- Law with Politics
- Law with Philosophy
- Law with Social Justice

You can only apply for DN600 ONCE. Successful applicants are guaranteed a place in the degree option chosen on the CAO form.

If you enter without a minimum of H3 in Leaving Certificate French, you will not be able to take Law with French Law.

- 16 You **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 only apply for DN660 ONCE.

If you enter without a minimum of H4 in Leaving Certificate French, you will not be able to take any French language combination.

- 17 You must choose one of following five degree options

- Computational Social Science;
- Economics, Mathematics and Statistics;
- Landscapes and Society;
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Or two subjects from the drop down list on CAO.

You can only apply for DN700 ONCE. Successful applicants are guaranteed modules for the subjects chosen on the CAO form. For further details, refer to the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus.

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