



Ad Astra Academy Entry Requirements for Elite Sports Scholars and Performing Arts 2025

Ad Astra entry concessions

- A points concession can be given to applicants who have been accepted by the Ad Astra Academy (Elite Sports Scholars and Performing Arts). The concession is a reduction of 60 points based on the average of the previous three years for each CAO Code¹. However, no applicant will be admitted with a score less than 300 points. Please see table for current year overleaf.
- Applicants must meet general matriculation and programme specific subject requirements.
- A concession of up to 10% on normal entry requirements may be allowed for other UCD applicants (e.g., graduate, non-EU, transfer), at the discretion of the relevant Programme Board.

Ad Astra quotas for entry with points concession

- Intake quotas can be set by a Programme Board where the number of Ad Astra places offered for any particular course with points concession, are limited.
- If the number of approved candidates who meet the concession criteria exceeds the quota for a programme, offers will be based on Ad Astra Academy ranking.
- If the quota is not filled, Admissions will make further offers from the approved candidates, in order of ranking, until the quota is filled, or the list of approved candidates is exhausted.

Ad Astra entry procedures

- Applicants must apply separately to both the Ad Astra Academy and via the appropriate route for admission to the courses(s).
- Current UCD Ad Astra students, wishing to re-enter Stage 1 of another programme or applying for an internal programme transfer must re-apply to the Ad Astra Academy.
- Applicants may be interviewed.
- Admission to the Academy, does not guarantee admission to UCD as applicants must also meet academic requirements.

Terms and Conditions if admitted

- For Ad Astra Elite Sports Scholars please see www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/elitesports/termsandconditions/
- For Ad Astra Performing Arts please see <http://www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/performingarts/termsandconditions/>

Please Note:

- Admission to the Ad Astra Academy cannot be deferred. Therefore, applicants who receive an offer with a points concession, cannot defer their place.
- CAO applicants admitted to the Ad Astra academy after Round 1 offers, will only be considered for courses in later rounds where places remain.

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¹ Medicine (DN400) requirements are different.
There is no concession for graduate entry programmes (DN301, DN401 and DN411)

Ad Astra Academy for Elite Athletes and Performing Arts 2025 Minimum entry points (with concession)

CAO Code	Course	Minimum Entry Points
DN100	Architecture	495
DN120	Landscape Architecture	404
DN130	City Planning & Environmental Policy	413
DN150	Engineering	507
DN200	Science	492
DN201	Computer Science	489
DN230	Actuarial & Financial Studies	553
DN240	Sustainability	471
DN250	Agricultural Science ±	335
DN261	Food Science	432
DN262	Human Nutrition	480
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ±	533
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	440
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ± *	See Note
DN410	Radiography (Undergraduate Entry)	491
DN420	Physiotherapy	529
DN425	Sport, Health and Exercise Science	480
DN430	Sport & Exercise Management	418
DN440	Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences	540

CAO Code	Course	Minimum Entry Points
DN450	General Nursing	344
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated)	447
DN452	Midwifery	444
DN453	Mental Health Nursing	338
DN520	Joint Honours – Arts	336
DN530	Humanities	382
DN541	Modern Languages	300
DN600	Law	502
DN610	Business & Law	505
DN620	Criminology & Psychology	460
DN650	Commerce ±	488
DN660	Commerce International ±	483
DN670	Economics & Finance ±	561
DN700	Social Science	392
DN710	Economics	472
DN720	Psychology	493
DN750	Social Policy & Sociology	335
DN760	Education	389

± Quota of places has been specified. Quota information is correct on 7 November 2024 – other programmes may choose to implement quotas. If one quota is not filled for a course, with the permission of the Programme Area, this may be transferred to the other quota.

CAO Code	Quota for Elite Academy	
	Athletes	Performance
DN250	4	1
DN300	1	1
DN400	1	1
DN650	2	1
DN660	2	1
DN670	1	1

* For Medicine (DN400), no concession applies to the HPAT score. Therefore, eligibility will be calculated by adding 60 points to the applicants school-leaving exam points score (this total is capped at 625 points). This score will then be moderated (using the normal formula) and combined with the HPAT score. If the resulting score meets the 2025 minimum combined score, the applicant will be deemed eligible for consideration for the places available.