



# Ad Astra Academy Entry Requirements for Elite Sports Scholars and Performing Arts 2024

## 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 Code<sup>1</sup>. 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.
- The reduction allowed for determining entry to the Professional Masters in Education (which operates on a different points system) will remain at 10%.
- 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 course(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/](http://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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<sup>1</sup> Medicine (DN400) requirements are different. There is no concession for graduate entry programmes (DN301, DN401 and DN411)

CAO Code	Course	Minimum Entry Points
DN100	Architecture	498
DN120	Landscape Architecture	389
DN130	City Planning & Environmental Policy	394
DN150	Engineering	503
DN200	Science	499
DN201	Computer Science	492
DN230	Actuarial & Financial Studies	553
DN240	Sustainability	469
DN250	Agricultural Science ±	349
DN261	Food Science	443
DN262	Human Nutrition	491
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ±	537
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	441
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ± *	See Note
DN410	Radiography (Undergraduate Entry)	495
DN420	Physiotherapy	533
DN425	Health & Performance Science	479
DN430	Sport & Exercise Management	417
DN440	Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences	547

CAO Code	Course	Minimum Entry Points
DN450	General Nursing	362
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated)	460
DN452	Midwifery	452
DN453	Mental Health Nursing	362
DN520	Arts	315
DN530	Humanities	349
DN541	Modern Languages	300
DN600	Law	505
DN610	Business & Law	502
DN620	Criminology & Psychology	461
DN650	Commerce ±	491
DN660	Commerce International ±	487
DN670	Economics & Finance ±	561
DN700	Social Science	391
DN710	Economics	468
DN720	Psychology	494
DN750	Social Policy & Sociology	335
DN760	Education	371

± Quota of places has been specified. Quota information is correct on 27 October 2023 – 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 2024 minimum combined score, the applicant will be deemed eligible for consideration for the places available.