

# Student Guide to UCD for Further Education and Training (FET) students.

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# Welcome

Embarking on the journey to Higher Education (HE) is an exciting and transformative step - one that opens doors to new opportunities, challenges, and personal growth. Whether you're coming from a College of Further Education, an Adult Education Service or any other institute with a relevant QQI FET qualification, this guidebook is a resource designed to provide the necessary information that you need to clarify questions that you may have about the QQI FET pathway to UCD.

This guidebook provides an outline of the QQI FET requirements necessary to apply for the 25 undergraduate programmes available in UCD to which you may progress. It notes some of the opportunities for you to get to know UCD and outlines the key upcoming CAO dates for entry in 2026. It addresses some of your questions on the cost and of going to UCD and suggests some budgeting tips. It outlines the grants, scholarship and bursaries available in UCD. Some of the many academic and personal supports are listed which will help you build a network in your new academic home.

This transition is more than just a change in education - it's a step toward your future. You've already demonstrated dedication in Further Education; now, this guide will help you take the next stride with clarity and confidence.

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# Why choose UCD?

UCD is the number one university for students.

It is **first** in Ireland for graduate employability

It has a 94% first year retention rate.

It has the best offering of internationally accredited curriculum in Ireland

Widest range and choice of degrees for students

UCD has a dedicated support network to help ensure each student gets the most out of their time at UCD. The services and supports available encourage student's welfare, inclusiveness and guidance. We welcome every student to engage with all the services on offer to them during their time at UCD.

UCD is number one for studying abroad with 29 partner universities throughout Europe, 400 exchange partners worldwide and 450 study abroad opportunities.

UCD is number one for sport with a 50 meter Olympic swimming pool, and 50 UCD Sports Clubs from American Football to Windsurfing and everything in between.

UCD was the only university in Europe to qualify for the UEFA Europa League.

UCD offers over 1,000 Sports Scholarships.

# UCD offering 25 progression options

The FET to HE Pathway offers you 25 areas of study in UCD opening doors to a suite of academic programme options. The areas of study include; Law, Sustainability, General Nursing, Computer Science, Sports and Exercise Management, Social Science, Psychology, Veterinary Nursing and Modern Languages and these programmes lead to courses in History, Literature, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science to mention just a few.

UCD recognises the value of your QQI Level 5 and Level 6 major awards and the skills and competencies they represent. UCD Access and Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL) provides supports to assist you and guide you through your higher education journey.

Join some of the best students from around the globe at one of the world's top universities. Invest in an education that will help you build a successful future.

1. have a linked QQI Level 5 or Level 6 major award.
2. have the required QQI minor component combination.
3. have a total of 120 component credits.
4. have achieved the minimum minor component required result and QQI score.

A quote from Aaron O'Murchú

## **Year 2 College of Science, Major In Physiology**

"The FET course has proven valuable in giving me strong foundations in core subjects in UCD Science programme. It also allowed me to further develop independent learning skills, which made adapting to the high workload at university easier".

## QQI FET Pathway Programmes in UCD

1. Agricultural Science
2. Arts
3. Business and Law
4. Children's & General Nursing (Integrated)
5. Commerce
6. Criminology with Psychology
7. Computer Science
8. Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages
9. Economics
10. Food Science
11. General Nursing
12. Humanities
13. Landscape Architecture
14. Law

- 15. Midwifery
- 16. Mental Health Nursing
- 17. Modern Languages
- 18. Psychology
- 19. Science
- 20. Social Policy and Sociology
- 21. Social Sciences
- 22. Sport and Exercise Management
- 23. Sport, Health and Exercise Science
- 24. Sustainability
- 25. Veterinary Nursing

## Linked courses

It is essential that you research the requirements and process early if you are thinking of progressing to UCD using your QQI major award.

You are eligible to apply for the UCD programmes through the QQI FET pathway based on achieving a linked QQI Level 5 or 6 major award.

For example, a QQI major award in Business Administration (5M2468) is linked to Agricultural Science, Arts, Business & Law, Criminology and Psychology, Economics, Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages, Humanities, Law, Modern Languages, Psychology, Social Science, Social Policy & Sociology and Sustainability which means that you may apply for these programmes with your Business Administration Award, but you are not eligible to apply for other programmes including Commerce, Veterinary Nursing, Food Science and Computer Science programmes with a Business Administration award.

A QQI Level 5 major award in **Laboratory Techniques** (5M3807) is linked to Agricultural Science, Arts, Economics, Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages, Humanities, Food Science, Modern Languages, Psychology, Science, Social Policy and Sociology, Social Science, Sustainability and Veterinary Nursing.

QQI Level 6 major award in Sports, Recreation and Exercise (6M5147) is linked to Economics, Psychology, Social Policy and Sociology, Social Science, Sports, Health & Exercise Science, Sport & Exercise Management.



## Component combinations

After you know which QQI major award qualifies you for your chosen UCD programme, check that you have the right mix of component (minor) awards. There may be specific component requirements for each UCD programme.

Level 5 and level 6 major awards comprise eight minor component awards.

To illustrate, there are 40 QQI level 5 major awards and 22 QQI level 6 major awards linked to Economics. To be eligible to apply for Economics Mathematics (5N1833) must be one of the components included in the QQI major award your are pursuing **or**, you must hold Grade H5 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics.

There are 36 QQI level 5 major awards and 21 QQI level 6 major awards which are linked to **Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages** programme in UCD. To be eligible to apply, your QQI major award must comprise at least one language component **or**, you must hold Grade O6/H7 in a Leaving Certificate language.

The required components can be completed over multiple sittings leading to an appropriate major award.

Please note that due to the competitive nature of **Sport, Health & Exercise Science, Sports & Exercise Management, Veterinary Nursing and all Nursing & Midwifery programmes**, scores will only be calculated where the appropriate major award is presented in a single sitting, together with all the required components and results.

Your FET College Guidance Officer will also provide you with assistance.

## Total credits and the scoring system

QQI major awards of less than 120 credits do not provide eligibility. Each QQI component has a credit value, typically between 15 and 30.

The QQI scores are determined by multiplying the credit value of each component by:

3 for a Distinction

2 for a Merit

1 for a Pass

to a maximum of 120 credits.

For example, an eligible FET learner applying for Science in UCD with a QQI Level 5 major award in **Laboratory Techniques (5M3807)** will have achieved the minimum requirements of five component distinctions including a distinction in Mathematics (5N1833) and a distinction in two of the following mandatory components: Laboratory Skills, Chemistry or Biology components.

The QQI points calculation example below assumes that each module has a credit value of 15.

Component name and code	Credit Value	Grade	
Laboratory Skills 5N2751	15	D	$15 \times 3 = 45$
Microbiology 5N0737	15	D	$15 \times 3 = 45$
Chemistry 5N2747	15	D	$15 \times 3 = 45$
Mathematics 5N1833	15	D	$15 \times 3 = 45$
Nutrition 5N2006	15	P	$15 \times 1 = 15$
Biology 5N2746	15	D	$15 \times 3 = 45$
Work Experience 5N1356	15	D	$15 \times 3 = 45$
Communications 5N0690	15	M	$15 \times 2 = 30$
Total component credit value	120		
Total			315

#### To calculate the QQI score points :

Multiply the Credit Value (15) by 3 for a distinction, 2 for a merit or 1 for a pass for each module. The example calculation gives a total of 315.

Multiply 315 by 13 and finally divide by 12 giving you a total score of 341 QQI points.

[Go to the Careers Portal points calculator](#)

## Minimum requirements

The QQI requirements for each programme outlined on the UCD QQI FET webpage are the basic **minimum requirements** you need to meet to apply. Having more than the basic minimum requirement is expedient. Places are given based on QQI points scores when there are more eligible applicants than available places. The CAO system ranks the QQI scores in descending order, starting from 390 and going downwards, and issues offers from the highest to the lowest QQI points scored. If, however, there are more eligible applicants than places then random selection applies.

The required points may vary each year depending on the number of applicants.

Based on figures 2024/2025 entry requirements more than the minimum requirement was needed to apply for Science; Computer Science\*; Veterinary Nursing; Sport, Health

and Exercise Science; General Nursing; Children's and General Nursing (Integrated); Midwifery; Law and Criminology with Psychology. The requirement was 390 QQI points (8 distinctions) despite the published minimum requirement being 292 QQI points (5 distinctions and 3 passes)

An example

In 2026, the UCD will reserve 20 places on the Commerce programme for QQI FET applicants. If there are more than 20 eligible applicants who meet the basic minimum requirements, places will be offered to the top 20 eligible applicants on the list. The list is in descending points order, and applicants who have the same points are listed in random order.

If there are 10 applicants with 390 FET points and 15 applicants with 374 QQI points. The 20 places will be offered first to the 10 applicants with 390 points and then to the next 10 applicants, who have 374 points. Because there are 15 with 374 points random selection will apply.

If there are 10 applicants with 390 QQI points and then just 10 applicants with 374 QQI points. The 20 places will be offered to the top 20 eligible applicants. The applicants with 390 and 374 points are all offered a place and the next person on the waitlist will have the next score down. In this case, random selection will not be applied.

\* Computer Science minimum requirement is 6 distinctions

## Come along to one of UCD's FET Student Experience Days

There is no better way to get to know UCD than to visit it and experience the energy and atmosphere of life in a Higher Education Institute. Attend a lecture. Explore the campus, find out where the cinema is, the library, the Rose and Evolution Gardens, the Village and follow the Sculpture Trail.

Make a personal connection with staff who can assist you with information about scholarships, bursaries and many other supports for which you may be eligible to apply while you are a UCD student.

Meet other QQI FET pathway students attending UCD who will tell you about their own transition experience and who will be able to answer some of your questions.

Your Career Guidance Counsellor will have information about the UCD Student Experience days.

Information day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

Information on QQI FET progression to the following UCD degrees:

[Social Sciences \(DN700\)](#), [Economics \(DN710\)](#), [Psychology \(DN720\)](#), [Social Policy & Sociology \(DN750\)](#), [Law \(DN600\)](#), [Business and Law \(DN610\)](#) and [BSc Criminology with Psychology \(DN620\)](#).

**Location:** Sutherland School of Law

**Registration:** 9:30am

**Start Time:** 10am with introduction.

**10:30am** Accessing all Law degree programmes - academic and student experience.

**11:00am** Coffee Break

**11:20am** The application process to UCD

**11:35am** Progression pathways to UCD, financial support including scholarships and assistance on offer from the Access and Lifelong Learning (ALL) Centre to QQI-FET students as you apply and begin your course.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about any of the courses at the end of the talk and hear from students.

**2:00 pm** Information on QQI FET progression to  
Agriculture Science, Food Science, Computer Science,  
Science and Sustainability

# Central Applications Office (CAO)

The Central Applications Office (CAO) is a centralised applications system that processes full-time undergraduate programme applications for the higher education institutes in the Republic of Ireland including UCD.

Applicants can use the CAO system to apply for undergraduate programmes across a mixture of universities and levels using a single application. The levels available on the CAO are Level 6 higher certificates, Level 7 ordinary degrees and Level 8 honours degrees.

Take your time when completing the application to ensure that you are picking the right course for you.

The CAO homepage provides you with a demonstration application to allow you to familiarise yourself with the process and each step before you apply.

Things to remember when completing your CAO application form.

1. Consult the CAO Handbook which is available on the CAO website.
2. List your programmes in order of preference
3. Think about your work experience and consider if you would like to continue this path or change direction.
4. When deciding on programmes, check any minimum entry requirements, deadlines, restrictions and supplementary information.
5. Pay attention to CAO communications, deadlines and verify your application details. If you do not receive a Statement by June first, contact the CAO immediately.

Timing for Offers:

Offers will be made to FET applicants in Round 0 (normally early August). **Application Timeline:**

Application portal opens on the **5th November 2025**

Normal application deadline on the **1st February 2026**

Change of Mind system opens on the **Early May 2026**

Change of Mind system deadline on the **1st July 2026**

Round 0 offers and available places: Early **August 2026**

Please be advised that dates and times may change; visit **[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)** for up-to-date information.

# What will going to UCD cost me?

Everyone knows the cost of living is difficult to manage at the minute and attending a fulltime third level course in UCD may be financially challenging. Listed below are the main fees for which you as a UCD student may be liable.

## 1. Programme Course Fee

The good news is that most undergraduate students attending UCD, which is a publicly funded third-level institution, do not have to pay tuition fees. Under the terms of the Free Fees Initiative, the Department of Further and Higher Education pays the fees to the colleges.

The criteria for eligibility for the Free Fees Initiative are:

1. You must have been living in an EEA member state or Switzerland or United Kingdom (UK) for at least 3 of the 5 years before starting your course.
2. You must be one of the following, or have been granted one of the following:
3. A citizen of an EEA member state, Switzerland or the UK
4. Have refugee status, family members of refugees, those with leave to remain, and/or international protection
5. You must be starting a full-time undergraduate course for the first time.  
However, you may also qualify for free fees if you:
6. Already hold a Level 6 or a Level 7 qualification and are progressing to a Level 8 qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications, or
7. Previously attended a course but did not complete it, and are returning to study an approved course at the same level after a break of at least 3 years.

## 2. Student Contribution Levy

This annual levy is also known as a registration fee and it covers student services and examinations. The maximum rate of the UCD student contribution for the academic year 2025-2026 is €3,000.

If you are getting Back to Education Allowance (BTEA), you may qualify for exemption from the student contribution.

If you are eligible and are awarded a SUSI grant your Student Contribution Levy may cover the contribution.

## 3. Student Centre Levy

This Levy must be paid by the student and provides you, as a student of UCD, the opportunity, support and facilities required to enjoy student life outside of the lecture theatre. It helps support the provision of facilities clubs and societies the it also grants you access to two gyms and over 100 fitness *classes* per week at UCD Sport & Fitness.

While there are costs associated with attending third-level, there are steps that can be taken to reduce or minimise those costs.

## You are here, and we can help you

Once you have been offered and you have accepted your place in UCD we can help you to thrive in UCD. You need to know how to manage your time and finances by creating a budget and a study schedule, access campus resources like the library and support services, build connections by joining clubs, societies and interacting with UCD staff and stay healthy and organised by arranging accommodation and preparing a weekly shop. Familiarise yourself with the campus, timetable, and public transport, and know where to turn for advice or support.

## ALL Welcome

Even before you start come to the ALL Welcome. Over 700 of our incoming students attend the 2025 ALL Welcome. The Student Welcome acts as a preview of the Belfield campus and supports available. The Access and Lifelong Learning Team along with 80 student Access Leaders introduced our students to campus and student life with a range of tours, ice breakers, activities, quizzes and most importantly ice-cream!

The day celebrated the expectations, hopes, spirit and emerging friendships of our diverse and dynamic student population and you got to know your future friends.

Quote from Kafayat Adewale, Stage 4, Law

“Starting university can be overwhelming, but you’re not alone. My advice is to say yes to opportunities early, even if they push you out of your comfort zone. Join a society, go to events, talk to people, you’ll settle in quicker than you think. And don’t be afraid to ask for help. UCD has great supports, but it’s up to you to use them. That’s why the ALL Student Welcome is so important. It’s a friendly, low-pressure environment to meet others, connect with staff, and find out what’s available to help you succeed from day one”.

# National grants, allowances and scholarships for full-time students

## SUSI Grant

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) provides financial support to eligible students. There are two elements to the student grant – a maintenance grant (contribution towards living costs) and a fee grant (cover all or part of the student contribution fee plus the costs of essential field trips).

The grant is means-tested, based on your family's gross income for the previous full tax year, so for those entering university in 2026, it would be the 2025 accounts.

If a family has more than one child in college at the same time, the reckonable income limits are increased. The distance a person normally lives from the college is also a factor in how much an individual is eligible to receive. For details on the Student Grant Scheme and other important information see the [SUSI website](https://www.susi.ie).

Use the [eligibility indicator](https://www.susi.ie/eligibility-indicator) on the website to check your status at: [susi.ie](https://www.susi.ie)

## Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)

UCD FET students may be eligible for HEAR Supports up until the age of 23. To qualify for HEAR, you must meet certain indicators or criteria related to your financial, social and economic circumstances, listed here: Low Income, household must have a means tested medical card receiving specific Social welfare payment a member of a specific Socio-economic group, attended a DEIS school or a from a disadvantaged area.

If eligible, UCD FET students may avail of HEAR supports, the most relevant support being access to the HEAR Support Fund.

[Find out more about the HEAR Support Fund here](#)

## Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)

If you are unemployed, a lone parent, or you are receiving a disability allowance from the Department of Social Protection, you may be able to participate in a second or third level education course and get a Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)

It is important to note that you cannot be in receipt of both the BTEA and the maintenance component of a student grant. To receive the BTEA, you must accept your place on a full-time course, and then notify the Department of Social Protection by completing the BTEA application form.

Further information on eligibility requirements and application can be found at Citizens Information website: [citizensinformation.ie](https://www.citizensinformation.ie)

## Higher Education Scholarships for Adult Learners

University is a Registered Charity that grants Higher Education Scholarships to Adult Learners seeking to unlock their potential and realise their academic, personal and professional ambitions.



University's Scholarships help to alleviate the financial barriers that may be preventing older students, aged 23 and over, from earning a Bachelor's Degree for the first time.

Find out more at the university website: [uversity.org](http://uversity.org)

## UCD scholarship and bursary funding for students

The scholarships and bursaries listed below do not impact on your SUSI grant as they are not considered reckonable income in the SUSI eligibility calculations. All of the scholarships require that you satisfy one of specific eligibility criteria which include : Student with a disability, first-time mature student, member of the Traveller community, Further education award holder, lone parent who are in receipt of a means-tested social welfare payment, a member of an ethnic minority, a refugee, or with leave to remain, and international protection and a student who have successfully completed a UCD Access Programme.

There may be variations in eligibility criteria for some of the scholarships listed below so consult the [ucd.ie/all](http://ucd.ie/all) website or email [all@ucd.ie](mailto:all@ucd.ie) for further information.

### Full-time Undergraduate Students

**Cothrom na Féinne Scholarship** For incoming first-year students. There are over 145 Cothrom Na Féinne Scholarships that have a value of €1,500/ €2,000 per year

**1916 Bursary** For incoming first-year students. It has a value of between €2,000 and €5,000 per annum for the duration of your studies. You will also be able to receive the bursary if you progress to postgraduate programme. There is also a €1,500 once-off Bursary. The 1916 Bursary is awarded to applicants that present the greatest need.

**NUI Scholarship** One-time payment for incoming students with a disability physical and sensory disabilities.

**Think Again** A scholarship for women aged 23 and over living in a low income households to cover living costs, as well as a range of other vital supports such as career and personal development. An awardee may secure up to €7,000 per student per year of study.

**Sanctuary Programme** is for incoming students who are refugees, international protection applicants, and those with humanitarian leave to remain.

**Sanctuary Programme** is for displaced Palestinians Further Financial Supports

**Student Support Fund** is a means-tested annual funding for Irish/EU students on full-time programmes. Students can get assistance towards rent, medical bills, food etc. Students apply in October, it's a once-off payment during the year.

**Parenting Support Fund** is a means-tested annual funding for Irish/ EU students who are parenting.

[Email all@ucd.ie to find out more or make an appointment](mailto:all@ucd.ie)

Find out about other sources of student finance at <http://www.studentfinance.ie> link

## UCD School Specific Scholarships

Specific Schools in UCD may have scholarships available for students who satisfy specific criteria. For example, The UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business awards the KPMG Denis O'Connor Memorial awards. These awards are designed for promising students whose circumstances may present challenges towards fully accessing and availing of college opportunities. Each year, four scholarships are awarded based on merit, achievement and enabling impact. Overall, the programme's goal is to assist scholars to thrive in their college experience and to widen and deepen participation across the learning community.

## Part-Time Courses

You may feel that you do not want to start a fulltime course yet. There are a number of part-time courses available in UCD which will give you a taste of UCD.

## Access courses - Preparing you for college life

The UCD Access courses are ideal if you want to study an undergraduate degree but don't quite feel ready or don't fully meet the admission requirements. These courses are designed to help you find your feet, explore subject choices, and develop your study skills before you take that next step. UCD offers a range of Access options depending on what you hope to study and the time you can commit.

[Email all@ucd.ie](mailto:Email.all@ucd.ie) to find out more or make an appointment

## Open Learning Pathways

[Open Learning](#) is UCD's most flexible part-time study option. You can build your own timetable, choosing from more than 450 modules taken directly from UCD undergraduate degrees. This is an excellent way to try out the university experience.

There are two National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) awards available through Open Learning: a 30 credit (6 modules) NFQ Level 7 Certificate, or a 60 credit (12 modules) NFQ Level 7 Diploma.

Students may apply for a pathway into 17 UCD degree programmes through Open Learning.

Find out more about the part-time Open Learning courses

[Email all@ucd.ie](mailto:Email.all@ucd.ie) to find out more or make an appointment

## Part-time student scholarship and support funding

Part-time students are not eligible to apply for SUSI funding. There is an opportunity however in [UCD to apply for some scholarship funding](#) and other support funding

UCD [Cothrom na Féinne](#) Fee reduction for students participating in UCD Access Course

[Part-time Student Support Fund](#) Means-tested payment for Irish / EU students who are studying part-time.

Parenting Support Fund Means-tested payment for Irish / EU students who are parenting.

Think Again Other part-time students may avail of €1,000 per student per year of study.

## Budgeting for life in UCD

It is important to be aware of your income and expenditure before you begin your academic year. Preparing a budget prior to commencing your year, reassessing it monthly and adjusting, when necessary, will assist you in this goal. See sample below to guide you to think about the income and your expenses.

Sample monthly Income /Expenditure calculation	Expenditure	Income
Household income		€ 3,406
SUSI Grant -if awarded		€147
Rent/Mortgage	€741	
Transport – Leap Card cap €64pm or Fuel €140pm	€140	
Gas/Electricity/Oil	€200	
Groceries/Toiletries	€500	
On/Off campus meals	€100	
Internet and phone	€67	
Medication	€22	
College Materials e.g., printing, books etc.	€54	
Childcare	n/a	
Car Insurance, Car Tax. Car Maintenance/NCT	130	
Medical Insurance	n/a	
TV License	€13	
Bin Charges	€18	
Extra-Curricular Activities e.g., Gym/Clubs & Socs/Sport	€45	
Other: Basic clothing	€45	
Social work-life balance/Cinema/Coffee Friends	€100	
Total Monthly expenses and income (Surplus)	€2,179	€3,553

# Budgeting Tips

## Money Advice & Budgeting — MABS

MABS provides Money Tools to assist you in determining your financial health. Click on QR code to access the MABS Money Tools website.

## Student Leap Card

The [Student Leap card](#) is available for students in full-time education who are either 16-18 years of age or 26 years and above. This allows for 50 per cent fare reductions on Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus, Iarnród Éireann (including the Dart), Go-Ahead Ireland, Luas, and participating TFI Local Link services.

A daily and weekly cap has been put on the amount you can spend while using your Leap Card. Once you hit the cap, you travel free for the rest of the day or week.

## Cycling

For those who like to cycle, [UCD Bikes](#) have a Buy Back Scheme offering to buy back any bike it has sold to a student for up to 50% of the purchase price. Scan the QR Code to find out more information.

Dublin Bikes provides a service where an annual student subscription of €20 enables you to use the bikes for free for the first 30 minutes of every journey. After this, rental charges apply in accordance with the company's fees structure.

## Cook at home

Make a list of grocery items every week and stick to it when you are shopping. Cook in bulk and freeze. Make and bring your own lunch to campus. Bring a flask.

## Buy second-hand books.

Textbooks can be expensive but if you shop around, you can save yourself a lot of money. Once you have your essential reading list, take a look at your college website and campus noticeboards to see whether anyone is selling the books you need. If you don't need a copy of your own, your college library might also have some of your required textbooks. It is also worth looking online to see whether any of your required books are available in free PDF format.

## Check out deals

According to [switcher.ie](#), the average electricity customer could save up to €327 a year by switching from a standard tariff to the cheapest deal on the market, and the average gas customer can currently save up to €213 by switching to the cheapest deal.

## Use the resources provided by UCD.

Microsoft 365 is available to download for all UCD students from your UCD Connect Account.

## [The Loop is UCD's repair café](#)

This inviting room has the materials students need for things like clothing repair, clothes upcycling, knitting, sewing, embroidery and lots of other crafts. Workshops and chances to learn new skills will be available.

### **UCD Library of Things.**

The **UCD Library of Things** is the first of its kind in an Irish university. By borrowing items, students are supporting a Community of Sharing, promoting sustainability, equity, and reduced waste. All items can be borrowed for free by students and staff of the university.

Students who enter UCD through the QQI FET Pathway and have a disability are eligible for all of the [disability supports available at UCD](#).

UCD students with a disability or significant ongoing illness have the opportunity to receive relevant reasonable accommodations or supports. Documentation confirming the disability or significant ongoing illness is required in order to receive supports. These supports are related to the student's needs and may include academic supports such as awareness supports for your lecturers and/or exam supports such as extra time for exams.

Each year you are registered as a UCD student your disability supports will roll over, there is no need to have an annual Needs Assessment.

Examples of classroom accommodations used by students in UCD include:

- “ Use of assistive technology such as a recording device in lectures, if eligible.
- “ Provision of an Irish Sign Language (ISL) Interpreter and/or Note Taker for Deaf students.
- “ Provision of required reading in an alternative format for blind or visually impaired students.
- “ The student’s lecturer is made aware of their disability, if desired.

### **Assistive Technology.**

Assistive Technology (AT) is a range of tools that make learning more accessible. This includes, for example, software that helps with spelling and grammar, digital pens or software for recording lectures, adapted tools for those with visual or hearing impairments, and alternative inputs for students with mobility issues.

UCD Access & Lifelong Learning has an Assistive Technology Specialist who can provide technology and training to students who avail of disability support.

# UCD QQI-FET student experiences

## **Mollie Fagan-Hartnett's experience**

"I do believe that my QQI/FET courses only benefitted me in my pursuit of university. I have a solid foundation in many concepts which has aided my learning in many of my modules in UCD. I thought I was prepared leaving secondary school for university, doing my level 5 and 6 courses was an eyeopener. I truly think I would've struggled with the transition to university had I not completed QQI/FET qualifications beforehand.

When I started last year, there was a period of adjustment. I settled in and made friends, and it

has been great. I love my course and I this semester I got to pick electives which are super interesting. One of which is in the School of Veterinary Medicine which is one of the aspects of UCD that I love - that you can study modules outside of your Programme area and that your degree is very customisable."

Year 2 College of Health and Agricultural Sciences, Majoring in Animal Science

## **Sadaf Taqawi's experience.**

"My journey to UCD's Law school is a testament to the power of alternative routes. Without the Irish Leaving Certificate, I was able to rely on my QQI Level 5 qualification to gain entry. The FET course equipped me with a strong foundation in key subjects, developed my study skills, and gave me the confidence to handle the workload at university level. It also introduced me to independent learning, which is crucial at UCD, and helped me become familiar with academic expectations which made my transition to UCD smoother. I felt ready for the challenges I encountered in my course.

Initially, it took some time to adjust, but UCD has such a diverse and inclusive environment that I soon felt like I belonged. The support system in place for students is great in UCD. Now, I am proudly studying Law, enjoying my course, challenging norms and continuing to forge my own unique path. I also received valuable support from ALL."

Year 2 College of Social Sciences and Law, Majoring in Law

# Your UCD Supports

## Student Advisers

Each academic programme has a dedicated adviser who can offer you time and space to explore any issues of concern in confidence.

Your Student Adviser can help you to find ways to deal with personal, social, financial and emotional issues; can help you navigate UCD policies, procedures and services to ensure you get the most from your UCD university experience, even when things are difficult.

click on [this link www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers/](http://www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers/) to find out more about the service

## Disability Support

The Disability Support service is for students with disabilities or significant ongoing illnesses.

### Supports include

Use of Assistive Technology such as a recording device in lectures, if eligible.

Provision of an Irish Sign Language (ISL) Interpreter and/or Note Taker for Deaf students, if eligible.

Provision of required reading in an alternative format for Blind or visually impaired students, if eligible.

The student's lecturer is made aware of their disability, if desired.

Assistive Technology to assist with completing assignments, reports or theses.

Assistive Technology (AT) is a range of tools that make learning more accessible. This includes, for example, software that helps with spelling and grammar, digital pens or software for recording lectures, adapted tools for those with visual or hearing impairments, and alternative inputs for students with mobility issues.

UCD Access & Lifelong Learning has an Assistive Technology Specialist who can provide technology and training to students who avail of disability support. Usually, recommendations will be made for AT when you attend your Needs Assessment.

If you are avail of Disability Support and would like to look at AT options, please email us to make an appointment with the AT Specialist: [disability@ucd.ie](mailto:disability@ucd.ie)

UCD Access & Lifelong Learning has prepared a selection of guides with tips for students on how to navigate university in relation to their disability.

Click on the links to download guides on each of the following disabilities:

[link to Tips for UCD Students -ADD/ADHD](#)

[link to Tips for UCD Students - Autism/ASM](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Blind or vision impaired](#)



[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Deaf or hard of hearing](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Dyscalculia](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Dyslexia](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Dyspraxia/DCD](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Mental Health Difficulties](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Physical Disability](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Significant Ongoing Illness](#)

[Links to Tips for UCD Students - Stammer](#)

[click on link \[www.ucd/all.ie\]\(http://www.ucd/all.ie\) to bring you to the ALL website](#)

[Click on the email link to contact \[disability@ucd.ie\]\(mailto:disability@ucd.ie\)](#)

Telephone: 01 7167123

## UCD Access & Lifelong Learning (ALL) Supports

Located in UCD Access & Lifelong Learning, Level 1, James Joyce Library Building.

UCD ALL Supports offers many student supports and financial assistance.

[click on link \[www.ucd/all.ie\]\(http://www.ucd/all.ie\) to bring you to the ALL website](#)

[Click on the email link to contact \[all@ucd.ie\]\(mailto:all@ucd.ie\)](#)

Telephone: 01 7167123

## Chaplaincy

Provides pastoral care, spiritual direction, and community events.

Offering a free 'LifeHacks,' course that offers great content to help you through college and free pizza as we gather to explore various topics.

Open to students from all faiths and none.

Click [on the link \[www.ucd.ie/chaplaincy/\]\(http://www.ucd.ie/chaplaincy/\)](#) to find out more about the supports

## Counselling

Confidential service offering professional psychological support.

Free for all registered students.

Click on the link [\[www.ucd.ie/studentcounselling/\]\(http://www.ucd.ie/studentcounselling/\)](#) to find out more about the supports

## Health Services

On-campus primary care medical service.

Includes doctors, nurses, and a part-time psychiatrist.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/studenthealth/](http://www.ucd.ie/studenthealth/)

or [click on the email link to contact student.health@ucd.ie](mailto:student.health@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 716 3134

## Dignity & Respect

Promotes a respectful and dignified study and work environment.

Policies against bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/dignityandrespect/](http://www.ucd.ie/dignityandrespect/)

or [click on the email link to contact respect@ucd.ie](mailto:respect@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 7167716

## Careers

Supports and advises students' to choose a career and professional development. Has a dedicated career management platform to assist you in enhancing your employability skills. Provides advice in creating a relevant CV and preparing for interviews.

The UCD Advantage Award is your chance to get recognition from UCD for skills, knowledge and experience that you have gained through participation in co-curricular activities. UCD Advantage will help you stand out from the crowd and is a great addition to your CV.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/careers/](http://www.ucd.ie/careers/)

or [click on the email link to contact careers@ucd.ie](mailto:careers@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 7167574

## UCD Student Centre

Provides various student services and supports.

You can find the UCD pharmacy, the Student's Union shop, a barber shop, cinema, a poolside café and many more amenities in the student centre.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/studentcentre/](http://www.ucd.ie/studentcentre/)

## UCD Students Union

Campaigns for a quality academic and student experience.

Advocates for progressive change and a fairer society.

Click on the link [www.ucdsu.ie/](http://www.ucdsu.ie/) for more information

Telephone 01 7163108

## Student Desk

It provides assistance with module registration, fees, official documents and more.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/studentdesk/](http://www.ucd.ie/studentdesk/)

Telephone 01 716 1555

## UCD Gaeltacht

Promotes the Irish language and culture. Offers courses, activities and scholarships.

Click on the link <https://www.ucd.ie/bnag/ga/> for more information

or [click on the email link to tearma@ucd.ie](mailto:tearma@ucd.ie)

# Your UCD academic supports

## Maths Support Centre

Free drop-in service for help with maths.

Click on the link <https://www.ucd.ie/msc/> for more information

or [click on the email link to msc@ucd.ie](mailto:msc@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 716 7536

## Writing Support Centre

Offers free support to help with academic writing.

Click on the link <https://www.ucd.ie/writingcentre/> for more information

or [click on the email link to writingcentre@ucd.ie](mailto:writingcentre@ucd.ie)

01 716 7777

## Computer Science Support Centre

Free drop-in service for computer science help.

Click on the link <https://csintranet.ucd.ie/CSSC/> for more information

or [click on the email link to cssc@ucd.ie](mailto:cssc@ucd.ie)

## Library Supports

Includes laptop loans and academic resources.

Click on the [link https://ucd.ie/library/](https://ucd.ie/library/) for more information

or [click on the email link to libraryinfo@ucd.ie](mailto:libraryinfo@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 716 7583

## Academic Jargon Explained

Key terms like College Office, Major, Module, Core Module, Elective Module, and more.

[click on the link ucd.ie/students/services/ucdstudentjargonbuster/](https://ucd.ie/students/services/ucdstudentjargonbuster/)

## Digital Ambassadors

Digital ambassadors assist you with all your technology related challenges. Digital Ambassadors are Access Leaders - your fellow students who can help with tech queries you might have in UCD - Brightspace, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel etc), email, file saving and organisation and more.

[click on link www.ucd.ie/all](http://www.ucd.ie/all) to bring you to the ALL website

[Click on the email link to contact all@ucd.ie](mailto:all@ucd.ie)

Telephone: 01 7167123

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## Access Leader Programme

Access Leaders give peer support and mentoring to new entrants about to undertake a degree programme or progression pathway to undergraduate study. This includes students who entered UCD via the QQI-FET Pathway.

Click on the Access Leaders Link for more information.

## Societies/Clubs/Sports

Explore UCD's diverse range of societies and have fun, make friends and take part in a variety of activities and events. From arts and culture to science and social service, try something new or find your community and experience UCD student life.

Click on UCD Societies link for more information.

## UCD Student Volunteering

Opportunities to volunteer and develop skills.

Do you want to get involved in volunteering but don't know where to start? There are lots of volunteering opportunities available right here on campus.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/studentvolunteer.ie/](http://www.ucd.ie/studentvolunteer.ie/) for more information.

[Click on the email link to contact ucdic@ucd.ie](mailto:ucdic@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 716 2409 and 01 716 2268.

## Peer Mentor

UCD is a big place and starting college is exciting adventure that can also be a bit overwhelming. That's where our amazing UCD peer mentors come in! They welcome new undergraduate students and help make their transition to university life easier. Peer mentors are seasoned students who share their knowledge and wisdom of university life with new students. Peer mentors provide guidance, advice and support, they can signpost new students to the various supports services available in UCD.

Email [nadia.clarkin@ucd.ie](mailto:nadia.clarkin@ucd.ie)

Telephone 01 716 1207

## Withdrawal/Leave of Absence

You should contact your student advisor on guidance on taking a break or withdrawing from your programme.

Click on the link [www.ucd.ie/studentdesk/](http://www.ucd.ie/studentdesk/) to contact the student desk.

Telephone 01 716 1555

# UCD Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Dates are subject to change.

**Autumn Trimester - Monday, 1 September 2026 – Sunday, 18 January 2026 (inclusive)**

Student Orientation Monday, 31 August – Friday, 4 September No. of days varies  
Activities depending on course

**Teaching term Monday, 7 September to Friday, 27 November 12 weeks**

Revision Saturday, 28 November to Friday, 4 December 1 week

Exams Saturday, 5 December to Saturday, 19 December 2 weeks

**Spring Trimester - Monday, 19 January 2027 to Sunday, 17 May 2027 (inclusive)**

Teaching term Monday, 18 January to Friday, 5 March 7 weeks

Fieldwork/Study period Monday, 8 March to Sunday, 21 March 2 weeks

**Teaching term Monday, 22 March to Friday, 23 April 5 weeks**

Revision Saturday, 24 April to Friday, 30 April 1 week

Exams Saturday, 1 May to Saturday, 15 May 2 weeks

**Summer Trimester Monday, 17 May 2027- Sunday, 29 August 2027 (inclusive)**

**Teaching term Monday, 17 May to Friday, 6 August 12 weeks**

Revision Saturday, 7 August to Friday, 13 August 1 week

Exams Saturday, 14 August to Saturday, 21 August 1 week

## Bank Holiday and holiday closure

**October Bank Holiday** Monday, 26 October 2026

**Christmas closure** Tuesday, 23 December 2026

**St Brigid's Day** Monday, 1 February 2027

**St. Patrick's Day** Wednesday, 17 March 2027

**Good Friday** Friday, 26 March 2027

**Easter Bank Holiday** Monday, 29 March 2027

**May Bank Holiday** Monday, 3 May 2027

**June Bank Holiday** Monday, 7 June 2027

**August Bank Holiday** Monday, 2 August 2027

## A 'To Do' list for starting my journey in UCD.

1. Discuss with your FET Guidance Officer about the choices you have available to you at UCD
2. Find out about the supports available to you at UCD.
3. UCD Open Day November 8, 2025 Come along to our UCD Open Day to explore your options
4. Apply for your place in UCD using the CAO online application form.  
Deadline 1 February 2026
5. Gather and prepare your documents for your SUSI Grant, scholarship, bursary and grant applications.
6. UCD Festival June 6, 2026 Its free to you, your friends and your family.  
Enjoy a wonderful day of tours, concerts and much more. All welcome
7. Early August Accept your CAO place at UCD
8. Early September Attend the ALL Welcome to help you make friends and find your way around.

# UCD Programmes and QQI-FET entry requirements 2026

The layout of the programme and QQI FET entry requirements for 2026 is listed in the following way

First the CAO Code of each study programme is first. An example of the code is DN200. It is the letters DN followed by three numbers.

Second, the number of anticipated QQI FET places available in 2026

Third, the name of the study programme follows the CAO code.

Fourth, the codes of the specific QQI FET Major awards that are accepted if you wish to apply for the study programme.

Finally, the specific QQI components required for the programme if applicable.

## DN120, Landscape Architecture

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 3

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

5M2208 Design

Required components

The accepted major award must include Distinction in the following 5 components:

5N0784 Design Skills

5N0764 Combined Materials

5N2527 Plant Identification and Use

5N1604 Computer Aided Draughting 2D

5N0755 Appreciation of Art, Craft and Design

## DN200 Science

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 20

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

CASLT or 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques

CELTXX Electronic Technology (Ended June 2016)

CITXX Information Technology (Ended Dec 2015)

5M2768 Animal Care



## Required components

The accepted major award must include Distinction in one of the following Mathematics components *or* grade O2/H6 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics:  
C20139/5N1833 Mathematics

5N0556 Maths for STEM

C20174 Mathematics for Engineering

C20175 Mathematics for Computing

And two of the following components:

5N0750 Animal Anatomy & Physiology, 5N0751 Animal Behaviour, C20006/5N2746 Biology, C20011/5N2747 Chemistry, C20012 Computer Architecture and Systems, C20013 Computer Programming, C20016/5N1606 Electronics, C20018/5N1774 Electronics-Digital, C20033/5N2751 Laboratory Skills, C20040/5N1638 Mechanics, C20048/5N1460 Physics

## DN201 Computer Science.

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 6

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

CITXX Information Technology

5M0536/5M17814 Computer Systems & Networks

5M0529/5M17817 Software Development

6M0695 Computer Systems & Networks

6M0691 Software Development

## Required components

CITXX Information Technology

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20012 Computer Architecture

C20013 Computer Programming

5M0529/5M17817 Software Development

The award must include Distinction in at least 6 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

5N0541/5N17785 Fundamentals of Object Oriented Programming

5N0556 Maths for STEM *or* Leaving Certificate Mathematics grade O2/H6.

One of the following components *or* Leaving Certificate Mathematics grade O2/H6:

5N0554/5N17782 Computational Methods & Problem Solving, 5N18396 Maths for Information Technology.

Three of the following components:

5N0783 Database Methods, 5N1651 Games Analysis Design, 5N1910 Web Authoring, 5N0580/5N17787 Mobile Technologies, 5N2928/5N17789 Operating Systems, 5N2927/5N17802 Programming & Design Principles, 5N2769/5N17804 Software Testing, 5N2772/5N17803 Software Architecture.

5M0536/5M17814 Computer Systems & Networks

The award must include Distinction in at least 6 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

5N0548/5N17783 Computer Systems Hardware

5N0556 Maths for STEM *or* Leaving Certificate Mathematics grade O2/H6.

One of the following components *or* Leaving Certificate Mathematics grade O2/H6:

5N0554/5N17782 Computational Methods & Problem Solving

5N18396 Maths for Information Technology.

Three of the following components:

5N2929/5N17788 Networking Essentials, 5N0544/5N17784 Distributed Systems, 5N0583/5N17786 ICT Security Policy & Management, 5N0580/5N17787 Mobile Technologies, 5N2927/5N17802 Programming & Design Principles, 5N2434/5N17805 Virtualisation Support, 5N2928/5N17789 Operating Systems

6M0691 Software Development

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components in the award, and must include Distinction in the following component:

6N3395 Mathematics *or* Leaving Certificate Mathematics grade O2/H6

6M0695 Computer Systems and Networks

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

5N0556 Maths for STEM *or* Leaving Certificate Mathematics grade O2/H6

Four of the following components:

6N0720 Network Security, 6N0734 Mobile Technologies,  
6N0856 Distributed Systems, 6N1411 Systems Software, 6N1950  
Communications, 6N2093 Physical and Logical Networking,  
6N3395 Mathematics

## DN240 Sustainability

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

Level 5 Major Awards:

5M2768 Animal Care, 5M5028 Applied Ecology, 5M2181 Applied Social Studies

5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M0536  
Computer Systems and Networks, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3635 Education and  
Training

CELTX Electronic Technology (Ended June 2016), 5M5267 Food Science

5M2067 Information Processing, CITXX Information Technology (Ended Dec  
2015)

5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M0529 Software Development

Level 6 Major Awards:

6M4985 Business, 6M0695 Computer Systems and Networks, 6M0691  
Software Development

Required components

No specific components are required, if you are presenting one of the accepted  
awards listed above, and it includes Distinction in five components.

## DN250 Agricultural Science,

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 28.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

5M2768 Animal Care

CASLT/5M3807 Laboratory Techniques

CASHX/5M2586 Horticulture

5M5267 Food Science

Required components

5M2768 Animal Care

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include  
Distinction in the following components:

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics *or* grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate  
Mathematics

5N2746 Biology *or* 5N0750 Animal Anatomy & Physiology *or* Grade O6/H7 in  
Leaving Certificate Biology

### CASLT/5M3807 Laboratory Techniques

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics *or* C20174 Mathematics for Engineering *or* C20175 Mathematics for Computing *or* Grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

And two of the following components:

C20006/5N2746 Biology, C20011/5N2747 Chemistry, C20048/5N1460 Physics

CASHX/5M2586 Horticulture

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20049/5N2528 Plant Science

C20055/5N2530 Soil Science and Growing Media

C20190/5N2527 Plant Identification and Use

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics *or* C20174 Mathematics for Engineering *or* C20175 Mathematics for Computing *or* Grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

5M5267 Food Science

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics *or* 5N0556 Maths for STEM *or* Grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

And two of the following components:

C20006/5N2746 Biology

C20011/5N2747 Chemistry

C20048/5N1460 Physics,

## DN261 Food Science,

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026, 6

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

CASLT/5M3807 Laboratory Techniques

5M5267 Food Science

Pass in the QQI-FET Level 5 major award CASLT/5M3807 Laboratory Techniques with Distinction in a minimum of 5 components

Required components

CASLT/5M3807 Laboratory Techniques

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics *or* C20174 Mathematics for Engineering *or* C20175 Mathematics for Computing *or* Grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

Two of the following components:

C20006/5N2746 Biology

C20011/5N2747 Chemistry

C20048/5N1460 Physics

5M5267 Food Science

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics *or* 5N0556 Maths for STEM *or* Grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

And two of the following components:

C20006/5N2746 Biology

C20011/5N2747 Chemistry

C20048/5N1460 Physics

## DN310 Veterinary Nursing,

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 9

How do I enter DN310 Veterinary Nursing from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Veterinary Nursing is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or

better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

CASLT/5M3807 Laboratory Techniques

CASAC/5M2768 Animal Care

Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following two components:

C20006/5N2746 Biology

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics

And the award must include a minimum of Pass in the following components:

C20153/5N0750 Animal Anatomy & Physiology, B20145/5N1952 Information & Communication Systems *or* B20032/5N1358 Word Processing

## **DN425 Sport, Health and Exercise Science,**

How do I enter DN425 Sport, Health and Exercise Science from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Sport, Health and Exercise Science is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 2

6M5147 Sports, Recreation and Exercise

Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

6N1950 Communications *or* 6N2191 Leadership *or* 6N1948 Team Leadership

6N1946 Work Experience *or* 6N1947 Work Practice

Three of the following components:

6N4650 Sports Industry Practice, 6N2214 Health Promotion, 6N4651 Sports Nutrition

6N4665 Sports Psychology, 6N5345 Exercise and Fitness

## DN430 Sport and Exercise Management,

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 2 How do I enter DN430 Sport & Exercise Management from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Sports & Exercise Management is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

6M5147 Sports, Recreation and Exercise

Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

6N4650 Sports Industry Practice

6N1946 Work Experience *or* 6N1949 Personal and Professional Development

One of the following components:

6N0697 Customer Service, 6N1948 Team Leadership, 6N1950 Communications, 6N2191 Leadership, 6N4800 Event Management,

## DN 450, DN 451, DN452, DN453 Nursing and Midwifery programmes

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 39

Nursing and Midwifery programmes include DN450 General Nursing, DN451 Children's and General Nursing (Integrated), DN452 Midwifery and DN453 Mental Health Nursing,

How do I enter Nursing & Midwifery programmes from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year of Nursing & Midwifery programmes in UCD is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

Entry to first year of Nursing programmes is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

DCHSN/5M4349 Nursing Studies



DCHSX/5M4468 Community Health Services

DHSXX/5M4339 Healthcare Support

Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

D20001/5N0749 Anatomy and Physiology

D20012/5N4325 Nursing Theory and Practice

D20032/5N1279 Human Growth & Development *or* C20006/5N2746 Biology

## DN520, Arts

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 25

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

Level 5 Major Awards

5M5028 Applied Ecology, 5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M0536 Computer Systems & Networks, 5M5048/5M2155 Creative Media, 5M2154 Cultural & Heritage Studies, 5M20588 Dance Studies, 5M2009 Early Childhood Care & Education, 5M21473 Early Learning & Care, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3635 Education & Training, 5M5158/5M18519 Film & TV Production, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M1995 Graphic Design, 5M2067 Information Processing, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M2073 Language & European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M0528/ 5M18518 Media Production, 5M2146 Multimedia Production, 5M2011 Music, 5M1997 Office Administration, 5M5151 Performing Arts, 5M4511 Radio Production, 5M0529 Software Development, 5M2149 Sound Production, 5M5163 Theatre Performance, 5M5152 Theatre Production, 5M5011 Tourism with Business, 5M4732 Youth Work

Level 6 Major Awards include:

6M5013 Administration, 6M4029 Art, 6M3618 Arts Administration, 6M5149 Broadcasting, 6M4985 Business, 6M5545 Cartoon Animation, 6M5128 Classical Acting, 6M0695 Computer Systems & Networks, 6M20595 Dance, 6M20496 Digital Media Production, 6M3566 Drama, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care & Education, 6M5159/6M18534 Film and TV Production, 6M3115 Information, Advice & Advocacy, 6M4587 Management, 6M5130 Media Production, 6M20602 Music, 6M3732 Photography, 6M0691 Software Development,

6M2115 Supervisory Management for Manufacturing, 6M5012 Tourism and Business

### DN530 Humanities,

Accepted awards are the same as DN520 above.

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 18.

### DN541 Modern Languages,

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 2.

Accepted awards are the same as DN520 above. However specific component modules are required

Required components

You must have Distinction in at least one of the following language components **or** a Leaving Certificate Grade O6/H7:

French requires E30106 or 6N2399 or E20106 or 5N1623 of O6/H7 in Leaving Cert French

German requires E30107 or 6N2401 or E20107 or 5N1624 or O6/H7 in Leaving Cert German

Italian requires E30109 or 6N2404 or E20109 or 5N1626 or O6/H7 in Leaving Cert Italian

Spanish requires E30108 or 6N2400 or E20108 or 5N1630 or O6/H7 in Leaving Cert Spanish

Portuguese requires Any of the language components listed above (subject to final approval) or O6/H7 in Leaving Cert Portuguese (subject to final approval)

**Recommendation:** For any language chosen at advanced level during your first year, it is recommended that you have minimum Leaving Certificate grade H4 (or equivalent) in that language. Please note that French is only available at advanced level.

### DN600 Law

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 6

How do I enter DN600 Law from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Law is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

## Level 5 Major Awards

5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M2786 Community Care, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M2073 Language and European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work.

## Level 6 Major Awards are listed below

6M5013 Administration, 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M4587 Management, 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration

## What components are required for Law?

No specific components are required, as long as you present an accepted major award with at least 5 Distinctions.

For the Law with French Law degree option, FET applicants must hold a Grade H3 in Leaving Certificate French, or equivalent. Without this standard, they will not be permitted to undertake the Law with French Law degree option.

It is strongly recommended that entrants to the Law with Economics degree option have a minimum grade H6 in Leaving Certificate Maths (or equivalent).

## DN610 Business and Law

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 7.

## How do I enter DN610 Business & Law from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Business & Law is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

## Level 5 Major Awards

5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M2786 Community Care, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M2073 Language and

European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work.

#### Level 6 Major Awards

6M5013 Administration, 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M4587 Management, 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration

#### Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

5N1833 Mathematics *or* Grade O2/H6 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

### DN620, Criminology with Psychology,

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 3.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

#### Level 5 Major Awards

#### Level 5 Major Awards

5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M2786 Community Care, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M2073 Language and European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work.

#### Level 6 Major Awards

6M5013 Administration, 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M4587 Management, 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration

#### Required components

No specific components are required, as long as you present an accepted major award with at least 5 Distinctions.

### DN650 Commerce

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026,20

How do I enter DN650 Commerce from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Commerce is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

BBSXX/5M2102 Business Studies

Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:

C20139/5N1833 Mathematics or Grade O2/H6 in Leaving Certificate  
Mathematics

## DN700 Social Sciences

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 60.

How do I enter DN700 Social Sciences from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Social Sciences is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

What QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted?

Level 5 Major Awards

5M5028 Applied Ecology

5M2181 Applied Social Studies

5M2468 Business Administration

5M2102 Business Studies

5M21473 Certificate in Early Learning and Care

5M2786 Community Care

5M3050 Community Development

5M4468 Community Health Services

5M0536 Computer Systems and Networks

5M2071 Contact Centre Operations

5M5048/5M2155 Creative Media

5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies

5M2009 Early Childhood Care and Education

5M0828 eBusiness ,5M3635 Education and Training  
 5M5267 Food Science, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts  
 5M1995 Graphic Design, 5M4339 Healthcare Support  
 5M2067 Information Processing, 5M1761 Intellectual Disability Practice  
 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism  
 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M2073 Language and European Studies  
 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2767 Logistics and Distribution  
 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5162 Media Engineering  
 5M0528/ 5M18518 Media Production  
 5M2146 Multimedia Production, 5M2011 Music, 5M4349 Nursing Studies,  
 5M1997 Office Administration, 5M18294 Office Informatics, 5M2105 Retail  
 Practice, 5M0529 Software Development, 5M5011 Tourism with Business,  
 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work

### **Level 6 Major Awards**

6M5013 Administration, 6M3618 Arts Administration, 6M5149 Broadcasting,  
 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M0695 Computer  
 Systems and Networks, 6M20496 Digital Media Production, 6M2007 Early  
 Childhood Care and Education, 6M4978 Health Service Supervisory  
 Management Skills, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115  
 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M5014 International Contact Centre  
 Service, 6M4749 Leisure Facility Supervisory Management, 6M4587  
 Management, 6M5130 Media Production, 6M4385 Retail Management,  
 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration 6M0691 Software Development,  
 6M5147 Sports, Recreation and Exercise, 6M2115 Supervisory Management for  
 Manufacturing, 6M2382 Telecommunications Access Networks Technology,  
 6M5012 Tourism and Business

### **What components are required?**

No specific components are required, as long as you present an accepted major award with at least 5 Distinctions.

### **DN710 Economics**

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 3.

How do I enter DN710 Economics from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Economics is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

#### Level 5 Major Awards

5M5028 Applied Ecology, 5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M21473 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, 5M2786 Community Care, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M0536 Computer Systems and Networks, 5M2071 Contact Centre Operations, 5M5048/5M2155 Creative Media, 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M2009 Early Childhood Care and Education, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3635 Education and Training, 5M5267 Food Science, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M1995 Graphic Design, 5M4339 Healthcare Support, 5M2067 Information Processing, 5M1761 Intellectual Disability Practice, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M2073 Language and European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2767 Logistics and Distribution, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5162 Media Engineering, 5M0528/5M18518 Media Production, 5M2146 Multimedia Production, 5M2011 Music, 5M4349 Nursing Studies, 5M1997 Office Administration, 5M18294 Office Informatics, 5M2105 Retail Practice, 5M0529 Software Development, 5M5011 Tourism with Business, 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work.

#### Level 6 Major Awards

6M5013 Administration, 6M3618 Arts Administration, 6M5149 Broadcasting, 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M0695 Computer Systems and Networks, 6M20496 Digital Media Production, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M4978 Health Service Supervisory Management Skills, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M5014 International Contact Centre Service, 6M4749 Leisure Facility Supervisory Management, 6M4587 Management, 6M5130 Media Production, 6M4385 Retail Management, 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration, 6M0691 Software Development, 6M5147 Sports, Recreation and Exercise, 6M2115 Supervisory Management for Manufacturing, 6M2382 Telecommunications Access Networks Technology, 6M5012 Tourism and Business

#### Required components

The award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in the following components:



- 5N1833 Mathematics **or** hold Grade H5 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics

## DN720 Psychology

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 15.

How do I enter DN720 Psychology from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Psychology is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

### Level 5 Major Awards

5M5028 Applied Ecology, 5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M21473 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, 5M2786 Community Care, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M0536 Computer Systems and Networks, 5M2071 Contact Centre Operations, 5M5048/5M2155 Creative Media, 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M2009 Early Childhood Care and Education, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3635 Education and Training, 5M5267 Food Science, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M1995 Graphic Design, 5M4339 Healthcare Support, 5M2067 Information Processing, 5M1761 Intellectual Disability Practice, 5M2111 International Trade, Journalism, 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M2073 Language and European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2767 Logistics and Distribution, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5162 Media Engineering, 5M0528/ 5M18518 Media Production, 5M2146 Multimedia Production, 5M2011 Music, 5M4349 Nursing Studies, 5M1997 Office Administration, 5M18294 Office Informatics, 5M2105 Retail Practice, 5M0529 Software Development, 5M5011 Tourism with Business, 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work

### Level 6 Major Awards

6M5013 Administration, 6M3618 Arts Administration, 6M5149 Broadcasting, 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M0695 Computer Systems and Networks, 6M20496 Digital Media Production, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M4978 Health Service Supervisory Management Skills, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M5014 International Contact Centre Service, 6M4749 Leisure Facility Supervisory Management, 6M4587 Management, 6M5130 Media Production, 6M4385 Retail Management, 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration, 6M0691 Software Development,



M5147 Sports, Recreation and Exercise, 6M2115 Supervisory Management for Manufacturing, 6M2382 Telecommunications Access Networks Technology, 6M5012 Tourism and Business

Required components

No specific components are required, as long as you present an accepted major award with at least 5 Distinctions.

## DN750 Social Policy and Sociology

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026 is 60.

How do I enter DN750 Social Policy & Sociology from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Social Policy & Sociology is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

Level 5 Major Awards

5M5028 Applied Ecology, 5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies, 5M21473 Certificate in Early Learning and Care, 5M2786 Community Care, 5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M0536 Computer Systems and Networks, 5M2071 Contact Centre Operations, 5M5048/5M2155 Creative Media, 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M2009 Early Childhood Care and Education, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3635 Education and Training, 5M5267 Food Science, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M1995 Graphic Design, 5M4339 Healthcare Support, 5M2067 Information Processing, 5M1761 Intellectual Disability Practice, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M2073 Language and European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2767 Logistics and Distribution, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M5162 Media Engineering, 5M0528/5M18518 Media Production, 5M2146 Multimedia Production, 5M2011 Music, 5M4349 Nursing Studies 5M1997 Office Administration, 5M18294 Office Informatics, 5M2105 Retail Practice, 5M0529 Software Development, 5M5011 Tourism with Business, 5M5165 Trade Union Studies, 5M4732 Youth Work

Level 6 Major Awards

6M5013 Administration, 6M3618 Arts Administration, 6M5149 Broadcasting, 6M4985 Business, 6M3674 Community Development, 6M0695 Computer Systems and Networks, 6M20496 Digital Media Production, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M4978 Health Service Supervisory

Management Skills, 6M2263 Inclusive Education and Training, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M5014 International Contact Centre Service, 6M4749 Leisure Facility Supervisory Management, 6M4587 Management, 6M5130 Media Production, 6M4385 Retail Management, 6M2218 Social and Vocational Integration, 6M0691 Software Development, 6M5147 Sports, Recreation and Exercise, 6M2115 Supervisory Management for Manufacturing, 6M2382 Telecommunications Access Networks Technology, 6M5012 Tourism and Business

## DN760 Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages

Number of QQI FET anticipated FET Places available in 2026, 2.

### Required components

No specific components are required, as long as you present an accepted major award with at least 5 Distinctions.

How do I enter DN760 Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages from a QQI-FET award?

Entry to first year Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages is available on a competitive basis to applicants who present an accepted major award with Distinction (80% or better) in at least 5 components, including any components and/or results specified below.

QQI-FET major award(s) are accepted

### Level 5 Major Awards

5M5028 Applied Ecology, 5M2181 Applied Social Studies, 5M2468 Business Administration, 5M2102 Business Studies

5M3050 Community Development, 5M4468 Community Health Services, 5M0536 Computer Systems and Networks, 5M5048/5M2155 Creative Media , 5M2154 Cultural and Heritage Studies, 5M20588 Dance Studies, 5M2009 Early Childhood Care and Education, 5M21473 Early Learning and Care, 5M0828 eBusiness, 5M3635 Education and Training, 5M5158/5M18519 Film and TV Production, 5M3114 General Studies / Liberal Arts, 5M1995 Graphic Design, 5M2067 Information Processing, 5M2111 International Trade, 5M2464 Journalism, 5M3807 Laboratory Techniques, 5M2073 Language and European Studies, 5M3789 Legal Studies, 5M2069 Marketing, 5M0528/ 5M18518 Media Production, 5M2146 Multimedia Production, 5M2011 Music, 5M1997 Office Administration, 5M5151 Performing Arts, 5M4511 Radio Production, 5M0529 Software Development, 5M2149 Sound Production, 5M5163 Theatre Performance, 5M5152 Theatre Production, 5M5011 Tourism with Business, 5M4732 Youth Work

## Level 6 Major Awards

6M5013 Administration, 6M4029 Art, 6M3618 Arts Administration, 6M5149 Broadcasting, 6M4985 Business, 6M5545 Cartoon Animation, 6M5128 Classical Acting, 6M0695 Computer Systems and Networks, 6M20595 Dance, 6M20496 Digital Media Production, 6M3566 Drama, 6M2007 Early Childhood Care and Education, 6M5159/6M18534 Film and TV Production, 6M3115 Information, Advice and Advocacy, 6M4587 Management, 6M5130 Media Production, 6M20602 Music, 6M3732 Photography, 6M0691 Software Development, 6M2115 Supervisory Management for Manufacturing, 6M5012 Tourism and Business

## Required components

The major award must include Distinction in at least 5 components, and must include Distinction in at least one of the following language components *or* a Leaving Certificate Grade O6/H7:

Language	QQI- FET Components	Or	Leaving Certificate Grade
French	E30106 or 6N2399 or E20106 or 5N1623	Or	O6/H7 in French
German	E30107 or 6N2401 or E20107 or 5N1624	Or	O6/H7 in German
Italian	E30109 or 6N2404 or E20109 or 5N1626	Or	O6/H7 in Italian
Spanish	E30108 or 6N2400 or E20108 or 5N1630	Or	O6/H7 in Spanish
Portuguese	Any of the language components listed above (subject to final approval)	Or	O6/H7 in Portuguese (subject to final approval)
Gaeilge	5N1631 or 6N2398	Or	O6/H7 in Gaeilge

Recommendation: For any language chosen at advanced level during your first year, it is recommended that you have at least a Leaving Certificate grade H4 (or equivalent) in that language. French is available at advanced level only.