How do I apply?

Generally, if you are eligible for EU fees, you should apply via the Central Applications Office (CAO) for admission to undergraduate courses in UCD. 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   15 March 2022
- Irish Leaving Certificate 2022 result issue date
- UK A-level 2022   result issue date
- Other exams (including previous Leaving Cert/A-level) 1 August 2022
- Other applicants (e.g. QQI-FET/Mature/Transfers): please see the relevant UCD website.

UCD will not make offers after the third week of the trimester. Where results are received later than this due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control, a deferred offer may be issued.

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 and to undertake a fee assessment.

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/global** for more details

General Regulations

Are there age limits?

Students must normally be 17 years of age by 15 January following entry: i.e. for entry in 2022, date of birth must be on or before 15 January 2006. 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 health screening?

You will be required to pass a health assessment on 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 and DN411)
- Nursing (DN450-453)

The assessment includes testing for Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis. There is a cost associated with these tests.

Is any other screening required?

If you are admitted to some courses (currently: Human Nutrition, Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Sports & Exercise Management) you will be required to satisfactorily complete vetting in accordance with our Student Vetting Policy. 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 examinations. 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.

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Irish Leaving Certificate

What are the minimum entry requirements (matriculation)?

In order to be eligible to compete, you must present at least six recognised subjects (including all those necessary for the course, see overleaf) and you must obtain a <u>minimum</u> of Grade H5 in two subjects and a <u>minimum</u> 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 courses 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.

3   The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not an acceptable qualification for matriculation purposes but it may be included as a subject for 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 **www.ucd.ie/askus** 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 minimum entry requirements link at **www.ucd.ie/lc** for further details. For some courses, additional subjects are recognised as laboratory science subjects (see website).

What languages meet the third language requirement?

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

The points system:

As there are usually more applicants than places available, admission to undergraduate courses is competitive based on a points system.

The examination results of applicants who matriculate and meet Course 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 Ordinary 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:

- 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 the 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, <u>except</u> 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.

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 with distinctions in five modules, you may be eligible to apply on that basis for many of our courses. Please note, entry is competitive and more than five distinctions may be required.

The list of awards acceptable for each course and modules required is available at www.ucd.ie/FET.

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 Course Entry Requirements.

Please note, not all subjects are recognised. You 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/alevel

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.
www.ucd.ie/transfer Previous third level attendance may have fees implications. **www.ucd.ie/fees**

What is my responsibility?

The onus is on the applicant to check entry criteria for the courses 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.

See Terms and Conditions of offer at
www.ucd.ie/admissions/termsandconditionsofoffer/

More Questions?

See
www.ucd.ie/admissions/faqs-undergraduate/ or contact us at
www.ucd.ie/askus

See also our policies at
www.ucd.ie/admissions/policiesandgeneralregulations/

Useful Websites

Important dates for applicants
https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/admissions-keydates/

Entry requirements
www.ucd.ie/lc

A-level Applicants
www.ucd.ie/alevel

EU/EEA applicants
www.ucd.ie/eu

Non-EU applicants
www.ucd.ie/global

QQI FET applicants
www.ucd.ie/FET

Mature applicants
www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

DARE and HEAR
https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/undergraduateapplicants/
Follow HEAR or DARE link as appropriate

Graduate Entry Pathways
www.ucd.ie/grad_entry

Scholarships
www.ucd.ie/scholarships/

Accommodation
www.ucd.ie/residences/

Transfer Applicants
www.ucd.ie/transfer

Vetting Requirements
www.ucd.ie/vetting

Information about fees
www.ucd.ie/fees

Tests for Applicants

HPAT – for applicants to DN400
https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/

GAMSAT – for applicants to DN301 and DN401
https://gamsat.acer.org/gamsat-ireland

MSAP – for mature applicants to some courses
(see www.ucd.ie/maturestudents and follow link for course specific requirements to check the courses you are applying for)

https://msap-ireland.acer.org/

Veterinary Medicine practical experience – for applicants to DN300
www.ucd.ie/vet_admission

University College Dublin – Summary Entry Requirements

This table is intended as a summary of entry and matriculation requirements for school-leavers. **Any changes in requirements will be updated @ www.ucd.ie/lc**).

Course details are published in the UCD Undergraduate Prospectus 2022, available online at www.myucd.ie or hard copy on request from https://myucd.ucd.ie/request/requestInfo.do For contact details and Frequently Asked Questions, please see www.ucd.ie/admissions

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 2022.

CAO Code	Course Title	Course Entry Requirements						Minimum Points		Approx Places 2022
		Irish	English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science Subject	Additional Matric Subjects	2021 Round 2	2020 Final	
DN100	Architecture	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7		2	555	510	57
DN120	Landscape Architecture	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	435	407	27
DN130	City Planning and Environmental Policy	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	424	390	31
DN150	Engineering [1]	O6/H7	O6/H7		H4	H6[2]	2	565*	520*	265
DN200	Science [1][3]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O2/H6	O2/H6[2]	2	567	533	420
DN201	Computer Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O2/H6		3	549	510	115
DN230	Actuarial and Financial Studies	O6/H7	O6/H7		H2		3	613*	601	50
DN240	Sustainability	O6/H7	O6/H7		O2/H6		3	510	440	70
DN250	Agricultural Science [4]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	444	453	267
DN261	Food Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	531	476*	46
DN262	Human Nutrition	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	566	531	33
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) [5][6][7]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	Chemistry H5	1	601*	589	82
DN301	Veterinary Medicine (Graduate Entry) [6][7]	See www.ucd.ie/grad_entry for details								5
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	509	466*	44
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) [6][8]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	1	743*	736*	90
DN401	Medicine (Graduate Entry) [6][7]	See www.ucd.ie/grad_entry for details								77
DN410	Radiography	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	1	566*	531*	99
DN411	Radiography (Graduate Entry) [7]	See www.ucd.ie/grad_entry for details								20
DN420	Physiotherapy [7]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	1	601*	568	56
DN425	Health & Performance Science	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	543	507	40
DN430	Sport and Exercise Management	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	476	433	40
DN440	Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	1	613*	589*	40
DN450	General Nursing [6]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	462*	421	167
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated) [6]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	533	499	42
DN452	Midwifery [6]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	509	473	21
DN453	Mental Health Nursing [6]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7	O6/H7[2]	2	442	393	26

CAO Code	Course Title	Course Entry Requirements						Points (minimum)		Approx No of Places 2022
		Irish	English	Other Language	Maths	Laboratory Science Subject	Additional Matric Subjects	2021 Round 2	2020 Final	
DN520	BA Joint Honours [1] [9]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	378	310	420
DN530	Humanities [10]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	388	326	260
DN541	Modern Languages [1] [9]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7			3	320	300	50
DN600	Law [11]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7[11]			3	567*	543*	125
DN610	Business and Law	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O2/H6		2	567	544	120
DN650	Commerce	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O2/H6		2	555	521*	230
DN660	Commerce International [12]	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7[12]	O2/H6		2	554*	510*	102
DN670	Economics and Finance	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	H4		2	625	613	55
DN700	Social Sciences [13]	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	474	418	525
DN710	Economics	O6/H7	O6/H7		H5		3	532*	498*	45
DN720	Psychology	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	564	522*	90
DN750	Social Policy and Sociology	O6/H7	O6/H7		O6/H7		3	421	377*	105

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.

AQA All eligible applicants were offered

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

Footnotes

1 See **www.myucd.ie** for details of subjects/degree options available.

2 The following subjects in the Irish Leaving Certificate/A-level are recognised laboratory science subjects:
- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics and Chemistry (Joint)
- Physics

In addition to the subjects above Geography or Applied Mathematics or Computer Science may be used to meet the Laboratory Science subject requirement for Science (DN200).

3 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.

4 Applicants must select one of the options below:
- Agricultural Systems Technology
- Agri-Environmental Sciences
- Animal and Crop Production
- Animal Science
- Animal Science – Equine
- Crop Science
- Dairy Business
- Food and Agribusiness Management
- Food Business with Chinese Studies
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- 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.

5 For 2022, applicants must have at least 15 hours practical experience relevant to animal handling between 1 February 2019 and 6 July 2022 (see **www.ucd.ie/vet_admission**).

6 Applicants who have previously been unsuccessful in a similar course will not normally be eligible.

7 Graduate entry pathway exists. Please see **www.ucd.ie/grad_entry** for details

8 In 2022, undergraduate entry to medicine for school leavers will be based on both:
   - meeting the minimum entry requirements for the course 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 2022 can be used for undergraduate medicine courses beginning in 2022 but NOT in 2023.
   - The points for DN400 are adjusted when combined with HPAT – Ireland (see link from DN400 on **www.ucd.ie/lc**)

9 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.

10 You must choose one of the following degree options:

   - Classics, Art History & Archaeology
   - Classics, English & History
   - Creative and Cultural Industries
   - English Literature
   - English with Creative Writing
   - English, Drama and Film
   - European Studies
   - Global Studies
   - History
   - History and Politics
   - Irish Language, Literature and Translation/ Teanga, Litríocht agus Aistriúchán
   - Irish Studies
   - Languages, Linguistics and Cultures
   - Music, Film & Drama
   You can only apply for DN530 ONCE.

11 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.

12 You **must** select a two-language combination at time of application (see grid in CAO Handbook). Following the Autumn Trimester, 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.

13 You must choose one of following five, degree options
   - Computational Social Science
   - Economics, Mathematics and Statistics
   - Archaeology, Geography and History
   - 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.