



# College Requirements

Prior to picking your subject choices for your Leaving Certificate please ensure that you have the correct entry requirements for colleges and courses at 3<sup>rd</sup> level institutions. Keep your options open!

## French/German Requirements

The Colleges listed below **do not** require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.

**2 languages are required.**  
**Entry requirements are met by taking Irish & English unless you wish to complete a degree with a language i.e business and French.**

**Exemption Applications must be sent to NUI and other colleges if Irish has not been taken**

University Limerick  
Mary Immaculate (MI)  
Trinity  
Waterford Institute of Technology  
Cork Institute of Technology (CIT)  
Athlone Institute of Technology  
Carlow College  
Carlow IT  
Griffith Cork/Dublin  
All Hallows  
American College  
Church of Ireland Primary teaching  
Marino  
DBS  
IADT  
Froebel  
Grafton College  
Institute of Business & Technology  
Blanchardstown  
Tallaght  
Mater Dei  
Miltown Institute  
NCAD  
College of Ireland  
Dundalk  
GMIT  
Letterkenny  
LIT  
National Counselling Institute of Irl.  
Sligo Institute  
Tipperary institute of Technology  
St. Patricks College Thurles  
Tralee IT

### **Defence Forces :**

Garda College: 2 from English/Irish/language  
O6/H7 and 3 O6/H7  
Cadets must be 18 English, Irish, Maths, Lang  
O6/H7 and other subjects.min of 3H5 and 3O6/H7

The Colleges listed below **require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language** to enter most of their degrees programmes.

**UCC:** majority of courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.  
*Exception:* =nursing/majority of science courses/engineering.

**UCD:** majority of courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.  
*Exception:* agriculture /actuary/computers/mathematical science/physics/pharmacology/medicinal chemistry & biology/neuroscience/biochemistry/food science/forestry/landscape architecture/food and agri-business/animal & crop production/animal science/engineering technology/horticulture/engineering/nutrition/nursing/

**UCG :** majority of courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.  
*Exception:* science/environmental science/financial maths/marine science/health & safety/earth & ocean/ physics/ biopharmaceutical chemistry/ IT/ all engineering/ sports and exercise engineering/ engineering innovation/ nursing/

**NUIM:** majority of courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.  
*Exception:* science/biotechnology/computer science/physics & astrophysics/genetics/biomedical/psychology via science/ chemistry/ multimedia/science education/ engineering/

**Royal College of Surgeons:** all courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.  
medicine/physiotherapy/pharmacy/general nursing/

**Pontifical College, Maynooth – all courses**

**Shannon College of Hotel Management –all require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.**

**Trinity \* only degrees with languages require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.**  
i.e Law & French, Business & German etc..

**UL \* only degrees with languages require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.**  
i.e business & French /German/ Applied Languages etc...

**DIT \* some courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language such as;**  
hospitality/culinary arts/tourism/marketing

**DCU\* some courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language such as;**  
European business/business and languages/science international/

**St. Angela's Sligo- \* some courses require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language:**  
Home Economics degree's require a language. Nursing degrees do not.

# Science Requirements

## 1 Science subject is required for science courses listed below.

Science= (biology/chemistry/physics)

**Note:** *Agricultural Science is not considered a science subject for every course in every college. You can check entry requirements for specific courses with E. Moore or logging onto [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)/[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie).*

Please note that a lot of universities demand the science at a H4 or above. Other colleges have lower entry requirements such as H5 etc.

Medicine -UCD, RCS and NUIG

Biochemistry

Environmental science

Genetics

Animal science

Biomedical science

Radiation therapy

Optometry

Horticulture

Chemical sciences

Nutritional science

Food science

Agricultural Science

Athletic therapy & training

Sport science

Nursing

Veterinary nursing

Dental nursing

Pharmacy technician

Engineering

Speech and Language Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Radiography

Podiatry

Biotechnology

Science Education

Physiotherapy

Home Economics Teaching

Pharmacy

## Biology is a requirement for;

Genetics UCC

## Chemistry is a requirement for;

Veterinary Medicine UCD

Dietetics DIT

## Physics is a requirement for;

Theoretical physics degrees/physics degrees such as astrophysics etc...

## Chemistry & 1 other science subject (generally Biology/ Physics) are required for.

Pharmacy UCC, Trinity

Medicine UCC, Trinity

Dentistry UCC, Trinity

## 2 Sciences are required for the following courses in Trinity;

Medicine

Physiotherapy

Genetics

Dental science

Human health and disease

Science

Pharmacy

Medicinal chemistry

Earth science

## UCC

Medicine Chemistry & physics/biology

Pharmacy Chemistry & physics/biology

## RCSI

1 science for medicine (6years +Hpat)

Chemistry & Biology/Physics (5years + Hpat)

Useful websites: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie), [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie), [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

# English/Irish/Maths Requirements

## **Mathematics Higher Level:**

Required by Universities and Institutes of technology for degrees (level 8) in Engineering. However, Engineering courses can be taken in Institutes of Technology at a lower level (levels 6+7) with Ordinary Level Maths. Students can progress from level 6/7 to the 8 if they wish.

## **English Higher Level:**

Required for Journalism courses in **DCU/DIT/UL**. Is a requirement for creative writing and English Degrees.

## **Irish Higher Level:**

Required for Primary teaching courses in Mary Immaculate/St. Patricks College/Froebel/Marino and all other degrees incorporating Irish.i.e Business and Irish, Law & Irish, Commerce & Irish etc.

# Other Requirements

## **Art**

Requirement for post leaving certificate portfolio art courses or Art courses at 3<sup>rd</sup> level Colleges

## **Music**

Requirement for Music Courses at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Colleges or for Post Leaving Certificate Courses.

## **Construction**

Useful leaving certificate subject for courses in Construction, Engineering, Quantity Surveying, Apprenticeships, etc.

## **DCG**

Useful leaving certificate subject for courses in Construction, Engineering, Quantity Surveying, Apprenticeships, etc. DCG is also of use for some courses such as computers and gaming.

## **Social & Scientific**

Useful for courses in Home Economics Teaching, Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Nutrition, Food & Beverage Courses, Childcare, Social Care.

## **Agricultural Science**

Useful for Agri courses in Agricultural Colleges at Green Cert and Degree level from Kildalton to UCD/WIT.  
Useful for courses such as Veterinary Science, Animal Science, Dairy Business etc.  
Useful for Agricultural Mechanisation Courses.

## **Business/Economics/Accounting**

Useful for courses in Commerce, Business, Quantitative Business, Law and Accounting, Law and Economics, Marketing, Human Resource Management and more. General business degrees will incorporate aspects of all 3 business area.

## **History/Geography**

Useful for Humanities Degree, Arts degrees, teaching, politics, government and more.

**Biology/Chemistry/Physics.**

Science requirements are quite specific. See attached science requirements. A science subject is generally requirement for the majority of science and engineering courses at 3<sup>rd</sup> level.

**French/German (other 3<sup>rd</sup> language)**

NUI universities require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language for a lot of their courses. See attached list for courses that do not require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language.

## Exemptions

**Irish/French/German** exemptions can be obtained from the National University of Ireland office and by contacting the individual colleges in 6<sup>th</sup> year when a CAO number for college applications has been made. The applicant must meet NUI application standards to qualify. Please contact the office.

# LCVP Subject Combinations

## L.C.V.P Subject Combinations

Please refer to Department of Education and Skills L.C.V.P Subject Combinations below if you wish to study L.C.V.P.  
**If you wish to study L.C.V.P please circle the subject combination that applies to you.**

### **Department of Education & Skills LCVP Subject Combinations below.**

1. Construction, DCG. **Any Two**
2. Physics **and** Construction **or** DCG
3. Agricultural Science **and** Construction **or** DCG.
4. Agricultural Science **and** Chemistry **or** Physics.
5. Home Economics, Agricultural Science, Biology **Any Two**
6. Home Economics **and** Art
7. Accounting, Business, Economics **Any Two**
8. Physics **and** Chemistry
9. Biology **and** Chemistry **or** Physics
10. Biology **and** Agricultural Science
11. Art **and** DCG
12. Construction **or** DCG **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
13. Home Economics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
14. Agricultural Science **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
15. Art **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
16. Music **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

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