

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 3rd level institutions. Keep your options open!

French/German Requirements

The Colleges listed below do not require a 3rd 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 3rd language to enter most of their degrees programmes.

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

UCD: majority of courses require a 3rd 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 3rd 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 3rd 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 3rd language.
medicine/physiotherapy/pharmacy/general nursing/

Pontifical College, Maynooth – all courses

Shannon College of Hotel Management –all require a 3rd language.

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

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

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

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

St. Angela's Sligo- * some courses require a 3rd 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 or 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, www.qualifax.ie, 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 3rd level Colleges

Music

Requirement for Music Courses at 3rd 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 3rd level.

French/German (other 3rd language)

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

Exemptions

Irish/French/German Exemptions.

If granted an exemption in primary school please submit a copy of the exemption to the school principal.

If an exemption has been granted or recommended since you have entered secondary school, please ensure to submit an exemption form with the school principal.

NUI exemptions can be obtained from the National University of Ireland office/website. www.nui.ie. NUI colleges are UCC, NUIG, UCD, NUIM. The applicant must meet NUI application standards to qualify.

Non NUI College exemptions must be obtained from individual colleges if applicable.

LCVP 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.
Please note: We **do not offer Engineering or Technology.**

If you wish to study L.C.V.P please circle the subject combination that applies to you.

Programme Requirements for students taking Leaving Certificate Examination from 2004 onwards

- At least **five** Leaving Certificate subjects **plus** the Link Modules, one of which must be Irish
- Two of the above subjects must be selected from one of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings
- Two Link Modules: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education
- A recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English:

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs)

Two subjects are selected from one of the Vocational Subject Groupings. These subjects provide students with a focus for developing vocational skills and exploring their career options.

Specialist Groupings

- 1 Construction Studies; Engineering; Design and Communication Graphics; Technology - **Any Two**
- 2 Physics **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
- 3 Agricultural Science **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
- 4 Agricultural Science **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry
- 5 Home Economics; Agricultural Science; Biology - **Any Two**
- 6 Home Economics **and** Art - Design Option **or** Craft Option
- 7 Accounting; Business; Economics - **Any two**

8 Physics **and** Chemistry

9 Biology **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry

10 Biology **and** Agricultural Science

11 Art - Design Option or Craft Option **and** Design & Communication Graphics

Services Groupings

12 Engineering **or** Technology **or** Construction Studies **or** Design & Communication Graphics **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 Design or Craftwork Option **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

16 Music **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

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