

Beginners Guide to Choosing Your Course

TIPS	Examples
You can of course study your favourite subject...	Physics, Business Studies, Languages, PE or Maths, etc...
or you can combine subjects through our Joint or Combined Honours Degree programmes	Manufacturing Engineering and Business Studies; Economics, Politics and Law; Journalism and Irish
...but you're not restricted to your school or college subjects.	At university you can study many more subjects than at school or college.
Choose a course that will lead to your chosen career.	Journalism; Athletic Therapy; Accounting and Finance.
Not sure which career to aim for? The breadth of our courses means it's likely you'll be able to match your interests to a future career.	For example, if you are interested in marketing and technology you might consider a Marketing, Innovation and Technology course. Or you might be able to specialise in your favourite subject on a teacher training course, check if the course is recognised by the Teacher's Registration Council
Other courses provide work placements where you'll gain valuable experience to offer future employers.	Not only will you put theory into practice - you'll also return to finish your course with renewed focus.
You could spend a year abroad studying at a foreign university including, the USA, Japan and Europe.	The Erasmus scheme allows a number of undergraduate students on all our courses to take advantage of this feature.
Be realistic when making your choices: pick courses for which you think you will get the entry requirements.	Popular courses often ask for high grades.
Don't pick a course just because you like its name! Find out as much as you can about the course before you apply.	Look up the course details in the online or printed prospectus, call the department and ask for a course leaflet, check out the website. If you still have questions you can always ask a Guidance Counsellor..
Make sure you visit the college before you apply. Come to one of their Open Days: talk with staff and find out about courses, meet current students, view the college's facilities and see the local area.	Check out www.qualifax.ie for that.
<p>FINALLY... You'll be spending some of the most important years of your life at college. By checking it out beforehand and doing your research you're more likely to make the right choice and to make a success of it.</p>	