St. Ciaran's Community School Leaving Certificate Subject Choice



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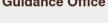
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IMPORTANT WERSITES

List of courses accepting Foundation level Maths here. (September 2020)

List of country-wide careers events for Senior Cycle students here. The Leaving Cert Results Are Out - What Now? (2020 Edition) Here. Elegibility Reckoner for Maintenance Grants here.

List of Nationwide events for interested Senior Cycle students here.

A reminder to 6th Years that the 'CAO App' is available on itunes and google play.



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Demo Application

Application to become more familiar with the application process.

Important Dates:

Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €25 for applications (17:15)



The junior cycle provides the student with a tricad range of learning experiences.

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Subject Choice in Kells

Subject choice may determine the career decisions you make, so carefully choosing which subjects to study after the Junior Certificate is vitally important.

Basic Requirements

Almost all third level Universities and Colleges lay down basic entry requirements. Generally, you must have a pass in English, Maths and sometimes Irish and a foreign language in order to study there. These requirements even apply when the third-level course you have selected doesn't involve any further study of those subjects. For example, you will still need a pass in Maths even if you want to study Forestry! What the Universities and Colleges are really saying by imposing these requirements is that they want students to have a well-rounded and balanced education before they embark on further study.

Likewise, if you want to enter the workforce directly after school, then your employer may want to see evidence of a good overall education before they check specific subjects. Beyond these basic requirements, there can be a big difference between course requirements so it's a good idea to do some homework first (sorry!). Having said that, you're unlikely to be stuck with a specific career by choosing certain subjects.

Promotion of the Sciences

STEM Promotional Brochure

STEM Video

Some Useful Documentation:

Teaching Council Requirements

For a list of LVCP Subject Groupings click here.

LCVP Powerpoint Presentation here.

Colleges that do/don't accept LVCP, and Foundation Level Maths here.

For a copy of the 2021 Presentation on Subject Choice for Senior Cycle click here.

For a full outline of the Leaving Certificate Subjects available please click here.

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For information on Project Maths click here.

N.U.I. Matriculation requirements here.

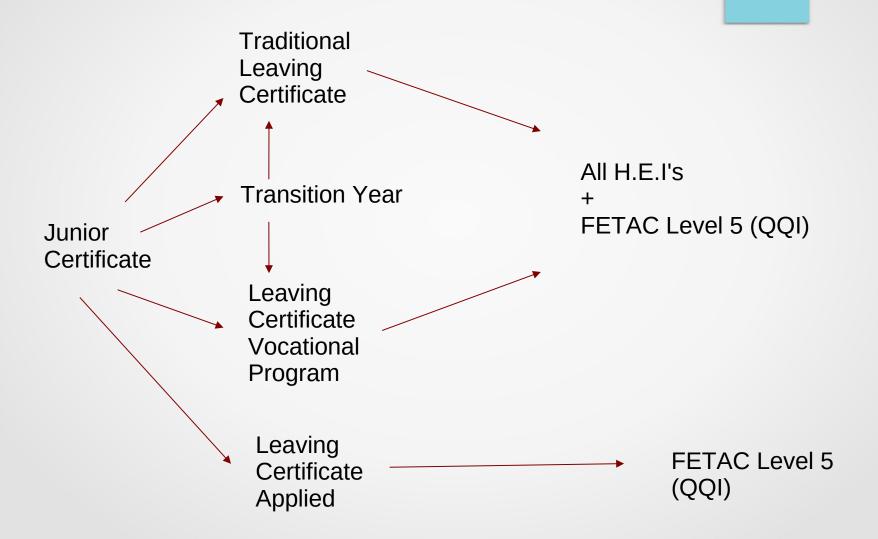
Leaving Certificate Applied:

For a brief presentation click here.

SLSS Brochure page one here. SLSS Brochure page two here.

Overview of Leaving Certificate Applied for parents here.

Further Study Options



%	L.C.	Honours	L.C.	Ordinary	Bonus*
	Grade		Grade		
90<100	H1	100	O1	56	25
80<90	H2	88	O2	46	25
70<80	НЗ	77	O3	37	25
60<70	H4	66	O4	28	25
50<60	H5	56	O5	20	25
40<50	H6	46	O6	12	25
30<40	H7	37	O7	0	0
0<30	Н8	0	O8	0	0

LCVP Recognition

INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY / TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES / UNIVERSITIES

Distinction (80-100%) 66 points

Merit (65-79%) 46 points

Pass (50 - 64%) 28 points

Foundation Level Maths Recognition

F1	20	90 – 100%
F2	12	80 - 89%

Ensure it is recognised by the HEI you are applying to.

Sample Calculation

Subject	Level	Grade	Score
Irish	Honours	H1	100
English	Ordinary	01	56
Maths	Honours	НЗ	77+25= 102
Physics	Honours	H2	88
Biology	Honours	H5	56
D.C.G.	Ordinary	O2	46
German	Honours	H5	56
Add the 6 best scor	es shown in RED		Points = 458

Accompanying Conditions:

- The six best results in one Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points computation.
- One sitting only of the Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points purposes.
- In the case of **Foundation Level Mathematics**, or **Foundation Level Irish**, some HEIs may not award the points shown. If in any doubt, check with the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEIs.
- Matriculation for Medicine must be completed in the year of application.

Getting into college - 3 Doors

General Requirements Specific Course Requirements

Points

6 Subjects

2 H5s

English, Irish & A Language

None

318 Points
1300 Places

ARTS – Maynooth University

Researching Subject Choice with Qualifax





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There is specific information and materials available to support your work with others.



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Is your son or daughter considering continuing their studies? Is an adult in your house thinking of returning to

Welcome to Qualifax

Qualifax is Ireland's National Learners' Database. It is the "one stop shop" for learners. We provide the most comprehensive information on further and higher education and training courses. Qualifax has developed services to ensure that you have all the information you need to make informed choices about your education, training and career paths.

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Is your son or daughter considering continuing their studies? Is an adult in your house thinking of returning to education?

There are lots of questions to consider when someone in your family is thinking of continuing or restarting their education or training. It may be your son or daughter who is making choices about what courses or programmes interest them. An adult in your house might want to return to education, be looking for ways to improve their skills or simply wishes to learn more about a hobby or leisure interest.

Regardless of who it is, Qualifax aims to help you support that person to make informed choices. Use the menu on the left hand side to find out more.





What do NFQ levels mean?

Not sure how the education and training system has changed in recent years?

Do we qualify for a grant?

Start here to get all the information you need on what grants might be available to you if your child is considering Higher Education

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Minimum Subject Requirements -

Points Calculator

Useful Tools

There are a number of useful tools

The Points Calculator is particularly relevant to students who have not yet taken their Leaving Certificate. You can enter your expected results to see how they compare to the points required by applicants in recent years.

The Interest Assessment is suitable for everyone to give an indication of areas or types of work that would match your interests.

Minimum Subject requirements provides an easy way to see the effect of taking / not taking particular subjects at Junior or Leaving Certificate.

Click on the links in red above, or use the menu on the left.



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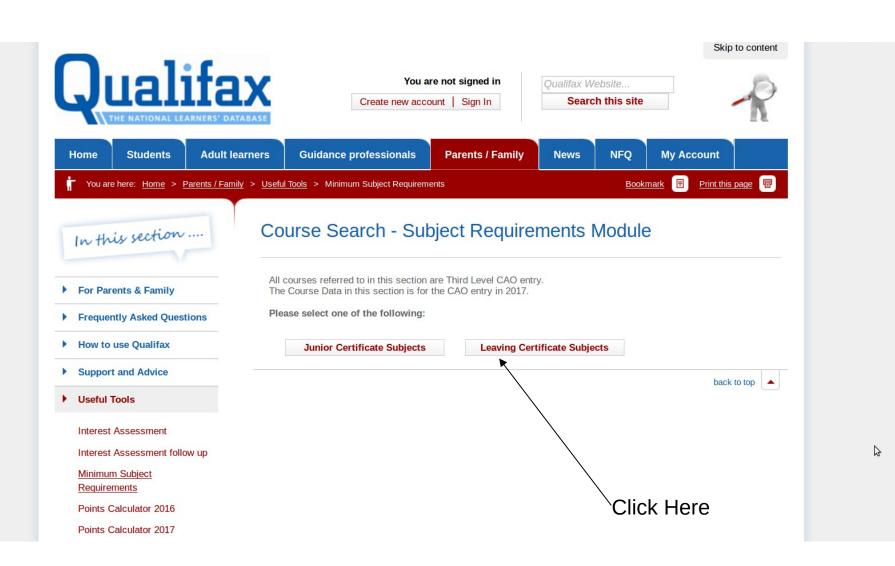
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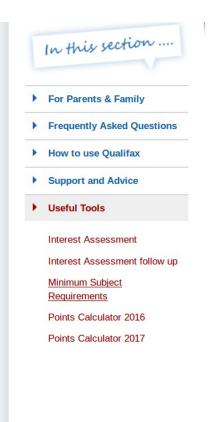
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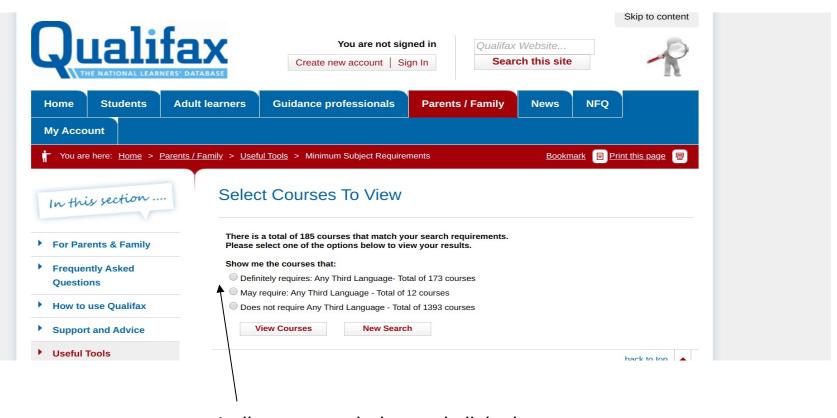


in this county:

Only show the course with this CAO code:

Subject Requirements Module View Search Help Return to Main Menu Show me 3rd level courses which may or Any may not require the following Subject: Narrow down your list of courses using one or a combination of the following: Only show courses from Any this CAO course provider: Only show courses offered Any in this Province: Only show courses offered Any

Select a subject you are interested in and Click Here



Indicate your choice and click view courses



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Points Calculator 2016

Points Calculator 2017 - 2020

- Podcasts
- Coronavirus / Covid-19

Search Courses Results

New Search

Click on the Course to get details about that course. Click on the Course Provider to get details about that course provider.



Search Criteria: Any Third Language (Definitely need subject).

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Code	Course	Course Provider
CK202	Accounting	University College Cork
DN100	Architecture	University College Dublin
CK101	Arts	University College Conk
MH101	Arts - Accounting	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Anthropology	Maynooth University
DN520	Arts - Archaeology	University College Dublin
DN520	Arts - Art History	University College Dublin
MH101	Arts - Business - International	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Business - Management	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Business - Marketing	Maynooth University
DN520	Arts - Celtic Civilization	University College Dublin
GY110	Arts - Children & Youth Studies	NUI Galway
MH101	Arts - Chinese Studies	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Computer Studies	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Criminology	Maynooth University

You are now presented with a list of courses that require a Third Language

You can pick one of these courses if you would like to explore the subject requirements further.

University College Cork

Accounting



▼ Course Details

Course Name	Accounting
Course Provider	University College Cork
Course Code	CK202
Minimum Subjects	2 H5 & 4 O6/H7
Specific Subjects or Course Requirements	Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. Subjects must include Irish, English, Maths and another language.
	To compete for a place as a school leaver, an applicant must satisfy the minimum entry requirements as well as any specific programme requirements, and then compete on the basis of the results obtained in their school leaving examinations.
	Applicants may combine results achieved in different sittings for the purpose of meeting the minimum entry requirements for programmes, with the exception of Medicine (CK701). However, results achieved in separate years of school-leaving exams may not be combined for the purpose of scoring points.
	Leaving Certificate applicants compete on the basis of a Points scheme.
Leaving Certificate General Entry	Age Limits for Entry For 2020 entry, CAO applicants for full-time degree programmes should have reached 17 years of age by 15th January 2021. Where a candidate below that age seeks to enter UCC, a special application must be made by the applicant to the Admissions Officer. Such an application should be accompanied by a letter of support from the Principal of the school at which the student is completing their school leaving examination.
Requirements	Exemption from Irish And/Or The 3rd Language In certain circumstances, applicants may be exempt from Irish and/or the third language requirement. Please refer to the NUI Handbook, the UCC Calendar or talk to your Guidance Counsellor for further details.

Now you have the specific requirements of an individual course.

What Influences Subject Choice

- Perception of 'easy' or 'hard' subjects
- Like/dislike the **teacher**, or the teacher they think will be teaching them
- Friends/parents/significant others such as siblings
- Needing the subject for course/career choice after the Leaving Cert
- Being good at the subject attainment in JC
- Likes/dislikes the subject enthusiasm & interest

Essential Subjects (or non-essential)

- You don't need Design and Communication Graphics to become an Architect
- You don't need Engineering to be an Engineer
- You don't need Biology to be a Nurse
- You don't need Accountancy to become an Accountant
- You don't need Business to take a Management Degree
- You don't need a Modern Language for Primary School Teaching
- You don't even need Italian to study Italian in Trinity!

Watch for Subjects with a 'practical element'

Art
Construction
Engineering
DCG
History
Home Economics
Geography

62% practical 38% final exam 50% practical 50% final exam 50% practical 50% final exam 40% practical 60% final exam 20% project 80% final exam 20% project 80% final exam 20% fieldtrip 80% final exam

Obligatory Subjects

English

2 levels: — Ordinary

Irish*

Maths

Higher

3 levels: Ordinary

Foundation

* May have an exemption

Optional Subjects: Five Areas

17 subjects to choose from

- Language
- Science
- Business
- Social Studies
- Applied Science



Language Options

- Irish
- English
- French
- German
- Latvian / Lithuanian / Polish / Russian / Croatian / Romanian

Irish

A requirement for UCD, Maynooth, Galway, Shannon College of Hotel Management, Royal College of Surgeons, St. Angela's College of Education, the Institute of Public Administration and UC Cork.

For entry to the Garda Siochana you must have a proven proficiency in two languages; one of which must be Irish or English

In Ireland you need a H4 or better in Honours Irish to become a primary school teacher.

Satisfies the requirement of a modern language for entry to Trinity College, and as a language, other than English, for entry to the University of Limerick (UL) and Dublin City University (DCU).

Remember - there are still no points for Foundation Level Irish.

English

Check with teachers about movement from honours to ordinary level.

All universities, colleges and employers require English at pass level, other colleges will take Irish or English.

Don't fail Honours English.

Higher English is required for a handful of courses in areas such as Journalism, Multimedia, Communications, Media Studies, Legal Studies and Speech Therapy. (Psychology in UK Courses.)

Languages

An increase in courses such as business that have a modern language as part of the course.

You may need it as a matriculation requirement for the NUI Colleges (Ordinary Level only).

You also need it if you are interested in the Cadets.

Language is obviously an important requirement for courses such as European Studies, Tourism, Languages and Marketing.

A Modern European Language is **not** required for Nursing, Primary School Teaching, Science, Ag. Science or Engineering even at University level. (Nor for Business & Law in NUI Maynooth.)

The best advice would be not to take a language if you have struggled with it up to now.

French and German are available. Students may also sign up for the Leaving Certificate Polish exam among others.

Science Area

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Agricultural Science
- Applied Mathematics

Biology / Chemistry / Physics

Courses that require a science subject include engineering and medical courses, paramedical courses such as biomedical science, dentistry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, radiography and human nutrition.

You may pursue a course in, science, technology, engineering or maths at an Institute of Technology without a science subject, but ask if it might be a disadvantage.

If a career in medicine or nursing is high on your list you should think in terms of Chemistry and Biology.

Two science subjects are required for Medicine and Dentistry in Trinity College, Dublin.

Interested in engineering then Physics and Chemistry should both be considered.

Biology is desirable but not necessary for those who wish to study Nursing. Students who opt for the Biology Elective for Home Economics Training in St. Angela's must pass Biology. (Note even P.E. with Biology in DCU will accept Physics or Chemistry).

Appliance of Science

Leaving Certificate Science Subjects COLLEGE SUBJECTS in order of importance to college subject 1 **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES** Chemistry **Mathematics Biology Biology** Horticulture Agriculture Marine Biology **Mathematics** CHEMICAL SCIENCES Chemistry **Physics Biochemistry** Chemistry Chem. Engineering Medicinal Chem. PHYSICAL SCIENCES **Physics Mathematics** Chemistry **Physics** Astronomy **Electronics** Computing **ENGINEERING Mathematics Physics** Chemistry Civil Mechanical Aeronautical **Electrical MEDICAL SCIENCES Biology** Chemistry **Physics** Pharmacy Nursing Opthalmic Optics Nutrition **MEDICINE / DENTISTRY** Chemistry **Physics Biology** Medicine Dentistry British Association for the Advancement of Science Vet. Medicine

Maths / Applied Maths

Mathematics is a requirement for a great number of jobs and courses.

A grade O3 or better in Ordinary Level Maths is required for many Science or Commerce courses at University. This reflects the level of Mathematics that has to be studied as part of the course.

Maths is required by relatively few courses (70), the majority of which are Honours Engineering Degrees.

Foundation Maths is acceptable for many Careers. Some Colleges will allow it where no Maths is involved in the course, but may not award any points for it. Some employers will accept it for apprenticeships. Most PLC courses will also accept it, an exception being Accounting Technician and some Pre-University courses.

Foundation Maths is acceptable for places on Arts, Music, Social Science and Law Degrees in the N.U.I. Colleges, as well as small number of courses in DCU.

Honours Applied Maths fulfills the Honours Maths requirement for Engineering & Computing courses in DCU.

Business Area

- Accounting*
- Business
- Economics

Not compulsory for any Business, Management or Commerce course at third level

* One exception: Commerce & Accounting in N.U.I. Galway

Social Studies

- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music

History / Geography

HISTORY

Even though history is not essential for entry to any third-level course, nonetheless, the study of history contributes enormously to an all-round education.

Very helpful for the study of Law, Politics or Journalism.

GEOGRAPHY:

Although Geography is not essential for entry to third-level courses, in Trinity College it is accepted as one of the H5 grades for entry to both Science and Pharmacy. While in UCD Geography may be used as a laboratory science subject for entry to Science / Archaeology & Geology programmes.

Art / Music

ART (including Crafts):

Although art is not specified as an entry requirement for **all** Colleges of Art, a portfolio of work is an essential element for application.

Many students take a year out to complete a portfolio preparation course in order to try and enhance their chances of getting a place in Art College.

National College of Art and Design require a pass in Art or a language.

MUSIC

At the moment Music can only be taken as a subject outside of school.

If you intend to study music at third level you need to check to see which courses specify a grade in music.

Expect to be asked to attend a special music test or audition if applying for courses in Music.

Watch for Irish Music & Dance in UL.

Applied Science

- Engineering
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Construction Studies
- Home Economics (Scientific & Social)

Home Economics

Search Criteria: Subject Home Economics. (Might need subject).

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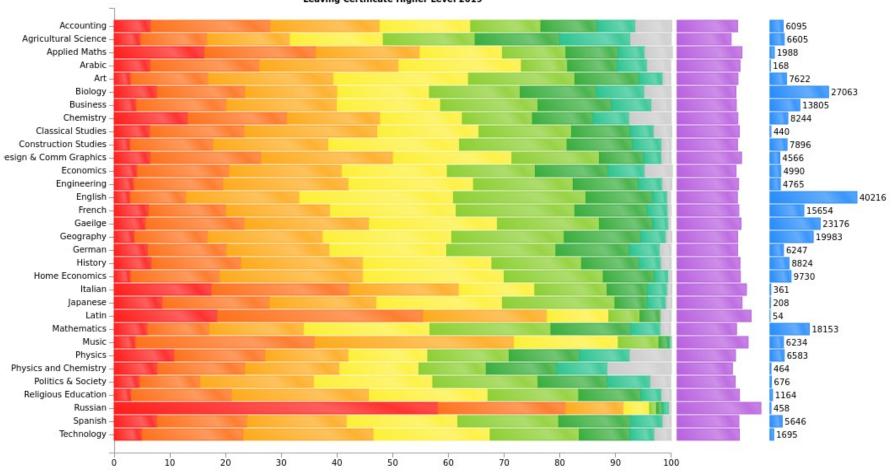
Code	Course	Course Provider
TU944	Culinary Science - Grangegorman	Technological University Dublin - City Campus
AS003	Education Home Economics & Irish with concurrent Teacher Education	St. Angela's College Sligo
AS002	Education Home Economics & Religious Education with concurrent Teacher Education	St. Angela's College Sligo
TU881	Food Innovation - Grangegorman	Technological University Dublin - City Campus
TU645	Food Science & Management - Grangegorman	Technological University Dublin - City Campus
TU761	<u>Ophthalmic Dispensing - Grangegorman</u>	Technological University Dublin - City Campus
TU654	Pharmacy Technician Studies - Blanchardstown	Technological University Dublin - City Campus

The top six most popular Higher Level subjects taken by students this year were:

- 1. English -40,217 students
- 2. Biology 26,684 students
- 3. Irish -23,176 students
- 4. Geography 19,293 students
- 5. Maths 18,153 students
- 6. French 15,654 students

Subject Grades Explorer





Sort By:

Subject Name Average Points Candidates

Sort By Grades:

H1 (A1) H2 (A2-B1) H3 (B2-B3) H4 (C1-C2) H5 (C3-D1) H6 (D2-D3) H7 (30-39%) H8 (0-29%)

Sort By Grade Bracket:

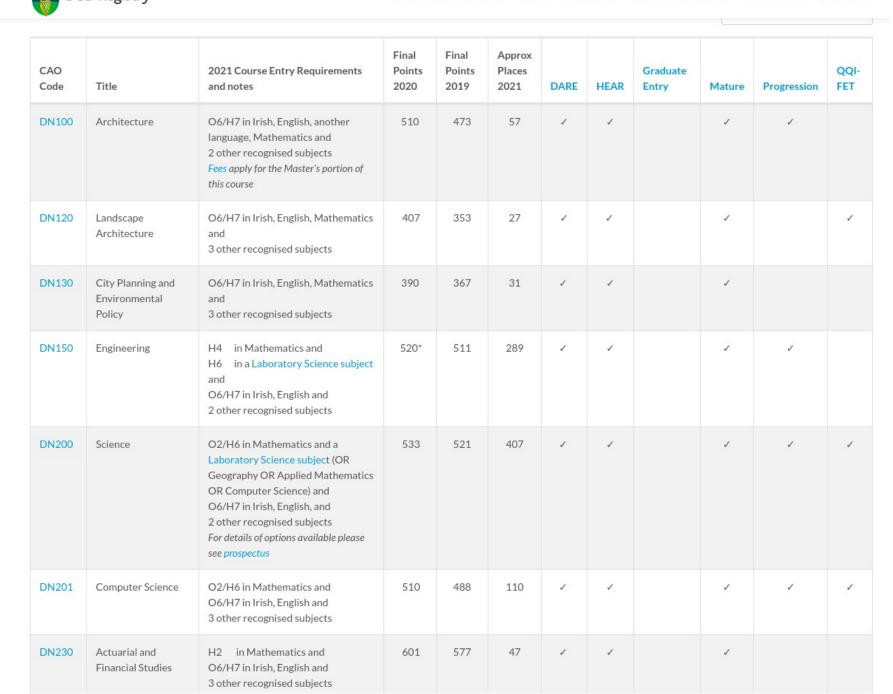
H1-H2 H1-H3 H1-H4 H1-H5 Pass 0-29

Change Year:

2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011

Change Level:

Higher Ordinary



Present Shortages



electricians, welders, mechanics



ENGINEERS

chemical, electrical, civil, mechanical



MANAGEMENT

low, middle & top level management



DRIVERS

truck, delivery, construction, mass transit



9 HEALTHCARE

doctors, nurses and other non-nursing health professionals



SALES REPRESENTATIVES

B2B, B2C, contact center



TEACHERS



6 PROFESSIONALS

project managers, lawyers, researchers



8 OFFICE SUPPORT

administrative assistants, PAs, receptionists



10 TECHNICIANS

quality controllers, technical staff



Advice

- Select your 6 best for points
- If you have a specific career in mind, check out the exact requirements
- Where possible start with **Honours** Level
- Your choices should not totally depend on which **teacher** is teaching a certain subject
- The Leaving Certificate is a full-time two year course
- Where a mistake is made **rectify** it as soon as possible
- Beware of the 'easy' and 'hard' subject

More Advice

- Talk to students studying subjects at the moment
- Talk to teachers of the subject
- Look at a copy of the textbook
- Look at a copy of the Leaving Certificate Exam Papers for the subject in question

And Finally...

Any Questions?

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