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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND Ollscoil na hÉireann

The National University of Ireland was established by the Irish Universities Act, 1908. It was re-structured under the Universities Act, 1997, and now comprises four Constituent Universities, five Recognised Colleges and one College of a Constituent University.

1.1 The NUI Constituent Universities are:

University College Dublin,
University College Cork,
National University of Ireland, Galway,
National University of Ireland, Maynooth

1.2 The other NUI Member Institutions are:

Recognised Colleges

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Shannon College of Hotel Management Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy

Colleges Linked With Constituent Universities

National College of Art and Design, Dublin Institute of Public Administration St. Angela's College, Sligo

1.3 Age at Entry to a Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College

Students must normally have attained the age of seventeen years by 15th January following entry to a Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College of the University. Where a candidate below that age seeks to enter an institution within NUI, special application must be made to the President/Director of the institution concerned.

1.4 Limitation of Entry to Faculties

As admission to most Faculties in the Constituent Universities, Recognised and other Associated Colleges is competitive, intending students should obtain from the Admissions Office of the College concerned a copy of the admission requirements and procedures. Fulfilling minimum Matriculation requirements does not ensure that students will be accepted automatically into any NUI university or college or meet the entry requirements for any particular course.

Note: The faculties referred to in this booklet, in relation to matriculation requirements, are as provided in NUI Statutes. Changes in faculty structures in the Constituent Universities do not affect matriculation requirements.

FACULTIES/COLLEGES OF THE CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES, RECOGNISED AND OTHER ASSOCIATED COLLEGES AND COURSES TO WHICH THE REGULATIONS APPLY

2.1 University College Dublin

Colleges of: Arts & Celtic Studies; Business & Law; Engineering, Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Human Sciences; Life Sciences.

2.2 University College Cork

Colleges of: Arts, Celtic Studies & Social Sciences; Business & Law; Medicine & Health; Science, Engineering & Food Science.

2.3 National University of Ireland, Galway

Colleges of: Arts, Social Science & Celtic Studies; Business, Public Policy & Law; Engineering and Informatics; Medicine, Nursing, & Health Sciences; Science.

2.4 National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Faculties of: Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy; Social Sciences; Science and Engineering.

2.5 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Medicine and related Medical Sciences.

2.6 National College of Art and Design

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Design, Education, Fine Art and Visual Culture.

2.7 Shannon College of Hotel Management

Undergraduate courses in the Faculty of Commerce.

2.8 Institute of Public Administration

Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in the Faculties of Arts and Commerce.

2.9 Milltown Institute

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Theology, Philosophy and Spirituality.

2.10 St. Angela's College, Sligo

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the Faculty of Arts and in Nursing.

EXAMINATIONS AND SUBJECTS ACCEPTED FOR MATRICULATION REGISTRATION PURPOSES

Students may satisfy Matriculation Registration requirements as follows:

3.1 On the results of the Leaving Certificate examination:

All subjects of the Leaving Certificate Examination are accepted for Matriculation Regulation purposes, with the following exceptions and qualifications:

- (i) Gaeilge Bonnleibhéal (Irish Foundation Level) will not be accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes;
- (ii) Mathematics (Ordinary Alternative; Foundation Level)
 Mathematics (Ordinary Alternative; Foundation Level) will be
 accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes, but not as
 a substitute for the subject Mathematics in faculties or
 courses for which the subject Mathematics is currently an
 entry requirement;

Combination of Leaving Certificate results for Matriculation Registration purposes

An applicant may combine the results of Leaving Certificate Examinations obtained in different years for Matriculation Registration purposes. (This concession applies to Matriculation Registration only; it does not necessarily apply to the admission requirements of the Constituent Universities, Recognised or other Associated Colleges).

In particular, it should be noted that students seeking to enter Medicine must achieve the minimum entry (Matriculation) requirements and minimum course entry requirements in the same sitting of the Leaving Certificate.

Combination of subjects not permitted

- The subject Physics and Chemistry may not be presented with either Physics or Chemistry.
- Only two of the following subjects may be presented: History, Economic History (not available after 2005), Economics.
- Agricultural Economics may not be presented with Economics.
- Classical Studies may not be presented with Latin or Greek.
- **N.B.** The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not an acceptable qualification for matriculation purposes.

3.2 On the results of GCF and GCSF examinations

An applicant may combine the results of GCE/GCSE Examinations results obtained in different years, for Matriculation purposes. (This concession applies to Matriculation Registration only; it does not necessarily apply to the admission requirements of the Constituent Universities, Recognised or other Associated Colleges. In particular, it should be noted that students seeking to enter Medicine must meet the minimum entry requirements within the same examinations cycle.)

Acceptance of GCE and GCSE subjects for Matriculation Registration purposes

Certain restrictions apply in relation to the combination of GCE and GCSE subjects for matriculation purposes and not all GCE and GCSE subjects are accepted. For further information and the list of the GCE and GCSE subjects acceptable for matriculation consult www.nui.ie/college. Students intending to present a subject not included in the list are advised to contact NUI or the Admissions Office of the Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College to which they are applying.

3.3 On the results of other examinations

A list of European and International qualifications accepted for Matriculation purposes with information on the requirements for matriculation relating to each is contained in the Appendices. Students wishing to complete Matriculation Registration on the results of these examinations should contact, in the first instance, the Admissions Office of the Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College they wish to enter. The subjects passed and standards obtained must be in accordance with the faculty requirements set out in Section 4. Holders of other qualifications not listed should also make contact with the Admissions Office of the NUI institution they wish to enter. See also Section 5.4 in connection with the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the Irish Language Requirement.

Note: The results of Leaving Certificate and GCE and GCSE examinations may not be combined for Matriculation Registration purposes, except in the circumstances set out in section 6.3. In certain circumstances, candidates may combine the results of Junior Certificate with GCE/GCSE examinations for matriculation purposes. Candidates wishing to so do should contact NUI in the first instance.

FACULTY/COLLEGE MATRICULATION (MINIMUM ENTRY) REQUIREMENTS

Note: The faculties referred to in this booklet, in relation to matriculation requirements, are as provided in NUI Statutes. Changes in faculty structures in the Constituent Universities do not affect matriculation requirements.

4.1 Faculty/College of:

- Arts
- Human Sciences
- Philosophy
- Celtic Studies
- Law
- Social Science
 - (i) Irish
 - (ii) English
 - (iii) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
 - (iv), (v) and (vi) Any three Matriculation subjects not already selected

Commerce

- (i) Irish
- (ii) English
- (iii) Mathematics
- (iv) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
- (v), (vi) Any two other subjects accepted for Matriculation purposes
- Science
- Food Science and Technology
- Medicine (including Dentistry)
- Engineering and Architecture
- Veterinary Medicine
- Agriculture
 - (i) Irish
 - (ii) English
 - (iii) Mathematics
 - (iv) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
 - (v) A Laboratory Science subject.

The Laboratory Science subjects are:

Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics-with-Chemistry, Agricultural Science

(vi) Any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes.

Notes

- For entry to the Colleges/Faculties of Engineering and Science any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes may be substituted for the Third Language.
- For entry to Engineering at UCC, NUI, Galway and NUI, Maynooth, the subject Technology may be substituted for a laboratory science subject.
- For entry to Science at UCD, Applied Mathematics may be substituted for a laboratory science subject.
- A laboratory science subject is not necessary for entry to Architecture in UCC or UCD or for entry to Computer Science in UCC, UCD or NUI, Maynooth.
- For entry to BSc Veterinary Nursing UCD, Home Economics may be substituted for a Laboratory Science subject.
- Art is acceptable in place of the Third Language for students entering the National College of Art and Design.
- For entry to Nursing, the Faculty Matriculation requirements are those of the Faculty of Medicine. However, any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes may be substituted for the Third Language.
- Students from outside the European Union presenting the results of examinations other than those of the European Union countries may substitute two recognised subjects for (a) Irish and (b) the language other than English.
- Students are advised to consult Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College admissions literature for details of specific subject/course requirements.

4.2 Standard required

Leaving Certificate examination

Candidates must obtain a pass in at least six subjects selected according to College/Faculty requirements, as set out in 4.1 above, with at least Grade C3 in two subjects on the Higher Course and at least Grade D3 (Ordinary or Higher Course) in four subjects.

Compensatory Mechanism

One Grade E in any subject at Higher Level will be accepted if the candidate has among his/her other subjects three Grade C3 awards on Higher Level Papers or at least one Grade B3 and one Grade C3 on Higher Level Papers in the Leaving Certificate. (It should be noted that this compensatory mechanism applies to basic matriculation only. It is not relevant for admission purposes where there is a course requirement higher than Grade D3 at Ordinary Level in the subject concerned. It does not currently apply in the case of Nursing.)

GCE/GCSE examinations

Candidates must obtain a pass in at least six subjects, in accordance with faculty requirements as set out in Section 4.1 and obtain the following:

GCE Advanced Level

At least Grade C in two recognised subjects (Grade A with Grade D or Grade E, or Grade B with Grade D are considered the equivalent of two Grade Cs).

• GCE AS Level/GCSE Level

At least Grade C in four other recognised subjects (GCE Advanced Level Grades A to D, E or O are accepted as GCSE O Level Pass Grades).

Other Examinations

The subjects passed and standard attained must be in accordance with the Faculty/College requirements set out above. (See Appendices for a list of European and International qualifications accepted for Matriculation purposes). Further information on the grades needed to satisfy Matriculation requirements is available from Admissions Offices. Holders of other qualifications not listed should make contact with the Admissions Office of the NUI institution they wish to enter. See also Section 5.4 in connection with the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the Irish Language requirement.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

5.1 The basic requirement with regard to Irish

Candidates born in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) must pass Irish in the Leaving Certificate or GCE/GCSE Examinations. This requirement applies whether the candidate is presenting the Leaving Certificate or another examination for Matriculation, unless one of the conditions for an exemption, as set out at 5.3 below, is satisfied.

5.2 Exemption from Irish for candidates born in Northern Ireland/ United Kingdom

Candidates from Northern Ireland/United Kingdom presenting GCE/GCSE qualifications will automatically be granted exemption from Irish. It is not necessary for them to apply to NUI.

5.3 Other exemptions from Irish

Candidates covered by (i) to (iii) below may claim exemption from the requirement of presenting Irish for Matriculation purposes by sending a completed Exemption Application Form to NUI, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. This Form is available from NUI (tel: 01 4392424) or may be downloaded from www.nui.ie/college.

(i) Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties)

Candidates (apart from those born in Northern Ireland/United Kingdom as referred to at 5.2) must complete Sections A and B of the Exemption Application Form and send this to NUI with a copy of their birth certificate;

(ii) Candidates born in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) but,

- whose primary education up to the age of eleven years was outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties); or
- who resided outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) during at least three years of their post-primary education; or
- whose primary education and/or post-primary education took place for at least three years outside of the Republic of Ireland (26 counties).

In all of these cases, candidates must complete Section A of the Exemption Application Form, have Section C of the Form completed and signed by the Principal/Head of their school and send the completed form to NUI.

(iii) Candidates submitting a Certificate of Exemption on the basis of a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue, (Department of Education and Skills revision of Rule 46 'Rules and Programmes for Secondary Schools' in relation to exemption from Irish (Circular letter M10/94 – 1(c)(i))

Any candidate who is granted exemption from Irish on this ground in school and who intends applying for a place in a Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College, is required to send to NUI

- a completed Exemption Application Form (complete Section A and have Section D completed and signed by the Principal/Head of your school) together with
- a copy of the DES Certificate of Exemption, signed by the Principal/Head of the School where the certificate was issued and
- the relevant professional psychologist's report;

Applications for exemption from Irish will also be considered from the following candidates:

(iv) Candidates who have <u>not</u> received a DES Certificate of Exemption (see (iii) above) but who are certified by a professional psychologist as having a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue (viz. a dyslexic condition warranting exemption)

Candidates in this situation are required to send to NUI

- a completed Exemption Application Form (complete Section A and have Section E completed and signed by the Principal/Head of your school) together with
- a Certification Form signed by a professional psychologist (available from NUI) and
- the psychologist's report;

It should be noted that psychologists' reports certifying learning disability should be no more than three years old i.e. where candidates apply during the 2012/2013 academic year, reports should be dated no earlier than 1 September 2010. See also note at 6.2.

Candidates granted exemption from Irish in accordance with (iii) or (iv) above will also be granted exemption from the Third Language requirement.

Where the candidate intends to present another language (apart from English) as a Leaving Certificate subject, the rationale for presenting the other language, while seeking exemption from Irish on the basis of a learning disability affecting language skills, must be set out clearly and accompany the application for exemption.

5.4 It should be noted that:

- Applications for exemptions are considered on an individual basis and may be presented to the University at any stage following completion of the Junior Certificate
- Exemption Application Forms and Certification Forms (see (iv) above) are available from the National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 (tel. 01 439 2424), or may be downloaded from www.nui.ie/college
- Candidates who are exempted from Irish may present, as their sixth subject, any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
- The criteria for the granting of an exemption from the NUI Irish and/or Third Language requirements are not the same as those for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE). Therefore the granting of an NUI exemption does not mean that a student is automatically eligible under DARE
- Application for an NUI language exemption does not imply that application has been made to DARE; application to DARE must be made through the CAO
- Students who have been granted language waivers through DARE will also qualify for language exemptions from NUI
- Candidates from outside the European Union presenting the results of examinations other than those of the European Union countries may substitute another recognised subject for Irish
- Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties), or qualifying under 5.3 (ii) above, and who have been granted exemption from Irish, may nevertheless present Irish as a subject for Matriculation to fulfil the requirement to present a language other than English.
 - (This provision is mainly relevant to students from Northern Ireland, and to other students born outside Ireland who present Irish as a Leaving Certificate, GCE or GCSE subject).
 - It is essential for candidates intending to use Irish for this purpose to contact NUI so that their status in terms of fulfilling language requirements may be recorded.
- Candidates presenting the International Baccalaureate Diploma for Matriculation, and whose primary and post-primary education has been in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties), will satisfy the Irish language requirement by presenting a pass (at least Grade D3 at Ordinary level) in Irish in the Leaving Certificate
- Hearing-impaired students (see Section 8).

THE THIRD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- 6.1 As indicated at Section 4.1, all candidates are required to present, in addition to Irish and English, a Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes with the following exceptions:
 - (i) For entry to Colleges/Faculties of Engineering and Science any other subject accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes may be substituted for the Third Language;
 - (ii) Students entering courses in Nursing may substitute any other recognised subject for the Third Language;
 - (iii) Students entering NCAD may present the subject Art in place of the Third Language;
 - (iv) Students from outside the European Union presenting the results of examinations other than those of the European Union countries may substitute another recognised subject for the Third Language (See Section 5.4);
 - (v) Students born or educated outside Ireland may present Irish as a Matriculation subject to fulfil the Third language Requirement. (See Section 5.4). This provision is relevant to students from Northern Ireland, and also to other students born or educated outside Ireland who present Irish as a Leaving Certificate, GCE or GCSE subject;
 - (vi) Hearing-impaired students (See Section 8).

6.2 Students with Dyslexic Conditions

The NUI is also prepared to consider applications seeking exemption from the Third Language requirement from students who are certified by a professional psychologist as having a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue (viz. a dyslexic condition warranting exemption). Such applications are considered on an individual basis and may be presented to the University at any stage following completion of the Junior Certificate. Applicants are required to send to NUI

- a completed Exemption Application Form (complete Section A and have Section E completed and signed by the Principal/Head of your school) together with
- a NUI Certification Form completed by a professional psychologist and
- the psychologist's report

Exemption Application Forms and NUI Certification Forms are available from the National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 (tel: 01 4392424), or may be downloaded from www.nui.ie/college. It should be noted that psychologists' reports certifying learning difficulty should be no more than three years old i.e. where candidates apply during the 2012/2013 academic year, reports should be dated no later than 1 September 2010. See also 5.3 (iii) and (iv) above in relation to Irish. Candidates granted exemption from Irish in accordance with these provisions will also be granted exemption from the Third Language requirement.

Notes: The NUI has been influenced by the Association for Higher Education Access and Disability (AHEAD) in accepting the following definition of dyslexia:

Dyslexia is one of several distinct learning disabilities. It is a specific language-based disorder of constitutional origin characterised by disabilities in single word decoding, usually reflecting insufficient phonological processing.

These difficulties in single word decoding are often unexpected in relation to age and other cognitive abilities; they are not the result of generalised developmental disability or sensory impairment.

Dyslexia is manifest by variable difficulty with different forms of language, often including, in addition to problems with reading, a conspicuous problem with acquiring proficiency in writing and spelling.

In general decisions of NUI on the granting of exemptions from Irish/Third Language are influenced by the following Department of Education and Science guidelines for Irish Language Exemption and State Examinations Commission Reasonable Accommodations in Examinations (RACE):

- Literacy attainment at or below 10th percentile/SS 81, significant discrepancy with general ability; two literacy abilities affected. Evidence of deficits in working memory and processing speed.
- Significant level of difficulty experienced by the student, with little or no compensatory strategies in place. Student is unaware of strengths and weaknesses and is struggling to a significant degree to cope with workload.
- Severe impact on ability to succeed. Student may or may not have received specialist tuition but it has been relatively ineffective. Student's written work not reflective of underlying cognitive ability to a significant degree.

Students should be aware that the criteria for the granting of an exemption from the NUI Third Language requirements are not the same as those for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE). The granting of an NUI exemption does not mean that a student is automatically eligible under DARE. Application to DARE must be made through the CAO.

6.3 Students from outside the European Union presenting the Leaving Certificate

The following special arrangements apply in the case of students from outside the European Union whose first language is a language other than English and who present the Leaving Certificate for Matriculation purposes. In general, such candidates will be required to present a language other than English for Matriculation. Candidates in this situation may present a language in the Leaving Certificate or alternative certification in a language acceptable to the University. For example, examinations in non-European Union languages available at GCE/GCSE levels will be accepted as meeting this language requirement. In these circumstances, it is permissible for candidates to combine the results of the Leaving Certificate with the language result in the GCE/GCSE. In the case of examinations other than the GCE/GCSE, applications are considered by the University on an individual basis. Candidates are required to present original certificates or copies authenticated by a relevant authority.

It should be noted that in all cases students are required to present six Leaving Certificate subjects.

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not accepted as a subject for matriculation purposes.

THE ENGLISH REQUIREMENT WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT THE FIRST LANGUAGE

All candidates are required to satisfy the English language requirement. Candidates whose first language is not English may satisfy the requirement through any of the following:

- 7.1 NUI Certificate in English Language Studies (currently awarded at Shannon College of Hotel Management)
- 7.2 Leaving Certificate
 English at Grade D Ordinary Level or above
- 7.3 University of Dublin (Trinity College)
 English Composition (not English Literature) at Pass Level or above
- 7.4 UK Examining Boards/Bodies
 - GCE O Level English Language at Grade C or above
 - GCSE English Language at Grade C or above
 - GCSE English Literature at Grade C or above
 - CSE Grade 1 Pass in English

The following standard in English Language examinations set by certain Examination Boards – any one of:

- Assessments and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) C or above
- Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) C or above
- Edexcel Foundation C or above
- University of Cambridge Advanced Certificate, Level B
- University of Cambridge Proficiency Certificate, Level C
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Patterns A and B, with an average score of 6.5 over all components, and a minimum of 6.0 in each band
- University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (UCLES)
 with English at grade C or above [incorporating the Oxford
 Examining Body's English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper)]
- 7.5 EU Countries' Matriculation Examination

Matriculation Examinations from European Union Countries where English is presented as a subject and an acceptable level is achieved

7.6 Norwegian Certificate of Upper Secondary Education
A score of 4 or higher in English in the First Part

7.7 Hong Kong Education Examination Authorities

- Hong Kong Certificate of Education, English Language Syllabus B Grade C or better
- Hong Kong Examination Authority, Advanced Level Use of English Grade C or better

7.8 Sri Lankan National Certificate in English Pass level or better

7.9 Other English Language Examinations

- (i) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

 A minimum score of 600 (250 for computer-based tests or 100 for internet-based tests) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University, with a test of written English at 475+
- (ii) Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)
 A minimum score of 750 over all four components
- (iii) Pearson VUE Pearson Test of English (Academic) PTE
 Academic
 The minimum requirement is an overall score of 63 with no
 section less than 59
- (iv) English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP)
 Minimum requirement grade C1

It should be noted that these are the minimum requirements in English and that Faculties/Colleges may set higher requirements.

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MATRICULATION FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Students who are certified to the University by an appropriate professional authority as having serious hearing impairment are permitted to matriculate in six subjects as follows:

- Irish or English
- Any other five subjects accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes provided faculty requirements are otherwise satisfied.

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MATRICULATION ON MATURE YEARS

Students of mature years (i.e. students who are 23 years of age on 1 January in the calendar year of entry) may be matriculated by the University on the recommendation of the Academic Council of a Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College for the purpose of entering on a course of study, in such Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College, leading to a degree of the University. In the case of part-time courses, students of 21 years of age may be matriculated. Students are advised to consult the relevant Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College admissions literature for additional information governing Matriculation Registration on mature years.

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MATRICULATION ON COMPLETION OF AN NUI ACCESS COURSE

Students who have satisfactorily completed an Approved Access Course in a Constituent University, or who enter the University through an Approved Access/Foundation Programme, may be matriculated by the University on the recommendation of the President of a Constituent University. Students are advised to consult the relevant Constituent University for additional information concerning Matriculation Registration on satisfactory completion of an Approved Access Course or Approved Access/Foundation Programme.

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MATRICULATION FOR HOLDERS OF HETAC (NCEA) QUALIFICATIONS

Matriculation will be granted to holders of qualifications at level 6 and upwards of the National Framework of Qualifications awarded by HETAC or comparable NCEA qualifications.

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MATRICULATION FOR HOLDERS OF FETAC (NCVA) Level 5 and Level 6 awards

Holders of FETAC (NCVA) Level 5 or Level 6 awards with Distinctions in five modules, will be granted Matriculation for admission to degree courses in cognate areas.

Students wishing to complete Matriculation Registration on the results of the FETAC (NCVA) Level 5 or Level 6 awards should contact, in the first instance, the Admissions Office of the Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College they wish to enter.

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INFORMATION TO CENTRAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE (CAO)

NUI will inform the Central Applications Office of exemptions granted by the University for Matriculation Registration purposes. However, while the NUI is happy to facilitate students by informing CAO of exemptions granted, it is the responsibility of the students to ensure that this information has been correctly recorded on the Statement of Application Record which students receive from the CAO at the end of May (or the amended Statement, where the exemption has been granted by the NUI after the original Statement has been issued by the CAO). In the case of exemptions granted to applicants by the University before CAO numbers are available, candidates are required to inform the National University of Ireland of their CAO numbers when these are known.

Note: While NUI will accept applications for exemptions at any time, applicants are advised to make early application. Students should be aware that where they apply for exemptions after 31 July in any year, this may be too late to qualify them for a CAO offer in that year.

APPENDIX 1 / AGUISÍN 1

European and International Qualifications accepted for Matriculation Cáilíochtaí Eorpacha agus Idirnáisiúnta atá inghlactha don Mháithreánach

Country / Tír	Qualification / Cáilíocht
Austria / An Ostair	Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schulen) Reifezeugnis/Maturazeugnis (from Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schulen)
Belgium / An Bheilg	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Diplôme de l'Examen d'Admission Diplôme d'Accès à l'Enseignement Supérieur Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs Abschlußzeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
Bulgaria / An Bhulgáir	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education) NB this is only accepted with Matriculation [from Professionalni utchilichta schools]
Cyprus / An Chipir	Apolytirion of Lykeoin
Czech Republic / Poblacht na Seice	Vysvedcení o Maturitní Zkouška (Maturita)
Denmark / An Danmhairg	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen
Estonia / An Eastóin	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus
Finland / An Fhionlainn	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination) Lukion Päästötodistus Studentexamenbetyg
France / An Fhrainc	Baccalauréat Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale
Germany / An Ghearmáin	Abitur / Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife
Greece / An Ghréig	Apolytirion of Lykeio
Hungary / An Ungáir	Érettségi / Matura
Iceland / An Íoslainn	Studentsprof / (from Gymnasium)
Italy / An Iodáil	Diploma di Maturità: (up until 1999) Esame di Stato (from 1999) Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica/Scientifica/Tecnica/Linguistica/Magistrale/Artistica
Latvia / An Laitvia	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Certificate of General Secondary Educ.)
Liechtenstein / Lichtinstéin	Matura Certificate (Type B or Type E)
Lithuania / An Liotuáin	Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level
Luxembourg / Lucsamburg	Diplôme de fin d'Études Secondaire
Malta / Málta	Advanced Matriculation
Netherlands / An Ísiltír	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
Norway / An Ioruaidh	Vitnemål
Poland / An Pholainn	Swiadectwo Dojrzałosci Matura
Portugal / An Phortaingéil	Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundários
Romania / An Rómáin	Diploma de Bacalaureat
Scotland / Alba	Scottish Highers, plus Scottish Advanced Highers
Slovakia / An tSlóvaic	Maturitná skúska / Maturita
Slovenia / An tSlóivéin	Matura / Secondary School Leaving Diploma
Spain / An Spáinn	Curso de Orientacion (COU) / Titulo de Bachillerato / Selectividad
Sweden / An tSualainn	Avgangsbetyg / Slutbetyg fran Gymnasreskolan

Switzerland / An Eilvéis	Federal Maturity Certificate Maturitätszeugnis (German-speaking cantons) Certificat de Maturité (French-speaking cantons, except Vaud) Baccalauréat (Vaud) Attestato di Maturità (Italian-speaking canton of Ticino) – and the federally recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonales Maturitätszeugnis Certificat de Maturité cantonal reconnu par la Confédération Attestato di Maturità cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione)
	Berufsmaturitat with Passarellenprufung
UK (except Scotland) / Ríocht Aontaithe(ach amháin Alba)	GCE A Level Cambridge Pre-U
European / Eorpach	European Baccalaureate Diploma
International / Idirnáisiúnta	International Baccalaureate Diploma International Christian Certificate of Education (ICCE)

APPENDIX 2 / AGUISÍN 2

Information on NUI matriculation requirements for holders of European and International qualifications

Eolas ar riachtanais Mháithreacháin OÉ do sealbhóirí cáilíochtaí an Aontais Eorpaigh agus an Dioplóma idirnáisiúnta:

AUCTOTA / AN OCTATO			
AUSTRIA / AN OSTAIR			
Recognised School	Reifeprüfung/Matura		
Leaving Qualifications	(from Allgemeinbildende		
	Reifezeugnis/Maturezeug	gnis	
	(from Allgemeinbildende	höhere Schulen)	
National Academic Recognition			
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent		
Format of Examinations			
Number of subjects	Seven (take best six)		
Grading System	A numerical scale of 1-5 is used, with 4 being the minimum pass mark as follows:	Sehr gut Gut Befriedigend Genügend Nicht genügend	very good good satisfactory pass fail
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4		
31.1		1.6	
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at grade 2 and four subjects at grade 4 to include English plus specific programme requirements.		
English Language Competence	3 or equivalent compete	nce in English	

BELGIUM / AN BHEILG	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Diplôme de l'Examen d'Admission Diplôme d'Accès l'Enseignement Supérieures Diplome van Secundaire Onderwijs Abschluszeugnis der Oberstuffe des Sekundarunterrichts
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating Format of Examinations	GCE A Level equivalent
Number of subjects	There are four streams; number of subjects and subject weighting depends on the stream taken.
Grading System	A numerical scale of 1 – 10 is used, 10 highest, with 5 being the minimum pass mark.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5
Minimum Matriculation	Minimum score of 5 in six subjects, which includes a minimum of 7 in two subjects, with English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	7.5 or equivalent English Language Competence

BULGARIA / AN BHULGÁIR			
Recognised School	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie		
Leaving Qualifications	(Diploma of Co	mpleted Secondar	ry Education)
	NB this is onl	y accepted with	Matriculation
	[from Professionalni utchilichta schools]		
National Academic Recognition	GCE AS Level e	quivalent.	
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Acceptable for	programmes up t	to 500 points.
Format of Examinations			dents with an average
	score of less th	an 5.0 (Very Good) must sit a final
	examination (th	ne Matura) which a	after successful completion
	leads to the Di	ploma za Sredno O	brazonvanie (Diploma of
			vith an average score of
	5.0 or more are exempt from taking the Matura, and		
			a za Sredno Obrazonvanie.
Number of subjects			o subjects marked profile
	on the transcript (ten-twelve seems ususal).		
Grading System	Grade Point		
	2	Slab	Poor / Fail
	3	Sreden	
	4	Dobur	Good
	5	Mnogo Dobur	
	6	Otlichen	Excellent
Subject pass mark for	3		
University purposes			
Minimum Matriculation			t include both profile
	subjects and t	wo subjects at gr	ade 5 or better.
English Language Competence	IELTS/TOEFL		

CYPRUS / AN CHIPIR	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Apolytirion of Lykeoin
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	From 2010: Is considered comparable to GCE Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level / Scottish Higher standard. (Every subject passed may be considered at least comparable to GCSE grades A*-C; including English, provided a mark of 15 has been obtained). Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at end of first year in a recognised third level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI. Prior to 2010: Between GCSE Level equivalent (0 level) and AS level. Does not meet entry and matriculation requirements.
Format of Examinations	There is a common curriculum taken over 3 years.
Number of subjects	17
Grading System	The Apolytirio is marked on a scale of 1 - 20 in public schools, the minimum pass-mark being 10, and on a scale of 1-100 in private schools, the minimum pass mark being between 46 and 50.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	15
Minimum Entry Requirements	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion, with English (see requirements below) to include the subjects specified by the relevant institution for minimum entry requirements/ Matriculation: plus the subjects required for the selected programme(s)
Competence in English Language:	18.75 or equivalent English Language competence

CZECH REPUBLIC / POBLACHT NA SEI	ICE	
Recognised School	Vysvedcení o Maturitní Zkouške (Maturita)	
Leaving Qualifications	(But if awarded from technical / vocational schools	
	NOT acceptable).	
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent.	
Information Centre (NARIC) rating		
Format of Examinations		
Number of subjects	Four or five (Czech, a foreign language plus two other subjects based on choice, with possible fifth subject)	
Grading System	A numerical scale of 1 – 5 is used, with 4 being the minimum pass mark as follows: 1 = Vyborny (Excellent)	
Subject pass mark for	4	
University purposes		
Minimum Matriculation	Average of 3.5 in best four subjects to include English plus specific programme requirements. For programmes with LC points requirement of 500 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum of five subjects.	
English Language Competence	2.5 or equivalent English Language Competence.	

DENMARK / AN DANMHAIRG	
Recognised School	Bevis for Studentereksamen
Leaving Qualifications	Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent.
_	GCE A Level equivalent.
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Students take 14+ subjects but present 10 for examination. Pre 2007: usually 4 at higher level, 2 at intermediate and 10+ others.
Grading System	A numerical scale is used, 2 is the minimum pass mark, 12 is the maximum; 0 and -3 fail grades. NB not all numbers are used. Prior to 2007 a scale of 1-13 was used, with 6 being the minimum pass mark. (6 = just acceptable performance and 12 is not used)
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2. Prior to 2007, 6 in year's work & 6 in end-of-year exam.
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects with grade 7 and four subjects with grade 2 to include English (see below for level required) plus specific subject requirements for programme applied for. Prior to 2007: two subjects with grade 9 and four subjects grade 6 to include English (see below for level required) and another language plus specific subject requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	7 or equivalent English Language Competence.

ESTONIA / AN EASTÓIN			
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	AS Level equivalent [Meets entry requirements for courses up to 500 points.] NB prior to 2006 this was rated GCSE level only.		
Format of Examinations			
Number of subjects	Students are required to pass at least two state examinations, of which one is an essay in the mother tongue. Completion of secondary education is on the basis of the <i>Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus</i> (Secondary School Leaving Certificate), valid only with the <i>Riigieksamitunnistus</i> (attestation of success in the state entrance examinations). Minimum three subjects must be examined at state level.		
Grading System	90-100 5 Very Good 70-89 4 Good 50-69 3 Satisfactory 25-49 2 Unsatisfactory 0-24 1 Poor Subject pass mark for University purposes: 50% or 3.		
Minimum Matriculation	Pass in six subjects including minimum three at State level and all with minimum six courses.		
English Language Competence	4 at State level or equivalent English Language Competence.		

FINLAND / AN FHIONLAINN			
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Ylioppilastutkintodistus / Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination) Lukion Päästötodistus / Studentexamsbetyg (NB: Ammatillinen perustutkinto / yrkesinriktad grundexamen is not recognised)		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent		
Format of Examinations			
Number of subjects	Minimum four, mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish) other national language (Swedish/Finnish) or mathematics plus two other subjects.		
Grading System	Ylioppilastutkinotodistus A numerical scale of 0 - 7 is used, with 2 being the minimum pass mark as follows: L = 7 = Laudatur = Excellent E = 6 = Eximia cum laude approbatur = Exceptionally Good M = 5 = Magna cum laude approbatur = Very Good C = 4 = Cum laude approbatur = Good B = 3 = Lubenter approbatur = Satisfactory A = 2 = Approbatur = Pass I = 0 = Improbatur = Fail		

FINLAND / AN FHIONLAINN Continued			
	Studentexamsbetygmarked on a scale of 1- 1010 ErinomainenExcellent9 KiitettäväPraiseworthy8 HyväGood7 TyydyttäväSatisfactory6 KohtalainenModerate5 VälttäväAdequate4 HylättyFail		
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2 Ylioppilastutkinotodistus or 5 in Studentexamsbetyg		
Minimum Matriculation	Total of six subjects of which at least four must be from Matriculation with two at Grade M and two at Grade A. The remaining subjects can be taken from Leaving Cert or Matriculation. Subjects must include English and specific programme requirements. For programmes with Leaving Certificate points requirement of 500 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum five matriculation subjects.		
English Language Competence	M in the Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/ Studentexamsbetyg or Grade 8 in English A1, B1 in Lukion Päästötodistus or Grade 10 in B2 - B3 English in Lukion Päästötodistus or equivalent English Language competence		

FRANCE /AN FHRAINC			
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Baccalauréat Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent		
Format of Examinations Number of subjects	Students specialise in one of three 'options', which can be Scientific or Literary or Economic and Social. Subject choice and weighting vary according to the option, with certain compulsory subjects in all options.		
Grading System	A numerical scale of 0 - 20 is used, with 10 being the minimum pass mark as follows: 16 - 20 = Trés Bien = Very good 14 - 15 = Bien = Good 12 - 13 = Assez Bien = Satisfactory 10 - 11 = Passable = Pass		
Subject pass mark for University purposes	10. Where there is a specific subject mark requirement, that subject must have a coefficient of at least 3 in the particular <i>option</i> taken.		
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 10, with English, plus specific programme requirements.		
English Language Competence	12 with a co-efficient greater than 5, or 14 otherwise, or equivalent English Language Competence.		

GERMANY / AN GHEARMÁIN			
Recognised School	Abitur		
Leaving Qualifications	Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife		
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent		
Information Centre (NARIC) rating			
Format of Examinations			
Number of subjects	Subjects are available from three categories: - Languages, Literature and the Arts - Social Science - Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology Eight subjects overall must be taken, with the following as core: German, foreign language, Mathematics, Religious Education (RE not necessarily assessed) – two subjects are 'intensive', the remainder are general. Where a subject requirement is at LC Higher Level, then the subject must have been taken at 'intensive' level in the Abitur.		
Grading System	Each subject is marked out of 15, and when weighting is applied an overall Durchschnittsnote of 1 to 6 is reached. 13 – 15 = Sehr Gut = Very Good 10 – 12 = Gut = Good 7 – 9 = befriedegend = Satisfactory 4 – 6 = Ausreichend = Pass 0 – 3 = Mangelhaft = Fail		
Subject pass mark for	4		
University purposes			
Minimum Matriculation	Overall minimum of 3.5 in the Durchschnittsnote, with English, plus specific programme requirements.		
English Language Competence	11 or equivalent English Language Competence.		

GREECE / AN GHRÉIG			
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Apolytirion of Lykeion (NB: Apolytirion of Gymnasio is not acceptable) Prior to 2001, a separate certificate General (University) Entrance Examination was also needed.		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at the end of first year in a recognised third level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI.		
Format of Examinations	There are three categories: Applied Sciences; Humanities & Social Sciences; Sciences. Nine subjects are assessed externally (nationally) and five are assessed internally, over the last two years at school.		
Number of subjects	Fourteen		
Grading System	A scale of 1-20 is used. The student must achieve at least 10 in order to progress to the next class. It is still possible to proceed to the next class with a mark of less than 10 (in up to four subjects), but only if the overall average is 13 or above. 18.1 - 20 = Excellent 16.1 - 18 = Very Good 13.1 - 16 = Good 9.5 - 13 = Fairly Good 5.1 - 9.4 = Unsatisfactory 0 - 5 = Poor		
Subject pass mark for	10		
University purposes			
Minimum Matriculation	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion, with English plus specific programme requirements.		
English Language Competence	18.75 or equivalent English Language Competence.		
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HUNGARY / AN INCÁTR				
HUNGARY / AN UNGĂIR	•			
Recognised School	Erettsegi / Matura			
Leaving Qualifications	(not Erettsegi awarded by Szakkozepiskola)			
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent			
Information Centre (NARIC) rating				
Format of Examinations				
Number of subjects	At least fi	ve subjects: Mat	hematics, Hungar	ian, History,
1	plus two o		, 3	, 3,
	School Intermediate Advanced			Advanced
	Examination Exam			
	5 ieles	excellent		60-100%
	4 ió	good	60-79%	
		es average	40-59%	
		ges pass	20-39%	
	1 elégte	<i>len</i> fail	0-19%	0-19%
Subject pass mark for	2			
University purposes				
Minimum Matriculation:	Pass in a minimum of two subjects at advanced level			
	and three at intermediate			
English Language Competence	4 or equivalent English Language Competence			

ICELAND / AN ÍOSLAINN				
Recognised School	Studentsprof (from Gymnasium)			
Leaving Qualifications				
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent			
Information Centre (NARIC) rating				
Format of Examinations				
Number of subjects	Three examined. Gymnasium courses are generally four years in length. The curriculum covers three groups of subjects: core subjects (which total about 70% of the course), specialised subjects and electives. Core subjects are: Icelandic, Mathematics, Modern languages (English, Danish, and a third language), Life skills, Social Studies/Sciences, Physical Education/Sports, Science, History, Natural Sciences, Specialised subjects account for 21% of the curriculum and electives 9%. On completion of the four-year course, students take the Matriculation Examination (Stúdentspróf). This is set by individual schools as there are no nationally co-ordinated examinations at this level. Whilst 70% of the course is general to all subject areas, there are four specialised subject areas for the matriculation examination: Foreign languages, Natural Science, Social Science, Business & Economics It is also possible to specialise further within one of these three fields of study. Additionally, there are courses in fine arts (music, for example) and technical courses, leading to matriculation. 140 credits are required for matriculation. Successful completion of this examination entitles the holder to enter university in Iceland.			
Subject Grading System	0-10 with pass mark 5			
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5			
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 5, with at least 7 in two of the examined subjects, plus specific subject requirements for programme applied for. Standard of English must meet requirements below.			
English Language Competence	7 or equivalent English Language competence			

TTALY / AN TODÁTI			
ITALY / AN IODÁIL Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diploma di Maturità (up until 1999) Esame di Stato (from 1999) Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica/Scientifica/Tecnica/ Linguistica/Magistrale/Artistica Note: Liceo Professionale <i>not accepted</i> .		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Esame di Stato: GCE A Level equivalent. Maturita: GCE A level equivalent, but not on a subject for subject basis. Due to high numbers achieving maximum scores, and the fact that Italian Universities will often use matriculation/entry exams, for programmes over 500 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in the entrance exam in a cognate subject, of a university of comparable standing to the NUI.		
Format of Examinations	The examinations consist of three written examinations and an oral. The first written examination assesses the candidates' knowledge of the Italian language, along with the second tuition language in bilingual regions/provinces. The second written examination is related to one of the disciplinary subjects characterising the upper secondary study course concerned. The third written examination assesses all the subjects of the last study year (normally the fifth) including a foreign language. The oral examination consists of an interview on a wide range of topics relating to all the other subjects of the last year's curriculum.		
Number of subjects	Between ten and twelve.		
Grading System	Up to 1998/99: 0-60 (maximum) with 36 as the minimum pass grade. For school work, marking was on a scale of 0-10 with 6 as the minimum pass mark. Since 1998/99: scale 60-100. (15 points per written exam; 35 points for oral exam; remainder for coursework and extra-curricular activities.)		
Subject pass mark for University purposes	60%		
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 70%, with six recognised subjects taken over the five years of higher secondary school, plus specific programme requirements.		

LATVIA / AN LAITVIA					
Recognised School	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu				
Leaving Qualifications	(Certificate of General Secondary Education)				
National Academic Recognition	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes				
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points,				
, , ,	applicants must also present satisfactory results in a				
	cognate subject at the end of first year in a recognised				
	third level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI.				
Format of Examinations					
Number of subjects	Students follow one of four programmes, general, natural				
_	sciences, humanities and vocational, of which five subjects				
	are compulsory for all students and others are compulsory				

LATVIA / AN LAITVIA Continued	
Number of subjects (cont.)	depending on the programme studied. The compulsory subjects are: Latvian language and literature, Mathematics, a foreign language, History, Physical Education, Applied Informatics, Basics of Business. Two different levels – basic (pamatkurss) and advanced (profilkurss) – are offered in each subject. To be awarded an Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Certificate of General Secondary Education) students must meet the school graduation requirements which are: Five examinations (four out of five should be taken centrally and one can be taken at school, Latvian and Mathematics are compulsory). National exams are assessed using A-F grading scale and a separate certificate is awarded for those (the results of national exams are also used towards University entry). The examination taken at school is assessed using 1-10 grading scale. A student should obtain a mark of 5 or higher in all other subjects studied at upper secondary school (subjects are marked through continuous assessment using 1-10 grading scale and are listed in Atestat), it's allowed to have a grade of 4 but in no more than two subjects.
Grading System	The current marking system is based on a 6 point scale, which has replaced a 10-point system, in 2002-3 (this in turn replaced the traditional 5-grade system): New scale Previous scale A 10 B 8-9 C 6-7
	D 4-5 E 3 F 1-2
	The Certificate of General Secondary Education is accompanied by a list of marks given to twelve subjects, including five compulsory and seven elective. From these subjects at least two must be marked as profilkurss (advanced).
Subject pass mark for University purposes	Grade D or 4.
Minimum Matriculation	Grade C in two subjects at Advanced level and remainder at least grade D.
English Language Competence	Grade B in Advanced level or equivalent English Language Competence.

LIECHTENSTEIN/LICHTINSTÉIN			
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Matura certificate (Type B or Type E) (Similar to Swiss exams, German speaking)		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Is considered comparable to the overall GCE Advanced/Scottish Advanced Higher standard		
Format of Examinations			
Grading System	The following Swiss scale is used: A scale of 1-6 (maximum) with a minimum pass-mark of 4. Grade Interpretation		
	6 5 4 3 2	German sehr gut gut genügend ungenügend schlecht/schwach/	English very good good fair/pass poor/fail fail
		sehr schwach	

LIECHTENSTEIN/LICHTINSTÉIN Continued	
Subject pass mark for	4
University purposes	
Minimum Matriculation	4 in all five subjects plus at least two at 5. Standard of English must meet requirements below and all programme subject requirements must be met.
English Language Competence	4 or equivalent English language competence

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LITHUANIA / AN LIOTUÁIN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level (from a Gymnasium or Secondary School). NB: State system only in place from 2000 onwards.
National Academic Recognition	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes
Information Centre (NARIC)	up to 500 points. For programmes over 500 points,
rating	applicants must also present satisfactory results in a
	cognate subject at the end of first year in a recognised
	third level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI.
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Minimum of ten subjects, though not all are examined.
	There are two streams, Humanities/Arts and
	Mathematics/Sciences. Many subjects can be taken at
	two levels, School level and State level.
Grading System	At school level, marks are awarded on a scale of 1 to 10
	as follows:
	Excellent = 10 92-100%
	Very Good = 9 82-91%
	Good = 8 74-81%
	Highly Satisfactory = 7 66-73%
	Satisfactory = 6 58-65%
	Sufficient = 5 50-57%
	4 and below is a fail
	(State exams are marked on a scale from 1 – 100 but
Cultivat and a superior	convert to 1-10 scale as above).
Subject pass mark for	5
University purposes	M
Minimum Matriculation	Minimum grade 5 in six subjects with minimum grade 8
	in two subjects, to include English, plus specific
	programme requirements. Subjects presented must include a minimum of three
	examined at State level.
English Language Competence	8 or equivalent English Language Competence.

LUXEMBOURG / LUCSAMBURG	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaire
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
Format of Examinations	There are seven programme types. Students will take subjects based on the programme type they are following. Subjects with a coefficient of 3 can be considered Higher Level and subjects with a coefficient of 2 can be considered as Ordinary Level.

LUXEMBOURG / LUCSAMBURG Co	ntinued		
Number of subjects	From seve	n to ten.	
Grading System	a pass may 50 to 60 40 to 49 35 to 39 30 to 34 20 to 29	rk, as below: trés bien bien bien satisfaisant insuffisant mauvais	le of 1 to 60, with 30 being very good good rather good satisfactory unsatisfactory bad very bad
Subject pass mark for University purposes	30		
Minimum Matriculation		cts at coefficient subjects at minim	3 and minimum grade of 35, num grade of 30.
English Language Competence	40 at coef Competen		alent English Language

MALTA / MÁLTA	
Recognised School	Advanced Matriculation
Leaving Qualifications	
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Generally two or three at Advanced Level and two or three at Intermediate Level, and Systems of Knowledge.
Grading System	A, B, C, D, E are pass grades
Subject pass mark for	Grade E
University purposes	
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and three other subjects at Intermediate Level Grade C minimum (not including Systems of Knowledge) to include English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	C at Advanced Level or equivalent English Language Competence.

NETHERLANDS / AN ÍSILTÍR	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Take best six
Grading System	A numerical scale of 10-5 is used, with 6 as the minimum pass mark. 10 Excellent 9 Very Good 8 Good 7 Very Satisfactory 6 Satisfactory 5 Fail

NETHERLANDS / AN ÍSILTÍR Continued	
Subject pass mark for	6
University purposes	
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 8 and four subjects grade 6 to
	include English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	8 or equivalent English Language Competence.

Norway/AN IORUAIDH Recognised School Leaving Qualifications Is considered equivalent to GCE A level standard to mentry requirements in Norwegian Universities
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Information Centre (NARIC) rating Format of Examinations Number of subjects The Vitnemål is a three year programme comprising of the last three years of 12 year schooling, i.e. Years 10, 11, and 12. Core subjects include English, Mathematics, Natural Science, Social Studies, Norwegian, History, RE, PE, and On 1st year: Approximately one quarter of the students are randomly selected for either one written or one oral examination assessed externally, and the subject(s) is(are) picked by the school. 2nd year: Everybody will have one externally assessed examination, either written or oral, subject picked by school. 3rd year: Everybody will have four externally assessed examinations, of which written Norwegian is obligatory for everybody, two other written subjects randomly picked by the school, and one oral subject randomly picked by the school. Subject Grading System Marking goes from 1 to 6 (highest). Grade Interpretation Interpretation
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Subject pass mark for 3 University purposes
Minimum Matriculation At least four examined subjects and two non-examine at grade 3 including two at 4. Standard of English mu
meet requirements below and all programme subject requirements must be met. English Language Competence 3 or equivalent English language competence.

POLAND / AN PHOLAINN	
Since 2005	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Swiadectwo Dojrzałos ci / Matura
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Three Obligatory Subjects (both Oral and Written), Polish, Mathematics, Modern Language. Have to take at least one additional subject and can take up to three. All subjects can be taken at basic or advanced level – basic is taken first and advanced is a follow-on.
Grading System	All subjects marked on a percent basis. In order to pass the examination 30% must be obtained at basic level within both the oral and written examinations.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	30%
Minimum Matriculation	Three distinct subjects including two advanced subjects > 55%. For programmes > 450, four subjects will be required.
English Language Competence	60% at advanced level with oral at least 55% or equivalent English Language Competence.
Up To 2004	
Recognised School	Swiadectwo Dojrzałos ci / Matura
Leaving Qualifications National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Minimum four, plus up to two more.
	Three compulsory at either basic or advanced level: Polish language and a foreign language (both oral and written) plus one more (written exam) from: Biology, Chemistry, Physics with Astronomy, Geography, History, History of Music, History of Arts, Mathematics, Knowledge of Dance, Knowledge of Society and, as of 2008, Philosophy and Latin with ancient culture. One to three more subjects which will be examined in writing at both basic and advanced levels from the list above, plus Computer Technology, Greek language, Latin language, Foreign Modern language
Grading System	6 Excellent 5 Very Good 4 Good 3 Satisfactory
	2 Mediocre 1 Unsatisfactory
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2
Minimum Matriculation	Three distinct subjects including two at grade 4 or better. For programmes > 450, four subjects will be required.
English Language Competence	5 or equivalent English Language Competence.

PORTUGAL / AN PHORTAINGÉIL	
Recognised School	Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários
Leaving Qualifications	(previously Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano).
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level, provided overall of 14 is attained.
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	(For admission to University, students are required to take the <i>provas específicas</i> (specific examination)
	corresponding to the course of study the applicant
	intends to follow and the <i>prova de afericção</i> (counter
	test) corresponding to the secondary education course.)
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Take best six in final year.
Grading System	A numerical scale of 10-20 is used, with 10 as the
	minimum pass mark.
	10 No score 16 75
	11 No score 17 85
	12 50 18 90
	13 60 19 95
	14 65 20 100
	15 70
Subject pass mark for	12
University purposes	
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 14 and four subjects grade 12 to
	include English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	16 or equivalent English Language Competence.

ROMANIA / AN RÓMÁIN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diploma de Bacalaureat
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Comparable to the overall GCE Advanced / Scottish Advanced Higher standard
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Students take Oral & written Romanian Oral & written mother tongue if this is not Romanian Oral in Another language Test of Computer Skills Two written tests depending on which profile Scientific profile: Maths and test of sciences (physics/chemistry/biology) Humanities profile: an international language and test of combined geography/history/socio-humanistic sciences Pre 2011: The Bacalaureat comprised of two or three oral examinations and four or five written examinations.
Grading System	Grading is made on a scale of 1 to 10, with 5 as the minimum pass mark. Each exam (<i>Proba</i>) is marked from 1 to 10 with 10 being the best, using two decimals for written exams (e.g. 9.44 or 9.14 is a valid mark) and an integer for an oral exam.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5 – to pass overall, a student must obtain an average score of at least 6.00 and at least 5.00 at each of the individual exams.
Minimum Matriculation	Total of five passes including two at 8. Minimum average of 6.
Competence in English Language	90% in BAC

SCOTLAND / ALBA	
Recognised School	Scottish Highers
Leaving Qualifications	plus Scottish Advanced Highers
National Academic Recognition	Highers: GCE AS Level equivalent
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Advanced Highers: GCE A level equivalent
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	At Higher level, four or five
Grading System	Scottish Highers
	A, B, C
Subject pass mark for	C
University purposes	
Minimum Matriculation	Five subjects at Higher level grade C, plus one other subject at Standard/Intermediate Level (National Level 5) grade 3, to include English and another language plus specific programme requirements. Programmes over 450 points will require Advanced Higher Level subjects, a maximum three can be counted.
English Language Competence	3 at Standard/Intermediate Level (National Level 5).

SLOVAKIA / AN TSLÓVAIC

SLUVAKIA / AN ISLUVAIC		
Recognised School	Maturitná skúška / Maturita	
Leaving Qualifications		
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level	
Information Centre (NARIC) rating		
Format of Examinations		
Number of subjects	Four subjects to include Slovak language and literature, one modern language or mathematics and two optional subjects.	
Subject Grading System	1 vyborny Excellent 2 velmi dobry Very Good 3 dobry Good 4 dostatocny Pass 5 nedostatocny Fail 4 / Pass	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4 / FdSS	
Minimum Matriculation	Post 2008 In 2008, there was the new Education Act adopted defining national educational evaluation and bringing some changes into curriculum administration. The Maturita exam consists of two parts – external and internal. The external part of Maturita exam includes tests prepared and evaluated externally. It is NUCEM wherein these tests are being prepared. NUCEM does so for 10 subjects including mother languages (Slovak, Hungarian), Slovak language for schools with the Hungarian language of instructions, Mathematics, and foreign languages in two levels B1 and B2 of the European Reference Framework for Languages (English, German, French, Russian, Spanish and Italian). Furthermore, there are special adapted tests for students with special needs prepared. [Note B2 better than B1] NB: Internally and Externally examined subjects are both assessed by independent adjudicators and are of equal weight. Pre 2008 There were three different types of exam: A type can score up to 600 B type can score up to 500 C type not accepted	
English Language Competence	Pre 2008: 3 or equivalent English Language Competence in level A or B. Post 2008: 3 in English B2.	
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SLOVENIA / AN TSLÓIVÉIN	
Recognised School	Matura/Secondary School Leaving Diploma
Leaving Qualifications	
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Five, three of which are compulsory: mother tongue, mathematics and a foreign language. The two optional subjects are chosen from four different subject areas.
Grading System	A numerical scale of 1 – 5 (maximum) is used, with 2 being the minimum pass mark as follows: 5. Excellent 4. Very good 3. Satisfactory 2. Pass 1. Fail
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 3 minimum and three subjects grade 2 minimum to include English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	3 or equivalent English Language Competence.

SPAIN / AN SPÁINN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Curso de Orientacion (COU)/Titulo de Bachillerato Selectividad, provided an average of 6 has been obtained.
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	There are four different types of <i>Bachillerato</i> with different specifications. PE, Philosophy, History, Spanish and a foreign language are common core subjects. Additional subjects will be added for each type of <i>Bachillerato</i> . Applicants will also need the university entrance examination, called the <i>PAU</i> , <i>Prueba de Acceso Universidad</i> although it is often referred to under its previous name of <i>Selectividad</i> , in order to gain admittance to University. Students take one of five options related to their previous <i>Bachillerato</i> studies and two compulsory options. The final grade for university admission <i>Calificacion Definitiva</i> combines the <i>Bachillerato</i> with the entrance examination. The <i>Bachillerato</i> is weighted at 60% and the <i>PAU</i> examination at 40%.
Grading System	A numerical scale of 5-10 is used, with 5 being the minimum pass mark. 10 Distinction with honour 6.0-6.9 Good 8.5-9.0 Distinction 5.0-5.9 Satisfactory 7.0-8.4 very good < 5 Fail/insufficient
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 7 and four subjects grade 5 to
	include English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	7.5 or equivalent English Language competence

SWEDEN / AN TSUALAINN			
Recognised School	Avgangsbetyg		
Leaving Qualifications	Slutybetg fran Gymnasreskolan		
National Academic Recognition	GCE A Level equivalent		
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	·		
Format of Examinations			
Number of subjects	Each subject has multiple levels A (lowest) to E (highest). Students generally take at least five subjects at B and two or three at C or higher. E is not available in all subjects. Eight core plus optional subjects depending on programme. Subjects can have 50, 100 or 150 point courses. Minimum 2,500 points required to pass the exam.		
Grading System	MVG Pass with Special Distinction VG Pass with Distinction G Pass		
Subject pass mark for University purposes	G		
Minimum Matriculation	Six subjects recognised for matriculation of which at least five must be at level B or better. Generally Natural Sciences or Arts programmes only will be considered. Standard of English must meet requirements and all programme subject requirements must be met.		
English Language Competence	VG or equivalent English Language Competence.		

SWITZERLAND / AN EILVÉIS				
Recognised School	Federal Maturity Certificate Maturitätszeugnis (German-			
Leaving Qualifications	speaking cantons)			
	Certificat de Maturité (French-speaking cantons, except			
	Vaud)			
	Baccalauréat (Vaud)			
	Attestato di Maturità (Italian-speaking canton of Ticino) – and the federally recognized Cantonal Maturity			
	Certificate (Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonales			
	Maturitätszeugnis Certificat de Maturité cantonal			
	reconnu par la Confédération Attestato di Maturità			
	cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione)			
	Berufsmaturitat with Passarellenprufung			
	The following examination may be considered on a			
	case-by-case basis. Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Kantonale			
	Maturität/Maturité Cantonale/Maturità Cantonale) Not			
	recognised federally – is considered comparable to GCE			
	Advanced Subsidiary AS level/Scottish Higher standard. Does not automatically satisfy the general entrance			
	requirements of British higher education institutions;			
	students may be considered on an individual basis.			
National Academic Recognition	Is considered comparable to the overall GCE			
Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Advanced/Scottish Advanced Higher standard			
Format of Examinations				
Number of subjects	5. The framework of subjects devised in 1995 focuses on			
	four broad areas of education, languages (first, second,			
	third or classical), humanities, science and mathematics,			

SWITZERLAND / AN EILVÉIS Cont	inue	1			
Number of subjects (cont.)	arts	and physical educ			
		broad courses combining specific basic subjects with			
		options. The award of the maturity certificate is based on a combination of final written and oral examinations			
	combined with continual assessment. The examination				
	must be taken in five subjects, which include first language, second national language, mathematics, a				
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		urity certificate, fo ects are underline			nese
Subject pass mark for University purposes		on appropriate so			
Minimum Matriculation	(ter	point scale) all fi	ve subjects	at 6 with at	least two
	at 8		_		
	at 5		•		
	(five	e point scale) all f	ive subjects	at 3 with at	least two

SWITZERLAND / AN EILVÉIS Continued		
	In all cases standard of English must meet requirements below and all programme subject requirements must be met.	
English Language Competence	(ten point scale): 6 or equivalent English language competence (six point scale): 4 or equivalent English language competence (five point scale): 3 or equivalent English language competence	

UK (except Scotland) / RA (ach amháin Alba)		
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	A Level	
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent	
Format of Examinations		
Number of Subjects	Three or four	
Grading System	A, B, C, D, E Pass grades	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	E	
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at GCE A Level grade C and four other subjects at GCSE Level Grade C to include English plus specific programme requirements.	
English Language Competence	Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language Competence.	

Cambridge Pre-University	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Cambridge Pre-University
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
Format of Examinations	
Number of Subjects	Three principal subjects plus "Global Perspectives and Research" (GPR). There are also "short courses", usually languages which are AS standard.
Grading System	Pass, Merit, Distinction, each subdivided into three categories. Overall is marked out of 96.
Subject pass mark	P3
Minimum Entry Requirements/ Matriculation	Two subjects Merit and four other subjects passed in Cambridge Pre-U or GCSE Level Grade C to include English plus the subjects required for the selected programme(s). Principal Subjects and GPR for the overall Cambridge Pre-U should be taken in a single sitting.
English Language Competence	Pass at principal subject or Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language competence.

Welsh Baccalaureate

Individual A-level subjects presented as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate will be accepted. The vocational parts of the Welsh Baccalaureate do not fulfil matriculation or entry requirements or count for the award of points.

MULTI-NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / CÁILÍOCHTAÍ ILNÁISIÚNTA		
EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent	
Format of Examinations		
Number of Subjects	Eight Core Subjects are taken from Years 1- 7: First Language, first Foreign Language, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Physical Education and Ethics/Religion.	
	N.B. Mathematics may be taken at either 5 period or 3 period per week.	
Grading System	Subjects are graded 1-10. Marks out of 100 (coefficient applied).	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	6	
Minimum Matriculation	Overall 60%, with English, plus specific programme requirements.	
English Language Competence	6 in first Language, or in first or second Foreign Language or equivalent English Language Competence.	

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
Format of Examinations	
Number of Subjects	Six with three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level. Core points (1, 2, or 3) are awarded for an Extended Essay.
Grading System	For each subject, a numerical scale of 7 – 4 is used, with 4 being the minimum pass mark.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	To obtain the Diploma, an overall pass mark of 24 is required. Maximum is 45 points which includes up to 3 core points.
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 5 at Higher Level and four subjects grade 4 at Standard Level, to include English plus specific programme requirements. Applicants presenting the IB through French or Spanish will require 25 IB points to matriculate (see the English Language Competence requirement below), unless they otherwise meet that requirement.
English Language Competence	English A1, A2 or B: 5 at Higher Level (4 at Standard Level if presenting IB through English) or equivalent English Language Competence.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CERT	TIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ICCE)
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Advanced level = GCE A Level equivalent
Format of Examinations	
Number of Subjects	The Christian Studies group (1) is compulsory for all students. Students must take a Christian Citizenship course, worth 0.5 credits, and two other electives within the Christian Studies group. Students then select options from groups 2 and / or 3 according to their interests or any regional requirements that may apply, such as Afrikaans for students in South Africa. The last subject group, Group (4) Applied / Elective is designed to give students recognition for out-of-hours educational activities where applicable or to provide an opportunity for life or citizenship skills development.
Grading System	For each subject, a percentage scale is used with 80% as pass mark
Subject pass mark for University purposes	Based on the overall score obtained, students will fall within one of four bands. Each band has a descriptor that outlines the standard expected at that band: Distinction (94 – 100) Merit (87 – 93) Pass (80 – 87) Repeat (Less than 80)
Minimum Matriculation	Pass in the diploma overall with at least two subjects a merit or better at Advanced level, to include English (see below for level required) plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	Pass (80%) in English, otherwise equivalent English Language competence



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OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN National University of Ireland

Bunaíodh Ollscoil na hÉireann faoi Acht Ollscoileanna na hÉireann, 1908. Athstructúradh í faoi Acht na nOllscoileanna, 1997, agus anois tá ceithre Chomh-Ollscoil inti, maraon le cúig Choláiste Aitheanta agus Coláiste amháin de Chomh-Ollscoil. Tá na Comh-Ollscoileanna agus Coláistí Aitheanta luaite thíos anseo.

1.1 Is iad seo a leanas Comh-Ollscoileanna OÉ:

An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad

1.2 Is iad seo a leanas na bail eile d'Ollscoil na hÉireann:

Na Coláistí Aitheanta

Coláiste Ríoga na Máinleá in Éirinn Coláiste Ósta na Sionna Institiúid Diagachta is Fealsúnachta Bhaile an Mhuilinn

Coláistí Ceangailte Leis Na Comh-Ollscoileanna

Coláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha An Foras Riaracháin Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach

1.3 Aois ag Iontráil i gComh-Ollscoil, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil

De ghnáth caithfidh aois a seacht mbliana déag a bheith sroichte ag mic léinn faoin 15 Eanáir i ndiaidh dul isteach i gComh-Ollscoil, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil de chuid na hOllscoile dóibh. Nuair atá iarrthóir faoin aois sin ag iarraidh dul isteach i Institiúid de chuid Ollscoil na hÉireann, caithfear iarratas ar leith a dhéanamh d'Uachtarán/Stiúrthóir na hinstitiúide atá i gceist.

1.4 Srian ar Iontráil do Dhámha

Ó tharla go bhfuil cead isteach iomaíoch ann do thromlach na nDámh sna Comh-Ollscoileanna, Coláistí Aitheanta nó Coláistí ceangailte leis na Comh-Ollscoileanna, ba chóir d'iarrthóirí cóip de na riachtanais agus gnásanna iontrála a fháil ó Chláraitheoir an Choláiste atá i gceist. Ní hionann riachtanais íosta do Mháithreánach a chomhlíonadh agus a chinntiú go nglacfar go huathoibreach le mic léinn in aon Chomh-Ollscoil nó Coláiste de chuid OÉ.

Nóta: Tá na dámha a ndéantar tagairt dóibh sa leabhrán seo, maidir le riachtanais máithreánaigh, faoi mar a luaitear i Reachtaíocht OÉ iad. Níl aon tionchar ag na hathruithe i struchtúr na ndámh i gcuid de na Comh-Ollscoileanna ar riachtanais an Mháithreánaigh.

DÁMHA/COLÁISTÍ NA GCOMH-OLLSCOILEANNA, NA GCOLÁISTÍ AITHEANTA NÓ NA GCOLÁISTÍ CEANGAILTE LEIS NA GCOMH-OLLSCOILEANNA AGUS CÚRSAÍ LENA MBAINEANN NA RIALACHÁIN

2.1 An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath -

Coláistí: Ealaíona & Léann Ceilteach; Gnó & Dlí; Innealtóireacht, Eolaíochtaí Matamaiticiúla agus Fisiciúla; Eolaíochtaí Daonna; Eolaíochtaí Saoil.

2.2 Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh

Coláistí: Ealaíona, Léann Ceilteach & Eolaíochtaí Sóisialta; Gnó & Dlí; Leigheas & Sláinte; Eolaíocht, Innealtóireachta & Eolaíocht Bhia.

2.3 Ollscoil Na hÉireann, Gaillimh

Coláistí: Ealaíona, Eolaíocht Sóisialta & Léann Ceilteach; Gnó, Beartas Poiblí & Dlí; Innealtóireacht & Faisnéisíocht; Leigheas, Altranas & Eolaíochtaí Sláinte: Eolaíocht.

2.4 Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad

Dámha: Ealaíona; Léann Ceilteach & Fealsúnacht; Eolaíochtaí Sóisialta; Eolaíocht & Innealtóireacht.

2.5 Coláiste Ríoga na Máinleá in Éirinn

Cúrsaí bunchēime agus iarchéime sa Leigheas agus Eolaíochtaí Leighis a bhaineann leis.

2.6 An Coláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha

Cúrsaí bunchéime agus iarchéime sa Mhínealaíon, Dearadh agus Oideachas Ealaíne agus Deartha.

2.7 Coláiste Ósta na Sionainne

Cúrsaí bunchéime i nDámh na Tráchtála.

2.8 An Foras Riaracháin

Cúrsaí bunchéime agus iarchéime sna hEalaíona agus i dTráchtáil.

2.9 Institiúid Diagachta agus Fealsúnachta Bhaile an Mhuilinn

Cúrsaí bunchéime agus iarchéime sa Diagacht, Fealsúnacht agus Spioradáltacht.

2.10 Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach

Cúrsaí bunchéime agus iarchéime i nDámh na nEalaíon agus san Altranas.

SCRÚDUITHE AGUS ÁBHAIR A NGLACTAR LEO DO CHÚISEANNA CLÁRÚCHÁIN MÁITHREÁNAIGH

Is féidir le mic léinn riachtanais chlárúcháin máithreánaigh a shásamh mar seo a leanas:

3.1 Ar thorthaí scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta:

Glacfar le gach ábhar i Scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh ach tá na heisceachtaí agus na srianta seo a leanas i bhfeidhm:

- (i) Ní ghlacfar le Gaeilge Bonnleibhéal do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh;
- (ii) Glacfar le Matamaitic (Gnáthleibhéal Malartach; Bonnleibhéal) do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh, ach ní mar mhalairt don ábhar Matamaitic i ndámha nó cúrsaí ina bhfuil an t-ábhar Matamaitic mar riachtanas iontrála faoi láthair;

Cnuasach thorthaí Ardteistméireachta do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh

Is féidir le hiarrthóir torthaí scrúduithe Ardteistiméireachta a fuarthas i mblianta éagsúla a chnuasach do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh. (Baineann an lamháltas seo le Clárúchán Máithreánaigh amháin; ní gá go mbainfeadh sé le riachtanais iontrála na gComh-Ollscoileanna, na gColáistí Aitheanta nó na gColáistí ceangailte leis na gComh-Ollscoileanna.)

Ach go háirithe, ba chóir a thabhairt faoi deara go gcaithfidh na mic léinn siúd atá ag iarraidh dul isteach sa Leigheas na bunriachtanais iontrála (Máithreánach) agus na híosriachtanais iontrála chúrsa a bhaint amach sa suí céanna den Ardteistiméireacht.

Teaglaim d'ábhair nach bhfuil ceadaithe

- Ní féidir an t-ábhar Fisic agus Ceimic a thairiscint in éineacht le Fisic nó le Ceimic.
- Ní féidir ach dhá ceann de na hábhair seo a leanas a thairiscint: Stair, Stair Eacnamaíoch (nach raibh ar fáil i ndiaidh na bliana 2005), Eacnamaíocht.
- Ní féidir Eacnamaíocht Talmhaíochta a thairiscint le hFacnamaíocht.
- Ní féidir Léann Clasaiceach a thairiscint le Laidin nó Gréigis.

N.B. Ní cáilíocht inghlactha í an Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach (LCVP) do chúiseanna máithreánaigh.

3.2 Ar thorthaí scrúduithe GCE agus GCSE

Is féidir le hiarrthóir torthaí scrúduithe GCE/GCSE a fuarthas i mblianta éagsúla a chnuasach do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh. (Baineann an lamháltas seo le Clárúchán Máithreánaigh amháin; ní gá go mbainfeadh sé le riachtanais iontrála na gComh-Ollscoileanna, na gColáistí Aitheanta nó na gColáistí ceangailte leis na gComh-Ollscoileanna.)

Ach go háirithe, ba chóir a thabhairt faoi deara go gcaithfidh na mic léinn siúd atá ag iarraidh dul isteach sa Leigheas na bunriachtanais iontrála a bhaint amach sa sraith céanna des na scrúdúcháin.

Inghlacthacht ábhair GCE agus GCSE le glacadh do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh

Tá srianta áirithe i bhfeidhm maidir le teaglaim d'ábhair GCE agus GCSE do chúiseanna máithreánaigh agus ní ghlactar leis na hábhair GCE agus GCSE uilig. Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil, chomh maith le liosta na n-ábhar GCE agus GCSE atá inghlactha do mháithreánach, féach ar láithreán OÉ www.nui.ie/college. Moltar do mhic léinn a bhfuil sé i gceist acu ábhar a chur i láthair nach bhfuil san áireamh sa liosta dul i gcomhairle le OÉ nó le hOifig Iontrála na Comh-Ollscoile, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil a bhfuil iarratas á dhéanamh acu leo.

3.3 Ar thorthaí scrúduithe eile

Tá liosta de cháilíochtaí Eorpacha agus idirnáisiúnta a nglactar leo do chúiseanna Máithreánaigh san Aguisíní. Más mian le mic léinn Clárúchán Máithreánaigh a dhéanamh ar bhonn thorthaí na scrúduithe seo ba chóir dóibh, ar an gcéad dul síos, teagmháil a dhéanamh le hOifig Iontrála na Comh-Ollscoile, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil ar mian leo dul isteach ann. Caithfidh na hábhair ina bhfuil pas faighte agus na caighdeáin a sroicheadh a bheidh faoi réir riachtanais na dáimhe mar a leagtar síos i Roinn 4 iad. Ba chóir do shealbhóirí cháilíochtaí eile nach bhfuil ar an liosta dul i dteagmháil freisin leis an Oifig Iontrála den institiúid OÉ ar mian leo dul isteach ann. Féach freisin Roinn 5.4 maidir leis an Dioplóma Idirnáisiúnta Baccalaureate agus riachtanas na Gaeilge.

Nóta: Ní féidir torthaí na scrúduithe Ardteistiméireachta agus GCE agus GCSE a chur le chéile do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh, ach amháin sna cúinsí a leagtar síos i roinn 6.3. I gcúinsí áirithe, is féidir le hiarrthóirí torthaí an Teastais Shóisearaigh le scrúduithe GCE/GCSE do chúiseanna máithreánaigh. Ba chóir d'iarrthóirí atá ag iarraidh é seo a dhéanamh dul i dteagmháil le OÉ ar an gcéad dul síos.

RIACHTANAIS MÁITHREÁNAIGH DÁIMHE/CHOLÁISTE (RIACHTANAIS ÍOSTA IONTRÁLA)

Nóta: Tá na dámha a ndéantar tagairt dóibh sa leabhrán seo, maidir le riachtanais máithreánaigh, faoi mar a luaitear i Reachtaíocht OÉ iad. Níl aon tionchar ag na hathruithe i struchtúr na ndámh i gcuid de na Comh-Ollscoileanna ar riachtanais an Mháithreánaigh.

4.1 Dámh/Coláiste:

- Ealaíona
- Eolaíochtaí Daonna
- Fealsúnacht
- Léann Ceilteach
- Dlí
- Eolaíocht Shóisialta
 - (i) Gaeilge
 - (ii) Béarla
 - (iii) Tríú Teanga atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh
 - (iv), (v) agus (vi) Aon trí ábhar Máithreánaigh nach bhfuil roghnaithe cheana
- Tráchtáil
 - (i) Gaeilge
 - (ii) Béarla
 - (iii) Tríú Teanga atá inghlachta do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh
 - (iv), (v) agus (vi) Aon dhá ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Máithreánaigh
- Eolaíocht
- Eolaíocht agus Teicneolaíocht Bhia
- Leigheas (Fiaclóireacht san áireamh)
- Innealtóireachta agus Ailtireacht
- Leigheas Tréidliachta
- Talmhaíocht
 - (i) Gaeilge
 - (ii) Béarla
 - (iii) Matamaitic
 - (iv) Tríú Teanga atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh

- (v) Ábhar Eolaíochta Saotharlainne
 Is iad seo a leanas na hábhair Eolaíochta Saotharlainne:
 Ceimic, Fisic, Bitheolaíocht, Fisic-le-Ceimic, Eolaíocht
 Talmhaíochta
- (vi) Aon ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh

Nótaí

- D'iontráil i gColáistí/nDáimh na hInnealtóireachta agus na hEolaíochta is féidir aon ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh a chur in áit na Tríú Teanga.
- D'iontráil ar Innealtóireacht i Coláiste na hOllscoile,
 Corcaigh; OÉ Gaillimh agus OÉ Má Nuad, is féidir an t-ábhar
 Teicneolaíocht a chur in áit ábhair eolaíocht saotharlainne.
- D'iontráil ar Eolaíocht i gColáiste Ollscoile BÁC, is féidir Matamaitic Feidhmeach a chur in áit ábhair eolaíocht saotharlainne.
- Ní gá ábhar eolaíocht saotharlainne d'iontráil ar Ailtireacht i gColáiste Ollscoile BÁC, nó i Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh, nó ar Eolaíocht Ríomhaireachta i gColáiste Ollscoile BÁC, nó i Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh, nó in Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad.
- D'iontráil ar BSc Altranas Tréidliachta COBÁC, is féidir Eacnamaíocht Bhaile a chur in áit ábhair eolaíocht saotharlainne.
- Tá Ealaíon inghlactha in áit na Tríú Teanga do mhic léinn ag dul isteach sa Choláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha.
- D'iontráil san Altranas, tá na riachtanais máithreánaigh dáimhe mar an gcéanna leo siúd do Dhámh an Leighis. Is féidir aon ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh a chur in áit na Tríú Teanga, áfach.
- Is féidir le mic léinn ó thíortha lasmuigh den Aontas Eorpach atá ag tairiscint torthaí ar scrúduithe seachas iad siúd de chuid an Aontais Eorpaigh dhá ábhar aitheanta a chur in áit (a) Gaeilge agus (b) an teanga seachas Béarla.
- Moltar do mhic léinn leabhráin eolais iontrála na gComh-Ollscoileanna, na gColáistí Aitheanta nó na gColáistí ceangailte leis na gComh-Ollscoileanna a léamh do mhionsonraí maidir le riachtanais ar leith d'ábhair/cúrsaí ar leith.

4.2 Caighdeán riachtanach

Scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta

Caithfidh iarrthóirí pas a fháil i sé ábhar ar a laghad roghnaithe de réir riachtanais an choláiste/na dáimhe, mar a leagtar síos i 4.1, le Grád C3 ar a laghad in dhá ábhar ar an Ardleibhéal agus Grád D3 ar a laghad (Gnáthleibhéal nó Ardleibhéal) i gceithre ábhar.

Meicníocht chúiteach

Glacfar le Grád E amháin in aon ábhar ar Chúrsa Ardleibhéil san Ardteistiméireacht má tá, i measc na n-ábhar eile atá ag an iarrthóir, trí Ghrád C3 ar Pháipéir Ardleibhéil nó ar a laghad Grád B3 amháin agus Grád C3 amháin ar Pháipéir Ardleibhéil san Ardteistiméireacht. (Ba chóir a thabhairt faoi deara go mbaineann an mheicníocht chúiteach seo le bun-mháithreánach amháin. Ní bhaineann sé le cúiseanna iontrála nuair atá riachtanas chúrsa ann atá níos airde ná Grád D3 ag Gnáthleibhéal san ábhar cuí. Faoi láthair, níl sé i bhfeidhm i gcás an Altranais.)

Scrúduithe GCE/GCSE

Caithfidh iarrthóirí pas a fháil i sé ábhar ar a laghad, faoi réir riachtanais na dáimhe mar a leagtar síos i Roinn 4.1 iad agus iad seo a leanas a fháil:

GCE Ardleibhéal

Grád C ar a laghad in dhá ábhar aitheanta (Glactar le Grád A le Grád D nó Grád E, nó Grád B le Grád D mar chomhionainn le dhá Grád C).

• GCE Leibhéal AS /GCSE Leibhéal

Leibhéal Grád C ar a laghad i gceithre ábhar aitheanta eile (Glactar le Gráid Ardleibhéil GCE A go D, E nó O mar ghrádanna Pas GCSE O Leibhéal).

Scrúduithe Eile

Caithfidh na hábhair ina bhfaightear pas agus an caighdeán a bhaintear amach a bheith faoi réir na riachtanais Dáimh/Choláiste a leagtar síos thuas. (Féach Aguisíní do liosta na gcáilíochtaí Eorpacha agus Idirnáisiúnta atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Máithreánaigh). Tá tuilleadh eolais ar na grádanna atá de dhíth chun riachtanais an Mháithreánaigh a shásamh ar fáil ó na hOifigí Iontrála. Ba chóir do shealbhóirí cháilíochtaí eile nach bhfuil ar an liosta dul i dteagmháil leis an Oifig Iontrála den institiúid OÉ ar mian leo dul isteach ann. Féach freisin Roinn 5.4 maidir leis an Dioplóma Idirnáisiúnta Baccalaureate agus riachtanas na Gaeilge.

RIACHTANAS NA GAEILGE

5.1 Is é seo a leanas an bunriachtanas maidir le Gaeilge

Caithfidh iarrthóirí a rugadh i bPoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae) pas a fháil sa Ghaeilge i scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta nó GCE/GCSE. Tá an riachtanas seo i bhfeidhm pé acu an bhfuil an t-iarrthóir ag tairiscint na hArdteistiméireachta nó scrúdú eile do Mháithreánach, ach amháin má shásaítear ceann de na coinníollacha do dhíolúine, mar a leagtar síos ag 5.3 thíos.

5.2 Díolúine ón Ghaeilge d'iarrthóirí a rugadh i dTuaisceart Éireann /Ríocht Aontaithe

I bhfeidhm ón bhliain 2005, beidh díolúine uathoibríoch ón nGaeilge ag iarrthóirí ó Thuaisceart Éireann/Ríocht Aontaithe ag tairiscint cáilíochtaí GCE/GCSE. Ní gá dóibh iarratas a chur faoi bhráid OÉ ina leith.

5.3 Díolúintí eile ón nGaeilge

Is féidir leis na hiarrthóirí atá cuimsithe ag (i) go (iii) thíos díolúine a éileamh ón riachtanas le Gaeilge a thairiscint do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh trí Fhoirm Iarratais ar Dhíolúine Chomhlánaithe a chur chuig Ollscoil na hÉireann, 49 Cearnóg Mhuirfean, BÁC 2. Tá an fhoirm seo ar fáil ó OÉ (fón: 01 4392424) nó is féidir í a íoslódáil ó www.nui.ie/college.

(i) Iarrthóirí a rugadh lasmuigh de Phoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae)

Caithfidh iarrthóirí (seachas iad siúd a rugadh i dTuaisceart Éireann/Ríocht Aontaithe mar a luaitear ag 5.2) Ranna A agus B den Fhoirm Iarratais ar Dhíolúíne a líonadh isteach agus é seo a chur chuig OÉ in éineacht le cóip dá dteastas breithe.

(ii) Iarrthóirí a rugadh i bPoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae) ach,

- a fuair bunoideachas go haois aon bhliain déag lasmuigh de Phoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae); nó
- a chónaigh lasmuigh de Phoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae) ar feadh trí bliana ar a laghad dá n-iarbhunoideachas; nó
- a fuair bunoideachas agus / nó iarbhunoideachas ar feadh trí bliana ar a laghad lasmuigh de Phoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae).

I ngach cás díobh seo, caithfidh iarrthóirí Roinn A den Fhoirm Iarratais ar Dhíolúine a líonadh isteach, Roinn C den Fhoirm a fháil sínithe ag Príomhoide/Ceann na Scoile agus an fhoirm chomhlánaithe a chur chuig OÉ.

(iii) Iarrthóirí ag tairiscint Teastais Díolúine ón nGaeilge ar bhonn mhíchumas foghlama ag cur isteach ar bunscileanna teanga sa teanga dhúchais (Leasú na Roinne Oideachais ar Riail 46 'Rialacha agus Cláracha do Mheánscoileanna' maidir le díolúine ón nGaeilge (Ciorclán M10/94 – 1(c)(i)):

Caithfidh aon iarrthóir, a fhaigheann díolúine ón nGaeilge ar an mbonn seo ar scoil agus atá le háit a lorg i gComh-Ollscoil, i gColáiste Aitheanta nó i gColáiste ceangailte le gComh-Ollscoil, na nithe seo a leanas a sheoladh chuig OÉ:

- Foirm Iarratais ar Dhíolúine chomhlánaithe (líon isteach Roinn A agus faigh Roinn D líonta agus sínithe ag Príomhoide/Ceann do scoile chomh maith le
- cóip de Theastas Díolúine na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna, sínithe ag Príomhoide/Ceann na Scoile inar eisíodh an teastas agus
- tuairisc chuí an tsiceolaithe gairme

Déanfar iarratais ar dhíolúine ón nGaeilge a mheas ó na hiarrthóirí seo a leanas freisin:

(iv) Iarrthóirí nach bhfuil Teastas Díolúine ón Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna faighte acu (féach (iii) thuas) ach a bhfuil dearbhú acu ó síceolaí gairme ina leith go bhfuil Sain-Mhíchumas Foghlama orthu a théann i gcion ar bhunscileanna teanga sa mháthairtheanga (.i. riocht disléicse atá ina chúis le díolúine).

Caithfidh iarrthóirí sa staid seo na nithe seo a leanas a sheoladh chuig OÉ:

- Foirm Iarratais ar Dhíolúine chomhlánaithe (líon isteach Roinn A agus faigh Roinn E líonta agus sínithe ag Príomhoide/Ceann do scoile chomh maith le
- Foirm Dhearbhuithe sínithe ag síceolaí gairme (ar fáil ó OÉ) agus
- tuairisc an tsiceolaithe.

Ba chóir a thabhairt faoi deara nár chóir do thuairiscí siceolaithe ag dearbhú míchumais foghlama a bheith níos sine ná trí bliana d'aois .i. nuair a dhéanann iarrthóirí iarratas le linne na bliana acadúla 2012/2013, níor chóir go mbeadh dáta níos luaithe ná 1 Meán Fómhair, 2010 ar na tuairiscí. Féach freisin ar an nóta ag 6.2.

Bronnfar díolúine ó riachtanas na Tríú Teanga freisin ar iarrthóirí a mbronntar díolúine ón nGaeilge orthu faoi réir (iii) nó (iv) thuas.

Nuair atá sé i gceist ag an iarrthóir teanga eile (seachas an Béarla) a chur ar aghaidh mar ábhar Ardteistiméireachta, ní mór an bunús atá leis an teanga eile a chur ar aghaidh, agus díolúine á lorg ón nGaeilge ar bhonn míchumais foghlama a théann i gcion ar scileanna teanga, a leagan amach go soiléir in éineacht leis an iarratas ar dhíolúine.

5.4 Ba chóir na pointí seo a leanas a mheabhrú:

- Déantar iarratais ar dhíolúintí a mheas ar bhonn aonair a mheas ar bhonn aonair agus is féidir iad a chur faoi bhráid na hOllscoile ag am ar bith i ndiaidh an Teastas Sóisearach a chríochnú
- Tá Foirmeacha Iarratais ar Dhíolúine agus Foirmeacha Dearbhaithe (féach (iv) thuas) ar fáil ó Ollscoil na hÉireann, 49 Cearnóg Mhuirfean, Baile Átha Cliath 2 (fón. 01 4392424), nó is féidir iad a íoslódáil ó www.nui.ie/college
- Is féidir le hiarrthóirí a bhfuil díolúine ón nGaeilge acu a thairiscint, mar séú ábhar, aon ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh.
- Ní hionainn na critéirí chun díolúine a bhronnadh ó riachtanais Gaeilge agus/nó Tríú Teanga OÉ agus iad siúd atá ann don Bhealach Rochtana Míchumais ar an Oideachas (DARE). Mar sin, ní chiallaíonn bronnadh díolúine OÉ go bhfuil mac léinn inchailithe uaidh féin faoi DARE
- Ní chiallaíonn iarratas ar dhíolúine teanga OÉ go bhfuil iarratas déanta ar DARE; ní mór iarratas ar DARE a dhéanamh tríd an Lár-Oifig Iontrála (CAO)
- Bronnfaidh OÉ díolúine teanga ar mac léinn a bhfuil díolúine teanga aige nó aici ón Bhealach Rochtana Míchumais ar an Oideachas (DARE).
- Is féidir le hiarrthóirí ó thíortha lasmuigh den Aontas Eorpach atá ag tairiscint torthaí scrúduithe, nach scrúduithe de chuid thíortha an Aontais Eorpaigh iad, aon ábhar aitheanta eile a thairiscint mar mhalairt ar an nGaeilge.
- Is féidir le hiarrthóirí a rugadh lasmuigh de Phoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae), nó atá cáilithe faoi 5.3 (ii) thuas, agus a bhfuil díolúine ón nGaeilge bronnta orthu, an Ghaeilge a thairiscint mar ábhar don Máithreánach mar sin féin, mar shásamh ar an riachtanas go gcaithfear teanga nach í an teanga Béarla a thairiscint. (Baineann an fhoráil seo le mic léinn ó Thuaisceart Éireann, agus le mic léinn eile ó lasmuigh d'Éirinn a thairgeann Gaeilge mar ábhar Ardteistiméireachta, GCE nó GCSE.)

Tá sé riachtanach d'iarrthóirí a bhfuil sé i gceist acu an Ghaeilge a úsáid don chúis seo dul i dteagmháil le OÉ sa chaoi is gur féidir a stádas, maidir le riachtanais teanga a chomhlíonadh, a chlárú.

- Sásóidh iarrthóirí a thairgeann an Dioplóma Idirnáisiúnta Baccalaureate do Mháithreánach, agus a fuair bunoideachas agus iarbhunoideachas i bPoblacht na hÉireann (26 contae), riachtanas na Gaeilge tré phas a thairiscint sa Ghaeilge san Ardteistiméireacht.
- Mic léinn faoi lagu éisteachta (Féach Roinn 8).

RIACHTANAS NA TRÍÚ TEANGA

6.1 An Tríú Teanga

Mar a léirítear ag Roinn 4.1, caithfidh gach iarrthóir a thairiscint, in éineacht le Gaeilge agus Béarla, Tríú Teanga atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh ach sna heisceachtaí seo a leanas:

- (i) D'iontráil i gColáistí/nDáimh na hInnealtóireachta agus na hEolaíochtaí, is féidir aon ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh a chur in áit na Tríú Teanga;
- (ii) Is féidir le mic léinn ag dul isteach i gcúrsaí san Altranas aon ábhar aitheanta eile a chur in áit na Tríú Teanga;
- (iii) Is féidir le mic léinn ag dul isteach sa Choláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha a t-ábhar Ealaín a thairiscint in áit na Tríú Teanga;
- (iv) Is féidir le mic léinn ó thíortha lasmuigh den Aontas Eorpach atá ag tairiscint torthaí scrúduithe, nach scrúduithe de chuid thíortha an Aontais Eorpaigh iad, aon ábhar aitheanta eile a thairiscint mar mhalairt ar an Tríú Teanga (Féach Roinn 5.4);
- (v) Is féidir le mic léinn a rugadh nó ar cuireadh oideachas orthu lasmuigh d'Éirinn an Ghaeilge a thairiscint mar ábhar Máithreánaigh chun riachtanas na Tríú Teanga a chomhlíonadh. (Féach Roinn 5.4). Baineann an fhoráil seo le mic léinn ó Thuaisceart Éireann, agus freisin do mhic léinn eile a rugadh nó ar cuireadh oideachas orthu lasmuigh d'Éirinn agus a thairgeann Gaeilge mar ábhar Ardteistiméireachta, GCE nó GCSE;
- (vi) Mic léinn faoi lagú éisteachta (Féach Roinn 8)

6.2 Mic léinn i Riochtaí Disléicse

Tá OÉ sásta freisin measúnú a dhéanamh ar iarratais a lorgaíonn díolúine ó Riachtanas na Tríú Teanga ó mhic léinn a bhfuil dearbhú ó síceolaí gairme acu ina leith go bhfuil Sain-Mhíchumas Foghlama orthu a théann i gcion ar bunscileanna teanga sa mháthairtheanga (.i. riocht tromchúiseach disléicse atá ina chúis le díolúine). Déantar iarratais dá leithéid a mheas ar bhonn aonair agus is féidir iad a chur faoi bhráid na hOllscoile am ar bith tar éis an Teastas Sóisearach a chríochnú.

Caithfidh iarrthóirí sa staid seo na nithe seo a leanas a sheoladh chuig OÉ:

- Foirm Iarratais ar Dhíolúine chomhlánaithe (líon isteach Roinn A agus faigh Roinn E líonta agus sínithe ag Príomhoide/Ceann do scoile chomh maith le
- Foirm Dhearbhuithe OÉ sínithe ag síceolaí gairme agus
- tuairisc an tsiceolaithe.

Tá Foirmeacha Iarratais ar Dhíolúine agus Foirmeacha Dearbhaithe OÉ ar fáil ó Ollscoil na hÉireann, 49 Cearnóg Mhuirfean, Baile Átha Cliath 2 (fón. 01 4392424), nó is féidir iad a íoslódáil ó www.nui.ie/college. Ba chóir a thabhairt faoi deara nár chóir do thuairiscí siceolaithe ag dearbhú míchumais foghlama a bheith níos sine ná trí bliana d'aois .i. nuair a dhéanann iarrthóirí iarratas le linne na bliana acadúla 2012/2013, níor chóir go mbeadh dáta níos luaithe ná 1 Meán Fómhair, 2010 ar na tuairiscí. Féach freisin 5.3 (iii) agus (iv) thuas maidir leis an nGaeilge. Bronnfar díolúine ó riachtanas na Tríú Teanga freisin ar iarrthóirí a mbronntar díolúine ón nGaeilge orthu faoi réir na bhforálacha seo.

Nota: Chuaigh an Cumann um Rochtain Ardoideachais agus Míchumais (AHEAD) i bhfeidhm ar OÉ agus an sainmhíniú seo thíos ar dhisléicse á ghlacadh:

Tá an disléicse ar cheann de mhíchumais foghlama éagsúla. Is easláinte ar leith teanga-bhunaithe é le bunús coimpléascach agus is iad na saintréithe atá aige ná deacrachtaí le focail aonair a dhíchódú, de ghnáth mar thoradh ar easpa sa phróiseáil fhóneolaíoch. Go minic ní bhítear ag súil leis na deacrachtaí seo le focail aonair a dhíchódú i gcomhthéacs aoise agus cumais eile cognaíocha; ní tharlaíonn siad mar thoradh ar mhíchumas ginearálta forbartha nó lagú aireachtála. Léirítear disléicse le deacrachtaí athraitheacha maidir le foirmeacha éagsúla teanga, agus go minic, i dteannta le fadhbanna léitheoireachta, bíonn fadhb shuntasach le cumas a bhaint amach i scríobh agus litriú.

Ba chóir go mbeadh a fhios ag mic léinn nach hionainn na critéirí chun díolúine a bhronnadh ó riachtanais na Tríú Teanga OÉ agus iad siúd atá ann don Bhealach Rochtana Míchumais ar an Oideachas (DARE). Ní chiallaíonn bronnadh díolúine OÉ go bhfuil mac léinn inchailithe uaidh féin faoi DARE. Ní mór iarratas ar DARE a dhéanamh tríd an Lár-Oifig Iontrála (CAO)

6.3 Mic léinn ó lasmuigh den Aontas Eorpach ag tairiscint na hArdteistiméireachta

Tá na socruithe speisialta seo a leanas i bhfeidhm maidir le mic léinn ó thíortha lasmuigh den Aontas Eorpach nach é an Béarla a gcéad teanga agus a thairgeann an Ardteistiméireacht do chúiseanna Máithreánaigh. Go ginearálta, beidh ar iarrthóirí dá leithéid teanga eile seachas an Béarla a thairiscint don Mháithreánach. Is féidir le hiarrthóirí sa chás seo teanga san Ardteistiméireacht nó deimhniú roghnach i dteanga, atá inghlactha don Ollscoil. Mar shampla, glacfar le scrúduithe i dteangacha, nach teangacha de chuid an Aontais Eorpaigh iad, atá ar fáil ag leibhéil GCE/GCSE mar shásamh ar an riachtanas teanga seo. Sna cúinsí seo, tá cead ag iarrthóirí torthaí na hArdteistiméireachta a mheasc le toradh na teanga sa GCE/GCSE. I gcás scrúduithe eile seachas GCE/GCSE, déanann an Ollscoil iarratais a mheas ar bhonn aonair.

Bá chóir a mheabhrú i ngach cás go gcaithfidh mic léinn sé ábhar Ardteistiméireachta a thairiscint.

Ní ghlactar le Gairmchlár na hArdteistiméireachta (LCVP) mar ábhar do chúiseanna máithreánaigh.

RIACHTANAS AN BHÉARLA ÁIT NACH É AN BÉARLA AN CHÉAD TEANGA

Caithfidh gach iarrthóir riachtanas an teanga Béarla a shásamh. Is féidir le hiarrthóirí nach é an Béarla an chéad teanga acu an riachtanas a shásamh ar bhealach ar bith díobh seo a leanas:

7.1 Teastas OÉ in Staidéar sa Teanga Béarla (á bhronnadh faoi láthair ag Coláiste Ósta na Sionna).

7.2 Béarla san Ardteistiméireacht

Béarla ag Grád D gnáthleibhéal nó níos airde.

7.3 Ollscoil Bhaile Átha Cliath (Coláiste na Tríonóide)

Cumadóireacht Bhéarla (ní Litríocht an Bhéarla) ag Leibhéal Pas nó níos airde.

7.4 Boird/Eagrais Scrúdúcháin Ríocht Aontaithe

- Teanga Béarla GCE O Leibhéal ag Grád C nó níos airde
- Teanga Béarla GCSE ag Grád C nó níos airde
- Litríocht an Bhéarla GCSE ag Grád C nó níos airde
- CSF Grád 1 Pas sa Bhéarla

An caighdeán seo a leanas i scrúduithe sa Teanga Béarla tugtha ag Boird Scrúdúcháin áirithe – ceann ar bith de:

- Assessments and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) C nó níos airde
- Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) C nó níos airde
- Edexcel Foundation C nó níos airde
- University of Cambridge Advanced Certificate, Level B
- University of Cambridge Proficiency Certificate, Level C
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Patrúin Tástála A agus B, le meánscór de 6.5 thar na codanna ar fad, le 6.0 ar a laghad i ngach banda
- University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (UCLES) le Béarla ag Grád C nó níos airde [English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper) an Oxford Examining Body san áireamh]

7.5 Scrúdú an Mháithreánaigh i dTíortha AE

Scrúduithe Máithreánaigh ó thíortha de chuid an Aontais Eorpaigh áit a thairgtear Béarla mar ábhar agus baintear amach leibhéal inghlactha.

7.6 Norwegian Certificate of Upper Secondary Education Scór de 4 nó níos airde sa Bhéarla sa Chéad Chuid.

7.7 Hong Kong Education Examination Authorities

- Hong Kong Certificate of Education, English Language Syllabus
 B: Grád C nó níos fearr.
- Hong Kong Examination Authority, Advanced Level Use of English: Grád C nó níos fearr.

7.8 Sri Lankan National Certificate in English: Leibhéal Pas nó níos fearr

7.9 Scrúduithe eile i dteanga an Bhéarla

- (i) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

 Scór íosta de 600 (250 do thrialacha bunaithe ar ríomhair nó 100 do thrialacha bunaithe ar an idirlíon) sa Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) á riar ag Ollscoil Princeton
- (ii) Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)
 Scór íosta de 750 thar na ceithre chuid uilig
- (iii) Pearson VUE Pearson Test of English (Academic) PTE Academic Scór iomlán de 63 gan aon chuid faoi 59 an riachtanas is lú
- (iv) English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP) Grád C1 an riachtanas is lú

Ba chóir a mheabhrú gurb iad seo na riachtanais íosta sa Bhéarla agus gur féidir go mbeadh riachtanais níos airde leagtha síos ag Dámha/Coláistí. 8

MÁITHREÁNACH D'IARRTHÓIRÍ FAOI LAGÚ ÉISTEACHTA

Is féidir le mic léinn a dtugann údarás cuí gairmiúil deimhniú don Ollscoil ina leith go bhfuil lagú tromchúiseach éisteachta orthu máithreánach a bhaint amach i sé ábhar mar seo a leanas:

- Gaeilge nó Béarla
- Aon chúig ábhar eile atá inghlactha do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh ar an gcoinníoll go sásaítear riachtanais dáimhe seachas sin.

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MÁITHREÁNACH AR BHLIANTA AIBÍ

Is féidir le mic léinn aibí (i.e. mic léinn atá 23 bliain d'aois ar an 1 Eanáir sa bhliain féilire iontrála) máithreánach a fháil ón Ollscoil ar mholadh Chomhairle Acadúil de Chomh-Ollscoil, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil chun dul isteach ar chúrsa staidéir, sa Chomh-Ollscoil, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil sin, a bhfuil céim de chuid na hOllscoile mar thoradh air. I gcás chúrsaí páirtaimseartha, is féidir máithreánach a thabhairt do mhic léinn 21 bliain d'aois. Moltar do mhic léinn na leabhráin eolais cuí de chuid na Comh-Ollscoile, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil a léamh do bhreis eolais a bhaineann le Clárúchán Máithreánaigh ar bhonn na mblianta aibí.

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MÁITHREÁNACH AR CHRÍOCHNÚ CHÚRSA ROCHTANA OÉ

Ar mholadh ó Uachtarán Chomh-Ollscoile, is féidir leis an Ollscoil máithreánach a thabhairt do mhic léinn a chríochnaigh go sásúil Cúrsa Rochtana Faofa i gComh-Ollscoil, nó a théann isteach san Ollscoil tré Chlár Faofa Rochtana/Boinn. Moltar do mhic léinn dul i gcomhairle leis an gComh-Ollscoil chuí do thuilleadh eolais maidir le Clárúchán Máithreánaigh ar chríochnú sásúil de Chúrsa Rochtana Faofa nó Clár Faofa Rochtana/Boinn.

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MÁITHREÁNACH DO SHEALBHÓIRÍ CHÁILÍOCHTAÍ HETAC (NCEA)

Tabharfar Máithreánach do shealbhóirí cháilíochtaí ag leibhéal 6 agus níos airde den Chreatlach Náisiúnta de Cháilíochtaí bronnta ag HETAC nó cáilíochtaí inchurtha NCFA.

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MÁITHREÁNACH DO SHEALBHÓIRÍ DHÁMHACHTAINÍ FETAC (NCVA) AG LEIBHÉAL 5 AGUS LEIBHÉAL 6

Tabharfar Máithreánach do shealbhóirí dhámhachtainí FETAC (NCVA) Leibhéal 5 nó Leibhéal 6 le Gradaim i gcúig mhodúil, d'iontráil do chúrsaí céime i réimsí gaolmhara.

(Ba chóir do mhic léinn ar mian leo Clárúchán Máithreánaigh a chur I gcrích bunaithe ar thorthaí na ndámhachtainí FETAC (NCVA) Leibhéal 5 nó Leibhéal 6 teagmháil a dhéanamh, ar an gcéad dul síos, le hOifig Iontrála na Comh-Ollscoile, Coláiste Aitheanta nó Coláiste ceangailte le Comh-Ollscoil ar mian leo dul isteach ann.)

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EOLAS DON LÁR-OIFIG IONTRÁLA (CAO)

Cuirfidh OÉ an Lár-Oifig Iontrála ar an eolas maidir le díolúintí a thugann an Ollscoil do chúiseanna Clárúcháin Máithreánaigh. Mar sin féin, cé go bhfuil OÉ sásta cuidiú le mic léinn tré eolas a thabhairt don CAO ar dhíolúintí atá tugtha, tá sé de fhreagracht ar mhic léinn a chinntiú go bhfuil an t-eolas seo taifeadta i gceart ar an Ráiteas ar Thaifead Iarratais a fhaigheann mic léinn ón CAO ag deireadh mhí Bealtaine (nó an Ráiteas leasaithe, nuair atá an díolúine tugtha ag OÉ tar éis don CAO an ráiteas tosaigh a eisiúint). I gcás díolúintí tugtha d'iarrthóirí ag an Ollscoil sula mbíonn uimhreacha CAO ar fáil, tá iachall ar iarrthóirí an Ollscoil a chur ar an eolas faoina n-uimhreacha CAO nuair atá siad ar eolas acu.

Nóta: Cé go nglacfaidh OÉ le hiarratais ar dhíolúintí ag am ar bith, moltar d'iarrthóirí iarratas a dhéanamh go luath. Ba chóir go mbeadh a fhios ag mic léinn má dhéanann said iarratas ar dhíolúintí i ndiaidh an 31 Iúil i mbliain ar bith, go mb'fhéidir go mbeidh sé seo ródhéanach chun iad a dhéanamh incháilithe ar thairiscint CAO sa bhliain sin.

AGUISÍN 1 /APPENDIX 1
Cáilíochtaí Fornacha agus Idirnáiciú

Cáilíochtaí Eorpacha agus Idirnáisiúnta a ghlactar don Máithreánach;

AGUISÍN 2 /APPENDIX 2

Eolas ar riachtanais Mháithreacháin OÉ do sealbhóirí cáilíochtaí an Aontais Eorpaigh agus an Dioplóma idirnáisiúnta:

(Féach leathanaigh 24 agus 25 den leagan Béarla.)

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