

# NUI Matriculation Regulations

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**Institute of Public Administration**  
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Web: www.rcsi.ie

### COLLEGES LINKED WITH CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES – *Coláistí ceangailte leis na Comb-Ollscoileanna*

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*An Institiúid Baincéireach*  
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# Matriculation Regulations Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

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# 1. National University of Ireland

## *Ollscoil na hÉireann*

The National University of Ireland was established by the Irish Universities Act, 1908. It was restructured under the Universities Act, 1997, and now comprises four Constituent Universities, two Recognised Colleges and other Colleges linked with the Constituent Universities.

### 1.1 NUI Constituent Universities

University College Dublin

University College Cork

National University of Ireland, Galway

Maynooth University

### 1.2 NUI Recognised Colleges

Institute of Public Administration

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

### 1.3 Colleges linked with the Constituent Universities

Burren College of Art and Design

Institute of Banking

National College of Art and Design, Dublin

St. Angela's College, Sligo

Shannon College of Hotel Management

### 1.4 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.

## 1.5 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. Structural changes in the Constituent Universities have over time had such an impact on matriculation requirements that students are advised to consult the entry requirements websites of the individual institutions for detailed information. Here is a list of these:*

### **University College Dublin**

<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/elr.html>

### **University College Cork**

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/undergrad/>

### **National University of Ireland Galway**

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/undergraduate-courses>

### **Shannon College of Hotel Management**

<http://www.shannoncollege.com/international-students/courses/>

### **Maynooth University**

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies>

### **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**

<https://www.rcsi.com/dublin/undergraduate/application-inform>

### **Institute of Public Administration**

<https://www.ipa.ie/courses/undergraduate.453.html>

### **National College of Art and Design, Dublin**

<http://www.ncad.ie/undergraduate>

**St Angela's College, Sligo**

[http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie/departments/index\\_per\\_dept.php?dept=Programmes](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie/departments/index_per_dept.php?dept=Programmes)

**Burren College of Art**

<https://www.burrencollege.ie/programme>

**Institute of Banking**

<https://www.iob.ie/programmes>

## **2. 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 & Humanities; Business; Engineering & Architecture; Health and Agricultural Sciences; Science; Social Sciences and Law.

### **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**

Inc. Shannon College of Hotel Management

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

### **2.4 Maynooth University**

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

### **2.5 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**

Undergraduate courses in Medicine, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy, and related postgraduate courses in Health Sciences.

### **2.6 Institute of Public Administration**

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



## **2.7 National College of Art and Design**

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

## **2.8 St. Angela's College, Sligo**

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies; Education; and Home Economics.

## **2.9 Institute of Banking**

Courses in banking and international finance.

### 3. 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 current 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 courses for which the subject Mathematics is an entry requirement
- (iii) The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not accepted as a subject for matriculation purposes. (LCVP may be included as a subject for points – full information is available from the Admissions Offices of the Constituent Universities, Recognised and other Associated Colleges).

#### Combination of Leaving Certificate results for Matriculation purposes

An applicant may combine the results of Leaving Certificate Examinations obtained in different years for Matriculation purposes. (This concession applies to Matriculation 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.

### 3.2 On the results of GCE and GCSE examinations

An applicant may combine the results of GCE/GCSE Examinations results obtained in different years, for Matriculation purposes. (This concession applies to Matriculation 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

All GCSE subjects are acceptable for matriculation purposes. However, certain restrictions apply in relation to the combination of GCE and GCSE subjects and not all GCE subjects are accepted for matriculation purposes. For further information and the list of GCE subjects acceptable for matriculation consult [www.nui.ie/college](http://www.nui.ie/college). If a prospective student or a school wishes to have a subject considered for review and approval, they should contact NUI with details of the subject. Please note this process is lengthy so students should initiate the process at least 12 months in advance of application.

### 3.3 On the results of other examinations

A list of European and International qualifications accepted for Matriculation purposes is contained in the Appendices. Students wishing to complete Matriculation on the results of these examinations should view the Guideline Entry requirements for EU/EFTA applications in the Student Resources section at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). Queries should be addressed to 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 course entry requirements. 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, the French Baccalauréat and the Irish Language Requirement.

**Note:** *The results of Leaving Certificate and GCE and GCSE examinations may not be combined for Matriculation 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 do so should contact NUI in the first instance.*

## 4. Faculty/College Matriculation (Minimum Entry) Requirements

**Note:** The listing below provides a very general outline of faculty/college entry requirements in the various NUI Constituent Universities, Recognised Colleges and Associated Colleges and should be used only as a general guide. There are significant differences to be taken into account in relation to the Third Language requirement and also the Laboratory Science subject requirement. In general, a Third Language is not required for programmes in Science or Engineering but is required for most other programmes. However, there are some exceptions. Similarly, a small number of exceptions may be observed in relation to the Laboratory Science subject requirement, with some substitutions permitted. For more detailed information and specific subject requirements students should consult the entry requirements websites of the individual institutions. A list of these is given on p. 4.

### 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 subjects accepted for Matriculation purposes not already selected

▶ ***Commerce***

- (i) Irish
- (ii) English
- (iii) Mathematics
- (iv) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
- (v) and (vi) Any two subjects accepted for Matriculation purposes not already selected

▶ ***Agriculture***

▶ ***Architecture (UCC)***

▶ ***Engineering***

▶ ***Food Science and Technology***

▶ ***Nursing***

▶ ***Science***

- (i) Irish
- (ii) English
- (iii) Mathematics
- (iv) A Laboratory Science subject\* or in some cases a subject from the broader science group of subjects\*\*
- (v) and (vi) Any two subjects accepted for Matriculation purposes not already selected

- ▶ *Architecture (UCD)*
- ▶ *Medicine (including Dentistry)*
- ▶ *Veterinary Medicine*
  - (i) Irish
  - (ii) English
  - (iii) Mathematics
  - (iv) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
  - (v) A Laboratory Science subject\*
  - (vi) Any other subject accepted for Matriculation purposes not already selected

\* The Laboratory Science subjects comprises: Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry, Agricultural Science.

\*\* For a number of programmes in Science and/or Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Computer Science, Geography, Technology are accepted in place of a Laboratory Science subject. Please check with the relevant university.

- ▶ 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

### (i) Leaving Certificate examination from 2017 onwards

Candidates must obtain a pass in at least six subjects selected according to college/faculty requirements, with at least Grade H5 in two subjects on the Higher Level and at least Grade H7 (Higher Level) or O6 (Ordinary Level) in four subjects.

**(ii) Leaving Certificate examination taken prior to 2017**

Candidates must have obtained a pass in at least six subjects selected according to college/faculty requirements, with at least Grade D1 in two subjects on the Higher Level and at least Grade E (Higher Course) or Grade D3 (Ordinary) in four subjects.

**4.3 Standard required for qualifications other than Leaving Certificate**

**(i) GCE/GCSE Examinations**

Candidates must obtain a pass in at least six subjects, in accordance with Faculty/College requirements 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).

**(ii) 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). For further information view the Guideline Entry requirements for EU/EFTA applications in the Student Resources section at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

See also Section 5.4 in connection with International Qualifications and the Irish Language requirement.



## 5. 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, unless exempt. This requirement applies whether the candidate is presenting the Leaving Certificate or another examination for Matriculation.

### 5.2 Exemption from Irish for candidates educated outside the Republic of Ireland

Candidates born and fully educated outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) who are presenting qualifications other than the Leaving Certificate for matriculation are automatically exempt from Irish and do not need to make application to NUI.

### 5.3 Exemption from Irish for candidates educated in the Republic of Ireland

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

Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland, and who are being educated within the Republic of Ireland, 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)

- ▶ Whose primary education up to the age of twelve years was outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) or
- ▶ Who in the course of their primary and post-primary education combined, spent at least three continuous years outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) 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 exempted by the Department of Education from the study of Irish under the provisions of**

- (a) DES Circular M10/94 – 1(c)(i) or
- (b) DES Circular 0053/2019

Any candidate who is granted exemption from the study of Irish in school under either one of these circulars on this ground 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 (only where the exemption has been granted under DES Circular M10/94).

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

**(iv) Candidates who have not received a DES Certificate of Exemption (see (ii) 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 language learning disability should be no more than three years old i.e. where candidates apply during the 2020/2021 academic year, reports should be dated no earlier than 1 September 2017. See also note at 6.2.

In general decisions of NUI on the granting of exemptions from Irish/ Third Language are influenced by the revised Department of Education and Science criteria for the granting of an exemption from the study of Irish, notably the following:

At the time of application present with a Standardised Score on a discrete test in either Word Reading, Reading Comprehension or Spelling at/below the **10th percentile** and the guidelines of the State Examinations Commission for Reasonable Accommodations in Examinations (RACE).

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 <http://www.nui.ie/college/entry-requirements.asp>
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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 for matriculation a qualification other than the Leaving Certificate, such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma or the French Baccalauréat, 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 O7 at Ordinary level) in the Leaving Certificate or Level B1 in Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge.
- ▶ Information on Matriculation for hearing-impaired students is set out in Section 8.

## 6. The Third Language Requirement

### 6.1 Third Language

Section 4.1 sets out the Faculties/Colleges where a Third Language, in addition to Irish and English, is generally required for matriculation. All languages available in the Leaving Certificate and all EU languages are acceptable for this purpose. Students are advised to check the admissions websites of the NUI institutions (listed on p. 4) to see whether a third language is required for entry to the specific programme(s) of their choice. See also 6.3.

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Hearing-impaired students (See Section 8).

### 6.2 Students with Dyslexic Conditions

Students granted exemption from Irish on the basis of a specific learning disability are also granted exemption from the third language. NUI will consider applications seeking exemption only 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, in the same way as exemptions from Irish 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 <http://www.nui.ie/college/entry-requirements.asp>.

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:** 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 revised Department of Education and Science criteria for the granting of an exemption from the study of Irish, notably the following:

At the time of application present with a Standardised Score on a discrete test in either Word Reading, Reading Comprehension or Spelling at/ below the **10<sup>th</sup> percentile** and the guidelines of the State Examinations Commission for Reasonable Accommodations in Examinations (RACE).

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 for purposes of matriculation. In the case of examinations other than the GCE/GCSE, applications are considered by NUI 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. In addition to contacting NUI Applicants seeking to use an alternative language examination combined with Leaving Certificate should notify the relevant Admissions Offices with their application number.**

## 7. 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 and who are presenting the Irish Leaving Certificate are required to attain a grade H7/O6 (or D3 in English pre-2017). Candidates presenting other qualifications may satisfy the requirement through any of the following:

### 7.1 NUI Certificate in English Language Studies

(awarded at Shannon College of Hotel Management)

### 7.2 University of Dublin (Trinity College)

English Composition (not English Literature) at Pass Level or above

### 7.3 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

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, Grade B or above (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
- ▶ University of Cambridge Proficiency Certificate, Grade C or above (CEFR Level C1 or C2)



- ▶ 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)]

Candidates presenting the Irish Leaving Certificate are normally expected to complete English as part of their examination programme. Applicants whose first language is not English and who wish to use an alternative proof of English should contact the relevant Admissions Office.

#### **7.4 EU Countries' Matriculation Examination**

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

Where an English proficiency test which is scored on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is presented as part of a school-leaving qualification, the grade must be C1 or C2.

#### **7.5 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

#### **7.6 Sri Lankan National Certificate in English**

Pass level or better

## 7.7 Other English Language Examinations

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

A minimum score of 600 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University, with a test of written English at 475+

**(ii) Pearson VUE – Pearson Test of English (Academic) – PTE Academic**

The minimum requirement is an overall score of 63 with no section less than 59.

**(iii) English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP)**

Minimum requirement grade C1 or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)

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

## 8. Matriculation for Hearing-Impaired Candidates and Candidates with other Disabilities

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

- ▶ Irish (courses taught through Irish only) or English
- ▶ Any other five subjects accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes provided faculty requirements are otherwise satisfied.

## 9. 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 degree 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.

## 10. Matriculation on Completion of an NUI Access Course

Students who have satisfactorily completed an Approved Access Course in a Constituent University, Recognised or Associated College, 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, Recognised or Associated College. Students are advised to consult the relevant Constituent University, Recognised or Associated College for additional information concerning Matriculation Registration on satisfactory completion of an Approved Access Course or Approved Access/Foundation Programme.

## 11. Matriculation for Holders of Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Qualifications

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Holders of QQI-FET 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 QQI-FET 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.

## 12. Information to Central Applications Office (CAO)

NUI will inform the Central Applications Office of exemptions granted by the University for Matriculation Registration purposes. This information will not be processed by CAO until after the closing date for applications (1 February in year of Application). 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 in May/June (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 NUI 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.

## 13. Appendix 1/Aguisín 1

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

#### Information on NUI Matriculation Requirements for holders of European and International qualifications Eolas ar riachtanais Mháithreacháin OÉ do sealbhóirí cailíochtaí an Aontais Eorpaigh agus an Diplóma idirnáisiúnta:

The following information is intended as a guide only and refers to current examinations only. Please consult Student Resources at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) for final confirmation.

*Níl san eolas seo a leanas ach treoir. Téigh i gcomhairle le hAcmhainní Mac Léinn ag [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) do dhearbhu críochnúil.*

#### AUSTRIA/AN OSTAIR

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Reifeprüfung/Matura Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis
<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	4
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Two subjects at grade 3 and four subjects at grade 4. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	3 or equivalent competence in English

## BELGIUM/*AN BHEILG*

### Recognised School Leaving Qualifications

Diplome van Secundaire Onderwijs  
Diploma van de Hogere  
Secundaire Technische School  
Certificat d Enseignement  
Secondaire Superieur  
Diplôme d’Aptitude à Accéder  
à l’Enseignement Supérieur  
Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe  
des Sekundarunterrichts

### Subject pass mark for University purposes

50%

### Minimum Matriculation

Two subjects at 70% and four subjects  
at 50%. Also proof of English proficiency  
plus specific requirements for programme  
applied for.

### English Language Competence

7.5 or equivalent English Language  
Competence

## BULGARIA/*AN BHULGÁIR*

### Recognised School Leaving Qualifications

Диплома за Средно Образование  
(Diploma of Completed Secondary  
Education) **NB this is only  
accepted with Matriculation**  
[from Professionalni utchilichta schools]

This is 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 at a level equivalent to  
that of the programme applied for.

### Subject pass mark for University purposes

3 (on 2-6 scale)

### **BULGARIA/AN BHULGÁIR** *(continued)*

**Minimum Matriculation** Pass in five subjects which must include both profile subjects and two subjects at grade 5 or better. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** IELTS/TOEFL or other approved examination.

### **CROATIA/AN CHRÓIT**

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) or državne mature from gimnazijum.

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 2 (on scale of 1-5)

**Minimum Matriculation** Two subjects at grade 3 and four subjects at grade 2. A minimum of three of the total of six subjects must be examined in the Matura. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 4 in Maturi or equivalent English Language competence

### **CYPRUS/AN CHIPIR**

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Apolytirion of Lykeiou

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 15 (on scale 0-20)

**Minimum Matriculation** Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 18.75 or equivalent English Language competence



## CZECH REPUBLIC/POBLACHT NA SEICE

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Vysvedčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita) (But if awarded from technical / vocational schools NOT acceptable).
<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	4 (scale 5-1 where 1 is best)
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Average of 3.5 in best four subjects. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	2 or equivalent English Language Competence.

## DENMARK/AN DANMHAIRG

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX) (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate)Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate) Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) (Higher Commerce Examination) Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) (Higher Technical Examination Certificate)
<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	2 (scale 2-12)
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Two subjects with grade 7 and four subjects with grade 2. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	7 or equivalent English Language Competence.

## ESTONIA/AN EASTÓIN

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus  
Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus

**Subject pass mark for University purposes:** 50% or 3 (on 1-5 scale)

**Minimum Matriculation** Pass in six subjects including minimum three at State level and all with minimum six courses. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**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).*

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** A in Ylioppilastutkinotodistus or 5 in Lukion/Studentexamsbetyg.

**Minimum Matriculation** Total of six subjects passed, of which at least four must be from Matriculation with two at Grade C and two at Grade A. The remaining subjects can be taken from Leaving Cert or Matriculation. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**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 FHRAINIC

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications**

Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général  
Option Internationale du Baccalauréat

**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 *option* taken.

**Minimum Matriculation**

Overall 10 with a minimum of six acceptable subjects. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence**

12 with a co-efficient greater than 5, or 14 otherwise, or equivalent English Language Competence.

## GERMANY/AN GHEARMÁIN

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications**

Abitur  
Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife

**Subject pass mark for University purposes**

4 (scale 0-15)

**Minimum Matriculation**

Six subjects (examined or final school year) and minimum Durchschnittsnote of 3.5. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence**

11 at standard or 9 at intensive or equivalent English Language Competence.

## GREECE/AN GHRÉIG

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Apolytirion of Lykeiou

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 10 (scale 0-20)

**Minimum Matriculation** Overall minimum of 16 in Apolytirion with six subjects 17 or better. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 18.75 or equivalent English Language Competence.

## HUNGARY/AN UNGÁIR

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Erettsegi Bizonyítvány/Matura  
(*Erettsegi awarded by Szakkozepiskola is not recognised*)

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 30% at advanced or 40% at intermediate

**Minimum Matriculation:** Pass in a minimum of two subjects at advanced level and three at intermediate. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 4 in Advanced English or equivalent English Language Competence.

## ICELAND/AN ÍOSLAINN

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Studentsprof (from Gymnasium)

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 5 (scale 0-10)

**Minimum Matriculation** Overall average score of 5, with at least 7 in two of the subjects. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 7 or equivalent English Language competence.

## ITALY/AN IODÁIL

**Recognised School** Esame di Stato  
Diploma di Maturità  
from a Liceo of one of the following types:  
Classica  
Scientifica  
Tecnica  
Linguistica  
Magistrale  
Artistica

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 60%

**Minimum Matriculation** Overall 60%, with six recognised subjects taken over the final two years of higher secondary school. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 80% or equivalent English Language Competence.

## LATVIA/AN LAITVIA

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību AND Sekmju izraksts
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## LITHUANIA/AN LIOTUÁIN

<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	4 (on scale 0-10)
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<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Minimum grade 5 in six subjects, with minimum grade 8 in two subjects. Subjects presented must include a minimum of three examined at State level. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
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<b>English Language Competence</b>	8 or equivalent English Language Competence.
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## LUXEMBOURG/LUCSAMBURG

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires
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<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	30 (on a scale of 1-60)
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<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Two subjects at coefficient 3 with minimum grade of 35, plus four subjects with minimum grade of 30. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
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<b>English Language Competence</b>	40 at coefficient 3 or equivalent English Language Competence.
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## MALTA/MÁLTA

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Advanced Matriculation Matriculation Certificate from University of Malta
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<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	Grade E
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<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Two subjects at Advanced Level grade C minimum and three other subjects at 5 or better in Secondary Education Certificate (not including Systems of Knowledge). Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
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<b>English Language Competence</b>	3 in Secondary Education Certificate or equivalent English Language Competence.
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## NETHERLANDS/AN ÍSILTÍR

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) diploma
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<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	6 (on scale 5-10)
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<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Two subjects grade 8 and four subjects grade 6 in the VWO. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
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<b>English Language Competence</b>	8 or equivalent English Language Competence.
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## NORWAY/AN IORUAIDH

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring with oppnådd generell studiekompetanse  
Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole with “og bestått”

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 2 (on scale 1-6)

**Minimum Matriculation** At least four examined subjects and two non-examined at grade 3 including two at grade 4 or better. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 4 or equivalent English language competence.

## POLAND/AN PHOLAINN

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Świadectwo Dojrzałości/Matura  
Świadectwo Ukończenia Liceum

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 30%

**Minimum Matriculation** A total of six distinct subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with three distinct subjects in the Matura including two Advanced subjects with at least 40% . Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 60% at advanced level with oral at least 55% or equivalent English Language Competence.



## PORTUGAL/AN PHORTAINGÉIL

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários (previously Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano)  
Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação/  
Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 12 (scale 10-20)

**Minimum Matriculation** Two subjects grade 14 and four subjects grade 12. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 16 or equivalent English Language Competence.

## ROMANIA/AN RÓMÁIN

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Diplomă de Bacalaureat

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 5 (scale 1-10)

**Minimum Matriculation** Total of five passes including two at 8 and a minimum average of 6 in the Bacalaureat. If only four subjects are examined in the Bacalaureat, matriculation requirements may be met with a fifth subject in the school report.  
Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 90% in Bacalaureat or C1 or C2 in English proficiency taken as part of Bacalaureat.

## SCOTLAND/ALBA

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Scottish Highers plus Scottish Advanced Highers

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** C

**Minimum Matriculation** Five subjects at Higher level grade C, plus one other subject at Standard/Intermediate Level (National Level 5) grade 3. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for. Programmes over 450 points will require Advanced Higher Level subjects.

**English Language Competence** 3 at Standard/Intermediate Level (National Level 5).

## SLOVAKIA/*AN TSLÓVAIC*

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) from gymnasium or konzervatórium

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 4/Pass (scale 5-1 where 1 is best)

**Minimum Matriculation** Two at Grade 3 and two at Grade 4 in the Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške and a further two subjects from the final year of school. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 3 in English B2.

## SLOVENIA/*AN TSLÓIVÉIN*

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Maturitetno spričevalo (Matura Certificate)

### Format of Examinations

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 2 (scale 1-5)

**Minimum Matriculation** Two subjects grade 3 minimum and three subjects grade 2 minimum. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 3 or equivalent English Language Competence.

## SPAIN/*AN SPÁINN*

**Recognised School Leaving Qualifications** Título de Bachiller/Título de Bachillerato

**Subject pass mark for University purposes** 5 (scale 1-10)

**Minimum Matriculation** Two subjects grade 7 and four subjects grade 5. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

**English Language Competence** 7.5 or equivalent English Language competence.

## SWEDEN/*AN TSUALAINN*

From 2014

<b>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</b>	Avgangsbetyg Slutybetyg från Gymnasreskolan (Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate) Högskoleförberedande examen (Higher Education Preparatory Diploma) (up to and including 2013)
<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	E
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	6 distinct recognised subjects of which at least 5 must be mid-level or better and which must include 2 with Grade C.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	Level 6 or equivalent English Language competence.

## SWITZERLAND/AN EILVÉIS

### Recognised School Leaving Qualifications

Federal Maturity Certificate  
Maturitätszeugnis  
Maturitätsausweis  
Kantonale Maturität (German-speaking cantons)  
Certificat de Maturité  
Certificat de Maturité Cantonal reconnu par la Confédération  
Maturité Cantonale (French-speaking cantons)  
Attestato di Maturità  
Attestato di Maturità Cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione  
Maturità Cantonale (Italian-speaking canton)

### **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.

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### Subject pass mark for University purposes

Pass on appropriate scale i.e. 6 on 10 points scale; 4 on 6 point scale and 3 on 5 point scale.

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## SWITZERLAND/AN EILVÉIS (continued)

**Minimum Matriculation** (Ten point scale) all five subjects at 6 with at least two at 8; (six point scale) all five subjects at 4 with at least two at 5; (five point scale) all five subjects at 3 with at least two at 2. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.

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**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.

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## 14. Appendix 2/Aguisín 2

### Multi-National Qualifications/Cáilíochtaí Innáisiúnta

#### EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE

<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	6 (scale 1-10)
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Overall 60%. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	6 in first Language, or in first or second Foreign Language or equivalent English Language Competence.

#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE\*

<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	4 at standard level
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	24 IB points and award of diploma. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	English A1, A2 or B: 5 at Higher Level (4 at Standard Level if presenting IB through English) or equivalent English Language Competence.

#### INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ICCE)\*

<b>Subject pass mark for University purposes</b>	Pass
<b>Minimum Matriculation</b>	Pass in the Advanced Diploma overall with at least two subjects at 84% or better at Advanced level. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
<b>English Language Competence</b>	Pass (80%) in English, otherwise equivalent English Language competence



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