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and
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
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University College Cork

Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh
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Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
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National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad
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Coláiste Ríoga na Máinleá in Éirinn
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National College of Art and Design, Dublin

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Shannon College of Hotel Management

Coláiste Ósta na Sionna
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Institute of Public Administration

An Foras Riaracháin
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Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy

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(College of NUI, Galway/Coláiste d'Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh)
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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 NUI Recognised Colleges are:

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
National College of Art and Design
Shannon College of Hotel Management
Institute of Public Administration
Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy

1.2a College of a Constituent University

St. Angela's College, Sligo (College of NUI, Galway)

1.3 Age at Entry to a Constituent University or Recognised College

Students must normally have attained the age of seventeen years by 15th January following entry to a Constituent University or Recognised College of the University. Where a candidate below that age seeks to enter a Constituent University or Recognised College, 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 and Recognised 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 Constituent University or Recognised College of NUI 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 AND RECOGNISED 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 (College of NUI, Galway)**
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) 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 or Recognised 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 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 Registration only; it does not necessarily apply to the admission requirements of the Constituent Universities or Recognised 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 or Recognised 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 or Recognised 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 NUI, Maynooth, the subject Technology may be substituted for a laboratory science subject. This change will come into effect in UCC and NUI, Galway in 2011. The position in UCD is under review.
- 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 or Recognised 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 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 or Recognised 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 not 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 2010/2011 academic year, reports should be dated no later than 1 September 2008. 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 Engineering at NUI, Maynooth may present the subject Technology in place of a Laboratory Science subject. This change will come into effect in UCC and NUI, Galway in 2011. The position in UCD is under review;
- (iii) Students entering courses in Nursing may substitute any other recognised subject for the Third Language;
- (iv) Students entering NCAD may present the subject Art in place of the Third Language;
- (v) 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);
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) 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 2010/2011 academic year, reports should be dated no later than 1 September 2008. 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 ESOL Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) Pass
 - University of Cambridge ESOL Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) C or above
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Patterns A and B, with an average score of 6.0 over all components
- 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 550 (213 for computer-based tests or 79 for internet-based tests) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University

(ii) *Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)*

A minimum score of 750 over all four components

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

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.

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 or Recognised College for the purpose of entering on a course of study, in such Constituent University or Recognised 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 or Recognised College admissions literature for additional information governing Matriculation Registration on mature years.

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.

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.

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 or Recognised College they wish to enter.

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	Apolytírión of Lykeion
Czech Republic / Poblacht na Seice	Maturitní Zkouška / Maturita
Denmark / An Danmhaig	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen
Estonia / An Eastóin	AS level equivalent (meets entry requirement for courses up to 500 points)
Finland / An Fhionlainn	Ylioppilastutkintodistus/Studentexamensbetyg
France / An Fhrainc	Baccalauréat de L'Enseignement du Second Degré Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale
Germany / An Ghearmáin	Abitur / Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife
Greece / An Ghréig	Apolytírión of Lykeio
Hungary / An Ungáir	Érettségi / Matura
Iceland / An Íoslainn	Stundentprof / (from Gymnasium)
Italy / An Iodáil	Diploma di Maturità: (up until 1999) Diploma di Esame di Stato (from 1999) <i>Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica/Scientifica/Tecnica/Linguistica/Magistrale/Artistica</i>
Latvia / An Laitvía	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglītību (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 Certificate
Netherlands / An Ísiltír	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
Norway / An Ioruaidh	Vitnemål
Poland / An Pholainn	Matura Certificate / Świadectwo Dojrzałości
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 skúška / Maturita
Slovenia / An tSlóivéin	Matura / Secondary School Leaving Diploma
Spain / An Spáinn	Curso de Orientacion (COU) / Título de Bachillerato / Selectividad
Sweden / An tSualainn	Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskolan
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 cantonale reconnu par la Confédération Attestato di Maturità cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione)
UK (except Scotland) / Ríocht Aontaithe (ach amháin Alba)	GCE A Level
European / Eorpach	European Baccalaureate Diploma
International / Idirnáisiúnta	International Baccalaureate Diploma

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:

AUSTRIA / AN OSTAIR											
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildende höhere Schulen Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis (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: <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Sehr gut</td> <td>very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gut</td> <td>good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Befriedigend</td> <td>satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Genügend</td> <td>pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nicht genügend</td> <td>fail</td> </tr> </table>	Sehr gut	very good	Gut	good	Befriedigend	satisfactory	Genügend	pass	Nicht genügend	fail
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	4										
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 competence in English										

BELGIUM / AN BHEILG	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur Diplôme de l'Examen d'Admission Diplôme d'Acces aux Études Supérieures Diplome van Secundaire Onderwijs Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
Format of Examinations	
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 Qualifications	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Leaving Completed Secondary Education) NB this is only accepted with Matriculation [from Professionalni utchilichta schools]																		
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE AS Level equivalent. Acceptable for programmes up to 500 points.																		
Format of Examinations	At the end of the 12th grade, students with an average score of less than 5.0 (Very Good) must sit a final examination (the Matura) which after successful completion leads to the Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of secondary education). Students with an average score of 5.0 or more are exempt from taking the Matura, and automatically receive the Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie.																		
Number of subjects	Varies but they specialise in two subjects marked profile on the transcript (ten-twelve seems usual).																		
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	3																		
Minimum Matriculation	Pass in five subjects which must include both profile subjects and two subjects at grade 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	Between GCSE Level equivalent (0 level) and AS level does not meet entry and matriculation requirements. For consideration, applicants need GCE A level, International Baccalaureate exam, or successful completion of first year in a cognate subject in a recognised third level institution of equivalent standing to the NUI.

CZECH REPUBLIC / POBLACHT NA SEICE	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Maturitni Zkouška / Maturita (<i>Vysvedčení o Maturitní Zkoušce</i> (<i>School Leaving Certificate with Maturita from technical / vocational schools</i>) NOT acceptable).
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent.
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) 4 = Dostatecny (Pass) 2 = Chvalitebny (Very Good) 5 = Nedostatecny (Fail) 3 = Dobry (Good)

CZECH REPUBLIC Continued	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4
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 Leaving Qualifications	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent.
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	9.5 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.

ESTONIA / AN EASTÕIN Continued			
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	Ylioppilastutkinto / studentexamen (Matriculation Examination) 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 five, of which one is called 'general subjects', plus optional extra one or more. In 'general subjects' students choose questions from nine subject areas: mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish) other national language (Swedish/Finnish) foreign language mathematics general studies/ <i>reaalia</i> (humanities and natural sciences) (<i>reaalikoe/realprov</i>)
Grading System	Ylioppilastutkinotodistus A numerical scale of 0 - 7 is used, with 2 being the minimum pass mark as follows: 7 = Laudatur = Excellent 6 = Eximia cum laude approbatur = Exceptionally Good 5 = Magna cum laude approbatur = Very Good 4 = Cum laude approbatur = Good 3 = Lubenter approbatur = Satisfactory 2 = Approbatur = Pass 0 = Improbatur = Fail
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	2 Ylioppilastutkinotodistus or 5 in Studentexamsbetyg
Minimum Matriculation	Minimum of five subjects with two at Grade 5 and two at Grade 3, to include English plus specific programme requirements. For programmes with Leaving Certificate points requirement of 500 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum six subjects.
English Language Competence	5 or equivalent English Language Competence <i>Studentexamsbetyg</i> Grade 8 in English A1, B1 or B2 – B3 English must have 10.

FRANCE / AN FHRAINIC	
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 ' <i>options</i> ', which can be Scientific or Literary or Economic and Social. Subject choice and weighting vary according to the <i>option</i> , with certain compulsory subjects in all <i>options</i> .
Grading System	A numerical scale of 0 - 20 is used, with 10 being the minimum pass mark as follows: 16 - 20 = Très 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	13 or equivalent English Language Competence.

GERMANY / AN GHEARMÁIN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Abitur Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
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 University purposes	4
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 <i>not acceptable</i>) Prior to 2001, a separate certificate <i>General (University) Entrance Examination</i> 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 and 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 University purposes	10
Minimum Matriculation	Overall minimum of 17 in Apolytirion, with English plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	18.75 or equivalent English Language Competence.

HUNGARY / AN UNGÁIR																									
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Erettsegi / Matura (<i>not Erettsegi awarded by Szakközépiskola</i>)																								
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	2																								

HUNGARY / AN UNGÁIR Continued	
Minimum Matriculation:	Pass in a minimum of two subjects at advanced level and three at intermediate
English Language Competence	3.75 or equivalent English Language Competence

ICELAND / AN ÍOSLAINN									
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Studentsprof (from Gymnasium)								
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Studentsprof (from Gymnasium): GCE A Level equivalent								
Format of Examinations									
Number of subjects	<p>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:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Icelandic</td> <td>Mathematics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Modern languages</td> <td>Life skills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social studies</td> <td>Physical education</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Science</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Specialised subjects account for 21% of the curriculum and electives 9%.</p> <p>On completion of the four-year course, students take the Matriculation Examination (<i>Stúdentspróf</i>). This is set by individual schools as there are no nationally co-ordinated examinations at this level.</p> <p>Whilst 70% of the course is general to all subject areas, there are three specialised subject areas for the matriculation examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign languages Natural science Social science <p>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.</p> <p>140 credits are required for matriculation. Successful completion of this examination entitles the holder to enter university in Iceland.</p>	Icelandic	Mathematics	Modern languages	Life skills	Social studies	Physical education	Science	
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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								

ITALY / AN IODÁIL	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	<p>Diploma di Maturità (up until 1999) Esame di Stato (from 1999)</p> <p>Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica/Scientifica/Tecnica/ Linguistica/Magistrale/Artistica</p> <p>Note: Liceo Professionale not accepted.</p>

ITALY / AN IODÁIL Continued	
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 Grading System	Between ten and twelve. <i>Up to 1998/99:</i> 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. <i>Since 1998/99:</i> 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.
English Language Competence	80% or equivalent English Language Competence.

LATVIA / AN LAITVIA	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību (Certificate of General Secondary Education)
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	
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 depending on the programme studied. The compulsory subjects are: Latvian language and literature, Mathematics,

LATVIA / AN LAITVIA Continued															
	<p>a foreign language, History, Physical Education, Applied informatics, Basics of Business.</p> <p>Two different levels – basic (pamatkurss) and advanced (profilkurss) – are offered in each subject.</p> <p>To be awarded an Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitiba (Certificate of General Secondary Education) students must meet the school graduation requirements which are:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>														
Grading System	<p>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):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>New scale</th> <th>Previous scale</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>8-9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>6-7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>4-5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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 <i>profilkurss</i> (advanced).</p>	New scale	Previous scale	A	10	B	8-9	C	6-7	D	4-5	E	3	F	1-2
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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	<p>The following Swiss scale is used: A scale of 1-6 (maximum) with a minimum pass-mark of 4.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Interpretation</th> <th>English</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <th>German</th> <td></td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>sehr gut</td> <td>very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>gut</td> <td>good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>genügend</td> <td>fair/pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>ungenügend</td> <td>poor/fail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>schlecht/schwach/ sehr schwach</td> <td>fail</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Interpretation	English		German		6	sehr gut	very good	5	gut	good	4	genügend	fair/pass	3	ungenügend	poor/fail	2	schlecht/schwach/ sehr schwach	fail
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LIECHTENSTEIN/LICHTINSTÉIN Continued	
Subject pass mark for University purposes:	4
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

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 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																			
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: <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Excellent =</td> <td>10</td> <td>92-100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Very Good =</td> <td>9</td> <td>82-91%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good =</td> <td>8</td> <td>74-81%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highly Satisfactory =</td> <td>7</td> <td>66-73%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Satisfactory =</td> <td>6</td> <td>58-65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sufficient =</td> <td>5</td> <td>50-57%</td> </tr> </table> 4 and below is a fail (State exams are marked on a scale from 1 – 100 but convert to 1-10 scale as above).	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%
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	5																		
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 4 can be considered Higher Level and subjects with a coefficient of 2 can be considered as Ordinary Level.

LUXEMBOURG / LUCSAMBURG Continued	
Number of subjects	From seven to ten.
Grading System	Marks are awarded on a scale of 1 to 60, with 30 being a pass mark, as below: 50 to 60 très bien very good 40 to 49 bien good 35 to 39 bien rather good 30 to 34 satisfaisant satisfactory 20 to 29 insuffisant unsatisfactory 10 to 19 mauvais bad 1 to 9 très mauvais very bad
Subject pass mark for University purposes	30
Minimum Matriculation:	One subject at coefficient 4 and minimum grade of 35, one subject at coefficient 3 and minimum grade of 30 plus four subjects at minimum grade of 30.
English Language Competence:	40 at coefficient 3 or equivalent English Language Competence.

MALTA / MÁLTA	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Advanced Matriculation
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
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 University purposes	Grade E
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 University purposes	6
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	Vitnemål																								
National Academic Recognition Information Centre NARIC) rating	Is considered equivalent to GCE A level standard to meet entry requirements in Norwegian Universities																								
Format of Examinations																									
Number of subjects	<p>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 OFL.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2nd year: Everybody will have one externally assessed examination, either written or oral, subject picked by school.</p> <p>3rd year: Everybody will have four externally assessed examination, 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.</p>																								
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	3																								
Minimum Matriculation	At least four examined subjects and two non-examined at grade 3 including two at 4. Standard of English must 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 Dojrzałości / Matura
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Two Obligatory Subjects (both Oral and Written). Up to three other subjects, although two is normal. 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 Leaving Qualifications	Swiadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura
National Academic Recognition 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 Art, 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 Leaving Qualifications	Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários (previously Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano).																														
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level, provided overall of 14 is attained. (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 aferição</i> (counter test) corresponding to the secondary education course.)																														
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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	The <i>Bacalaureat</i> comprises 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 Leaving Qualifications	Scottish Highers plus Scottish Advanced Highers
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Highers: GCE AS Level equivalent 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 University purposes	C
Minimum Matriculation	Five subjects at Higher level grade C, plus one other subject at Standard Level 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 Level.

SLOVAKIA / AN TSLÓVAIC																
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Maturitná skúška / Maturita															
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level															
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Number of subjects	Four subjects to include Slovak language and literature, one modern language or mathematics and two optional subjects.															
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Minimum Matriculation	<p>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]</p> <p>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</p>															
English Language Competence	Pre 2008: 3 or equivalent English Language Competence in level A or B. Post 2008: 3 in English B2.															

SLOVENIA / AN TSLÓIVÉIN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Matura/Secondary School Leaving Diploma
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
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 Leaving Qualifications	Avgångsbetyg Slutbetyg från Gymnasreskolan
National Academic Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) rating	GCE A Level equivalent
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 Leaving Qualifications	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 cantonale reconnu par la Confédération Attestato di Maturità cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione): 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 Information Centre (NARIC) rating	Is considered comparable to the overall GCE 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, arts and physical education. Additionally, there are

SWITZERLAND/AN EILVÉIS Continued

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	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 (<i>ach amháin Alba</i>)	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	A Level Cambridge Pre-University
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 and another language plus specific programme requirements.
English Language Competence	Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language Competence.

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 hours or 3 hours per week. Subjects are graded 1-10
Grading System	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 Subsidiary Level. Bonus 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 bonus points.
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 4 at Higher Level and four subjects grade 4 at Subsidiary 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.