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and
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
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Amendment to NUI Matriculation Regulations 2017-2018 (Section 4.2, Page 14)

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, as set out in 4.1 above, with at least Grade H5 in two subjects on the Higher Course and at least Grade H7 (Higher Course) or O6 (Ordinary Course) 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, as set out in 4.1 above, with at least Grade D1 in two subjects on the Higher Course and at least Grade E (Higher course) or Grade D3 (Ordinary Course) in four subjects.

Amendment to NUI Matriculation Regulations 2018 (Section 4.1, Page 13)

Please note the following change which will come into effect in 2018.

For Entry to the BA Economics, UCD, Mathematics will be required but not a Third Language.

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Na Comh-Ollscoileanna

University College Dublin
An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath
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University College Cork
Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh
Tel: (+353 21) 490 3000 / 427 6871 Web: www.ucc.ie

National University of Ireland, Galway
Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
Tel: (+353 91) 524 411 Web: www.nuigalway.ie

Maynooth University
Ollscoil Mhá Nuad
Tel: (+353 1) 708 6000 Web: www.maynoothuniversity.ie

OTHER NUI MEMBER INSTITUTIONS
Baill Eile d'Ollscoil na hÉireann

RECOGNISED COLLEGES
Na Coláistí Aitheanta

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Coláiste Ríoga na Máinleá in Éirinn
Tel: (+353 1) 402 2100 Web: www.rcsi.ie

Uversity
Tel: (+353 1) 687 5999 Web: www.uversity.org

COLLEGES LINKED WITH CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES
Coláistí ceangailte leis na Comh-Ollscoileanna

Shannon College of Hotel Management
Coláiste Ósta na Sionna
now a School in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law at NUI Galway
Tel: (+353 61) 712 210 Web: www.shannoncollege.com

National College of Art and Design, Dublin
Coláiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne is Deartha
Tel: (+353 1) 636 4200 Web: www.ncad.ie

Institute of Public Administration
An Foras Riaracháin
Tel: (+353 1) 240 3600 Web: www.ipa.ie

St. Angela's College, Sligo
Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach
Tel: (+353 71) 914 3580 Web: www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie

Burren College of Art
Coláiste Ealaíne na Bóine
Tel: (+353 65) 707 7200 Web: www.burrencollege.ie

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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 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

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
University

1.3 Colleges linked with the Constituent Universities

Burren College of Art and Design

Institute of Public Administration

National College of Art and Design, Dublin

Shannon College of Hotel Management (now a School in the College of Business, Public Policy and Law at NUI Galway)

St. Angela's College, Sligo

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. Changes in faculty structures in the Constituent Universities do not affect matriculation requirements.*

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

- 2.1 University College Dublin**
Colleges of: Arts & Celtic Studies; Business & Law; Engineering & Architecture; Health Sciences; Human Sciences; Science; Agriculture, Food Science & Veterinary Medicine.
- 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 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 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 St. Angela's College, Sligo**
Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the Departments of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies; Education; and Home Economics.

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, Recognised or other Associated Colleges).

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

Combination of subjects not permitted:

- The subject Physics and Chemistry may not be presented with either Physics or Chemistry.
- Only two of the following subjects may be presented: History, Economic History (not available after 2005), Economics.
- Agricultural Economics may not be presented with Economics.
- Classical Studies may not be presented with Latin or Greek.

N.B. *The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not an acceptable qualification for matriculation purposes. (LCVP may be included as a subject for points – full information available from the Admissions Offices of the Constituent Universities, Recognised or other Associated Colleges).*

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, 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. Students intending to present a subject not included in the list are advised to contact NUI or the Admissions Office of the Constituent University, Recognised or other Associate College to which they are applying.

3.3 On the results of other examinations

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

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

FACULTY/COLLEGE MATRICULATION (MINIMUM ENTRY) REQUIREMENTS

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

4.1 Faculty/College of:

- **Arts**
- **Human Sciences**
- **Philosophy**
- **Celtic Studies**
- **Law**
- **Social Science***
 - (i) Irish
 - (ii) English
 - (iii) A Third Language accepted for Matriculation Registration purposes
 - (iv), (v), and (vi) Any three 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**
 - (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

- * UCD Bachelor of Social Science: A third language is not required and is replaced with a requirement to present Mathematics (minimum OD3) for matriculation purposes.
- ** The Laboratory Science subjects are: Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry, Agricultural Science. UCD and Maynooth University will accept Applied Mathematics in place of a Laboratory Science subject for certain programmes. See below.

Notes

- For Basic Matriculation on Leaving Certificate results you need six subjects. Among the six subjects, for all programmes, English and Irish must be included and there are other subject requirements related to the area of study, as follows:
 - Architecture: Mathematics (UCC), a Third Language and Mathematics (UCD)
 - Arts, Human Sciences, Law: a Third Language
 - Art and Design (NCAD): a Third Language or Art or Design & Communication Graphics
 - Commerce: a Third Language and Mathematics
 - Computer Science: Mathematics (Maynooth University, UCC, UCD) Mathematics; and a laboratory science subject or Technology (NUI Galway)
 - Economics: For UCD BA Economics from 2018 a third language will not be required and will be replaced with a requirement to present Mathematics (a subject entry requirement of H4 will apply)
 - Engineering: Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject (UCD); Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject or Technology (UCC, NUI Galway); Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject or Applied Mathematics or Technology (Maynooth University)
 - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, Veterinary Medicine: a Third Language, Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject
 - Nursing: Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject
 - Science, Agriculture, Engineering & Architecture, Food Science and Technology: Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject (NUI Galway, Maynooth University, UCC); Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject or Applied Mathematics or Geography (UCD); Maynooth University will accept Applied Mathematics in place of an Applied Laboratory Science subject for certain BSc courses but not for Biological and Biomedical Sciences
 - Social Science: A Third language (UCC, NUI Galway and Maynooth University); UCD Bachelor of Social Science: A third language is not required and is replaced with a requirement to present Mathematics (minimum OD3) for matriculation purposes

- Specialist degrees in Business and Law Maynooth University : A third language is not required in the case of the following programmes:

- BA in Finance
- BA in International Finance and Economics
- BA in Accounting & Finance
- BBS/BBA in Business & Management, BBS/BBA in Marketing, BBS/BBA in International Business
- BBS/BBA in Equine Business
- BBS/BBA in Entrepreneurship
- LLB Law
- BCL Law and Accounting, BCL Law and Business, BCL Law and
- Criminology, BCL Law and Arts

- Veterinary Nursing (UCD): Mathematics; and a Laboratory Science subject or Home Economics.

- 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, as set out in 4.1 above, with at least Grade H5 in two subjects on the Higher Course and at least Grade H7 (Higher Course) or O6 (Ordinary Course) 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, 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). 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 available from the Admissions Offices of the Constituent Universities, Recognised and other Associated Colleges).

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 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).

(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). 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 international qualifications 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. This requirement applies whether the candidate is presenting the Leaving Certificate or another examination for Matriculation. Candidates living in the Republic of Ireland may seek an exemption from Irish if one of the conditions set out below is satisfied.

5.2 Exemption from Irish for candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland

The following candidates will automatically be granted an exemption from Irish. It is not necessary for them to apply to NUI.

(i) Candidates resident in Northern Ireland

Candidates whose permanent residence is in Northern Ireland and who are presenting GCE/GCSE qualifications for matriculation.

(ii) Candidates born outside Ireland (32 Counties) whose permanent residence is outside Ireland and who are presenting qualifications other than the Leaving Certificate for matriculation.

5.3 Other exemptions from Irish.

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

Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland, not covered by 5.2 (i) - (ii) above, and who are presenting the Leaving Certificate for matriculation, 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
- 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).

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

(iii) Candidates submitting a Certificate of Exemption on the basis of a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue (Department of Education and Skills revision of Rule 46 'Rules and

Programmes for Secondary Schools' in relation to exemption from Irish (Circular letter M10/94 – 1(c)(i))

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

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

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

(iv) Candidates who have 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 2016/2017 academic year, reports should be dated no earlier than 1 September 2014. 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
- 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 D3 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.

THE THIRD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

6.1 Section 4.1 sets out the Faculties/Colleges where a Third Language, in addition to Irish and English, is required for matriculation. All languages available in the Leaving Certificate and all EU languages are acceptable for this purpose. See also 6.3.

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

6.2 Students with Dyslexic Conditions

The NUI is 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 2016/2017 academic year, reports should be dated no earlier than 1 September 2014. 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 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 qualifications other than the Leaving Certificate may satisfy the requirement through any of the following:

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

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

- Assessments and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) C or above
- Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) C or above
- Edexcel Foundation C or above
- University of Cambridge Advanced Certificate, 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.

- 7.5 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.

7.6 Norwegian Certificate of Upper Secondary Education

A score of 4 or higher in English in the First Part

7.7 Hong Kong Education Examination Authorities

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

7.8 Sri Lankan National Certificate in English

Pass level or better

7.9 Other English Language Examinations

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

A minimum score of 600 (250 for computer-based tests, 90 for internet-based tests) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University, with a test of written English at 475+

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

The minimum requirement is an overall score of 63 with no section less than 59. (Not currently accepted by UCC)

(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.

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, Recognised or other Associated College for the purpose of entering on a course of study, in such Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College, leading to a degree of the University. In the case of part-time courses, students of 21 years of age may be matriculated. Students are advised to consult the relevant Constituent University, Recognised or other Associated College admissions literature for additional information governing Matriculation Registration on mature years.

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.

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

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

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]
Croatia / An Chróit	Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) or državne mature from gimnazijum
Cyprus / An Chipir	Apolytirion of Lykeion
Czech Republic / Poblacht na Seice	Vysvedčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita)
Denmark / An Danmhaig	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen
Estonia / An Eastóin	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus
Finland / An Fhionlainn	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination) Lukion Päästötodistus Studentexamenbetyg
France / An Fhrainc	Baccalauréat Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale
Germany / An Ghearmáin	Abitur / Zeugnis der Allgemeine Hochschulreife
Greece / An Ghréig	Apolytirion of Lykeio
Hungary / An Ungáir	Érettségi / Matura
Iceland / An Íoslainn	Studentsprof / (from Gymnasium)
Italy / An Iodáil	Diploma di Maturità: (up until 1999) Esame di Stato (from 1999) <i>Must be from a Liceo of one of the following types: Classica/Scientifica/Tecnica/Linguistica/Magistrale/Artistica</i>
Latvia / An Laitvia	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību (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 Matriculation Certificate from University of Malta
Netherlands / An Ísiltír	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
Norway / An Ioruaidh	Vitnemål
Poland / An Pholainn	Świadectwo Dojrzałości Matura
Portugal / An Phortaingéil	Certificado de Fim de Estudos Secundários
Romania / An Rómáin	Diploma de Bacalaureat
Scotland / Alba	Scottish Highers, plus Scottish Advanced Highers
Slovakia / An tSlóvaic	Maturitná skúška / Maturita
Slovenia / An tSlóivéin	Matura / Secondary School Leaving Diploma

Spain / <i>An Spáinn</i>	Título de Bachiller/Prueba de Acceso Universidad (PAU) / Curso de Orientación (COU) / Título de Bachillerato / Selectividad
Sweden / <i>An tSualainn</i>	Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan / (Högskoleförberedande examen up until 2013)
Switzerland / <i>An Eilvéis</i>	Federal Maturity Certificate Maturitätszeugnis (German-speaking cantons) Certificat de Maturité (French-speaking cantons, except Vaud) Baccalauréat (Vaud) Attestato di Maturità (Italian-speaking canton of Ticino) – and the federally recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonales Maturitätszeugnis Certificat de Maturité cantonal reconnu par la Confédération Attestato di Maturità cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione) Berufsmaturität with Passarellenprüfung
UK (except Scotland) / <i>Riocht Aontaithe(ach amháin Alba)</i>	GCE A Level Cambridge Pre-U
European / <i>Eorpach</i>	European Baccalaureate Diploma
International / <i>Idirnáisiúnta</i>	International Baccalaureate Diploma International Christian Certificate of Education (ICCE)

APPENDIX 2 / AGUISÍN 2

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

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

The following information is intended as a guide only.
Please consult Student Resources at 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 do dhearbhu críochnúil.

AUSTRIA / AN OSTAIR																
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Reifeprüfung/Matura (from Allgemeinbildende höhere Schulen) Reifezeugnis/Maturezeugnis (from Allgemeinbildende höhere Schulen)															
Format of Examinations																
Number of subjects	Seven (take best six)															
Grading System	A numerical scale of 1-5 is used, with 1 being the minimum pass mark as follows:															
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	4															
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects at grade 3 and four subjects at grade 4. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.															
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'Accès l'Enseignement Supérieures Diplome van Secundaire Onderwijs Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
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	Two subjects at grade 7 and four subjects at grade 5. 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	Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie (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.																		
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.																		
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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. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.																		
English Language Competence	IELTS/TOEFL																		

CROATIA / AN CHRÓIT	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Since 2009 Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) or državne mature from gymnazijum
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Students are required to sit three compulsory examinations: in Croatian language (or Serbian, Hungarian, Italian, Czech for minorities whose first language is one of these); Mathematics and a Foreign language (English, German, Italian, Spanish or French). Students may take one or more optional subjects choosing from Geography, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, History, Music, Visual Arts, Ethics, Religious Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Politics and Logic. The final school-leaving examination is the Matura. Pupils who pass the Matura are awarded the Svjedodžba o Maturi (Certificate of Maturity) and may apply to university, however, due to high demand for places only around two-thirds of applicants pass university entrance examinations.
Grading System	Marking is on the scale 1-5, with 2 as the minimum pass-mark and 5 as the maximum mark.

CROATIA / AN CHRÓIT Continued	
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2
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 Maturí or equivalent English Language competence

CYPRUS / AN CHIPIR	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Apolytirion of Lykeoin (from 2010 only) 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.
Format of Examinations	There is a common curriculum taken over 3 years.
Number of subjects	17
Grading System	The <i>Apolytirio</i> is marked on a scale of 1 - 20 in public schools, the minimum pass-mark being 10, and on a scale of 1-100 in private schools, the minimum pass mark being between 46 and 50.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	15
Minimum 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 / POBLAČHT NA SEICE	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Vysvedčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Maturita) <i>(But if awarded from technical / vocational schools NOT acceptable).</i>
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 = Dostatečný (Pass) 2 = Chvalitebný (Very Good) 5 = Nedostatečný (Fail) 3 = Dobry (Good)
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4
Minimum Matriculation	Average of 3.5 in best four subjects. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for. For programmes with points requirement of 480 and over, applicants will be required to present with a minimum of five subjects.
English Language Competence	2 or equivalent English Language Competence.

DENMARK / AN DANMHAIRG	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Bevis for Studentereksamen Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Students take fourteen+ subjects but present ten for examination. Pre 2007: usually four at higher level, two at intermediate and ten+ 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 and 6 in end-of-year exam.
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects with grade 7 and four subjects with grade 2. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for. Prior to 2007: Two subjects with grade 9 and four subjects with grade 6. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	7 or equivalent English Language Competence.

ESTONIA / AN EASTÓIN																
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (from 2007 only) 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 the equivalent of level 8.															
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.															
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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. 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)
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Minimum four, mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish) other national language (Swedish/Finnish) or mathematics plus two other subjects.
Grading System	Ylioppilastutkintodistus A numerical scale of 0 - 7 is used, with 2 being the minimum pass mark as follows: L = 7 = Laudatur = Excellent E = 6 = Eximia cum laude approbatur = Exceptionally Good M = 5 = Magna cum laude approbatur = Very Good C = 4 = Cum laude approbatur = Good B = 3 = Lubenter approbatur = Satisfactory A = 2 = Approbatur = Pass I = 0 = Improbatur = Fail Lukion/ Studentexamsbetyg marked on a scale of 1- 10 10 <i>Erinomainen</i> Excellent 9 <i>Kiitettävä</i> Praiseworthy 8 <i>Hyvä</i> Good 7 <i>Tyydyttävä</i> Satisfactory 6 <i>Kohtalainen</i> Moderate 5 <i>Välttävä</i> Adequate 4 <i>Hylätty</i> Fail
Subject pass mark for University purposes	A in Ylioppilastutkintodistus or 5 in Lukion / Studentexamsbetyg
Minimum Matriculation	Total of six subjects passed in a single sitting, 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 Ylioppilastutkintodistus/ 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	Baccalauréat Baccalauréat avec Option Internationale
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

FRANCE / AN FHRAINC Continued	
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 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 Partial recognition: Fachgebundene Hochschulreife / Fachhochschulreife (Is considered comparable to Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education (AVCE) / BTEC National Diploma / Certificate / Award standard). This examination may be acceptable to some institutions for Science or Technology programmes – please check with institution.
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	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 Lykeion 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. <i>(NB: Apolytirion of Gymnasio is not acceptable)</i> Prior to 2001, a separate certificate <i>General (University) Entrance Examination</i> was also needed.

GREECE / AN GHRÉIG Continued	
Format of Examinations	There are three categories: Applied Sciences; Humanities & Social Sciences; Sciences. Nine subjects are assessed externally (nationally) and five are assessed internally, over the last two years at school.
Number of subjects	Fourteen
Grading System	A scale of 1-20 is used. The student must achieve at least 10 in order to progress to the next class. It is still possible to proceed to the next class with a mark of less than 10 (in up to four subjects), but only if the overall average is 13 or above. 18.1 - 20 = Excellent 9.5 - 13 = Fairly Good 16.1 - 18 = Very Good 5.1 - 9.4 = Unsatisfactory 13.1 - 16 = Good 0 - 5 = Poor
Subject pass mark for University purposes	10
Minimum Matriculation	Overall minimum of 17 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 / Matura (<i>Erettsegi awarded by Szakközepiskola is not recognised</i>)																								
Format of Examinations																									
Number of subjects	At least five subjects: Mathematics, Hungarian, History, plus two options.																								
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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 or equivalent English Language Competence																								

ICELAND / AN ÍOSLAINN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Studentsprof (from Gymnasium)
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Three examined. Gymnasium courses are generally four years in length. The curriculum covers three groups of subjects: core subjects (which total about 70% of the course),

ICELAND / AN ÍOSLAINN Continued	
	<p>specialised subjects and electives. Core subjects are: Icelandic, Mathematics, Modern languages (English, Danish, and a third language), Life skills, Social Studies/Sciences, Physical Education/Sports, Science, History, Natural Sciences.</p> <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 four specialised subject areas for the matriculation examination: Foreign languages, Natural Science, Social Science, Business & Economics</p> <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. 140 credits are required for matriculation. Successful completion of this examination entitles the holder to enter university in Iceland.</p>
Grading System	0-10 with pass mark 5
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5
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	Diploma di Maturità (up until 1999)
Leaving Qualifications	<p>Esame di Stato (from 1999)</p> <p>These are 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 the equivalent of level 8.</p> <p>The exam 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>
Format of Examinations	<p>The examinations consist of three written examinations and an oral.</p> <p>The first written examination assesses the candidates' knowledge of the Italian language, along with the second tuition language in bilingual regions/provinces.</p> <p>The second written examination is related to one of the disciplinary subjects characterising the upper secondary study course concerned.</p> <p>The third written examination assesses all the subjects of the last study year (normally the fifth) including a foreign language.</p> <p>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.</p>

ITALY / AN IODÁIL Continued	
Number of subjects	Between ten and twelve.
Grading System	<i>Up to 1998/99:</i> 0-60 (maximum) with 36 as the minimum pass grade. <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.) For school work, marking was on a scale of 0-10 with 6 as the minimum pass mark
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	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību (Certificate of General Secondary Education) is acceptable for programmes up to 510 points. For programmes over 510 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at the end of first year in a recognised third level Institution at the equivalent of level 8.
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, a foreign language, History, Physical Education, Applied Informatics, Basics of Business. Two different levels – basic (pamatkurss) and advanced (profilkurss) – are offered in each subject. To be awarded an Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitību (Certificate of General Secondary Education) students must meet the school graduation requirements which are: Five examinations (four out of five should be taken centrally and one can be taken at school, Latvian and Mathematics are compulsory). National exams are assessed using A-F grading scale and a separate certificate is awarded for those (the results of national exams are also used towards University entry). The examination taken at school is assessed using 1-10 grading scale. A student should obtain a mark of 5 or higher in all other subjects studied at upper secondary school (subjects are marked through continuous assessment using 1-10 grading scale and are listed in Atestat), it's allowed to have a grade of 4 but in no more than two subjects.
Grading System	The current marking system is based on a 6 point scale, which has replaced a 10-point system, in 2002-3 (this in turn replaced the traditional 5-grade system):

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Minimum Matriculation	<p>Pass in six recognised subjects which include at least 55% in two examined subjects. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.</p> <p>Pre 2009: Grade C/6 in two subjects at Advanced level and remainder at least grade D. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.</p>														
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)																		
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Minimum Matriculation	A minimum of 4 in all five subjects which must include at least two at 5. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.																		
English Language Competence	4 or equivalent English language competence																		

LITHUANIA / AN LIOTUÁIN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	<p>Brandos Atestatas / Maturity Certificate, at State exam level (from a Gymnasium or Secondary School) is acceptable for programmes up to 510 points. For programmes over 510 points, applicants must also present satisfactory results in a cognate subject at the end of first year in a recognised third level institution at the equivalent of level 8.</p> <p>NB: State system only in place from 2000 onwards.</p>

LITHUANIA / AN LIOTUÁIN Continued	
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Minimum of ten subjects, though not all are examined. There are two streams, Humanities/Arts and Mathematics/Sciences. Many subjects can be taken at two levels, School level and State level.
Grading System	At school level, marks are awarded on a scale of 1 to 10 as follows: Excellent = 10 92-100% Very Good = 9 82-91% Good = 8 74-81% Highly Satisfactory = 7 66-73% Satisfactory = 6 58-65% Sufficient = 5 50-57% Pass = 4 40-49% Below 4 is a fail
Subject pass mark for University purposes	4
Minimum Matriculation	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.
English Language Competence	8 or equivalent English Language Competence.

LUXEMBOURG / LUCSAMBURG	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaire
Format of Examinations	There are seven programme types. Students will take subjects based on the programme type they are following. Subjects with a coefficient of 3 can be considered Higher Level and subjects with a coefficient of 2 can be considered as Ordinary Level.
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: 52 to 60 excellent excellent 48-51 Très bien very good 40-47 bien good 36-39 assez bien satisfactory 30-35 pass 1-29 fail
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	30

LUXEMBOURG / LUCSAMBURG Continued	
Minimum Matriculation	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.
English Language Competence	40 at coefficient 3 or equivalent English Language Competence.

MALTA / MÁLTA	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Advanced Matriculation Matriculation Certificate from University of Malta
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). Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	C at Advanced Level or equivalent English Language Competence.

NETHERLANDS / AN ÍSILTÍR	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Vorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)
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
Subject pass mark for University purposes	6
Minimum Matriculation	Two subjects grade 8 and four subjects grade 6 in the VWO. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	8 or equivalent English Language Competence.

NORWAY/AN IORUAIDH																									
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Vitnemål																								
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 examinations, of which written Norwegian is obligatory for everybody, two other written subjects randomly picked by the school, and one oral subject randomly picked by the school.</p>																								
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Subject pass mark for University purposes	2																								
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	3 or equivalent English language competence.																								

POLAND / AN PHOLAINN	
Since 2005	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Swiadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Three Obligatory Subjects (both Oral and Written), Polish, Mathematics, Modern Language. Students must take at least one additional subject and can take up to three. All subjects can be taken at basic or advanced level – basic is taken first and advanced is a follow-on.
Grading System	All subjects marked on a percent basis. In order to pass the examination 30% must be obtained at basic level within both the oral and written examinations.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	30%
Minimum Matriculation	A total of six distinct subjects between Matura and final school-leaving examinations with three distinct subjects in the Matura including two Advanced subjects > 55%. 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.
Up To 2004	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Swiadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Minimum four, plus up to two more. Three compulsory at either basic or advanced level: Polish language and a foreign language (both oral and written) plus one more (written exam) from: Biology, Chemistry, Physics with Astronomy, Geography, History, History of Music, History of Arts, Mathematics, Knowledge of Dance, Knowledge of Society and, as of 2008, Philosophy and Latin with ancient culture. One to three more subjects which will be examined in writing at both basic and advanced levels from the list above, plus Computer Technology, Greek language, Latin language, Foreign Modern language
Grading System	6 Excellent 5 Very Good 4 Good 3 Satisfactory 2 Mediocre 1 Unsatisfactory
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2
Minimum Matriculation	Poland Up to 2004 A total of six distinct subjects between school and Matura of which three must be at Matura including two at grade 4 or better. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
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).
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Take best six in final year.
Grading System	A numerical scale of 10-20 is used, with 10 as the minimum pass mark. 18 - 20 muito bom very good 14 - 17 bom good 10 - 13 suficiente satisfactory
Subject pass mark for University purposes	12
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 RÔMĂIN	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Diploma de Bacalaureat
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Students take Oral & written Romanian Oral & written mother tongue if this is not Romanian Oral in Another language Test of Computer Skills Two written tests depending on which profile Scientific profile: Maths and test of sciences (physics/chemistry/biology) Humanities profile: an international language and test of combined geography/history/socio-humanistic sciences Pre 2011: The <i>Bacalaureat</i> comprised of two or three oral examinations and four or five written examinations.
Grading System	Grading is made on a scale of 1 to 10, with 5 as the minimum pass mark. Each exam (<i>Proba</i>) is marked from 1 to 10 with 10 being the best, using two decimals for written exams (e.g. 9.44 or 9.14 is a valid mark) and an integer for an oral exam.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	5 – to pass overall, a student must obtain an average score of at least 6.00 and at least 5.00 at each of the individual exams.
Minimum Matriculation	Total of five passes including two at 8 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
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/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	Maturitná skúška / Maturita															
Format of Examinations	<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] NB: Internally and Externally examined subjects are both assessed by independent adjudicators and are of equal weight.</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>															
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	Two at Grade 3 and two at Grade 4 in the Maturitnáskúška / Maturita and a further two subjects from the final year of school. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.															

SLOVAKIA / AN TSLÓVAIC Continued	
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
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 2. Pass 4. Very good 1. Fail 3. Satisfactory
Subject pass mark for University purposes	2
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/Prueba de Acceso Universidad (PAU) / Curso de Orientacion (COU) / Título de Bachillerato Selectividad, provided an average of 6 has been obtained.
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	There are three different types of <i>Bachillerato</i> with different specifications: Arts; Humanities & Social Science; Science & Technology. 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 may also present the university entrance examination, called the <i>PAU, 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>Calificación 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. 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	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Avgångsbetyg Slutbetyg från Gymnasreskolan (Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate)
Format of Examinations	
Number of subjects	Students generally take at least five subjects at B and two or three at C or higher. E is not available in all subjects. Swedish universities appear to look for relevant subjects at level B or better. Generally they require students to have taken either the natural sciences or arts/human science programmes. However it is possible for a student who is entered one of the more vocational routes (e.g. childcare) to take additional academic 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	Scale of F - A is used where A is highest
Subject pass mark for University purposes	E
Minimum Matriculation	Six subjects recognised for matriculation of which at least five must be at level B or better including two with Grade C. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	C or equivalent English Language Competence.
Pre 2013	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Avgångsbetyg Slutbetyg från Gymnasreskolan (Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate)/Högskoleförberedande examen
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. Swedish universities appear to look for relevant subjects at level B or better. Generally they require students to have taken either the natural sciences or arts/human science programmes. However it is possible for a student who is entered one of the more vocational routes (e.g. childcare) to take additional academic 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. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	VG or equivalent English Language Competence.

SWITZERLAND / AN EILVÉIS

<p>Recognised School Leaving Qualifications</p>	<p>Federal Maturity Certificate Maturitätszeugnis (German-speaking cantons) Certificat de Maturité (French-speaking cantons, except Vaud) Baccalauréat (Vaud) Attestato di Maturità (Italian-speaking canton of Ticino) – and the federally recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate (Eidgenössisch anerkanntes kantonales Maturitätszeugnis Certificat de Maturité cantonal reconnu par la Confédération Attestato di Maturità cantonale riconosciuto dalla Confederazione) Berufsmaturität with Passarellenprüfung 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.</p>																																																												
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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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UK (except Scotland) / RA (ach amháin Alba)	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	A Level
Format of Examinations	
Number of Subjects	Three or four
Grading System	A*, 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. AVCE subjects are not accepted for matriculation or entry purposes. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language Competence.

Cambridge Pre-University	
Recognised School Leaving Qualifications	Cambridge Pre-University
Format of Examinations	
Number of Subjects	Three principal subjects plus “Global Perspectives and Research” (GPR). There are also “short courses”, usually languages which are AS standard.

Cambridge Pre-University Continued	
Grading System	Pass, Merit, Distinction, each subdivided into three categories. Overall is marked out of 96.
Subject pass mark	P3
Minimum Entry Requirements/ Matriculation	Two subjects merit and four other subjects passed in Cambridge Pre-U or GCSE Level Grade C. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
English Language Competence	Pass at principal subject or Grade C at GCSE Level or equivalent English Language competence.

Welsh Bacalaureate

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

MULTI-NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / CÁILÍOCHTAÍ ILNÁISIÚNTA

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

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	
Format of Examinations	
Number of Subjects	Six with three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level. Core points (1, 2, or 3) are awarded for an Extended Essay.
Grading System	For each subject, a numerical scale of 7 – 4 is used, with 4 being the minimum pass mark.
Subject pass mark for University purposes	To obtain the Diploma, an overall pass mark of 24 is required. Maximum is 45 points which includes up to 3 core points.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE Continued	
Minimum Matriculation	24 IB points and award of diploma. Also proof of English proficiency plus specific requirements for programme applied for.
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.

NB for Mathematics requirements, Mathematical Studies is NOT acceptable (although it can be used as a subject to meet general matriculation requirements of passes in 6 subjects). Where Mathematical Studies is presented, a Leaving Certificate grade or GCSE may be used to meet specific mathematics requirements for entry (but not as a sixth matric subject).

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

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