

# Leaving Certificate Subject Choice

## St. Ciaran's Community School



**February 2024**



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better indicator  
of Academic  
Success than I.Q.**



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[qualifax.ie](http://qualifax.ie)

[careersportal.ie](http://careersportal.ie)

[cao.ie](http://cao.ie)

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**Aistear** the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

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**CAREER NEWS**  
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DCU to lead Irish digital learning revolution  
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Studying Veterinary Medicine in Ireland


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

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

List of Nationwide events for interested Senior Cycle students here.

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

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1 Normal closing date for applications (17:15)

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## Senior Cycle Subject Choice:

Teaching Council Requirements (for those who wish to register as a Secondary School Teacher after 2017 Version)

Teaching Council Requirements (for those who wish to register as a Secondary School Teacher after 2023 Version)

LCVP Powerpoint Presentation here.

For a copy of the 2024 Presentation on Subject Choice for Senior Cycle click here.

Video of 2024 Subject Choice Presentation here.

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

For a brief overview of Leaving Certificate Subjects please click here.



Click Here

For information on Project Maths click here.

N.U.I. Matriculation requirements here.

Senior Cycle Subject Choice Cheat Sheet here.

Narrow your choices worksheets here.

Points System 2024 here.

## Leaving Certificate Applied:

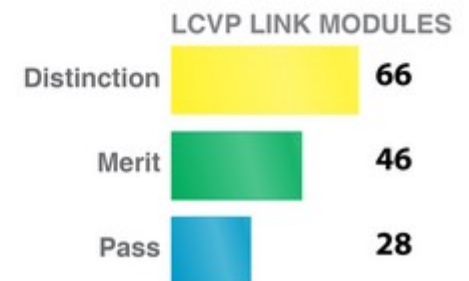
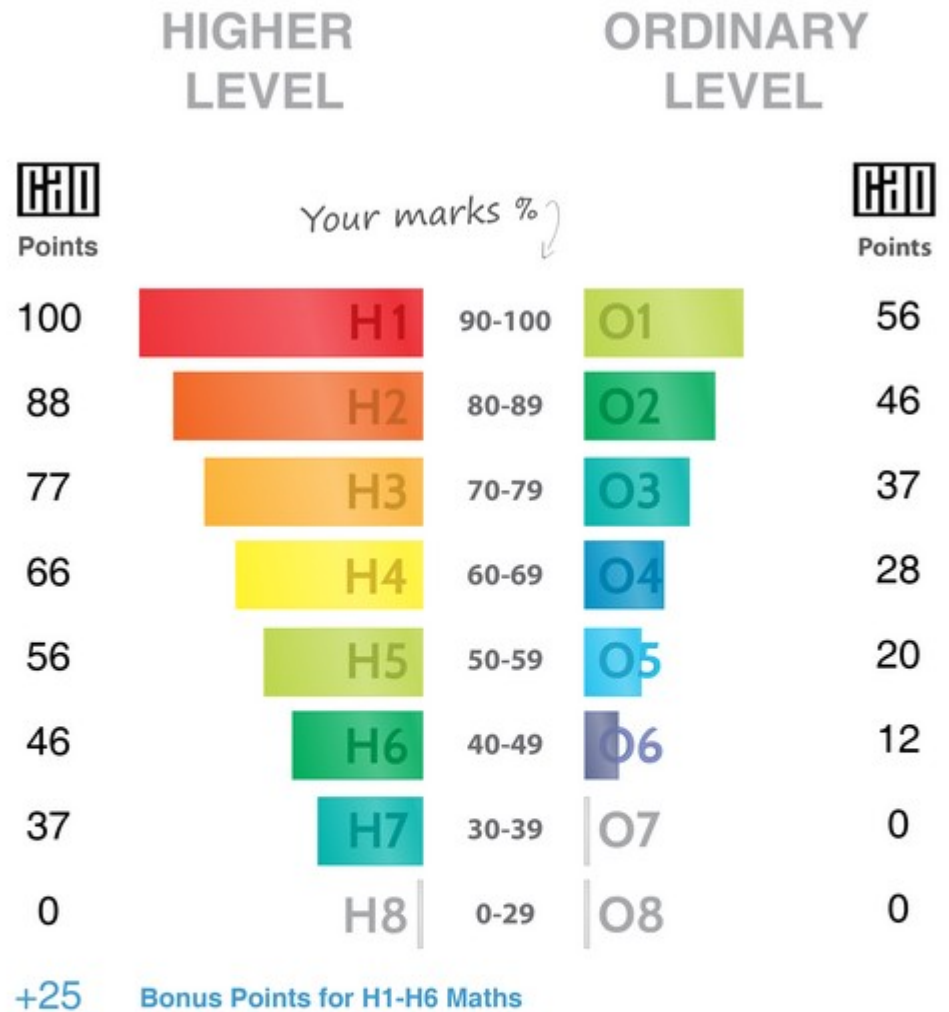
For a brief description click here.

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

Overview of Leaving Certificate Applied for parents here.



# CAO Points System





# LCVP Recognition

## **INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY / TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES / UNIVERSITIES**

**Distinction (80-100%) 66 points**

**Merit (65-79%) 46 points**

**Pass (50 - 64%) 28 points**

# Foundation Level Maths Recognition

<b>F1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>90 – 100%</b>
<b>F2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>80 – 89%</b>

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

# Sample Calculation

Subject	Level	Grade	Score
Irish	Honours	H1	<b>100</b>
English	Ordinary	O1	<b>56</b>
Maths	Honours	H3	77+25= <b>102</b>
Physics	Honours	H2	<b>88</b>
Biology	Honours	H5	<b>56</b>
D.C.G.	Ordinary	O2	46
German	Honours	H5	<b>56</b>
Add the 6 best scores shown in <b>RED</b>			<b>Points = 458</b>

# UCAS Points for Irish Leaving Certificate

Official title: Leaving Certificate - Higher Level (Ireland - first award 2017)

Grade	Tariff points
H1	36
H2	30
H3	24
H4	18
H5	12
H6	9

Official title: Leaving Certificate - Ordinary Level (Ireland - first award 2017)

Grade	Tariff points
O1	12
O2	10
O3	8
O4	6



## Accompanying Conditions:

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

# Getting into college – 3 Doors

General Requirements

6 Subjects

2 H5s

English, Irish &  
A Language



Specific Course Requirements

None



Points

310 Points

1300 + Places



ARTS – Maynooth University

## Researching Subject Choice with Qualifax

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## you discover your pathway.

Our comprehensive database of up to 15,000 courses is here to help students, jobseekers, parents, guidance professionals and graduates explore their education and training options. So whether you're a student looking for a CAO course or an employee interested in microcredentials for that next promotion, we have you covered.



### CAO

Everything you need to know about the CAO process



### Further education and training

Lifelong education and training options



### Adult learners

Continuing education options for adults

## Useful Tools



CAO subject requirements



CAO Points Calculator



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# Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

## Subject

- Select -



Advanced filters



**Please select a subject from the subject dropdown on the left.**

**All courses referred to in this section are Third Level CAO entry. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2024**

**"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.**

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A Third Language

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- 1390 courses do not require A Third Language

Total: 1563

Advanced filters

Indicate your choice and click view courses

Please select one of the 3 categories on the left.

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## Courses that definitely require A Third Language

Higher Education CAO

Level 8 NFG

NFG Type: Major

CK202

### Accounting

University College Cork

Cork City

CAO Points: 492



Higher Education CAO

Level 8 NFG

NFG Type: Major

RC006

### Advanced Therapeutic Technologies

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

St Stephens Green

CAO Points: 487



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

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

## Specific Subjects or course requirements

Leaving Certificate entry requirements:

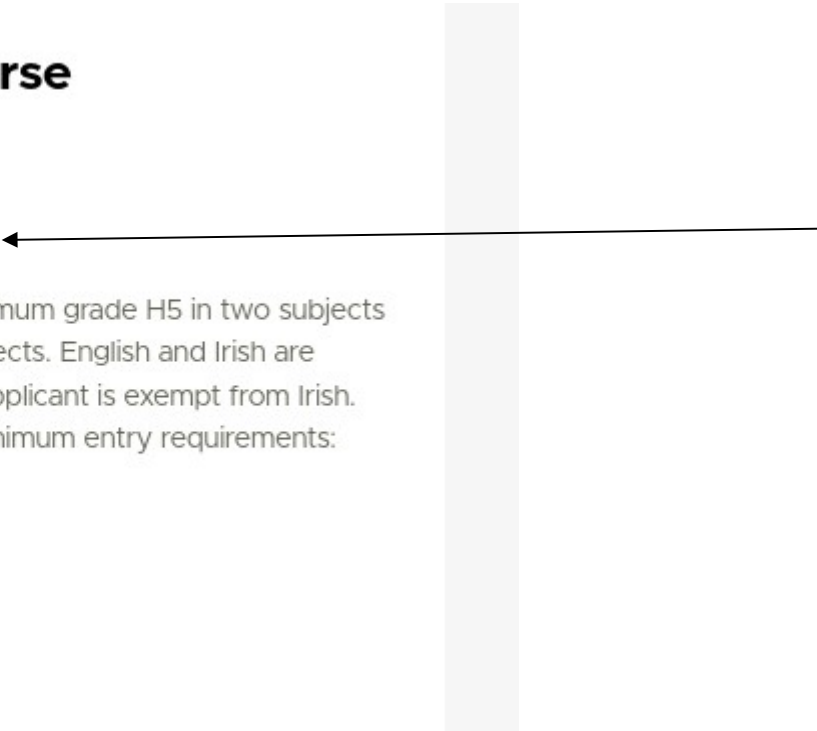
At Least six subjects must be presented. Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. English and Irish are requirements for all programmes unless the applicant is exempt from Irish. Applicants will need to meet the following minimum entry requirements:

English O6/H7

Irish O6/H7

Maths O6/H7

Other Language O6/H7



Now you have the specific requirements of an individual course.



# Careersportal Subject Page Link



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## School

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## Leaving Cert Subjects

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### Practical Group

These subjects are 'hands-on' and involve working with tools and machinery on physical things like wood, metals and plastic. They may involve designing, planning and building things.

Construction Studies

Engineering

Technology

### Science Group

These subjects demonstrate how to explore nature using carefully planned methods, and teach the basic methods and findings of scientific investigation.

Agricultural Science

Applied Maths

Biology

Chemistry

Mathematics

Physics

Physics and Chemistry

Computer Science



Aoife McEleavy, Manufacturing Engineer

What subjects did you take in school and how have these influenced your career path?

In school I studied Tech Design and absolutely loved the subject. I also studied several engineering courses in School. From there, I went onto University of Ulster to study Design Engineering. At the time I thought it was the only option of study for me but I soon realised it wasn't my favourite part of the engineering industry. It's good to explore the practical subjects available in school as well as the tech subjects, they include extremely

Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate

# Home Economics

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



NFQ Level

4

Duration

2 Years

## Summary

## Grades Awarded

## Course Overview

## Course Content

## Exam Structure

## Career Possibilities

## 3rd Level Requirements

## Summary

The Home Economics syllabus provides students with knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes necessary for managing their own lives, for further and higher education and work. The learning experiences in home economics develop flexibility and adaptability in students, prepare them for a consumer-oriented society and provide a learning foundation for a wide range of careers in food, textiles, science, design, social studies and tourism.

### Why Study Home Economics

Students should study this subject in order to:

- Be able to research, study, analyse and interpret material.
- Be able and willing to learn Nutrition and Culinary skills.
- Be able to communicate well.
- Be organised.

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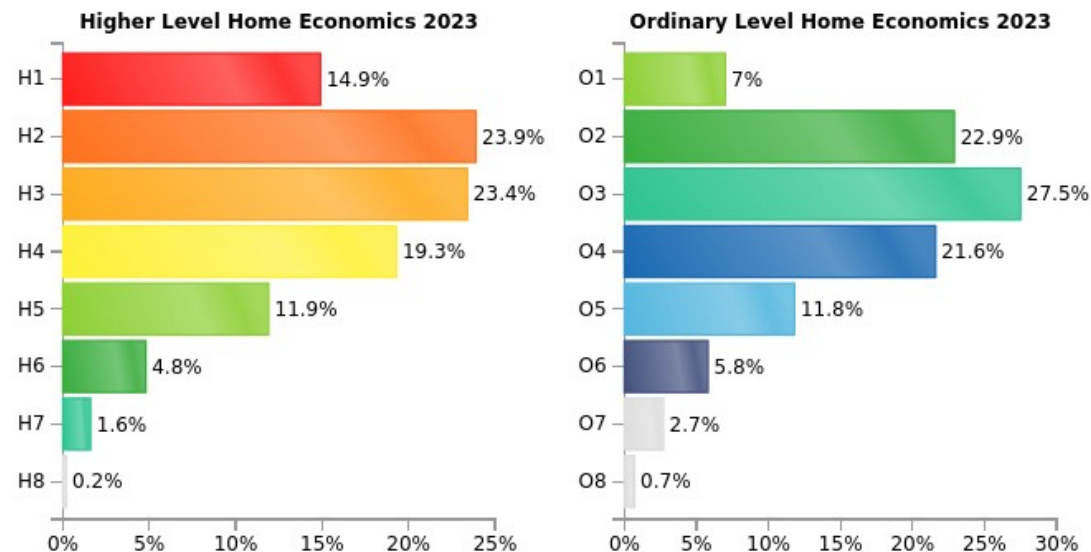
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# What Influences Subject Choice

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

## Watch for Non-Essential Subjects

- You don't need D.C.G. to become an Architect
- You don't need Engineering to be an Engineer
- You don't need Biology to be a Nurse
- You don't need Business to take a Management Degree
- You don't need a Modern Language for Primary School Teaching
- You don't even need Italian to study Italian in Trinity!

## Watch for Subjects with a 'practical element'

<b>Art</b>	62% practical	38% final exam
<b>Construction</b>	50% practical	50% final exam
<b>Engineering</b>	50% practical	50% final exam
<b>DCG</b>	40% practical	60% final exam
<b>History</b>	20% project	80% final exam
<b>Geography</b>	20% fieldtrip	80% final exam
<b>Home Economics</b>	20% project	80% final exam
<b>Applied Maths</b>	20% project	80% final exam
<b>Economics</b>	20% project	80% final exam



## Course Work / Projects Deadlines & Orals

Many subjects now contain a course work or project element and unfortunately the deadlines for these projects fall very closely together.

The deadline for the DCG coursework is in mid-January. March sees the deadline for projects in Engineering, Art, Technology and LCVP. Home Economics Food Studies is November, Textile Studies is in April.

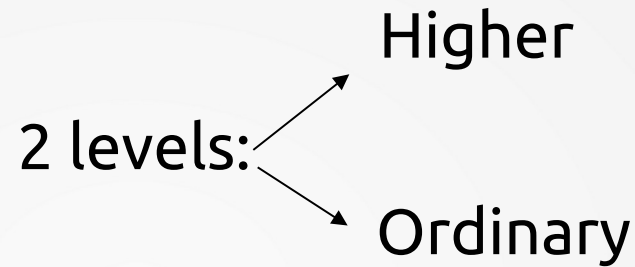
Agricultural Science coursework deadline is early April and the end of April sees the coursework deadline for History and Geography, as well as Religious Studies, Music, Home Economics (textile elective) and the Construction Studies project.

**Orals for Irish and the modern European languages now take place at Easter.**

It is wise to consider the coursework involved in the subject combination you are thinking about before making your final decision.

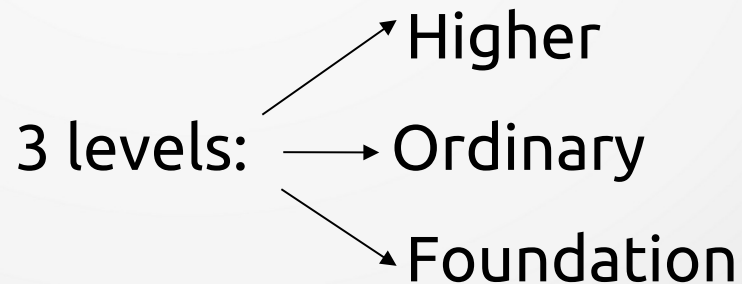
# Compulsory Subjects

English



Maths

Irish\*



\* May have an exemption

## Optional Subjects: Five Areas

***19 subjects to choose from***

- Languages
- Sciences
- Business
- Social Studies
- Applied Sciences

**CHOOSE 4**

## Language Area

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

# Irish

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

For entry to the **Garda Siochana** you must have a proven proficiency in either Irish or English is required. **There is no longer a requirement to have a second language.**

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

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

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

# English

Check with teachers about movement from honours to ordinary level.

Most Universities, colleges and employers require English at Ordinary level, other colleges will take Irish or English.

**Don't Fail Honours English.**

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



## Modern Languages

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Science Area

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

## Biology / Chemistry / Physics

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Appliance of Science

<b>COLLEGE SUBJECTS</b>		<b>Leaving Certificate Science Subjects in order of importance to college subject</b>		
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES</b>		Biology	Chemistry	Mathematics
Biology	Horticulture			
Agriculture	Marine Biology			
<b>CHEMICAL SCIENCES</b>		Chemistry	Mathematics	Physics
Chemistry	Biochemistry			
Chem. Engineering	Medicinal Chem.			
<b>PHYSICAL SCIENCES</b>		Physics	Mathematics	Chemistry
Physics	Astronomy			
Electronics	Computing			
<b>ENGINEERING</b>		Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry
Civil	Mechanical			
Aeronautical	Electrical			
<b>MEDICAL SCIENCES</b>		Chemistry	Biology	Physics
Pharmacy	Nursing			
Ophthalmic Optics	Nutrition			
<b>MEDICINE / DENTISTRY</b>		Chemistry	Physics	Biology
Medicine	Dentistry			
Vet. Medicine				

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# Maths / Applied Maths

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

A grade O4 or better in Ordinary Level Maths is required for many Science or Commerce courses at University. This reflects the level of Mathematics that has to be studied as part of the course.

Honours Maths is required by relatively few courses (73), the majority of which are Honours Engineering Degrees.

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

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

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

## Business Area

- Accounting\*
- Business
- Economics

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

***\* One exception: Commerce & Accounting in N.U.I. Galway requires Accounting as a subject (H4).***



## Social Studies Area

- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music

# History / Geography

## **HISTORY**

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

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

## **GEOGRAPHY:**

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

# Art / Music

## ART (including Crafts):

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

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

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

## MUSIC

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

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

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

Watch for Performing Arts - Irish Traditional Music / Irish Traditional Dance / Contemporary Dance / Voice / World Music in UL. (**Musical Auditions**)

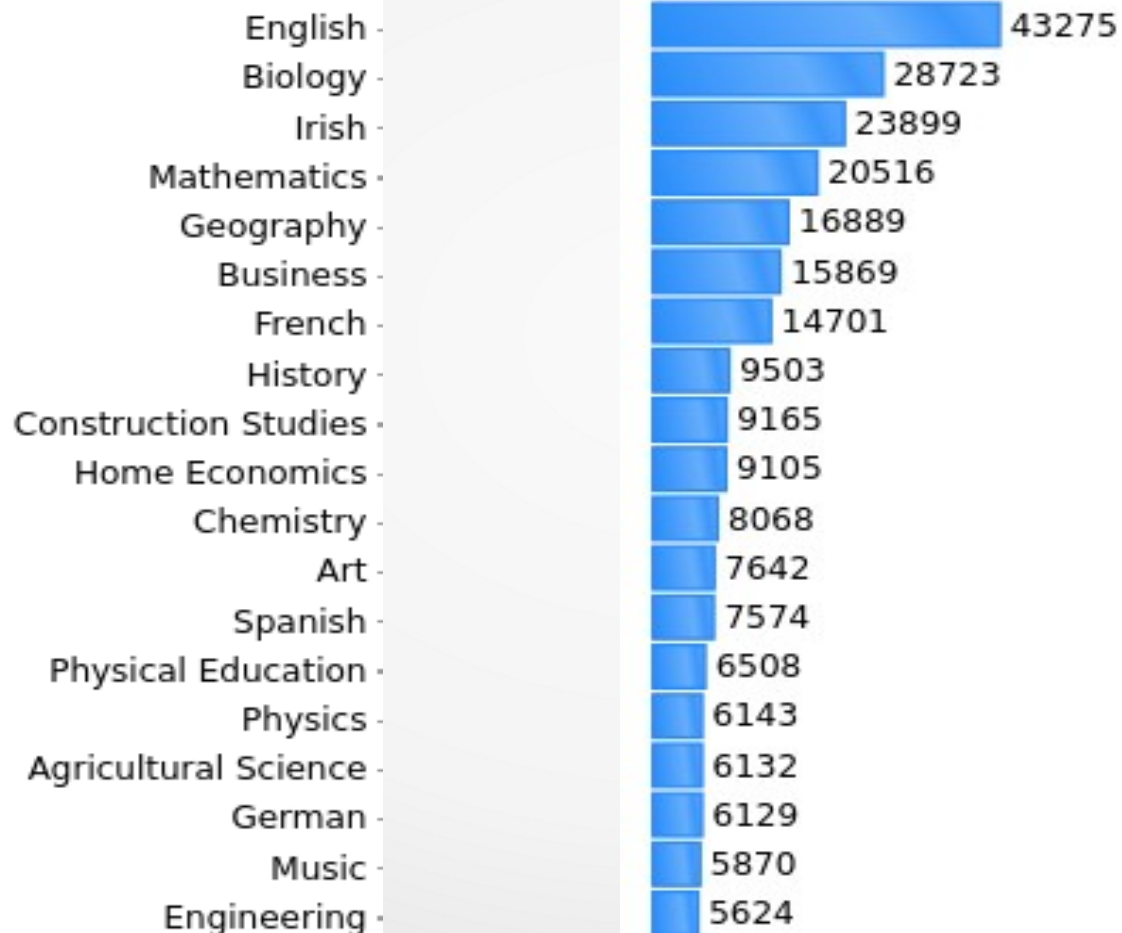
## Applied Sciences Area

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

# Home Economics

Code	Course	Course Provider
TU944	<a href="#"><u>Culinary Science - Grangegorman</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>TU Dublin - City</u></a>
MI015	<a href="#"><u>Education Home Economics &amp; Business Studies - Thurles - Second Level Teaching</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mary Immaculate College</u></a>
AU987	<a href="#"><u>Education Home Economics &amp; Irish with concurrent Teacher Education - St. Angela's</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ATU - Sligo St. Angela's</u></a>
AU986	<a href="#"><u>Education Home Economics &amp; Religious Education with concurrent Teacher Education - St Angela's</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ATU - Sligo St. Angela's</u></a>
TU881	<a href="#"><u>Food Innovation - Grangegorman</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>TU Dublin - City</u></a>
TU645	<a href="#"><u>Food Science &amp; Management - Grangegorman</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>TU Dublin - City</u></a>
MT930	<a href="#"><u>Home Economics &amp; Business - Cork Campus</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>MTU - Cork Campuses</u></a>
TU761	<a href="#"><u>Ophthalmic Dispensing - Grangegorman</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>TU Dublin - City</u></a>

## The most popular Higher Level Subjects 2023:

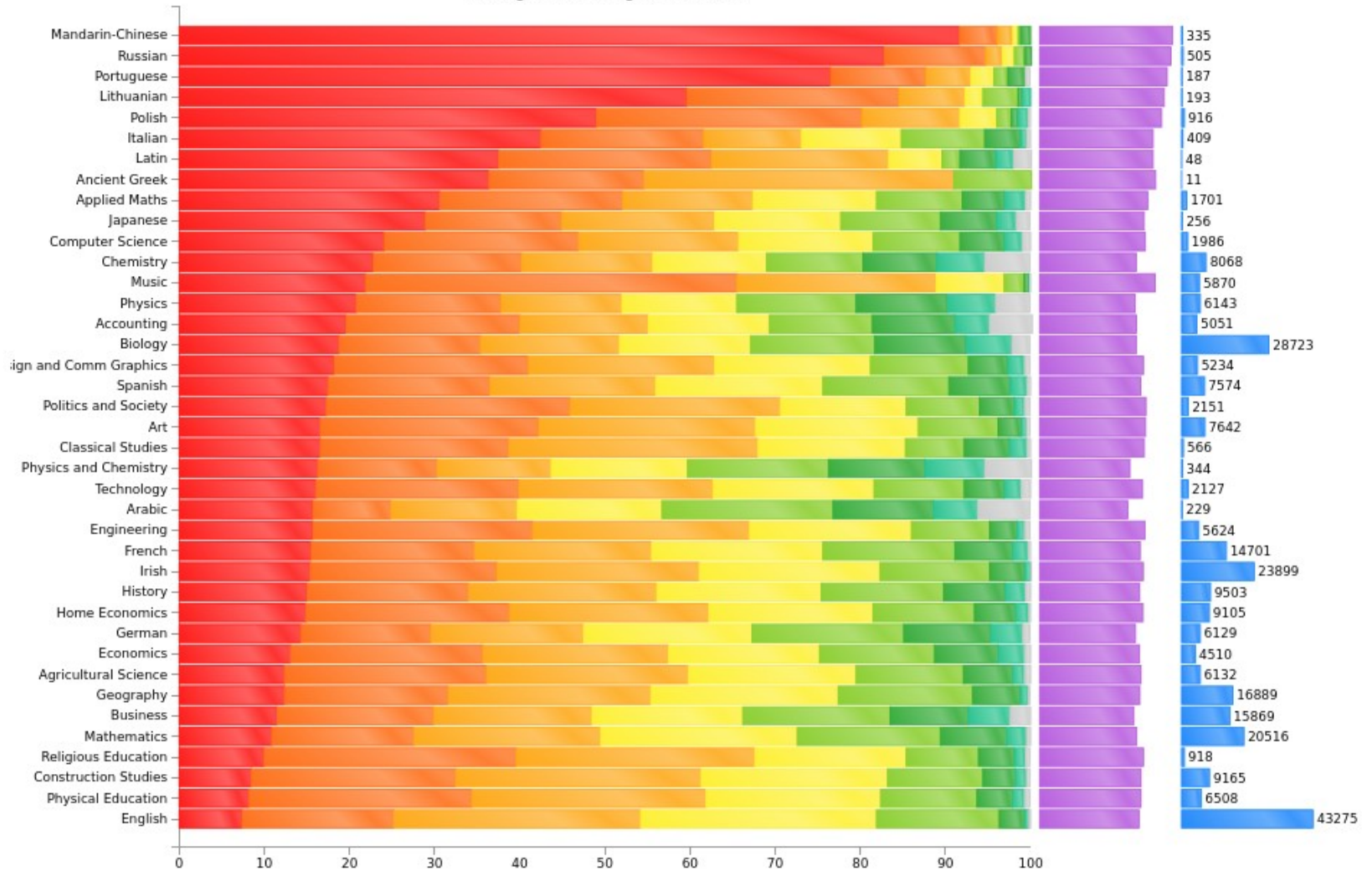






# Subject Grades Explorer

### Leaving Certificate Higher Level 2023



Sort By:

- Subject Name
- Average Points
- Candidates

Sort By Grades:

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

Sort By Grade Bracket:

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

Change Year:

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015
- 2014
- 2013
- 2012
- 2011

# Real World Example



Course	2024 Course Entry Requirements and notes	Points 2023	Points 2022	Approx Places 2024	Alternative Entry Routes
DN100 Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, another language, Mathematics and 2 other recognised subjects <i>Fees apply for the Master's portion of this course</i>  Please note: subject to approval the language requirement may be removed for <u>2025</u>	566*	555*	57	DARE HEAR MY Prog
DN120 Landscape Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	477	440	28	DARE HEAR MY FET
DN130 City Planning & Environmental Policy	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	487	455	29	DARE HEAR MY
DN150 Engineering	H4 in Mathematics and H6 in a <b>Laboratory Science subject</b> and O6/H7 in Irish, English and 2 other recognised subjects	567	566	285	DARE HEAR MY Prog
DN200 Science	O2/H6 in Mathematics and a <b>Laboratory Science subject</b> (OR Geography OR Applied Mathematics OR Computer Science) and O6/H7 in Irish, English, and 2 other recognised subjects <i>For details of options available please see <a href="#">prospectus</a></i>	555	556	420	DARE HEAR MY Prog FET
DN201 Computer Science	O2/H6 in Mathematics and O6/H7 in Irish, English and 3 other recognised subjects	558	556	105	DARE HEAR MY Prog FET



**Multiple Access Points**

- DARE [Disability Access Route to Higher Education](#)
- HEAR [Higher Education Access Route](#)
- GE [A graduate entry pathway for this degree](#)
- MY [Application on Grounds of Mature Years](#)
- Prog [Progression routes from UCD or other HEI level 6/7](#)
- FET [QQI-FET admission path](#)

# Present Shortages

## 1 SKILLED TRADES

electricians, welders, mechanics



## 3 ENGINEERS

chemical, electrical, civil, mechanical



## 5 MANAGEMENT

low, middle & top level management



## 7 DRIVERS

truck, delivery, construction,  
mass transit



## 9 HEALTHCARE

doctors, nurses and other non-nursing health  
professionals



## 2 SALES REPRESENTATIVES

B2B, B2C, contact center



## 4 TEACHERS

primary and secondary school education



## 6 PROFESSIONALS

project managers, lawyers, researchers



## 8 OFFICE SUPPORT

administrative assistants, PAs,  
receptionists



## 10 TECHNICIANS

quality controllers, technical staff





Do your research.

Select your **6 best** for points

If you have a **specific career** in mind, check out the exact requirements

Where a mistake is made **rectify** it as soon as possible

## Advice

**Beware** of the 'easy' and 'hard' subject

Where possible start with **Honours Level**

Your choices should not totally depend on which **teacher** is teaching that subject

The Leaving Certificate is a **full-time two year** course

# More Advice

Talk to students studying the subjects at the moment

Talk to teachers of the subject

Look at a copy of the textbook

Look at a copy of the Leaving Cert Exam Papers for the subject in question

# Even AI can help



Sure, here's a list of questions to help third years with subject choice for the Leaving Certificate:



1. What are your interests?
2. What subjects do you enjoy the most?
3. What subjects do you find the most challenging?
4. What career paths are you considering?
5. Which subjects are required for your desired career?
6. Do you prefer practical or theoretical subjects?
7. Are you considering attending college? If so, what subjects do you need for your desired course?
8. Are there any subjects you have not yet studied that interest you?
9. Are there any subjects you have already studied that you would like to drop?
10. Do you have any particular strengths or weaknesses that may impact your subject choice?
11. Are there any extracurricular activities you are involved in that could impact your subject choice?
12. Are there any language requirements for your desired career or college course?
13. Do you need to take higher level or ordinary level in certain subjects for your desired career or college course?
14. Have you talked to your teachers or guidance counselor for advice on subject choice?
15. Are you willing to put in the effort and time required to excel in certain subjects?



# VERY IMPORTANT. PLAN AHEAD!!

**Access Programs:** If you feel that you cannot achieve your full academic potential because of a disability (dyslexia / dyscalculia), or ongoing illness, you may make a supplementary application through the CAO.

**Does your report need updating? Check out [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie).**



The Higher Education Access Route



The Disability Access Route to Education

And Finally...

Any  
Questions?

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