

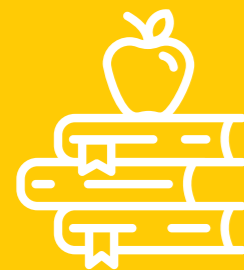
MATURE STUDENTS

UCC reserves places for mature students on almost all undergraduate degree programmes. Mature Students do not need Leaving Certificate points to enter UCC. However, some degree programmes have specific educational requirements and it is essential that prospective applicants check this Guide or contact the Mature Student Office for further details.

To be eligible to compete for a place as a mature student in 2020, applicants must be 23 years of age on or before the 1st January 2020. Application is made through the CAO by 1st February 2020.

Mature students who wish to study programmes in the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences must sit the MSAP (Mature Students Admissions Pathway). Further information on <https://msap-ireland.acer.org>

Students who have successfully completed the Certificate in Arts or Certificate in Languages, available in UCC's Centre for Adult Continuing Education do not have to sit the MSAP. Students who have achieved an overall result of at least 50%, will be granted an exemption from one first year Arts subject.



IMPORTANT DATES for MATURE STUDENTS

12 TH OCT 2019 UCC Open Day	8 TH JAN 2020 UCC CAO Information Evening	20 TH JAN 2020 HPAT registration closing date	1 ST FEB 2020 CAO application deadline	2 ND FEB 2020 MSAP Closing Date	22 ND FEB 2020 HPAT assessment	7 TH MAR 2020 MSAP Assessment in Cork, Limerick, Galway, Dublin	12 TH MAR 2020 MSAP assessment in Dublin only
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HOW TO APPLY

Making a Mature Student Application: Mature Students apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO) before the 1st of February each year. Applications are made online at www.cao.ie. Early online application (20th January) fee is €30.

Adding or Changing Courses: If you wish to add, remove or change course choices on your CAO application, you can do so up to 31st January. After this date you can use the 'Change of Course Choices' facility which is available from early February until 1st March for an additional fee of €10. Mature students can change the order of their CAO preferences up to 1st July.

CAO Statement of Interest: As part of the application process mature students are required to complete a Statement of Interest. In no more than 1,500 characters, you will be asked to explain the relevance of your life/educational experience to your application, and state your educational goals and objectives. Please contact the Mature Student Office if you need help with your Statement of Interest.

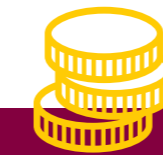
MSAP (Mature Student Admissions Pathway): The MSAP is a 2 hour assessment designed to assess a candidate's written English and reasoning skills. Once you make your CAO Application and receive your

CAO Number, you must apply for the MSAP for entry to degree programmes in the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences (CK101 - CK125). The cost of MSAP is €83.00. An additional fee of €35.00 applies for late applications. <https://msap-ireland.acer.org/>

HPAT (Health Professions Admissions Test) - CK701 applicants only: The HPAT is a 2.5 hour multiple choice assessment for candidates wishing to study Medicine. Candidates must apply online for the HPAT via <https://hpat-ireland.acer.org> before the 20th of January 2020.

Nursing Assessment - All Mature Applicants: Mature nursing applicants must apply to the CAO before 1st February 2020. Mature applicants must register and apply for assessment through the Public Appointments Service (PAS). More information can be found on www.nmbi.ie/Careers-in-Nursing-Midwifery

Other Assessments/Interviews: Some degree programmes require candidates to sit an assessment in UCC and/or attend for interview. These candidates will be contacted directly by the relevant degree programme coordinators.



FEES

College Fees
The cost of the course you choose to study depends on a number of factors. The Free Fees Initiative (FFI) is a scheme that is available to undergraduate full time students. If you are eligible under the FFI, the cost per academic year will be the Student Contribution charge (which is currently set at €3,000).

You may be entitled to a grant that will pay the Student Contribution charge on your behalf. This scheme is run by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). This is a means tested scheme and your eligibility is determined on submission of an application online.

All of the information on SUSI can be found on their website www.susi.ie. SUSI also provide eligible students with

maintenance payments to help with the costs associated with pursuing a third level education. If you are not eligible under the FFI, please visit www.ucc.ie/en/financeoffice/fees/ for further information on fees.

Capitation Fee
This fee is €170 and is payable by all students. This fee covers membership of the Mardyke Sports Arena and membership of the Union of Students of Ireland (USI) as well as costs associated with essential student services.

Student Finance
You should have a full understanding of the cost of your education and the financial supports that may be available to you. Further information is available on www.studentfinance.ie.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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USEFUL WEBSITES

www.ucc.ie/study/undergrad
www.collegeroad.ie
<http://accommodation.ucc.ie>
www.ucc.ie/mature
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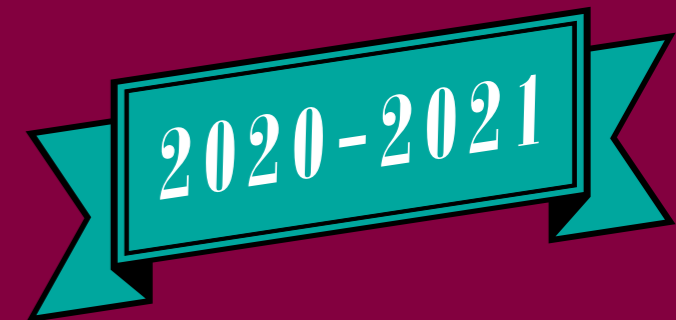


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PROGRAMME ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, CELTIC STUDIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CAO Code	Programme Title	Duration (Yr)	How to Apply (What you need)
CK101	Arts	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment
CK102	Social Science	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK104	Arts - Music	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Music Entrance Test
CK105	Film and Screen Media	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + possible interview + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK107	Geographical & Archaeological Sciences	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK108	Arts International	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK109	English	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK110	World Languages	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + evidence of language learning ability (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK111	Early Years and Childhood Studies	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + possible interview + Statement of Interest + Garda Vetting (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK112	Theatre and Performative Practices	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Interview/Workshop + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK113	Criminology	3/4	Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience as demonstrated in the CAO Application and Statement of Interest. CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest
CK114	Social Science (Youth & Community Work)	3	MSAP results; Knowledge of Social Issues and Youth and Community Work; Evidence of at least one year or equivalent of experience, either paid or voluntary, in the Youth, Community or Voluntary Sector; Evidence of Academic potential. CAO Application + Personal Statement + MSAP Assessment + Interview + Readiness to undertake professional training in Youth and Community Work + Garda Vetting
CK115	Social Work	4	CAO Application + Personal Statement + MSAP Assessment + Interview + Knowledge of Social Issues and Social Work + Readiness to undertake professional training in Social Work + Garda Vetting (Cohort consists exclusively of mature students)
CK118	Digital Humanities & Information Technology	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK120	Applied Psychology	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview (Candidates are expected to show concrete evidence of commitment to psychology as a discipline and ability to cope with the scientific content of the programme)
CK121	Psychology and Computing	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview (Candidates are expected to show concrete evidence of commitment to psychology as a discipline and ability to cope with the scientific content of the programme; Leaving Certificate Maths and/or a background in Information Technology is recommended)
CK122	Government and Political Science	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview (Candidates must have an interest in current affairs/politics)

CK123	Anthropology	3	Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience as demonstrated in the CAO Application. CAO Application + MSAP Assessment.
CK125	Sports Studies and Physical Education	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview + Garda Vetting (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND LAW

CAO Code	Programme Title	Duration (Yr)	How to Apply (What you need)
CK201	Commerce	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)
CK202	Accounting	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)
CK203	Business Information Systems	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is required)
CK204	Finance	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)
CK205	Commerce (International) with French	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended; H3 in Leaving Certificate French is required; HB3 if presenting pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK206	Commerce (International) with German	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended; H3 in a language other than English is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK207	Commerce (International) with Italian	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended; H3 in a language other than English is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK208	Commerce (International) with Hispanic Studies	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended; H3 in a language other than English; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK209	Commerce (International) with Irish	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended; H3 in Irish is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK211	Commerce (International) with Chinese Studies	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended; A H3 in a Leaving Certificate language other than English is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK212	Economics (through Transformational Learning)	3/4	CAO application + Statement of interest + interview. Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended
CK213	Food Marketing and Entrepreneurship	4	Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant experience as demonstrated in the CAO application and Statement of Interest. CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Possible Interview
CK214	International Development	4	Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant experience as demonstrated in the CAO application and Statement of Interest. CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Possible Interview
CK301	Law (Pathways)	3/4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview A Law Pathways student can choose the 3 year BCL or apply for a four-year degree path which will include one or two semesters on either a work placement (Law Clinical) or study abroad opportunity (Law International)
CK302	Law and French	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview (H3 in Leaving Certificate French or equivalent is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK304	Law and Irish		CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview (H3 in Leaving Certificate Irish is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK307	Law and Business	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND FOOD SCIENCE

CAO Code	Programme Title	Duration (Yr)	How to Apply (What you need)
CK401	Computer Science	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Leaving Certificate Maths and/or a background in Information Technology is required e.g. a QQI-FET Level 5 or 6 qualification (or equivalent) or comparable professional experience)
CK402	Biological/ Chemical Sciences	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Must have studied a Lab Science subject at second level or QQI-FET or demonstrate involvement in Science related areas)
CK404	Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant experience)
CK405	Genetics	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Must have studied Biology at second level or QQI-FET or demonstrate involvement with Science related areas)
CK406	Chemical Sciences	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Must have studied a Lab Science at second level or QQI-FET or demonstrate involvement with Science related areas)
CK407	Mathematical Sciences	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Must have studied Maths at second level or QQI-FET or demonstrate involvement with Maths related areas)
CK408	Physics and Astrophysics (joint UCC & CIT programme)	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Honours Maths Leaving Certificate or equivalent is strongly advised; Applied Maths and Physics in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent is highly beneficial)
CK409	Industrial Physics (joint UCC & CIT programme)	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Honours Maths Leaving Certificate or equivalent is strongly advised; Applied Maths and Physics in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent is highly beneficial)
CK411	Data Science and Analytics	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Must have studied Maths at second level or QQI-FET or demonstrate involvement with Maths related areas)
CK412	Agricultural Science	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview. (Must have studied a Laboratory Science subject at second-level or QQI-FET level or demonstrate involvement in Science related areas)
CR320	Biomedical Science (joint UCC & CIT programme)		CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview. (Honours Maths or a high level of Ordinary Maths in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent is strongly advised as this is a mathematically challenging course. Applied Maths and Physics in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent is highly beneficial.
CK504	Nutritional Sciences	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Candidates are assessed based on academic and/or professional background in a laboratory science related discipline, as evidenced by exam results; Additional information such as a CV and Statement of Interest are considered once eligibility has been established)
CK505	Food Science	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Must have studied a Lab Science subject at second level or QQI-FET or demonstrate involvement in Science related areas)
CK600	Engineering	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview. Applicants are also assessed on the basis of academic and/or professional background in a science-related discipline, evidenced by exam results and their Statement of Interest (H4 in Leaving Certificate Maths or Applied Maths; HC2 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK600 continued			A student must apply to the single code CK600 to study in the School of Engineering at UCC. The student must then select ONE of the following options at the end of first year: · Process & Chemical Engineering · Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering · Energy Engineering · Electrical & Electronic Engineering

CK606	Architecture (joint UCC & CIT programme)	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Portfolio (in two parts) to be submitted in April; Part 1 - CV; Part 2 - not more than 8 A3 or A4 pages, which might include sketches, paintings, illustrations, photography and photographs of original 3D works)
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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

CAO Code	Programme Title	Duration (Yr)	How to Apply (What you need)
CK701	Medicine	5	A H4 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and either Physics or Biology, or equivalent. (A HC3 if presenting a pre-2017 leaving certificate). Applicants with an equivalency, please note that the equivalency must be clear on the CAO application. Please also note that you must hold the science qualifications at the time of application. You can't be studying for them at time of application. Important: Applicants with a primary degree at 2H1 grade or higher are only eligible for Medicine through Graduate Entry to Medicine (GEM) and not through the Mature Entry Route. CAO Application + Statement of Interest + HPAT + Interview
CK702	Dentistry	5	A H4 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and either Physics or Biology or equivalent. (A HC3 if presenting a pre-2017 leaving certificate). CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview
CK703	Pharmacy	5	A H4 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and a H4 in either Physics or Biology in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent. (A HC3 in Chemistry and in either Physics or Biology if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate). CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview
CK704	Occupational Therapy	4	A minimum H4 in a Laboratory Science subject in the Leaving Certificate, or equivalent. (A HC3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate). For the purposes of entry requirements, one example of an equivalent qualification would be 'Anatomy and Physiology QQI/FETAC Level 5'. Clear evidence of how this entry requirement has been met should be included in the application form. Most students will find that having Biology at Leaving Certificate level or equivalent will be advantageous in their subsequent Occupational Therapy studies. CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview
CK705	Speech and Language Therapy	4	A H4 in a Lab Science subject and a language (other than English) in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent. (A HC3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate). CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview
CK706	Public Health Sciences	4	Students are required to have studied Maths and a Laboratory Science subject. CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview
CK707	Medical and Health Sciences	4	A H4 in a Lab Science subject in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent. (A HC3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate). CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview
CK710	General Nursing	4	Admission to the Mature Nursing programme is based on an assessment test with An Bord Altranais. CAO Application + Nursing Assessment (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK712	Children's and General Nursing (Integrated)	4.5	Admission to the Mature Nursing programme is based on an assessment test with An Bord Altranais. CAO Application + Nursing Assessment (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK720	Mental Health Nursing	4	Admission to the Mature Nursing programme is based on an assessment test with An Bord Altranais. CAO Application + Nursing Assessment (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK730	Intellectual Disability Nursing	4	Admission to the Mature Nursing programme is based on an assessment test with An Bord Altranais. CAO Application + Nursing Assessment (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK740	Midwifery	4	Admission to the Mature Nursing programme is based on an assessment test with An Bord Altranais. CAO Application + Nursing Assessment (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)