

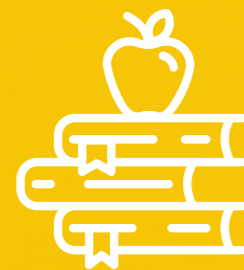
# MATURE STUDENTS

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 2019, applicants must be 23 years of age on or before the 1st January 2019. Application is made through the CAO by 1st February 2019.

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

13 <sup>TH</sup> OCT 2018 UCC Open Day	22 <sup>ND</sup> NOV 2018 UCC Mature Student Open Evening	9 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 2019 UCC CAO Information Session	20 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 2019 HPAT registration closing date	1 <sup>ST</sup> FEB 2019 CAO application deadline	23 <sup>RD</sup> FEB 2019 HPAT assessment	9 <sup>TH</sup> MAR 2019 MSAP Assessment in Cork, Limerick, Galway, Dublin (morning)	14 <sup>TH</sup> MAR 2019 MSAP assessment in Dublin (evening)
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### HOW TO APPLY

**M**aking 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](http://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 - CK122). The cost of MSAP is €83.00. An additional fee of €35.00 applies for late applications.

**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 2019.

**Nursing Assessment - All Mature Applicants:** Mature nursing applicants must apply to the CAO before 1st February 2019. 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](http://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 form.

All of the information on SUSI can be found on their website [www.susi.ie](http://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/](http://www.ucc.ie/en/financeoffice/fees/) for further information on fees.

**Capitation Fee**  
This fee is €165 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](http://www.studentfinance.ie).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mature Student Office

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W: [www.ucc.ie/en/mature](http://www.ucc.ie/en/mature)



### USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.ucc.ie/study/undergrad](http://www.ucc.ie/study/undergrad)  
[www.collegeroad.ie](http://www.collegeroad.ie)  
<http://accommodation.ucc.ie>  
[www.ucc.ie/mature](http://www.ucc.ie/mature)  
[www.ucc.ie/study/undergrad/fetac](http://www.ucc.ie/study/undergrad/fetac)  
[www.ucc.ie/prospectus](http://www.ucc.ie/prospectus)



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# UNDERGRADUATE MATURE STUDENT Guide



# PROGRAMME ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## COLLEGE OF ARTS, CELTIC STUDIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CAO Code	Programme Title	Duration (Yr)	How to Apply (What you need)
<b>CK101</b>	<b>Arts</b>	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment
<b>CK102</b>	<b>Social Science</b>	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK104</b>	<b>Arts - Music</b>	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Music Entrance Test
<b>CK105</b>	<b>Film and Screen Media</b>	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + possible interview + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK107</b>	<b>Geographical &amp; Archaeological Sciences</b>	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK108</b>	<b>Arts International</b>	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK109</b>	<b>English</b>	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK110</b>	<b>World Languages</b>	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)
<b>CK111</b>	<b>Early Years and Childhood Studies</b>	3	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + possible interview + Statement of Interest + Garda Vetting (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK112</b>	<b>Theatre and Performative Practices</b>	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Interview/Workshop + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK113</b>	<b>Criminology</b>	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK114</b>	<b>Social Science (Youth &amp; Community Work)</b>	3	CAO Application + Personal Statement + MSAP Assessment + Interview + Knowledge of Social Issues and Youth and Community Work + Readiness to undertake professional training in Youth and Community Work + Garda Vetting (Evidence of at least one year or equivalent of experience, either paid or voluntary, in the Youth, Community or Voluntary Sector. Cohort consists exclusively of mature and QQI-FET Students
<b>CK115</b>	<b>Social Work</b>	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)
<b>CK116</b>	<b>Sports Studies and Physical Education</b>	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview + Garda Vetting (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
<b>CK118</b>	<b>Digital Humanities &amp; Information Technology</b>	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)

<b>CK120</b>	<b>Applied Psychology</b>	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)
<b>CK121</b>	<b>Psychology and Computing</b>	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)
<b>CK122</b>	<b>Government and Political Science</b>	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview (Candidates must have an interest in current affairs/politics)

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND LAW

CAO Code	Programme Title	Duration (Yr)	How to Apply (What you need)
<b>CK201</b>	<b>Commerce</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)
<b>CK202</b>	<b>Accounting</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)
<b>CK203</b>	<b>Business Information Systems</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is required)
<b>CK204</b>	<b>Finance</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require interview (Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended)
<b>CK205</b>	<b>Commerce (International) with French</b>	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)
<b>CK206</b>	<b>Commerce (International) with German</b>	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)
<b>CK207</b>	<b>Commerce (International) with Italian</b>	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)
<b>CK208</b>	<b>Commerce (International) with Hispanic Studies</b>	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)
<b>CK209</b>	<b>Commerce (International) with Irish</b>	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)
<b>CK211</b>	<b>Commerce (International) with Chinese Studies</b>	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)
<b>CK212</b>	<b>Economics (through Transformational Learning)</b>	3/4	CAO application + Statement of interest + interview. Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent is recommended
<b>CK301</b>	<b>Law (Pathways)</b>	3/4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview <div style="background-color: #e0f0e0; padding: 2px;">Law (Pathways) is the gateway to the self selection, by Law students, of one of the following three degree programmes: Law · Law (Clinical) · Law (International)</div>
<b>CK302</b>	<b>Law and French</b>	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)
<b>CK304</b>	<b>Law and Irish</b>		CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview (H3 in Leaving Certificate Irish is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
<b>CK307</b>	<b>Law and Business</b>	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)
<b>CK401</b>	<b>Computer Science</b>	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)
<b>CK402</b>	<b>Biological/ Chemical Sciences</b>	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)
<b>CK404</b>	<b>Biological, Earth &amp; Environmental Sciences</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant experience)
<b>CK405</b>	<b>Genetics</b>	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)
<b>CK406</b>	<b>Chemical Sciences</b>	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)
<b>CK407</b>	<b>Mathematical Sciences</b>	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)
<b>CK408</b>	<b>Physics and Astrophysics (joint UCC &amp; CIT programme)</b>	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)
<b>CK409</b>	<b>Industrial Physics (joint UCC &amp; CIT programme)</b>	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)
<b>CK411</b>	<b>Data Science and Analytics</b>	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)
<b>CK412</b>	<b>Agricultural Science</b>	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)
<b>CR320</b>	<b>Biomedical Science (joint UCC &amp; CIT programme)</b>		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.
<b>CK502</b>	<b>Food Marketing &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview
<b>CK504</b>	<b>Nutritional Sciences</b>	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)
<b>CK505</b>	<b>Food Science</b>	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)
<b>CK506</b>	<b>International Development and Food Policy</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + possible interview
<b>CK600</b>	<b>Engineering</b>	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

<b>CK606</b>	<b>Architecture (joint UCC &amp; CIT programme)</b>	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)
<b>CK701</b>	<b>Medicine</b>	5	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + HPAT + Interview (A H4 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and either Physics or Biology, or equivalent; A HC2 if presenting a pre-2017 leaving certificate; Applicants with an equivalency, please note that the equivalency must be clear on the CAO 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)
<b>CK702</b>	<b>Dentistry</b>	5	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (A H4 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and either Physics or Biology or equivalent; A HC2 if presenting a pre-2017 leaving certificate)
<b>CK703</b>	<b>Pharmacy</b>	5	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (A H5 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and a H4 in either Physics or Biology in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent; A HD1 in Chemistry and a HC2 in either Physics or Biology if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
<b>CK704</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (A minimum H4 in a Laboratory Science subject in the Leaving Certificate, or equivalent; A HC2 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
<b>CK705</b>	<b>Speech and Language Therapy</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (A H4 in a Lab Science subject and a language (other than English) in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent; A HC2 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
<b>CK706</b>	<b>Public Health Sciences</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (Students are required to have studied Maths and a Laboratory Science subject)
<b>CK707</b>	<b>Medical and Health Sciences</b>	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (A H4 in a Lab Science subject in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent; A HC2 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
<b>CK710</b>	<b>General Nursing</b>	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
<b>CK712</b>	<b>Children's and General Nursing (Integrated)</b>	4.5	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
<b>CK720</b>	<b>Mental Health Nursing</b>	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
<b>CK730</b>	<b>Intellectual Disability Nursing</b>	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
<b>CK740</b>	<b>Midwifery</b>	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)