

UCC MATURE STUDENT OFFICE



Welcome Note

Our office supports all mature students in UCC studying full-time undergraduate degrees, as well as those of you considering and contemplating full-time study in the University. We offer a wide range of supports and initiatives specifically designed for mature students and for enhancing your mature student experience.

Our office is a place where mature students can come to be listened to, ask questions, and all within an open, honest, non-judgemental and empathetic environment. We advise mature students on how best to use the student services available to them within the University and we provide customised and dedicated supports responding to the diverse and unique needs of all our mature students.

Please note that a mature student is defined as a person who is at least 23 years of age on 1st January of the year of entry to the university. There is no upper age limit. We operate an open door policy in the Mature Student Office so please don't hesitate to contact us with any question, at any stage of your academic journey.

Le gach dea ghúí,
Clíodhna O'Callaghan, Mature Student Officer, UCC

FEES

Capitation Fee

This is a mandatory payment that all students must pay. It covers membership of the Union of Students of Ireland (USI), essential student services and for the upkeep of the Mardyke Sports Arena. The fee is currently set at €165 per annum and must be paid to complete your registration in UCC. You will not receive your student card or be able to access the online services until this is paid. Further information can be found at www.ucc.ie/en/financeoffice/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 levied at you 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). 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, the total cost of the course (per academic year) will be levied at you. Further information can be found on the Higher Education Authority (HEA) website (www.heai.ie/funding).

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 at the HEA website (www.studentfinance.ie).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MATURE STUDENTS

14th October 2017	UCC Open Day
6th November 2017	CAO Application Process Opens
23rd November 2017	UCC Mature Student Open Evening
10th January 2018	UCC CAO Information Session
20th January 2018	HPAT registration closing date
1st February 2018	CAO application deadline
04th February 2018	MSAP registration closing date
24th February 2018	Sitting of HPAT assessment
03rd March 2018	Sitting of MSAP assessment

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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. Late Mature Student applications are not accepted. Applications are made online at www.cao.ie and applications open online in early November each year.

Please note that mature applicants can apply for a place on the grounds of mature years (over 23 by 1st of January of the application year). Leaving Cert results (if applicable), QQI/FET level results (if applicable) and all relevant sections should be ticked. Most importantly, ensure you list your course choices by preference, e.g. the course you really want should be No.1, your second preference No.2 etc.

CAO Statement of Interest:

As part of the application process mature students are required to complete a Personal Statement on the CAO application. Your Statement of Interest is extremely important and we recommend that students send their statement of interest by registered post as soon as they have completed their online application. The Mature Student Office offers guidance in completing your Statement of Interest and don't hesitate to contact us in this regard.

MSAP - Mature Student Admissions Pathway (CK101 - CK118 applicants only):

The MSAP is a 2 hour assessment designed to assess candidates written English and reasoning skills. Candidates need to apply themselves for the MSAP through msap-ireland.acer.org before February 4th 2018. The assessment will take place on March 3rd 2018.

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 hpat-ireland.acer.org before the 20th of January 2018. The assessment will take place on February 24th 2018.

Nursing Assessment - All Mature Applicants:

Mature Nursing Applicants must apply for the assessment through www.publicjobs.ie. More information about this assessment can be found on our website www.ucc.ie/mature or from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland www.nmbi.ie

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.



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 (Please see www.ucc.ie/calendar/arts/art002.html and check 'General' and 'Points to Note')
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 with 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 and 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	Drama & Theatre Studies	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	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience)
CK114	Social Science (Youth & Community Work)	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 students + FET students)
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)
CK116	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)
CK117	Economics (through Transformational Learning)	3/4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview (Candidates are assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience; Leaving Certificate Maths is recommended)
CK118	Digital Humanities and 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)
CK210	Government	4	CAO Application + MSAP Assessment + Statement of Interest + Interview (Candidates must have an interest in current affairs/politics)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND LAW

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 is recommended)
CK203	Business Information Systems	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require Interview (Leaving Certificate Maths is required)
CK204	Finance	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require Interview (Leaving Certificate Maths is recommended)

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CK205	Commerce (International) with French	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require Interview (Leaving Certificate Maths 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 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 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 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 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 is recommended; A H3 in a Leaving Certificate language other than English is required; HB3 if presenting a pre-2017 Leaving Certificate)
CK301	Law (Pathways)	3/4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview Law (Pathways) is the gateway to the self selection, by Law students, of one of the following three degree programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law • Law (Clinical) • Law (International)
CK302	Law and French	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Assessment Test + Interview (H3 in Leaving Certificate French 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

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 NFQ 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 and 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 is strongly advised; Applied Maths and Physics in the Leaving Certificate is highly beneficial)
CK409	Industrial Physics (joint UCC & CIT programme)	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Possible Interview (Honours Maths Leaving Certificate is strongly advised; Applied Maths and Physics in the Leaving Certificate 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)
CR320	Biomedical Science (joint UCC & CIT programme)		Contact CIT for entry requirements

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CK502	Food Marketing and Entrepreneurship	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Possible Interview
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)
CK506	International Development and Food Policy	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Possible Interview
CK600	Engineering	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + may require 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)
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

CK701	Medicine	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)
CK702	Dentistry	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)
CK703	Pharmacy	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)
CK704	Occupational Therapy	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)
CK705	Speech and Language Therapy	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)
CK706	Public Health Sciences	4	CAO Application + Statement of Interest + Interview (Students are required to have studied Maths and a Laboratory Science subject)
CK707	Medical and Health Sciences	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)
CK710	General Nursing	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK712	Children's and General Nursing (Integrated)	4.5	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK720	Mental Health Nursing	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK730	Intellectual Disability Nursing	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)
CK740	Midwifery	4	CAO Application + Nursing Assessment with An Bord Altranais (Please register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website)