



# UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK

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## GCE Entry Requirements 2017

Applicants should note all of the following requirements for admission to full time undergraduate programmes at the University.

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

6 distinct recognised subjects which must include: 2 subjects at GCE A Level Grade C and 4 other subjects at GCSE O Level Grade C which must include English, Mathematics and another language.

### SPECIFIC SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMES

Specific subject requirements for individual programmes are summarized in the table overleaf. Candidates may continue to fulfil minimum and specific subject requirements from more than one sitting of the GCSE or GCE A-Levels.

**VCE A- Levels (also referred to as Vocational A Levels) are not taken into consideration for the purposes of fulfilling minimum and specific subject requirements as outlined above.**

### SPECIAL MATHEMATICS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The University holds a Special Mathematics Entrance Examination in August each year for candidates who do not achieve the requisite grade in Mathematics in order to satisfy the Specific Subject Requirement for entry to the Faculty of Science & Engineering undergraduate degree programmes.

Candidates who pass this special examination are deemed to have satisfied the Mathematics requirement BOTH for satisfying Minimum Entry Requirements AND for satisfying Specific Subject Requirements for Faculty of Science & Engineering programmes. There are two exam papers based on the Irish Leaving Certificate Higher Level and Ordinary Level Mathematics syllabi. Further details, past exam papers and application forms can be downloaded from:

[http://scieng.ul.ie/students/prospective\\_students/special-mathematics-entrance-examination](http://scieng.ul.ie/students/prospective_students/special-mathematics-entrance-examination)

### GARDA VETTING

It is a requirement of the University, for certain programmes, that students will be required to undergo a Garda Vetting process. This requirement is due to the external placement element of the programme which will bring the student into a position of trust and may involve unsupervised access to students and/or vulnerable adults. Programmes where Garda Vetting is a requirement are indicated in the Specific Subject Requirements for that programme. Offers of a place on these programmes will be provisional pending the outcome from the Garda Vetting process.

### AUDITIONS & PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENTS

Applicants to LM026 BA Performing Arts must also complete and pass an audition conducted by an interview panel. Entry to LM099 Architecture is also based on Portfolio of personal work assessed by the School of Architecture.

### COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS

Entry to undergraduate courses is competitive and attainment of the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee a place. Qualified candidates to all full-time undergraduate degree programmes, and the Certificate in Equine Science\*, are placed in order of merit based on a points system described below.

\* Candidates wishing to transfer to the follow-on Diploma programme in Equine Science will require at least a Second Class Honours award at Certificate level. Graduates obtaining at least Second Class Honours in the Diploma will be considered for entry to year 3 of the BSc in Equine Science.

### POINTS SYSTEM

Grade	Points First three GCE A-Levels (A2)	Points Fourth GCE A-Level (A2)	Or GCE AS Level
A*	180	60	
A	150	50	30
B	130	45	25
C	100	35	20
D	65	20	15
E	45	15	10

### BONUS POINTS FOR MATHS IN 2017

25 additional points will be awarded for a Grade E or better in A2 Mathematics. This will apply to only ONE mathematics subject of: Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Pure Mathematics, and only where that subject is used as one of the subjects for scoring purposes. NB Mathematics and Pure Mathematics cannot be counted separately for points purposes.

### NOTES:

- Points are awarded for a maximum of four distinct recognised subjects
- If four A-levels are presented, the fourth is scored at a lower rate.
- For the purpose of calculating points, GCE A-level subjects must be taken at any one sitting of the GCEs.
- Applicants are scored on the basis of their best four GCE A-Levels OR best three GCE A-Levels plus one AS Level in a different subject from the same or preceding year. (note: one A-level grade from the previous year may be substituted for an AS grade but will only be scored as AS).
- Grades in the same subject in A2 and AS level cannot be combined.

FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES					
LM002	B.A. Arts	Minimum Entry Requirements			Teaching, Law, Journalism, Marketing, Social Work, Communications & Public Relations, Third Level Research & Teaching
LM020	B.A. Law & Accounting	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths			Solicitor/Barrister, Investment Manager, Company Taxation
LM028	B.A. Criminal Justice	Minimum Entry Requirements			Criminal Justice Sector, Policing, Courts Administration, Prison Service, Civil Service, Journalism
LM029	LLB Law Plus	Minimum Entry Requirements			Barrister, Solicitor, Administration, Government, Business
LM038	B.A. Psychology & Sociology	Minimum Entry Requirements + Garda Vetting			Educational Psychology, Public Service
LM039	B.A. Journalism and New Media	Grade C at GCE A Level English	plus	Grade B at GCE A Level French/Gaeilge/German/Spanish (where appropriate)	Print and Electronic Media Journalism, Communications and Public Relations, Media Production
LM040	B.A. European Studies	Grade C at GCE A Level in French/German/Spanish – see Note b)			Administration in EU Institutions/International Agencies, Export oriented organisations
LM044	B.A. Applied Languages	Grade B at GCE A Level in French/Gaeilge/German/Spanish			Translating in International Business and the Public Service, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
IRISH WORLD ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DANCE					
LM026	B.A. Performing Arts	Minimum Entry Requirements and Audition + Garda Vetting			Professional Performer, Arts Administrator, Music Teaching, Arts & Cultural Activities
FACULTY OF EDUCATION & HEALTH SCIENCES					
LM038	B.A. Psychology & Sociology	Minimum Entry Requirements + Garda Vetting			Educational Psychology, Public Service
LM089	B.Sc. Sport & Exercise Sciences	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 4 – see Note a) + Garda Vetting			Health & Fitness Management, Testing & Prescription, Development Officer/ Coaching, Research/Marketing in Sports Manufacturing & Leisure Industry
LM090	B.Sc. Physical Education	Minimum Entry Requirements + Garda Vetting			Second-Level Physical Education Teacher
LM092	B.Sc. (Education) Biological Sciences with Chemistry or Physics or Agricultural Science	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade Cat GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a) + Garda Vetting	Second-Level Teacher in Biology, Agricultural Science and Physics or Chemistry

FACULTY OF EDUCATION & HEALTH SCIENCES					
LM094	B.Tech. (Education) Materials and Architectural Technology	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade Cat GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a) + Garda Vetting	Second-Level Teacher in Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics
LM095	B.Tech. (Education) Materials and Engineering Technology	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade Cat GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a) + Garda Vetting	Second-Level Teacher in Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics
LM096	B.Sc. (Education) Physical Sciences with Chemistry and Physics	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade Cat GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a) + Garda Vetting	Second-Level Teacher in both Physics and Chemistry
LM100	B.Sc. Physiotherapy	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Physics, Chemistry, Biology + Garda Vetting			Clinical Practice in Physiotherapy - Nationally and Internationally
LM101	BM BS Graduate Medicine (EU Entry)	Minimum 2.1 (second class honours, grade one) Bachelor Honours degree (NFQ Level 8) or equivalent + GAMSAT (Graduate Medical Schools Admissions Test) + Garda Vetting			Medical Practitioners, Medical Researchers, Medical Educators, Medical Administration
LM102	B.Sc. Psychology	Minimum Entry Requirements + Garda Vetting			Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology, Careers in Social Research, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology and Promotion
LM103	B.Sc. Paramedic Studies	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 5 – See note a) + Garda Vetting	plus	B plus C1 Driving Licence	Employment within state and private emergency medical services.
LM150	B.Sc. Nursing (General)	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 5 – See note a) + Garda Vetting			Clinical Practice in the General Health Hospital Sector
LM152	B.Sc. Nursing (Mental Health)	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 5 – See note a) + Garda Vetting			Clinical Practice in the Psychiatric/Mental Health Hospital Sector
LM154	B.Sc. Nursing (Intellectual Disability)	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 5 – See note a) + Garda Vetting			Practice in the Residential Community and Intellectual Disability Services
LM156	B.Sc. Midwifery	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 5 – See note a) + Garda Vetting			Clinical Practice in Midwifery

<b>KEMMY BUSINESS SCHOOL</b>					
LM020	B.A. Law & Accounting	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths			Solicitor/Barrister, Investment Manager, Company Taxation
LM050	B.B.S. Business Studies (including Business Studies with French/German/Japanese)	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCE A Level in language (for language options – see note)	Export Marketing, International Finance/Banking, Investment Analysis
LM056	B.A. International Business	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCE A Level in Language for students taking Language option	Export Marketing, International Finance/Banking, Investment Analysis
LM063	B.Sc. Technology Management	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – See Note a)	Engineering Administration, Project Management, Transport Coordination, Production, Unit Supervision
<b>FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING</b>					
LM058	B.Sc. Financial Mathematics	Grade B at GCE A Level Maths			Actuary, Financial Consultancy, Investment Management, Fund Management
LM063	B.Sc. Technology Management	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – See Note a)	Engineering Administration, Project Management, Transport Coordination, Production, Unit Supervision
LM068	B.Sc. Food Science and Health	Grade C at GCE A Level in Maths  Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus  OR plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 2  Grade C at GCE A Level in one of Group 1 – see Note a)	Technical Management/Product Development/ Safety and Quality Monitoring in the Food and Nutrition Sector
LM076	B.Sc. Product Design and Technology	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a) or Art	Simulation, CAD, Design and Project Management, Animation
LM077	B.E. in Aeronautical Engineering	Grade C at GCE A Level Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a)	Aircraft Structure & Failure Analysis, Gas Turbine Design, Aircraft Operations Management
LM082	B.Sc. Construction Management and Engineering	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a)	Construction, Management, Construction Engineering, Property Development
LM093	B.Sc. Equine Science	Grade C at GCE A Level in one of Group 2 – see Note a)			Equestrian Education, Stud Farm Management
LM099	B.Arch. Architecture	Minimum Entry Requirements + Portfolio of Work			Professional Practice in Architecture – Nationally and Internationally
LM115	B.E. Chemical and Biochemical Engineering	Grade C at GCE A Level Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a)	Pharmaceutical/drug manufacture; Petro and Agro-chemicals; Biorefineries; Environmental engineering; Biochemicals/biologics manufacture; Sustainable fuels/energy production.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING					
LM116	B.E. Engineering (Common Entry)	Grade C at GCE A Level Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 - see Note a)	Degree options (selected at the end of the first Semester): Biomedical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Civil Engineering Design and Manufacture Engineering.
LM118	B.E. Electronic and Computer Engineering	Grade C at GCE A Level Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 - see Note a)	Design of Computer Systems, Hardware & Software Engineering, Computer Aided Design and Graphics, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Energy Production & Distribution Systems, Electrical Power Systems, Automotive and Aerospace electronics.
LM120	B.Sc. Aircraft Maintenance and Airworthiness Engineering	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A level in Maths	plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 - see Note a) + Garda Vetting	Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Organisations: Engineering; Planning; Quality Assurance; Sales & Marketing; Operations Engineering with Airlines; Financial & Asset Management with Aircraft Leasing Companies.
LM121	B.Sc. Computing Technologies (Common Entry)	Grade A at GCSE or Grade C at AS Level or Grade D at GCE A Level Maths			Degree options (selected at the end of the first Semester): B.Sc. Computer Systems; B.Sc. Mobile Communications and Security; B.Sc. Computer Games Development
LM122	B.Sc. Creative Media and Interactive Design (Common Entry)	Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths			Degree options (selected at the end of the first Semester): B.Sc. Music, Media & Performance Technology; B.Sc. Digital Media Design
LM123	B.Sc. Biological and Chemical Sciences (Common Entry)	Grade C at GCE A Level Maths  Grade B at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in Maths	plus  OR plus	Grade C at GCSE or Grade D at AS Level or Grade E at GCE A Level in one of Group 3 – see Note a)  Grade C at A Level in one of group 1 – see note a)	Degree options (selected at the end of the first Semester): B.Sc. Industrial Biochemistry; BSc Environmental Science; BSc in Pharmaceutical & Industrial Chemistry; BSc Biosciences
LM124	B.Sc. Mathematics (Common Entry)	Grade B at GCE A Level Maths			Degree options (selected at the end of the first Semester): B.Sc. Mathematical Sciences B.Sc. Mathematics & Physics; B.Sc. Economics & Mathematical Sciences

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LM125	B.Sc. Physics (Common Entry)	Grade C at GCE A Level Maths	plus	Grade C at GCE A Level in one of Group 6 – see Note a)	Degree options (selected at the end of the first Semester): B.Sc. Applied Physics; B.Sc. Mathematics & Physics
LM180	Certificate/Diploma Equine Science	Minimum Entry Requirements			Equine Service Industries, Equestrian Marketing and Sales Enterprises

Notes:

a) Specific Subject Requirements:

- Group 1: Applied Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.
- Group 2: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Technology.
- Group 3: Applied Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Technology.
- Group 4: Applied Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics.
- Group 5: Biology, Chemistry, Physics.
- Group 6: Applied Maths, Physics.

b) Language Requirements

- LM002 Arts – Grade C at GCE A level in the language with the exception of beginners Spanish or beginners German where a Grade C at GCE A level in a language other than English is required.
- LM040 European Studies and LM056 International Business Degree
  - For students taking beginner's Spanish or German in either programme, Grade C at GCE A Level in a language other than English will suffice.

c) Nursing and Midwifery Programmes

- (1) Mature applicants seeking further information on Degree Programmes in General, Mental Health, Intellectual Disability Nursing, and Midwifery, offered at the

University's Department of Nursing and Midwifery, should also consult the booklet ***Nursing/Midwifery A Career for You*** available from:

Nursing Careers Centre  
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland  
18/20 Carysfort Avenue  
Blackrock, Co Dublin

Telephone: +353 1 639 8528  
Facsimile: +353 1 639 8577  
Email: [ncc@nmbi.ie](mailto:ncc@nmbi.ie)  
Website: [www.nursingcareers.ie](http://www.nursingcareers.ie)

- (2) Application material in relation to entry to the above programmes is available from:

Central Applications Office  
Tower House  
Eglinton Street  
Galway, Ireland  
Telephone: +353 91 509800  
Website: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

# APPLICATION PROCEDURES

## CENTRAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE

The University of Limerick is a member of the Central Applications Office (CAO). Application forms for admission to all programmes (with the exceptions set out below) may be obtained from:

Central Applications Office  
Tower House  
Eglinton Street  
Galway

Online Applications may also be made by accessing the CAO Website at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

## DEADLINES FOR BOTH PAPER AND ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE:

Normal Application	1 February 2017
Late Application	1 May 2017

## SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Application forms should be obtained from and returned directly to the Admissions Office in the following cases:

1. Applicants seeking exemption from at least the first year of a programme of study
2. Holders of HETAC Higher National / National Certificate or Ordinary Degree / National Diplomas or equivalent
3. Applicants who have studied on any programme at the University and who wish to be readmitted.
4. Applicants from Non-EU countries who should apply to the International Office (see below)

Application deadlines for the above categories are:

Transfer Students and Applicants Seeking a Years' Exemption	1 July 2017
Candidates for Re-Admission	1 July 2017
Applicants from Non-EU Countries	1 May 2017

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students wishing to transfer from other third level institutions may apply for entry to any of the University's programmes of study.

### *Transfers from Institutes of Technology*

Students who hold a Higher National/National Certificate or an Ordinary Degree/National Diploma with Merit or Distinction or equivalent will be considered for entry to year two or year three, respectively, of appropriate honours degree courses. Further information on transfer opportunities is available from the Admissions Office.

### *Transfers from other Universities, Institutes or Colleges*

Students from other third level institutions who are seeking exemption from at least the first year of a programme of study should apply directly to the Admissions Office rather than through the Central Applications Office.

## MATURE APPLICANTS

### **All Programmes OTHER than Nursing & Midwifery**

Mature Students (at least 23 years of age on or before 1st January of year of commencement) may apply for entry to any of the University's programmes of study.

Each mature application is considered on an individual basis. Academic qualifications, work and life experience, motivation and overall potential for the programme of study are evaluated, usually, but not always, by means of an interview.

### **To submit an application for consideration as a mature student, the following steps must be completed:**

1. Apply through the CAO by **1st February 2017**.
2. All supporting documentation evidencing qualifications, courses, employment, and any personal statements, essays or other documentation must also be posted to the CAO by 1st February 2017.

3. Register for MSAP – Mature Students Admissions Pathway for the following programmes only:

LM089 Bachelor of Science in Sport & Exercise Sciences  
LM100 Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy  
LM102 Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Test date is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. For further information please visit the MSAP Ireland website: <https://msap-ireland.acer.edu.au/>

4. LM103 Bachelor of Science in Paramedic Studies: Mature applicants must satisfy their suitability by means of an assessment test and subsequent interview (ranked). A full, clean B plus C1 Driving Licence is required.
5. There are specific supporting guidelines for the following programmes:  
  
LM038 Psychology and Sociology / LM099 Architecture
6. LM026 BA Performing Arts: applicants are required to sit an interview and audition with the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance. We will write to all applicants regarding these requirements after the application has been made through the CAO.

Further details are available on our website: [www.ul.ie/admissions](http://www.ul.ie/admissions)  
Tel: +353 61 202015 / Email: [admissions@ul.ie](mailto:admissions@ul.ie)

### **Nursing & Midwifery Programmes**

Applicants to degree programmes in Nursing and Midwifery must apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO) by **1 February**. Late applications are not accepted through CAO for Mature Nursing. Mature applicants for Nursing must also register and apply through the Public Appointments Service (PAS) website: [www.publicjobs.ie](http://www.publicjobs.ie) PAS undertakes the written assessment on behalf of the Nursing Careers Centre (NCC) See Note c) above for more information.

### **Mature Student Access Certificate**

The Mature Student Access Certificate is a one year pre-degree course. Information is available from the Mature Student Office. Information on student supports is also available from the Mature Student Office, contact: Tel: +353 61 202735 Website [www.ul.ie/mso](http://www.ul.ie/mso) Email: [mso@ul.ie](mailto:mso@ul.ie)

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

People with disabilities wishing to pursue an academic programme at the University may apply through the CAO. Applicants may disclose their disability/specific learning difficulty on the CAO form. Potential applicants may wish to make advance contact with the Disability Liaison Officer: Telephone: +353 61 202346.

Candidates presenting with a specific learning difficulty or hearing impairment may be considered for exemption from the second language requirement. Evidence of such a learning difficulty must be submitted to the Admissions Office. For further information, contact the Admissions Office, tel. +353 61 202015, email: [admissions@ul.ie](mailto:admissions@ul.ie)

### **RE-ADMISSION**

Applications from students seeking readmission must be submitted directly to the Admissions Office by 1 July. Candidates will be assessed on their academic record and must satisfy both the requirements and points for the programme of study sought.

### **APPLICANTS FROM NON-EU COUNTRIES**

Students from Non-EU countries must apply directly to the International Education Office at the University. The closing date for Applications is 1 May. The contact details for International Education are:

Tel: +353 61 202414 Email: [international@ul.ie](mailto:international@ul.ie)  
Website: [www.ul.ie/international/](http://www.ul.ie/international/)