Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1st February
[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

Late applications are not accepted for this programme.

No. of places reserved for mature students: 5

*Guideline figure. Not all mature student places may be filled, as the number and quality of applications received in any year may vary.*

**Application Process:**

1. **CAO application form** – Applicants must ensure that they tick the ‘mature’ special category on the CAO application form and complete Sections 1 to 11 of the Mature Applicant section.
2. **Essay** – Applicants to LM038 are required to submit a short essay using no more than 500 words. Your essay should have the following title: "Reasons why I’m ready to undertake a degree in Psychology & Sociology". See guidelines overleaf for further details and information.
3. **Supporting documentation** – All supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of prior qualifications, essay for LM038 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

**Minimum Entry Requirements:**

- Submission of essay with CAO application.

**Application Assessment Criteria:**

- Prior education
- Work/life experience
- Transferable skills
- Essay*

*Applications without the essay will not be considered*
Interview Assessment Criteria:

- No interview. Places awarded on basis of application and essay only.

Guidelines for writing essay for LM038

Applicants to LM038 are required to submit a short essay using no more than 500 words. Your essay should have the following title:

"Reasons why I'm ready to undertake a degree in Psychology & Sociology".

The essay should address the following:

1. Demonstrate that you have the academic skills needed to take part in an undergraduate degree programme (IT, writing, numeracy and study skills).
2. Demonstrate an interest in and knowledge of psychology as a science, including career possibilities.

- This essay, together with any additional information and exam results, must be sent to the CAO
- Please also ensure that you include your CAO number on your essay