Application information for mature student applicants

| Apply through CAO by 1st February | Late applications are not accepted for this programme. |

No. of places reserved for mature students: 11

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.
2. Register for MSAP test – Applicants to LM089 must ensure they register for and complete the Mature Student Admissions Pathway (MSAP) test. Registration for the MSAP must usually be completed by mid-February. See overleaf for further information and instructions.

Minimum Entry Requirements:
- N/A

Application Assessment Criteria:
- Applicants are required to undertake the Mature Students Admissions Pathway (MSAP) test. See https://msap-ireland.acer.org/ for test dates, details on how to register and prepare for the test.

Interview Assessment Criteria:
- No interview. Places awarded on basis of performance in the MSAP.
Additional assessment information for applicants to LM089:

The Mature Student Admissions Pathways (MSAP) test is designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in higher education studies. The purpose of the test is to assess your ability to understand and analyse material you will be given, to think critically about issues and to organise and express your thoughts in a logical and effective way. All applicants must first obtain their Central Applications Office (CAO) number. You need this number to successfully complete your MSAP test registration.

- If you register by 2nd February 2020 the test fee is €83. If you register between 3rd and 16th February 2020 the test fee is €118.
- **Test Dates 2020:**
  - Saturday 7th March 2020 – Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick
  - Thursday 12th March 2020 – Dublin only
- Candidates will be asked to arrive at a specified time and should allow around 3 - 3.5 hours at the venue. This will include time for checking in all candidates, pre-test procedures, instruction time, handing out and collection of test papers, and actual test time.
- Applicants for LM089 will be expected to sit **Module 1** (Written English) and **Module 3** (Reasoning in the Sciences, Mathematics and Social Sciences) of the MSAP

For information about MSAP, including practice materials, and to register to sit the test, please visit the website: [https://msap-ireland.acer.org/](https://msap-ireland.acer.org/).