

STUDENTS  
GOING  
STRAIGHT INTO  
5TH YEAR



SUBJECT CHOICE – VERY  
IMPORTANT

# WHAT IS SUBJECT CHOICE?



Subject choice involves the choosing of subjects for your Leaving Certificate Examination



It is a very important process that can have implications for future career choices after leaving school



It needs your time and your attention and you should make sure you research your choices.

# MAKING THE CHOICE?

Think about how you like to learn:

- Do YOU like learning things off by heart?  
(Biology/Geography/Ag Science/Business/French)
- Do YOU prefer problem solving?  
(Chemistry/Physics/Accounting/DCG)
- Do YOU like doing research?  
(History/Home Economics)
- Do YOU prefer more practical tasks?  
(Metalwork/Woodwork/Design/Art/Music)



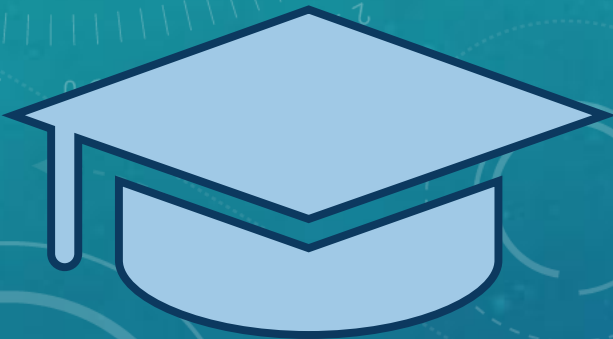


# THINGS TO CONSIDER.....

- What subjects am I good at now?
- What subjects do you like?
- Ask present teachers about your abilities and the subject
- What are your aptitudes/strengths
- Are you neat and tidy in your approach to work tasks?
- Do you like to be challenged?
- Do you like reading/writing?
- Do you like studying abstract concepts and ideas?
- What subjects do I need to study to help me achieve my career goals?
- If you are unsure of your career path, keep your choice of subjects wide to keep your options open



# MATRICULATION- NUI UNIVERSITIES



Matriculation refers to the minimum requirements for entry to the University.

Before you can be considered for admission you must meet these minimum standards.

Matriculation has nothing to do with points -*Honours Degree – level 8*

\*UCD

\* UCC

\* NUI Maynooth

\* NUI Galway

# THIRD LANGUAGE - FRENCH

A **third language** is required for entry to **National University of Ireland colleges** for most degree programmes in Arts, Human Sciences, Social Science, Medicine and Health Sciences and some other degrees.

The following NUI universities and colleges require a pass in a third language for most of their courses:

- UCC                      \* NUI Galway
  - UCD                     \* Maynooth
  - The Royal College of Surgeons
  - Pontifical University, Maynooth
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- Entry to the Cadetships in the Army, Army Equitation, Air Corps and Naval Service require a third Language.



# SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## Pharmacy UCC & TCD

- H4 in Chemistry &
- second Science Subject

## Physiotherapy (TCD)

- H4 in two science subjects

## Medicine


- H3 in Chemistry and
- H4 second science subject

## Human Nutrition

- H4 in Chemistry

## Primary Teaching

- H4 in Irish

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# CORE SUBJECTS COLÁISTE DÚN AN RÍ

**Irish**

**English**

**Maths**

These subjects must be done by everyone.

Exception: If you have an official exemption from Irish now it follows through to Leaving Cert and on to 3<sup>rd</sup> level.



# SUBJECTS ON OFFER

- Construction
- Engineering
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Home Economics
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Art
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Agricultural Science
- Leaving Cert PE
- Accounting
- Business
- French



# THE PROCESS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> – Order of Preference

- Construction
- Engineering
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Home Economics
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Agricultural Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- Music
- Art
- Accounting
- Business

You will be asked to number the subjects in the order that you most want them.

The lines offered are created based on these initial responses.

Make your decisions after due consideration and research

Teacher allocation and number of classes per subject are decided at this point

Another class cannot be suddenly created in Sept because some did not put in enough thought NOW!!!

# KEEPING ALL OPTIONS OPEN



ENGLISH



IRISH



MATHS



LANGUAGE



SCIENCE  
SUBJECT

# ENTRY TO FUTURE OPTIONS

## 3 FACTORS TO CONSIDER



1.

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

(Matriculation)



2.

### SPECIFIC COURSE/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

(may involve interviews,  
portfolios etc.).



3.

### POINTS

(points are not required  
for many options after  
secondary school).



# BAD REASONS FOR CHOOSING



## Helpful Tips

- Who you expect will be teaching the subject.
- What your friends are doing.
- Rumours from older brothers/sisters or friends about what is an "easy" subject - a subject is only easy if you are good at it.
- Be wary of biased advice !





# IMPORTANT!

- THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO EVERY RULE.
- IF YOU HAVE SOME SPECIFIC AREA IN MIND  
CHECK IF IT HAS ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.
- ASK QUESTIONS
- DO YOUR RESEARCH

# USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) – College entry system in Ireland

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) – UK/NI College entry system

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) – Course/Career/Subject research

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie) – Course/Career/Subject

[www.careersnews.ie](http://www.careersnews.ie) – Daily updates

[www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie) – HEAR/DARE

[www.apprenticeships.ie](http://www.apprenticeships.ie) – How to register for apprenticeships

All 3<sup>rd</sup> level institutions have a website





**YOUR FUTURE**

**YOUR EXAMS**

**YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**YOUR CHOICE**



The link to complete your subject choice will be send out on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February via Vsware.

You number them 1-6. 1 being your favourite 6 being your least favourite

Closing date is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February





THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR TIME.

QUESTIONS?