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SUBJECT CHOICE 2026

EACH STUDENT WILL BE SELECTING 2 OPTIONAL SUBJECT

SUBJECT CHOICE GUIDE

This presentation aims to:

- Help parents and students understand how to select their preferred optional subjects.
- Inform parents and students of the impact of their subject choices in further education.

CORE SUBJECTS:



- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- Business Studies
- Science

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ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS:

- Religion
- Physical Education
- S.P.H.E.
- C.S.P.E

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OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

Students will be selecting two of the subjects below for there optional subjects.

- French
- German
- Visual Art
- Graphics
- Wood Technology
- Engineering
- Applied Technology
- Home Economics



OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

French & German

Required for N.U.I. Colleges.

(There are some exceptions to this…Engineering and Science courses require a laboratory science subject, not a language)

Needed for entry to Cadetship in Army of Air Corp. (NUI requirements)

Employers rate language skills highly, especially combined with IT or Business.

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MORE OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

- **Wood Technology –** Recommended for Construction Studies for Leaving Certificate. Careers include Building Surveyor, Quantity Surveyor, Woodwork Teacher, Carpenter.
- **Engineering –** Recommended for Engineering for Leaving Certificate. Project work involves working with different materials and metals in particular.
- **Applied Technology –** A little more academic than Engineering. Involves a module on electronics. Useful preparation for Technology at Leaving Certificate Level.
- **Home Economics -** It is concerned with the management of resources (material and human). Biological Health Sciences, Farming, Tourism., Retail& Purchasing

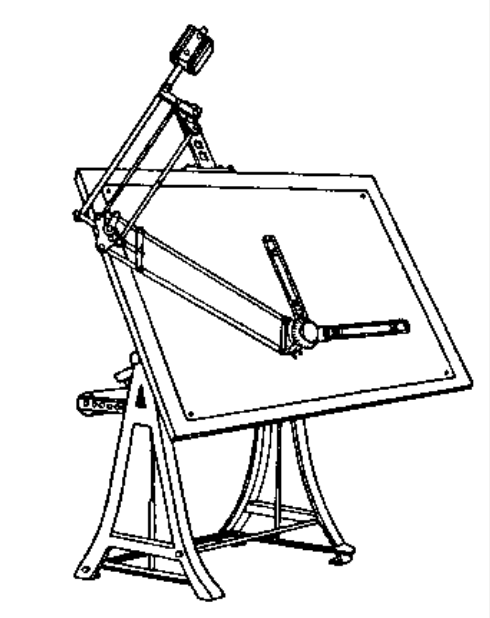


MORE OPTIONAL SUBJECTS:

- **Visual Art –** Recommended for Art College, Architecture, Graphic Design, Animation, Medical Device Design, Photography and Print media.

- **Graphics–** Useful for Construction Studies and compulsory for Design and Communications at Leaving Certificate Level.
- Useful if pursuing apprenticeships or technical courses at Third Level, e.g. Engineering, Architecture etc.





ASSESSMENT BREAKDOWN

ENGINEERING

30% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM
70% PRACTICAL PROJECT

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
linked to sec project

VISUAL ART

100% PRACTICAL PROJECT

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
linked to sec project

GRAPHICS

30% PRACTICAL PROJECT
70% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
linked to sec project

WOOD TECHNOLOGY

70% PROJECT AND WRITE UP
30% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
linked to sec project

HOME ECONOMICS

50% PRACTICAL COOKING EXAM
50% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
linked to sec project

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

70% PRACTICAL PROJECT EXAM
30% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR

GERMAN

90% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM

10% ASSESSMENT TASK

CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
language portfolio

FRENCH

90% WRITTEN THEORY EXAM

10% ASSESSMENT TASK

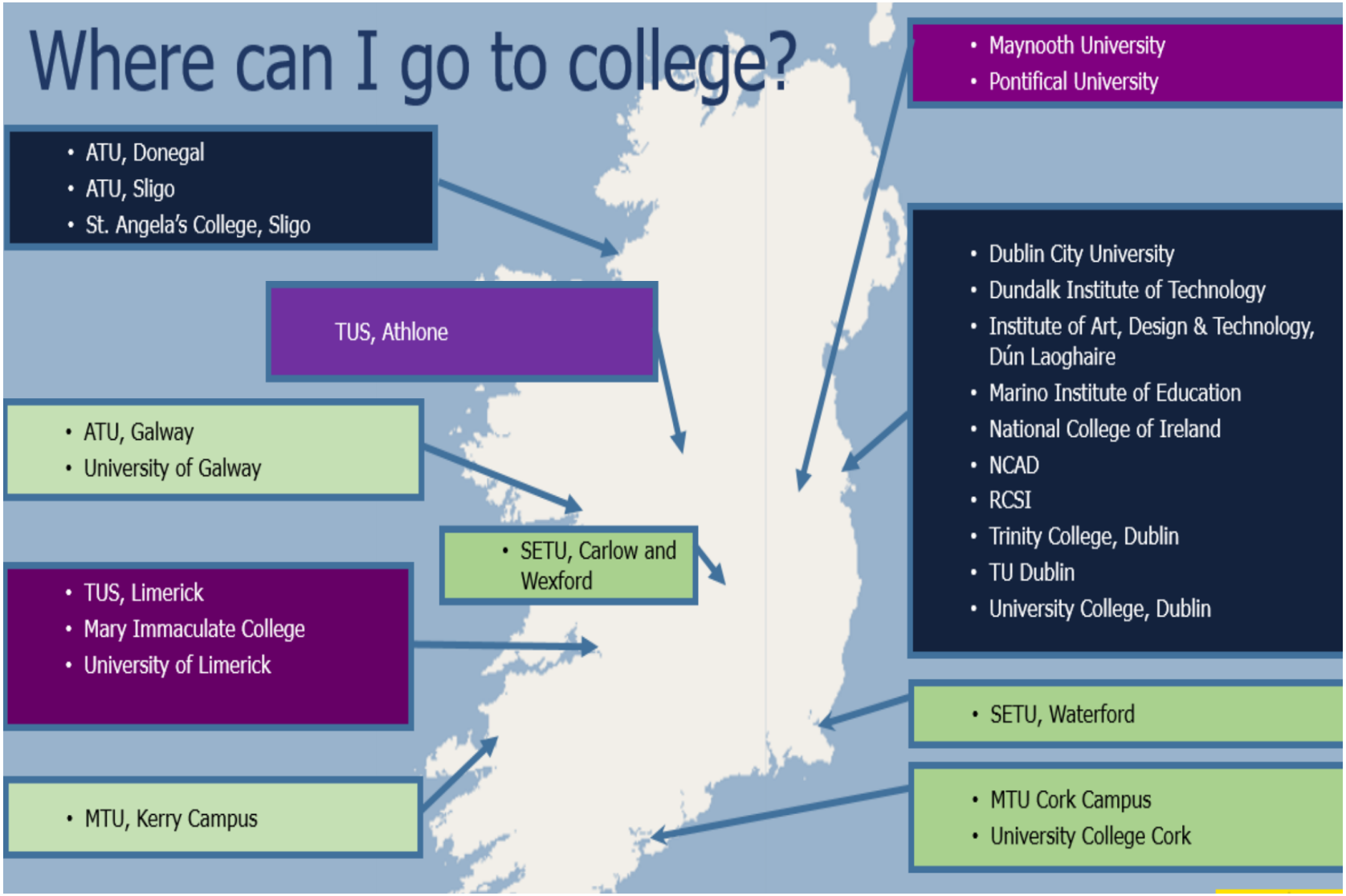
CBA1 2nd YEAR

CBA2 3rd YEAR
language portfolio

WHEN MAKING SUBJECT CHOICES STUDENTS SHOULD:

- Like the subject.
- Have considered the importance of the subject for Leaving Certificate choices.
- Have considered the importance of the subject for Third Level courses.
- Have considered their ability to do well in the subject.
- Have considered parent's and teacher's advice.




Where can I go to college?
• ATU, Donegal
• ATU, Sligo
• St. Angela's College, Sligo
TUS, Athlone
• ATU, Galway
• University of Galway
• SETU, Carlow and Wexford
• TUS, Limerick
• Mary Immaculate College
• University of Limerick
• MTU, Kerry Campus
• Maynooth University
• Pontifical University
• Dublin City University
• Dundalk Institute of Technology
• Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dún Laoghaire
• Marino Institute of Education
• National College of Ireland
• NCAD
• RCSI
• Trinity College, Dublin
• TU Dublin
• University College, Dublin
• SETU, Waterford
• MTU Cork Campus
• University College Cork

NUI

National University of Ireland

UCD – University College Dublin

NUIM - National University of Ireland Maynooth

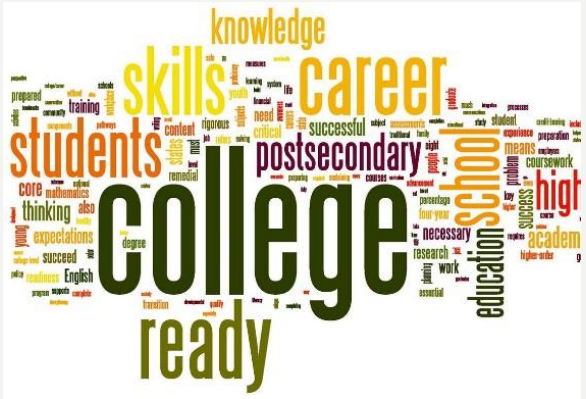
NUIG - National University of Ireland Galway

UCC – University College Cork



TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES





Examples include…

- SETU– Waterford & Carlow Institute of Technology
- TUD – Dublin Institute of Technology
- MTU – Cork & Kerry Institute of Technology

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS:

- **Irish** – Required for N.U.I. Colleges and also, careers in primary teaching.

- **English** – Required for almost all colleges. Required at higher level for courses in Communications, Journalism & Clinical Speech.

- **Maths** – The Majority of Technological Universities require at least Ordinary level Maths. Higher level Maths is required for some courses (IT, engineering & finance). Also, very important for Apprenticeships.



COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- **History/ Geography –** Useful for Journalism, Law, Architecture and Politics.

- **Science –** Most medical, paramedical and science courses require a science subject. Leaving Certificate options - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science.

- **Business Studies –** Not required but recommended if pursuing any business-related courses at Third Level. Leaving Certificate options - Accounting, Business and Economics.



SCHOOL LIMITATIONS:

Every effort will be made to assist students to get their preferred subject choice options.

However, the following slide shows the projected availability in each subject. Some subjects are more sought after and we approach the task by offering a balance of practical subjects for each student where possible.

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PROJECTED - SUBJECT AVAILABILITY

- Home Economics – 20 Students
- Visual Art – 24 Students
- French – 30 Students
- German – 30 Students
- Graphics – 48 Students
- Engineering – 48 Students
- Wood Technology – 48 Students
- Applied Technology – 48 Students

HOW TO PICK YOUR SUBJECTS :

On the VSware app you will be able to pick your subjects on order of preference:

E.g.

Option 1 - French

Option 2 - Graphics

Option 3 - Art

Option 4 - Engineering

Option 5 - Wood Technology

*Please Note*****

Please select your favourite subject in option 1, second favourite in option 2 etc…



NEXT STEPS



Online process for entering your subject choice will open Friday the 06th of November.



The closing date for online will be Wednesday the 11th of November

FURTHER INFORMATION

www.careersportal.ie

www.qualifax.ie

www.curriculumonline.ie

www.ncca.ie

www.jct.ie

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