



Subject Choice

COLAISTE BRIDE 2026

Reasons for Choosing Subjects

- ▶ Interested in and good at the subject
- ▶ Subjects required for course/career
- ▶ Subjects that help get sufficient points
- ▶ Subject that is relevant to your chosen career area
- ▶ Subjects that allow broad options

How to make informed decisions?

- ▶ Review the results of previous tests/exams in the subject
- ▶ Talk to 5th & 6th Year students and teachers of the subject
- ▶ Attend the Subject Choice class sessions and take notes
- ▶ Research the subjects using the information that will be posted on Teams
- ▶ Contact the Guidance Counsellor with any questions

Options

Students take **7 subjects** for the Leaving Certificate

English

Irish

Maths

and preferably a European language – **French or Italian**

Students must choose 4 subjects

Modern Languages	Business	Science	Artistic & Creative	Technology	Social & Humanities
French	Accounting	Biology	Art	Computer Science	Geography
Italian	Business	Physics	Music		Religious Education
Polish	Economics	Chemistry			Home Economics
	Enterprise (LCVP Link Modules)	Agricultural Science Physical Education			History

Higher or Ordinary Level?

Higher Level Grades	Higher Level Points	% Bands	Ordinary Level Grades	Ordinary Level Points
H1	100	90-100%	O1	56
H2	88	80-89%	O2	46
H3	77	70-79%	O3	37
H4	66	60-69%	O4	28
H5	56	50-59%	O5	20
H6	46	40-49%	O6	12
H7	37	30-39%	O7	0
H8	0	0-29%	O8	0

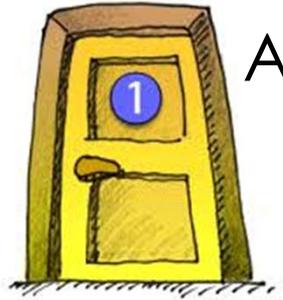
Foundation Level	
F1	20
F2	12

LCVP		
	Distinction	66
	Merit	46
	Pass	28

Higher Level Maths

- ▶ **25 BONUS** POINTS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE A **H6 OR ABOVE** IN HIGHER LEVEL MATHS
- ▶ THIS MEANS THAT THE MAXIMUM LEAVING CERT POINTS IS 625 (6 H1S AND 25 BONUS POINTS FOR HIGHER LEVEL MATHS)

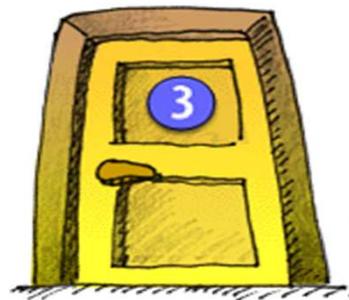
Subject Choice Impacts on College Options



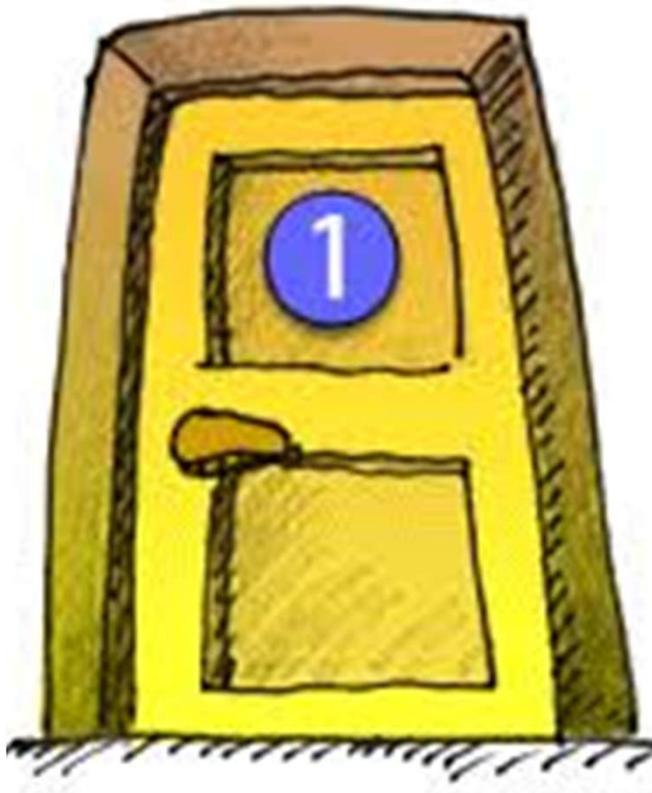
A College's Minimum Entry Requirements



Subject/Course Requirements



Final Selection Process –
CAO/Interview/Portfolio/Aptitude
Tests



A College's Minimum Entry Requirements

- **DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES HAVE DIFFERENT MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.**
- **STUDENTS NEED TO CHECK THE COLLEGE WEBSITE**



Minimum Entry Requirements for UCD, NUI Maynooth, RCSI, NCAD) Level 8-Honours Degrees

- ▶ Six subjects, including English, Irish and (possibly) a third language.
- ▶ In two of these subjects, students must have achieved grade H5 and at least a grade H7 or O6 in four other subjects = 2H5 & 4O6/H7

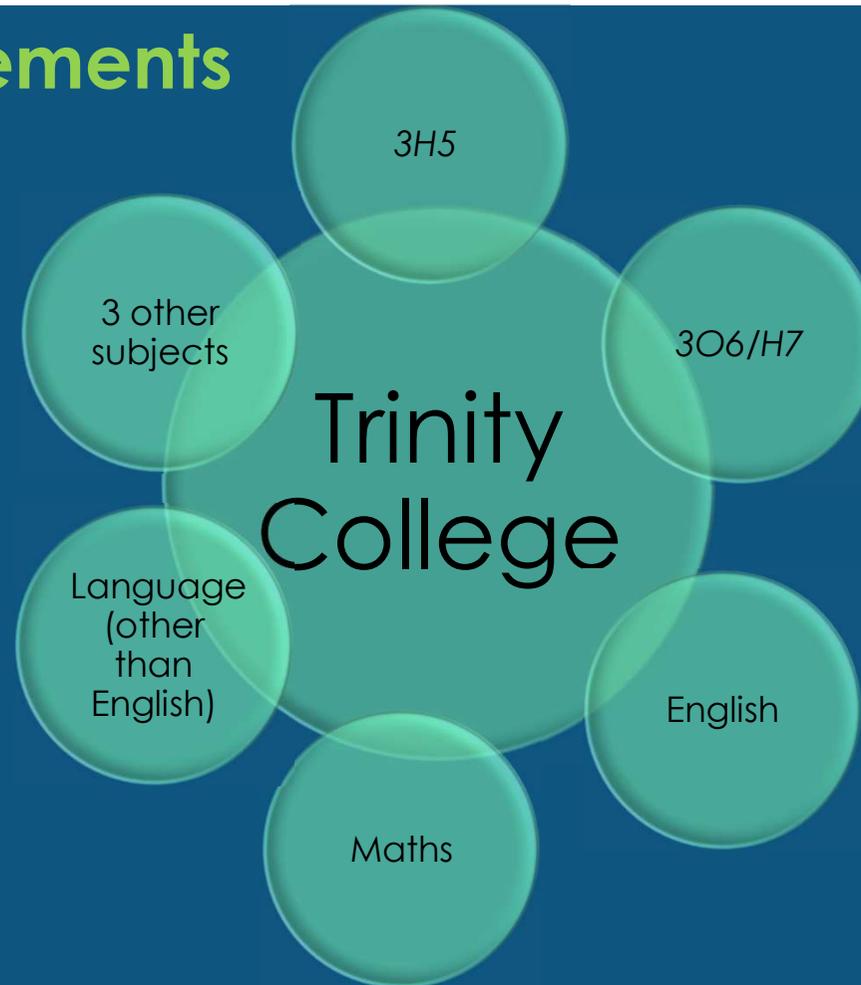
A 3rd
Language
for UCD,
Maynooth,
RCSI, NCAD)

- ▶ In recent years, some courses have removed the 3rd language requirement: Maynooth's Finance, Business, and Law courses.
- ▶ All languages available in the Leaving Certificate and all EU languages are acceptable for this as a 3rd language
- ▶ In general, a 3rd Language is not required for programmes in Science or Engineering but there may be some exceptions

Minimum Entry Requirements - Trinity College

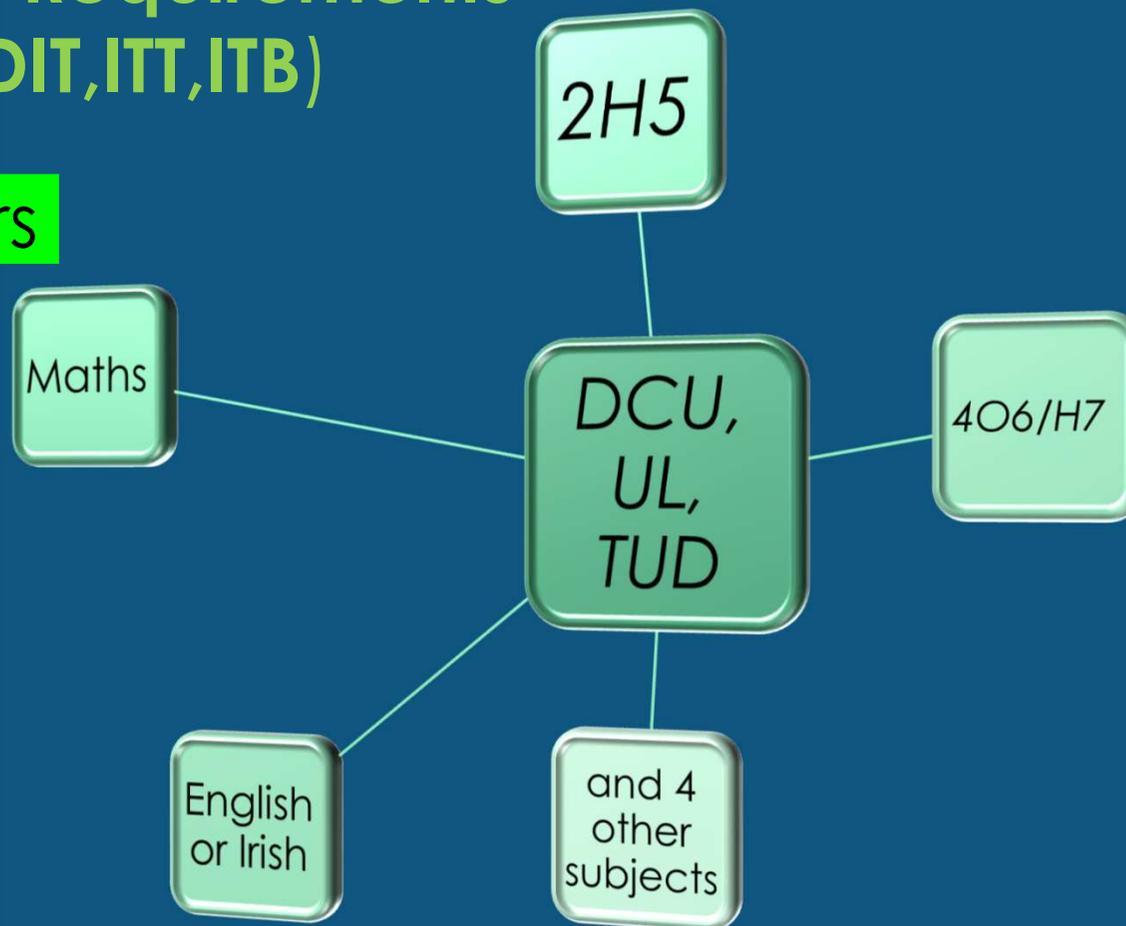
Level 8-Honours Degrees

*Ag Science & Biology
may not be used as 2 of the
H/O grades required
*Art & Music may
not be used as 2 of the
H/O grades required



Minimum Entry Requirements – DCU, UL, TUD (DIT,ITT,ITB)

Level 8-Honours
Degrees



TU Dublin

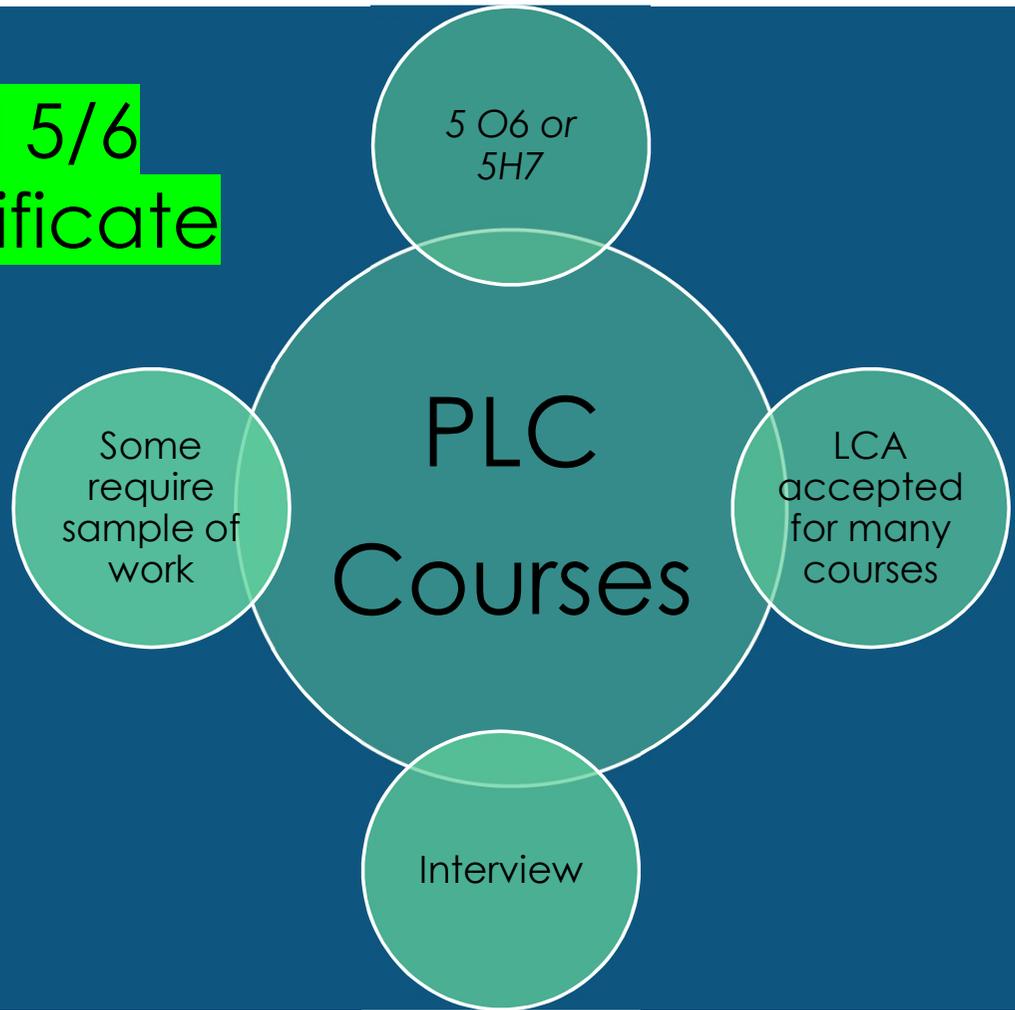
Level 7-
Ordinary
Degree

&

Level 6 – Higher
Certificate

- ▶ Students require 5 O6/H7, including Maths and Irish or English

Level 5/6
Certificate



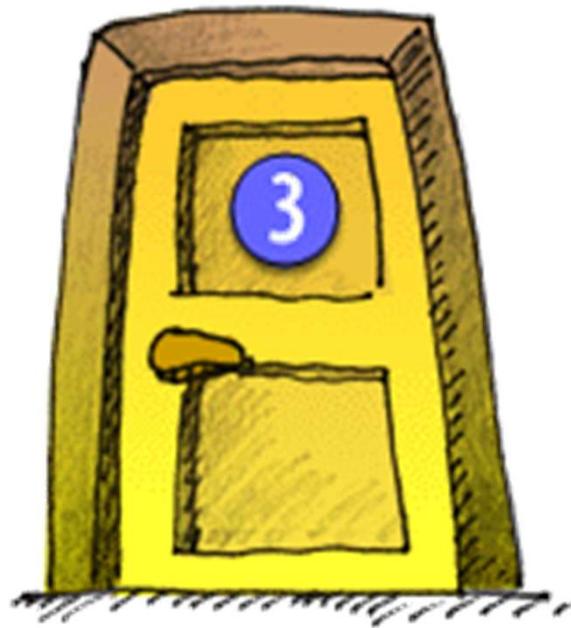


Subject/Faculty Requirements

Many courses also require a 3rd language. There may be additional course requirements, such as maths, or a science subject for specific courses

Examples:

- ▶ **Nursing** requires a **Science subject** (grade varies from college to college)
- ▶ **Primary School Teaching** requires a **H4 in Irish**
- ▶ **International Business & Languages** in TU Dublin has a **H4 language requirement**
- ▶ **Veterinary Medicine** in **UCD** requires **H5 in Chemistry**



Final Selection Process –
CAO Points /
Interview/Portfolio/
Aptitude Tests



August 2028



A student will be offered their preferred CAO course if they meet

1. Minimum Entry Requirements
2. Subject Requirements
3. Complete Final Selection Process



► ***All of which will be impacted by their Subject Choice***

Keep Options Open

- Find out the specific requirements needed for your area of interest
- Not choosing a science subject can close doors at this stage

Where can students sometimes go wrong?

Take Responsibility

- For their choices and take notes on the subject information provided

Attendance

- Absent and miss out on information sessions

Forget

- to consider previous results

Choose

- a subject to keeps options open, even though they dislike/struggle with it



Remember

▶ Interest
&
▶ Ability

If you enjoy the subject the POINTS will come

Useful Sites for
Subject
Research

► **Qualifax.ie**



► **Careersportal.ie**

