St Augustine's College

5th Year Subject Choice

Subject Choice Submission date
Feb 4 2026

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Principal

Ms. Elaine Moore

Deputy Principal

How to rank your 5th year subject choices online

1. 5th Year Subjects Offered in St. Augustine's College.
2. How to rank your subjects
3. Subject Considerations and advice.
4. The subject options process and resources.

5th Year Students Study 7 Exam Subjects

All Students must study the following CORE Exam subjects in 5th year:

English
Gaeilge *
Mathematics

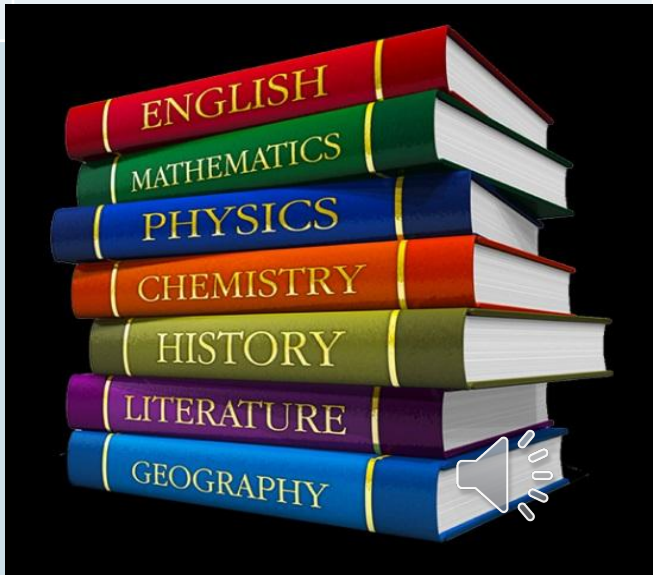
Wellbeing Subjects (no exam)

SPHE & RSE
Religion
Physical Education
Wellbeing
Guidance

* **Exception:** If a student is exempt in Gaeilge/Language due to a Specific Learning Difficulty or educated outside of Ireland up to age 12.

Students Choose 4 Choice Subjects

Business	Science	Humanities	Technical/Social
Business Studies	Biology	Art	Construction
Accounting	Chemistry	Music	DCG
Economics	Physics	French Spanish	Home Economics-Scientific & Social
LCVP* *Must have subject combinations.*	Agricultural Science	German	
	*Applied Maths** *(after school as an extra subject)*	History Geography Politics and Society Physical Education (Exam)	



Step 1.

Parents/Guardians

will be sent a link via email

From TYRO

Step 2 Click on link sent via email / push notification from TYRO

Register

Individual subject choice ranking page
Click on 1st Year Subject Choice

Step 3 Filling out Options Preferences

Preference 1-4 Reserve 1-3 SAVE

Option Subjects

Pref. 1	Pref. 2	Pref. 3	Pref. 4	Reserve 1	Reserve 2	Reserve 3
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- Accounting
- Agricultural Science
- Art, Craft, Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Construction Studies
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Economics
- Framework for Senior Cycle Physical Education
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Home Economics S&S (New Syllabus)
- LCVP

Review Then Save/Submit

Option Subjects

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Accounting	Agricultural ...	Chemistry	Design & Co...	Geography	History	LCVP
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Stick to the Deadline

Ms McGrath

& Ms Hearn

Guidance

The Process of a successful Subject Choice

Your Future Focus

To be discussed:

CORE SUBJECTS

OPTION SUBJECTS

DECISION MAKING

THIRD LEVEL SPECIFIC SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

COURSEWORK

USEFUL RESEARCH TOOLS

SUBJECT OPTIONS SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

ROUTES AFTER SCHOOL

- APPLY TO **POST LEAVING CERT COURSES** (YOU APPLY DIRECTLY TO COLLEGE) www.FETCHCOURSES.ie

- APPLY TO EMPLOYERS DIRECTLY FOR **APPRENTICESHIPS**
- **New: Finance, hospitality, accounting technician, commis chef, auctioneering, biopharma** www.apprenticeship.ie

- APPLY TO COURSES THROUGH THE **CAO** (CENTRAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE) UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY –MTU, UCC

Senior Cycle Options: Subject Choice

Factors to consider

- Your <u>interest</u> in the subject
- Your <u>ability</u> in the subject
- Your <u>future</u> career aspirations

5th Year Subject Options

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https://exemptions.nui.ie/

Senior Cycle: Optional Subjects

- Accounting
- Business
- Economics

- LCVP

- Art
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Politics and Society

- French
- German
- Spanish

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Agriculture Science

- Home Economics
- Design Communication Graphics
- Construction

Modern Language Requirements

- These universities require a student to have a third language for **some** courses:
- However, if a student has a **language exemption**, the language exemption this follows through to 3rd level.

NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

UCC
University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

RCSI

NUI (UCC) Third Language Requirement

You do not need a Third language for

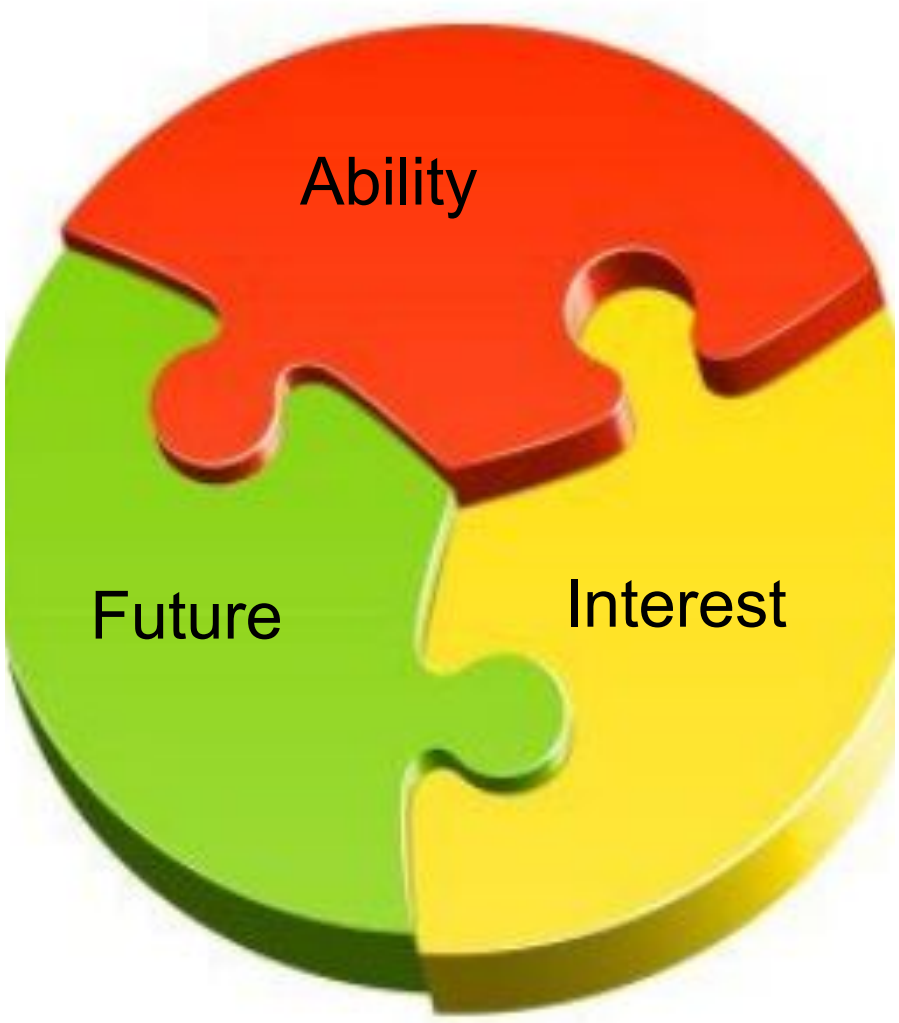
General Science,
Engineering,
Nursing

Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

Primary Teaching

You need a H7/O6 in a language for every other course faculty.

- At Present: **NUI** Colleges (NUIG, NUIM, UCC & UCD) require a **3rd Language** for entry to most courses.
- Other colleges require **two languages**: English and Irish/3rd Language.
    - **Technological Universities** require **English or Irish.**
- **The Defence Forces** also requires Irish, English and a 3rd Language - Cadetship
- **Garda Siochana** Requires two languages: English and Irish/3rd Language
- You do not need a 3rd language to study Science, Nursing, Engineering or Primary School Teaching.



Factors to consider

- YOUR INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT
- YOUR ABILITY IN THE SUBJECT
- YOUR FUTURE CAREER ASPIRATIONS

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SENIOR CYCLE

- HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUNIOR AND SENIOR CYCLE
- FEWER SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION SO SUBJECTS ARE STUDIED IN GREATER DEPTH
- MORE TIME GIVEN TO THOSE SUBJECTS
- THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY WITH REGARD TO SUBJECTS IS MUCH HIGHER

PREPARATION FOR GOOD SUBJECT CHOICE

- RESEARCH DIFFERENT SUBJECTS ONLINE (www.careersportal.ie , www.staugustines.ie)
- STUDENTS ARE BEING ADVISED TO SPEAK WITH SUBJECT TEACHERS (JC TEACHERS CAN ADVISE ON SUITABILITY)
- DISCUSS SUBJECT CHOICE WITH PARENTS
- TRY TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN LEARNING BASED SUBJECTS AND PRACTICAL / APPLIED SUBJECTS.

LC Points System

SYSTEM USED IN 3RD LEVEL SELECTION PROCESS

CANNOT COMBINE LC POINTS FROM DIFFERENT YEARS

CAN COMBINE COLLEGE AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS (EXCEPT FOR MEDICINE)

POINTS TOTAL IS CALCULATED FROM 6 BEST SUBJECTS.

25 BONUS POINTS FOR HL MATHS

Points System

- Honours Maths
  25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for higher level maths, at grades H6 (40%+) and above.

- Important Change
  Grade H7 (Hons 30%- 40%) will earn points in new system

Higher Level Grade	CAO Points	Ordinary Level Grade	CAO Points
H1 (90 – 100)	100		
H2 (80 < 90)	88		
H3 (70<80)	77		
H4 (60 <70)	66		
H5 (50 < 60)	56	O1 (90 – 100)	56
H6 (40 < 50)	46	O2 (80 < 90)	46
H7 (30 < 40)	37	O3 (70 < 80)	37
H8 (0 < 30)	0	O4 (60 < 70)	28
		O5 (50 < 60)	20
		O6 (40 < 50)	12
		O7 (30 < 40)	0
		O8 (0 < 30)	0

Getting into college:

Biological and Chemical Sciences UCC
Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree

General Requirements

6 Subjects

2 H5s +
4 O6/H7s

English, Irish, & Maths

Specific Course Requirements

Science H4

Points

533 Points

LCVP

- Distinction: 80-100% (66 points)
- Merit: 65-79% (46 points)
- Pass: 50-64% (28 points)

CAO Points System – Third Level Entry

- The 6 subjects with the highest points are used for CAO Course Entry
- Points are calculated from **one sitting** of the Leaving Cert
- Points - reflect demand of year in question!
- All 3rd level colleges give the subject requirements necessary for entry to their courses in their Prospectus or on their website.

Check….

- Do you need a Science/Lab subject?
- Do you need a specific subject for a specific course?

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Main Considerations

- **Minimum Entry Requirements**
  - 2 H5 & 4 O6/H7
  - 3 H5 & 4 O6/H7
- **Specific Course Requirements**
  - Veterinary Medicine UCD - Chemistry H4
  - Primary Teaching - Irish H4
  - H3 in modern language if want to study it in UCC.
- **CAO Points**

The number of courses which require specific subjects are quite limited, but these courses need to be researched.

Apprenticeships

- ESB Electrical (SOLAS)
- Suir Engineering
- Radley’s Engineering
- Johnson Controls (Albert Quay)
- Heavy Vehicle mechanics for Bus Éireann
- www.apprenticeship.ie

Entry requirement: 06/H7 in one science subject (Physics, Chem, DCG)

Getting into college:

General Engineering MTU
Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree

General Requirements	Specific Course Requirements	Points
6 Subjects 2 H5s + 4 O6/H7s English or Irish Maths	Maths O1/H6	467 Points

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For all Leaving Cert subject information please click:
https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php

Senior Cycle Redevelopment

https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/senior-cycle-redevelopment/

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Leaving Cert Subjects

Practical Group

These subjects are 'hands-on' and involve working with tools and machinery on physical things like wood, metals and plastic. They may involve designing, planning and building things.

- Construction Technology
- Engineering
- Physical Education
- Technology

Science Group

These subjects demonstrate how to explore nature using carefully planned methods, and teach the basic methods and findings of scientific investigation.

- Agricultural Science
- Applied Maths
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics

Amy O'Dwyer, Associate Sustainability Advisor

What subjects did you take in school and how have these influenced your career path?

I loved Geography in school, and this is why I decided to study it in University.

Ask me another question!

John Oglesby, Deck Hand

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Senior Cycle Redevelopment

The redevelopment of Senior Cycle is guided by the vision of a Senior Cycle that delivers “equity and excellence for all”. The reimagined Senior Cycle will enrich the student experience in school, maintain the quality of Ireland’s education system and reduce the pressures on students.

The redeveloped Senior Cycle includes the development of new and revised subject curricula,, with a significant emphasis on additional assessment components outside of the traditional final written exams

Information for students

Information for parents

Information for schools

St. Augustine's College

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Leaving Certificate Class of 2028

Senior Cycle subjects that have a project element

18 of the Leaving Certificate subjects offered in the School will have a Project element in 2028. The projects are done with support from the class teacher but are assessed by the State Examinations Commission.

The deadline for submission of each subject has not yet been set, but are usually in the final term (after Christmas - Easter) of 6th year.

In addition to these projects & their percentage listed here, all **languages** have an oral component that will be assessed (expected to be during the Easter holidays of 2028).

For Irish the oral is worth 40% of the final mark.

For other languages, the oral is worth 25% of the final mark.

	Percentage of final grade that comes from Project Work
Art	70 (50% from coursework and 20% from practical exam)
LCVP	60
PE (as exam subject)	50
DCG	40
Biology	40
Physics	40
Chemistry	40
Business	40
Geography	40
Agricultural Science	25
Music	25 (performance)
Economics	20
Home Economics	20
History	20
Classical Studies	20
Applied Maths	20
Politics & Society	20
RE (as exam subject)	20

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Search for...

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Apps & Research Tools

World of Education Apps

Explore and prepare for going to college after leaving school. Find out how best to choose courses that suit you

- Subject Choice for LC
- CAO Choices
- PLC & FET Choices
- Money Matters
- Personal Statements
- Subject Choice Language Options

Research Tools

- CourseFinder
- Points Calculator
- PLC (QQI) Points Calculator
- Courses by Sector
- Progression Routes
- LCA Subjects

Unitas Veritas Caritas

Leaving Cert Subject Choices

add to Career Portfolio

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Start 1 2 3

Start

In this App you will indicate your preferences for the subjects you would like to study for your Leaving Cert.

Step 1 will list all the subjects available in your school. From this page you can research each subject, and when you have decided on which subjects you might like to study, you add them to your portfolio.

Step 2 will display the three Core subjects that all students must take. Here you indicate your preferences for the level you will take them at, Higher or Ordinary.

Step 3 will list all of the optional subjects you have selected. You are asked to describe why you are selecting each subject, and then to sort your subjects in order of preference - the subjects you most want to do at the top of the list.

In **Step 4** we will show you your preferred subjects and provide an option to print these.

Next: Step 1 - Choosing Subject Options →

Research subjects available in your school

Practical			
Construction Studies	View Presentation	Research Subject	Add
Science			
Agricultural Science	View Presentation	Research Subject	Add
Applied Maths	View Presentation	Research Subject	Add
Biology	View Presentation	Research Subject	Add
Chemistry	View Presentation	Research Subject	Add
Physics	View Presentation	Research Subject	Add
Artistic			

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Leaving Cert Subjects

Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate

Chemistry

Career Zone	NFQ Level	Duration
1 2 3 4 5	QQI 4	2 Years

- Summary
- Grades Awarded
- Course Overview
- Course Content
- Exam Structure
- Career Possibilities
- 3rd Level Requirements

3rd Level Requirements

Required for 3rd Level?

This subject may be essential for entry into some Third Level courses. Click on the link below to view courses that may require this subject for entry:

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Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

Subject

Chemistry

- (●) 7 courses definitely require Chemistry
- ( ) 204 courses may require Chemistry
- ( ) 1337 courses do not require Chemistry

Total: 1548

Advanced filters

Courses that definitely require Chemistry

Higher Education CAO | Level 8 NFQ | NFQ Type: Major | CK702

Dentistry

University College Cork
Cork City
CAO Points: 618

Higher Education CAO | Level 8 NFQ | NFQ Type: Major | RC007

Dentistry

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
St Stephens Green

Higher Education CAO | Level 8 NFQ | NFQ Type: Major | TU870

Human Nutrition & Dietetics - Grangegorman

TU Dublin - Technological University Dublin
Grangegorman
CAO Points: 555

Degree - Honours Bachelor

Physiotherapy

Add to favourites

University of Limerick - UL

Course Code	Zone	Level	NFQ Type	Duration	Attendance	CAO Points 2025 Round 2	Points Change
LM100	1 2 3 4 5	QQI 8	Major	4 Years	Full Time	589	0

- Course Summary
- Language Options
- Entry Requirements
- PLC Progression Links
- The Student
- Career Progression
- Further Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Points History	Minimum Subjects
589	2 H5 & 4 O6/H7

* Garda Vetting Required

- O6/H7 IN English
- O6/H7 IN Irish OR Any Other Language
- F6/O6/H7 IN Maths
- O3/H7 IN Agricultural Science OR Biology OR Physics OR Chemistry OR Physics/Chemistry OR Physical Education

COLLEGE PROFILE

University of Limerick - UL

Visit College Profile

View Prospectus

View Scholarships

View Courses

GENERAL ADVICE

Many students have an idea of their direction re. subject choice

SCIENTIFIC

ARTISTIC / CREATIVE

PRACTICAL

SOCIAL / HEALTH

HUMANITIES

BUSINESS

Making very acceptable combinations of choices

Many students will change their minds about their future a number of times in the next 2 years

If students are <u>really</u> not sure what they want to do in the future:

Pick a broad range of subjects in order to keep options open

- e.g.
  - one *science*
  - one *business*
  - one *humanities / practical*
- This combination would allow access into a broad range of courses/careers.

Remember

a. Focus on what you **like** and **enjoy** and are **good** at
b. Take note of future **college** and specific **course** requirements
c. Talk to **friends/students** who are studying it or have a **career** in an area you might like
d. Talk to **teachers** regarding the subjects you hope to do and examine the text books
e. Keep **all options open** if you are **unsure** of what course/career you want to do
f. Examine college **prospecti** (library) and the **websites and** attend **open days**

Remember!

- The information in this presentation is a sample and **should <u>not be treated as absolute</u>**

- It is the student's **<u>responsibility</u>** to research college and subject requirements for any course they're thinking about

- Consult **<u>www.careersportal.ie</u>** and **each** college website for the most up-to-date information.

How can it go wrong?

- Following **friends**' selections or teacher **reputation**
- Picking **traditional** subjects and so **limiting** options
- Not making a **fully informed** choice – relying on one source
- Not indicating choice by **order of preference**

Senior Cycle Options: Subject Choice

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Reminder

TY Parent Information for 3rd Year Parents Only

Monday 26th January

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Finally….

The Leaving Cert is like a cake:
Bake it in 5th Year,
Ice it in 6th Year!

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