

Leaving Certificate Subject Options

for the 2024 – 2025 academic year

Business and Science

Business Studies

- Accounting
- Business
- Economics

Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Construction and DCG

Woodwork

- Construction Studies

Technical Graphics

- Design and Communication Graphics (DCG)

Humanities and Foreign Languages

Humanities

- Geography
- History
- Music

Foreign Languages

- French
- Spanish

LCVP Link Modules

LCVP Portfolio – 60%

- 4 core items
 - Curriculum vitae, career investigation, action plan and summary report
- 2 optional items
 - Work experience diary, enterprise report, my own place investigation, recorded interview

LCVP Exam – 40%

- Section A: Audio-visual
- Section B: Case study
- Section C: 4 long questions from 6
- Usually held in May

Subject Requirements for LCVP

- Where previously there had been subject requirements to undertake the LCVP, Minister Normal Foley dropped these requirements for students starting fifth year in 2022.

% Score	HL Grades	CAO Points (HL)	% Score	OL Grades	CAO Points (OL)
90 – 100	H1	100	90 – 100	O1	56
80 – 89	H2	88	80 – 89	O2	46
70 – 79	H3	77	70 – 79	O3	37
60 – 69	H4	66	60 – 69	O4	28
50 – 59	H5	56	50 – 59	O5	20
40 – 49	H6	46	40 – 49	O6	12
30 – 39	H7	37	30 – 39	O7	0
0 – 29	H8	0	0 – 29	O8	0

25 bonus points awarded for grade H6 or better in HL maths

LCVP Grades and CAO Points

% Score	Award	CAO Points
80 – 100	Distinction	66
65 – 79	Merit	46
50 – 64	Pass	28

Subject Options – 3rd Level Requirements

Third Language

- NUI colleges (UCD, NUI Maynooth, UCC and NUI Galway and their associated colleges) require a pass in a third language
 - Exceptions
 - Not for engineering, science and agricultural courses
- NCAD (if not doing art or DCG)
- Any ‘international’ course

Subject Options – 3rd Level Requirements

Laboratory Science

- Science courses require at least one lab science, e.g. science, physiotherapy, etc.
 - RCSI medicine – chemistry plus biology/physics for 5 year stream
 - TCD medicine – 2 sciences
 - TCD human health and disease – biology plus another
- Chemistry is required for veterinary studies UCD, dietetics TUD and pharmacy RCSI
- Biology is required for human health and disease in TCD (as above) and health science LYIT (physio)
- Physics is required for theoretical physics in TCD
- Geography – science for general entry science in UCD; TR060, 61, 62 and 63 in TCD, but **not** DCU

Subject Options – 3rd Level Requirements

HL Irish

- Most level 8 degrees have a pass in Irish as a core entry requirement
- The main consequence of dropping higher level Irish: precluded from studying to be a primary school teacher in any of the Irish training colleges

HL Maths

- Many level 8 degrees require a pass in HL or OL maths
- Several level 8 degree programmes require a minimum score in HL maths
 - H4 maths for engineering
 - H2 for UCD actuarial maths, but H3 in DCU
 - Computer science TCD (but not others)
 - Data science (DCU and NCI, not MU and TUD)
 - Economics UCD
- Others have a minimum score in either HL or OL maths, which can differ
 - Computer science, science and maths-related degrees
 - Business degrees have a maths requirements, e.g. H6 or O4 for DC111

How to Choose

- Subjects you like
- Subjects you are good at, suit your skillset and you have a good track record
- Subjects that have continuous assessment (if this is important to you)
- Subjects you require for courses you may pursue
- **Not:** what your friends do, what teachers you like or what is an 'easy' H1

Useful Sites

- qualifax.ie
- careersportal.ie
- examinations.ie
- studyclix.ie

The screenshot shows the official website of the State Examinations Commission (SEC). The header includes the SEC logo and name in both Irish and English: "Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit / State Examinations Commission". A navigation menu on the left lists various sections like "SEC Home", "About Us", "Statistics", "Customer Charter", "Schools", "Candidates", "Examination Information", "Examination Material Archive", "Recruitment", "Information for Contract Staff", "Press Office", "Contact Directory", "Useful Links", and "Help". The main content area features a "Quick Find" search bar, a "GAEILGE" language toggle, and a "Our Role" section. Below this, there are four columns for "Candidate Information", "Examination Papers", "Marking Scheme", and "Examination Results", each with a "For more click here" link and a small image. Prominent red banners announce "EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES 2006 - 2011" and "2013 EXAMINATION TIMETABLES". A "JUNIOR CYCLE - INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY PARENTS" section is also visible. At the bottom, there are sections for "What's New" and "SEC Online" with links to contract staff services, pension info, project coursework, and examination papers.

The screenshot shows the Qualifax website, which is a platform for students and parents. The header features the "Qualifax" logo and a navigation menu with options like "Home", "Students", "Adult Learners", "Guidance professionals", "Parents / Family", "News", and "NFQ". A "My Account" section is also present. The main content area is divided into four columns, each with a representative image and a title: "Students Information", "Adult Learners", "Guidance Professionals", and "Parents & Family". Each column contains a brief description of the services offered. For example, the "Students Information" section asks if the user is looking for a wide range of education and training programs. The "Parents & Family" section asks if the user's son or daughter is unsure about university or college.

Next Steps

- Mr. O'Callaghan has sent a link on instructions about how to choose subjects through VsWare
- Choose six subjects, putting them in genuine order of preference
- Deadline is midnight on Thursday 25th April
- No preference given to first in – fair and consistent to all