



Programme Options and Subject Choice

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The Presentation will Address

Senior Cycle Options

Factors to consider when choosing subjects

Core Subjects

Irish and Third Language

Leaving Cert Subject Options (y5u326h Subject Choice Classroom)

[Subject Choice Google Classroom](#)

Senior Cycle Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)
The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
The Established Leaving Certificate (LCE)

When Choosing Subjects- Consider

Interest and enjoyment of subject - this is a motivational factor

Ability and Aptitude - does a subject address your strengths

Attainment - It is also about getting the most from your choices

Career thinking will evolve in the coming years current sixth years a case in point

How many Subjects?

You are being asked to choose three but you will carry seven Irish English Maths and Language

Leaving Cert points are calculated on best six

LCVP link module when certain conditions are met. LCVP specific subject requirements (y5u326h)

[LCVP small Print](#)

Other additional possibilities include Applied Maths and Religious Education subjects its a big ask!

When Choosing top seven subjects, go all the way down to the bottom of the list! No Short cuts!

The Core Subject Group

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Modern/third language French/German
- Requirement for College entry and at least two are required for most courses.

Irish

Necessary for Entry to NUI (National University of Ireland) MU, NUIG, UCC, UCD

Conditional Exemptions available through NUI

Irish meets second language requirement for TCD, UL and DCU

Needed for Primary Education

Gardai Siochana require two languages English/Irish and Language

[Minimum Subject Requirements](#)

Maths

Higher Level Maths - H6 Bonus Points 25

Higher Level Maths - H2 Actuarial & Financial Maths in UCD

Higher Level Maths - H4 Engineering Course Level 8

[Maths requirement](#)

Third Language

Requirement for NUI colleges and affiliated Colleges, RCSI and St Angelas & some smaller colleges

Exemptions possible from NUI

Gardai Army and Air Corp require third language

TCD, UL require English and another language (Irish is sufficient)

DCU requires English or Irish

Tech Universities (Institute of Technology) not requiring third language

Nursing, Engineering, Science, Agriculture no third language requirement in NUI

MU Business move from Language requirement

Check language requirement (Qualifax minimum language requirement)

Matriculation (The Gate) & Course Requirement (The Building), Points (The Room) The Trinity

NUI : English, Irish, Maths language and two other subjects.

TCD & UL: English, Maths Second language three other subjects

DCU & Tech Universities: English/Irish, Maths and four other subjects.

Course Requirements - Course requirements ie specific entry requirements

Points - Demand led in the particular year.

Application Procedures for Higher Ed

There are three conditions that must be met before offers are made

Minimum Entry Requirements

Specific Course Requirements

Points Requirement [Points History](#)

Leaving Cert Subjects in CPC Subject Descriptions

Language Group	Science Group	Business Group	Social Studies Group	Technology	Artistic
French	Physics	Accounting	Geog	DCG	Art
German	Chemistry	Economics	History	Construction	Music
	Biology	Business	Home Econ	Technology	
	Ag Science	LCVP	Religious Educ		
	Applied maths				

Assessment Overview

Subject	Final Exam	Project	Subject	Final Exam	Project
Economics	80%	20%	Music	50%	Perf 50%
History	80%	20%	Art	50%	Course & Exam 50%
Geog	80%	20%	Technology	50%	50%
Home Ec	80%	20%	Construction	50%	Practical exam 25% Project 25%
Rel Ed	80%	20%			
DCG	60%	40			

Subject Combinations

Mathematical Option: Maths, Physics, & App Maths

Science Option: Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Ag Science

Business Option: Accounting, Economics, Business

Social Option: Biology & Home Economics (Caring Professions)

Practical Option: Design and Communication Graphics, Construction Studies & Technology.

Creative Option: Art, Music (DCG)

General Arts: Geography, History, Religious Education

More on choosing ie Decision Making

Tips for Choosing Subjects [More tips](#) on choosing

Choose wisely

What I like and have liked? Parents should not be surprised by your choice

What you expect to achieve in especially if not careers focused most are not

Listen to family and friends, listen to the subject teachers input later in the week, visit the Google classroom.

Know the subject check out the description in Google classroom.

You will be asked to choose seven and you will be offered three, choose Seven!

Remember there are no Easy Subjects only subjects you like appear easier.

Don't choose subjects because your Friends are choosing them.

Common Pitfalls

Choose subject 'cos my friend is doing it

Choose subject 'cos I like the teacher

Choose subject 'cos my sibling did well in it.

Choose subject 'cos its an easy subject to do well in. [The easy subjects at Leaving Cert](#)

Choose a gender based subject.

Choose it 'cos I need it for college. (This looks right, people change their minds and if you dont like it and only choose it because I wanted to do something in college Well!

Some fears people have today around choosing subjects

Not getting the subjects I want - you might not get all of them but choose according to your preference, 1st Choice should be first, 2nd etc and work you way down to seven. To Say I am only interested in three means that if you dont get them you will let the computer decide!

If you are unhappy with courses offered speak to Mr Leonard

Choosing the wrong subjectsstick with what you like and what you have been good at

When will the picking happen? Open on Fri 19th and closes Tue 23rd

If you really want a subject it goes down as no 1

There are usually 3 Biology Classes but that depends on number of people who want to do it

Concluding- Some relevant websites

www.qualifax.ie

www.careersportal.ie

College Prospectus [NUIG Prospectus](#)

Cao.ie

Contact if you have a choice related query, denisdennehy@cpckilcullen.com I will hold a 'drop in Zoom' on Tuesday and Wed depending on the need. Email me the question and Ill set up the link