



Alert List 2020

The following is an outline of changes coming into operation for students commencing their studies in September 2020.

New Programmes

LM097 BSc. (Ed) in Mathematics and Computer Science

This programme was launched at our open days in October 2018 for an intake in September 2019. However, the absence of the programme from the CAO handbook and the undergraduate prospectus, resulted in lower application numbers than expected. After careful consideration, in the interest of the student experience, the university decided to postpone the first intake on to the programme until September 2020. All 2019 applicants were notified of same.

The programme with a specialism in the teaching of Mathematics and Computer Science, is designed to produce graduates with the skills necessary to teach Mathematics to Junior and Senior Cycle students in the Irish education system and also to teach the new Senior Cycle Computer Science Programme and Junior Cycle short course in coding. As part of teacher preparation, students will go on two practicum placements for teaching practice. The programme is in the process of seeking recognition from the Teaching Council but since our other four year teacher education programmes follow a similar design, are already approved, we do not envisage any problems with this accreditation application.

The programme is currently under accreditation review with the Teaching Council. As the Education and Maths components are already approved, and this programme follows the same design as the already approved, four-year teacher education programmes, we do not envisage any problems with this accreditation application.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold at the time of enrolment the established Leaving Certificate (or an approved equivalent) with a minimum of six subjects, which must include:

- Two H5 (Higher Level) grades and four O6 (Ordinary Level) grades or four H7 (Higher Level) grades.
- Subjects must include Mathematics, Irish or another language, and English.
- Applicants must hold a H4 grade in Mathematics.

Students admitted to the programme are required to undergo a Garda Vetting process.

LM091 B.Ed. Languages

The aim of the programme is to educate students and equip them with the skills and aptitudes for a successful career as a languages teacher. Graduates from the programme will be qualified to teach their chosen languages at both Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate level. The languages students can choose from are French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Irish. Students must take two languages to degree level. As part of teacher preparation, students will go on two practicum

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- Subjects must include Mathematics, Irish or another language, and English.
- Subjects must include a H3 at Higher Level French or German or Irish or Spanish or Japanese.

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Change to Existing Programmes

LM002 BA Arts – Change in Title, Content of Programme, Specific Requirements for Subject Options

The title for this programme has been changed to LM002 Arts.

The joint element of the programme that was offered in conjunction with Mary Immaculate College will not be offered from the academic year 2020/21 onwards. The three first year-only subjects that were delivered by Mary Immaculate College (Drama & Theatre Studies, Philosophy, and Theology and Religious Studies) will no longer be available to students. All other subjects will be available.

In relation to the subjects Geography and Mathematics, previously delivered by Mary Immaculate College, we are delighted to announce that the University will now teach these subjects. Because of this change we are now able to offer new subject offerings such as Geography and Mathematics, English and Mathematics, and History and Economics. Details of the subject combinations available are detailed in the CAO handbook and undergraduate prospectus.

Students admitted onto the programme, should note that, in addition to the minimum programme entry requirements, there is an additional Mathematics requirement for students wishing to take Economics or Mathematics as their subject options. Full details are as follows

Subject Option	Leaving Certificate Mathematics Requirement
Mathematics	H5 in Mathematics
Economics	O4/H7 in Mathematics
All other subject options	F6/O6/H7

LM039 BA Journalism and Digital Communication – Change in Title of Programme

This programme has a new title. The previous title for the programme was LM039 Journalism and New Media. There are no changes to the content and structure of the programme.

LM124 BSc Mathematics – Change in Title of Degree Option

There is a change of title for one of the degree options on this programme. The degree option “Economics & Mathematical Sciences” now has the new title “Economics & Mathematics”.

LM038 BA Psychology & Sociology / LM102 BSc Psychology - Garda Vetting Requirement

There is no longer a garda vetting requirement for students admitted to these programmes. This also applied for students admitted into the academic year 2019/20.

Changes in Entry Requirements

The following changes in entry requirements apply for entry to 2020. Advance notification of these changes were communicated in 2018.

LM103 BSc Paramedic Studies

The requirement for a Full B & C1 licence has been changed. The C1 Full Driving Licence requirement has been relaxed to allow students to access LM103. The updated requirement is that the applicant provides evidence of a valid Full B and either a Provisional or Full C1 Licence, prior to offer of a place on the programme. Applicants must produce a full C1 Licence by the end of Year 1 of the programme.

LM076 BSc Product Design & Technology

The subject Art will no longer be recognised for the purposes of satisfying the science subject requirement for entry to this programme.

LM068 BSc Food Science & Health

The entry combination consisting of a H4 in Higher Level Mathematics plus O6/H7 in a Science subject can no longer be used for the purposes of satisfying the entry requirements for this programme. The revised entry requirement will consist of a H4 in a Science subject plus O3/H7 in Mathematics.

LM089 BSc Sport and Exercise Sciences

The grade O3/H7 in Mathematics will no longer be recognised for the purposes of satisfying the science subject requirement for entry to the programme. Candidates are still required to have an F6/O6/H7 in Mathematics to satisfy the minimum entry requirements for entry into the university.

LM093 BSc Equine Science

The subjects Engineering, Technology and Technical Drawing/Design & Communication Graphics will no longer be recognised for the purpose of satisfying the science subject requirement for entry to this programme.

LM096 BSc Science with concurrent Teacher Education (Physical Sciences with Chemistry and Physics): Change in Recognised Science Subjects

In addition to satisfying the other entry requirements for the programme, the list of Leaving Certificate subjects that will satisfy the science subject requirement has changed. The following science subjects will only be recognised. Biology; Physics; Chemistry; Physics with Chemistry; Agricultural Science.

LM123 BSc Biological & Chemical Sciences

The entry combination consisting of a H4 in Higher Level Mathematics plus O6/H7 in a Science subject can no longer be used for the purposes of satisfying the entry requirements for this programme. The revised entry requirement will consist of a H4 in a Science subject plus O3/H7 in Mathematics.

New QQI Further Education Pathways

The university is currently reviewing its QQI further education pathways on to its undergraduate programmes. We are pleased to announce new pathways for entry to LM028 Criminal Justice and LM029 Law Plus. Because of this development, all undergraduate programmes offered by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences have QQI pathways.

QQI Entry Requirements for LM028 Criminal Justice and LM029 Law Plus

The following QQI FET Level 5 awards are acceptable for fulfilling the entry requirements:

- EASSX or 5M2181 - Applied Social Studies
- BBSSX or 5M2102 - Business Studies
- ECHSX or 5M2154 - Cultural and Heritage Studies
- BBSIT or 5M2111 - International Trade
- EMPPJ / EPJXX or 5M2464 - Journalism
- ELESX or 5M2073 - Language and European Studies
- BLSXX or 5M3789 - Legal Studies
- BTUSX or 5M5165 - Trade Union Studies

Applicants must have achieved the full award with a minimum credit value of 120 which must include a distinction in at least five of the minor awards/components within the major award.

Alternative Entry Requirements

A reminder about some of the alternative assessments for entry to our programmes:

Mature Student Access Pathway

The Mature Students Admissions Pathway (MSAP) test is the sole selection tool for mature applicants to the following programmes:

- LM089 BSc Sport and Exercise Sciences
- LM100 BSc Physiotherapy
- LM102 BSc Psychology

The University of Limerick is currently an exam centre for the MSAP test. Further details, including the test date in 2020, are available from <http://msap-ie.acer.edu.au/>. The test usually takes place in early March.

Special Mathematics Examination: Faculty of Science & Engineering

The Faculty of Science & Engineering run a Special Mathematics Examination which can be used as an alternative to Higher Level Leaving Certificate Mathematics for entry to Undergraduate Programmes in the Faculty. The examination is based on the Higher Level Mathematics syllabus. Candidates taking the examination must achieve the equivalent of the Leaving Certificate grade required for entry to the programmes to which they are applying. Please note the following

- Applicants must have satisfied all other entry requirements for the programmes to which they are applying.
- Applicants must also have achieved the points required for entry to the programme.
- Applicants who achieve the required result in the Special Mathematics Examination and satisfy all other entry requirements and achieve the required points for the programme will be considered for an offer in Round 2 as part of the CAO offers allocation process.
- The Special Mathematics Examination is no longer available at Ordinary Level.
- The Special Mathematics Examination can only be used to satisfy the Mathematics requirement for programmes offered by the Faculty of Science & Engineering.

Further details on the examination, including the application process and previous exam papers, are available from the Faculty website at <http://www.scieng.ul.ie/>

New Closing Date – DARE/HEAR 15th March

The new closing date for DEAR/HEAR documentation to the CAO is 15th March.

Sports Scholarships

The University runs a Sports Scholarship Scheme. The scholarships are offered at three levels: Gold valued at more than €10,000 per year; Silver valued at more than €5,000 per year and Bronze valued at more than €1,200 per year. Further information is available at www.ul.ie/sportsscholarships. Closing date for applications is 1st March, 2020 at 5pm.

Open Days

Full Open Days for the University of Limerick took place on Thursday 17th October and Friday 18th October 2019. The Medical School also had an Open Day on Saturday 12th October 2019. An additional Open Day for UL will be held on Saturday 18th January, 2020.

School Engagement

Career Fairs

The Undergraduate Admissions Office represents the university at career fairs across the country including the Higher Options and fairs organised by local branches of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors. If you are organising a career fair for your school and would like the University of Limerick to have a presence, you can submit a request by emailing admissions@ul.ie.

School Talk

In addition, the university also offers talks to students, during class time, about the programmes on offer at the university. The Marketing and Communications Division co-ordinates these talks. If you would like your students to have a talk you can contact Sharon Kelly at 061 202094 or email schoolengagement@ul.ie

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