

What's New 2027/28

Entry Requirement for 2027/28

The Third Language or Art requirements have been dropped for all NCAD programmes.

Leaving Cert Minimum Entry Requirements for entry 2027 – 2x H5 and 4X O6/H7, subjects must include Irish O6/H7 and English O6/H7

How to Apply to NCAD

Studio Programmes

— Applications are through the CAO by 1 February 2027.

— Portfolio submission is digital through our Portfolio Submission platform, deadline Friday 12 February 2027.

— AD212 Product Design and AD222 Interaction Design are not restricted on the CAO. A portfolio submission is optional, submission is by 12 February 2027.

Minimum Entry Requirements
https://www.ncad.ie/files/undergrad_files/2027-28_NCAD_Minimum_Entry_Requirements.pdf

AD212 Product Design & AD222 Interaction Design

Portfolio is optional

Since 2026 a portfolio submission is not an admission requirement for AD212 Product Design and AD222 Interaction Design.
Applicants who submit a portfolio will get up to 200 bonus points to add to their CAO / Leaving Cert points.

Common Entry
Applicants have the option of a Common Entry (AD101) route or entry through designated routes into specific areas. Regardless of entry route, all students participate in the common First Year Art & Design experience by following the same programme for the first semester before branching off into their specialist areas.

Visual Culture
NCAD offers a BA in Visual Culture AD215 for those with an interest in studying the history and theory of art, design, fashion, media and digital culture. On completion graduates take up opportunities to work in arts and
heritage management, exhibition, curation and education, in festivals and event organisation, and in the media. Offers are made based on the LC Points, QQI FETAC points, or on mature grounds. No portfolio required, just curiosity!
Those applying to Part-time BA Visual Culture do so on the NCAD website and not via CAO.

NCAD Important Dates

October 2026	**Portfolio Preparation Evening Workshops** Online 19 October 2026 Campus 20 & 21 October 2026
November 2026	**Open Day** Wednesday 25 November 2026
November 2026 or January 2027	**Product & Interaction Design Portfolio Workshops** 4 November 2026 6 January 2027
February	**CAO Deadline** 1 February 2027
	Portfolio Submission Deadline 12 February 2027
	All details available on the NCAD website ***www.ncad.ie***

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