

Further notice re changes to CK124 Education – Gaeilge for 2026 entry

Further to the notification given on page 2 of the original Alert List, it can now be confirmed that the entry requirements for Education-Gaeilge from 2026 will be as follows.

Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) entry requirements: At least six subjects must be presented – minimum grade H4 in Irish, minimum grade H5 in one subject and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects.

All applicants will need to meet the following minimum entry requirements

- English: O6/H7
- Irish: H4
- French/German/Italian/Spanish H4 **OR**
- Other language: O6/H7 **and** Mathematics: H3

This change is required to facilitate the removal of the Beginners language options, and it will mean that whichever language students have taken at Leaving Certificate level will be the language which they continue in the programme, unless choosing Mathematical Studies.

Changes to Courses

Applied Mathematics, Mathematics, and Mathematical Studies

From 2025, the subjects Mathematics and Applied Mathematics will no longer be available to new entrants to Arts, Arts International, or the various programmes where Arts subjects are part of the course.

The subject Mathematical Studies will continue to be available through all relevant CACSSS programmes. From 2025, a **minimum H4 in Mathematics** in the Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) will be required for students who wish to take this subject.

CK114 Youth & Community Work

A statement of interest will no longer be required for students applying to this course via the school-leaving or QQI entry routes.

Internal Transfer route from CK102 Social Science to CK115 Social Work

From 2025, students who successfully pass year one in Social Science can apply to transfer into year two of Social Work. Entry will be on a competitive basis, and no age limit will apply.

CK214 International Development

This course has had its final intake of first years in 2024/25 and will not be offered from 2025 onwards.

Changes to Courses (contd.)

Mature Entry for Law Programmes

A Mature Statement will be requested from mature entrants to Law Pathways (CK301), Law & French (CK302), Law & Irish (CK304), and Law & Business (CK307) from 2025.

This Mature Statement will be available to download and complete from the relevant course pages, and applicants will then need to post it directly to the CAO.

CK401 Computer Science

The Software Entrepreneurship degree stream will no longer be available to new entrants from 2025. The programme will have a single degree stream of Computer Science.

CK404 Biological, Environmental and Geological Sciences

This programme has undergone a name change from Biological, Earth, and Environmental Sciences. There are no changes to entry requirements or degree streams.

QQI Entry Updates

Computer-Aided Design

From 2025, 5M1940 will be added to the list of Linked QQI awards as per our [QQI FET](#) page. Prospective students will be required to meet the entry requirements outlined for specific UCC courses.

Advance Notice for 2026

CK124 Education – Gaeilge

From 2026, a H4 will be required in French, German, Spanish or Italian, as well as the H3 in Irish. For students choosing Mathematical Studies as their second subject, a H3 at Leaving Certificate will also be required.

This change is required to facilitate the removal of the Beginners language options, and it will mean that whichever language students have taken at Leaving Certificate level will be the language which they continue in the programme, unless choosing Mathematical Studies.

CK125 Physical Education, Sports Studies and Arts

From 2026, a H3 will be required for students choosing a route involving Mathematics.

Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) (BSW) - Tertiary Degree

In partnership with the College of Further Education, Morrison's Island Campus, UCC are pleased to offer the new tertiary degree FE to HE pathway into the Bachelor of Social Work (Hons). Students will spend the first year of this programme at the College of Further Education, Morrison's Island Campus, in Cork City as well as taking weekly lectures in UCC. There are 21 places available on this course.

Applications for entry should be made to the Morrison's Island Campus College of Further Education. For further information, please see the [National Tertiary Office Bachelor of Social Work](#) page.

Undergraduate Guide

Our updated UCC Undergraduate Guide is in a user-friendly fold-out format and contains an incredible amount of useful information despite its size. All schools received packages of these guides in October, but if you require more copies, please email maggie.osullivan@ucc.ie. A digital version is available at www.ucc.ie/prospectus.

Contact Details

For queries on course content and career options see the list of College contact details on our [Contacts for Guidance Counsellors](#) page.

For queries on entry requirements, please email us at admissions@ucc.ie.

Prospective students can contact us through our [web enquiry form](#).

Upcoming Events

The 2025 Open Day will be on Saturday 11 October 2025 (details [here](#)).

UCC will run events for prospective students, families, and guidance counsellors throughout the year. For the full list of UCC's Open Days/Campus Tours and links to register, please keep an eye on the [Events List](#).