

Alert List for 2026 Entry

New Programme – CK010 BSc (Hons) Sustainability

Launching in 2026, this first-of-its-kind interdisciplinary degree gives students a broad understanding of today's sustainability challenges across environmental, social, and economic areas.

There will be 65 places in total on this programme, including 6 places for mature entrants and 5 places for FET entrants.

Leaving Certificate Entry Requirements

At least six subjects must be presented. Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. All applicants will need to meet the following entry requirements:

- English: O6/H7
- Irish: O6/H7
- Maths: O2/H6

QQI FET Entry Requirements

Any of the QQI FET Level 5/6 awards accepted for entry as listed on our [List of Linked QQI FET courses](#), with Distinctions (i.e. 80% or greater) in 4 modules.

For details, please see the [CK010 course page](#).

Changes to Courses

CK411 Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

This programme has undergone a name change from Data Science and Analytics. There are no changes to entry requirements.

Changes to Courses

CK124 Education Gaeilge

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.

CK125 Physical Education, Sports Studies and Arts

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

Mature Student Evaluation (MSE) Removal

The Mature Student Evaluation (MSE) will be removed from entry assessment criteria for September 2026 entry. Applicants to programmes in the College of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Social Sciences will instead be assessed based on education, life and/or relevant work experience as demonstrated in the CAO Application and Statement of Interest.

Courses with additional requirements will continue to require these alongside the general assessment.

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QQI Entry Updates

CK202 Accounting

We are pleased to advise that from September 2026, we will be offering two new QQI FET entry route options into CK202 Accounting.

Entry route A will follow the established QQI FET route into other courses in Cork University Business School as per the QQI FET page.

Students using this entry route must present Distinctions* (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 module, one of which must be in:

- **5N1833/6N3395** - Mathematics

And at least a PASS in one of the following:

- **5N18396** - Maths for Information Technology
- **5N2066** - Statistics
- **6N4169/6N4310** - Administration Practice / Business Management
- **5N1610** - Business Administration Skills

Via entry route B, students taking **5M2102** - Business Studies (Accounting) will need to present Distinctions* (i.e. 80% or greater) in five modules which must include at least one of the following:

- **5N1348** – Accounting **OR**
- **5N1833/6N3395** - Mathematics

(***5N1356/6N1946/W20008** Work Experience and **5N1433/6N1947** Work Practice cannot be used as one of the required distinctions but will be allowed for scoring purposes).

Nursing and Midwifery Programmes

Module requirements for CK710 General Nursing, CK712 Children's and General Nursing Integrated, CK720 Mental Health Nursing, CK730 Intellectual Disability Nursing, and CK740 Midwifery will change from 2026.

QQI Entry Updates (contd.)

Nursing and Midwifery Programmes (contd.)

Applicants will need Distinctions* (i.e. 80% or greater) in 5 modules which must include the following modules:

- **5N0749/D20001** Anatomy and Physiology
- **5N4325** Nursing Theory and Practice **OR** **5N0758** Care Support

These modules can be found to be delivered within the following Level 5 programmes:

- **5M4349** Nursing Studies
- **5M4339** Healthcare Support
- **5M4468** Community Health Services
- **5M3782** Health Service Skills

Advance Notice for 2027

CK701 Medicine

From 2027, changes will be made to the weighting of the Leaving Certificate (or equivalent) and HPAT exams for CAO points.

- Leaving Certificate scores above 550 points will no longer be moderated – full points scored by candidates will be applied in the calculation.
- Points scored in the HPAT assessment will be weighted to 150 maximum (down from 300 currently). HPAT results from a sitting in the year of admission to a medicine programme will continue to be a requirement.

The changes will not be applied until 2027, to facilitate secondary school student decision making at the commencement of their senior cycle school programmes in autumn 2025. For further information, please see [Entry to Medicine | Irish Universities Association](#)

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National Tertiary Office (NTO) Pathway into Year 1 Occupational Therapy

UCC, together with Cork and Kerry ETB's, has established an NTO/QQI pathway into Year 1 of Occupational Therapy.

Students currently enrolled on the Pre-Occupational Therapy QQI award with Cork and Kerry ETB will have the opportunity to progress to Year 1 of Occupational Therapy if they successfully pass the NFQ level 5 QQI Certificate at Cork or Kerry ETB along with the UCC module they are currently registered for.

While applications for the progression to UCC will be through CAO, all queries about this pathway should be directed to Cork and Kerry ETB. See www.nto.ie or email Kathy Bradley kathy.bradley@corketb.ie for details.

Requests: School Visits/Careers Fairs/Campus Visits and 2025/26 Updates

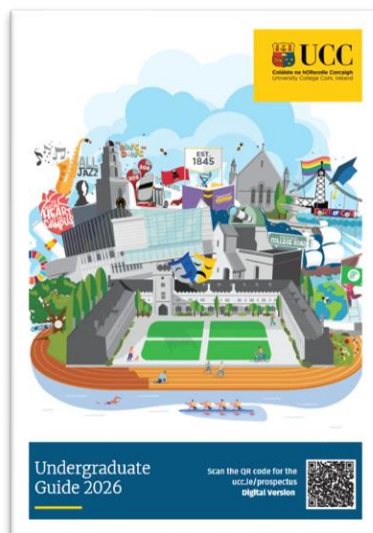
As a reminder, **Maggie O'Sullivan** maggie.osullivan@ucc.ie is your Student Recruitment Advisor and Schools Liaison at UCC. She is your main point of contact for:

- Organising school/careers fair visits.
- Arranging UCC campus tours.
- Keeping you informed about UCC events, programmes, and opportunities.

Undergraduate Guide

Our updated UCC Undergraduate user-friendly fold-out guide 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.



UCC Events and Contact Details

UCC runs 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](#).

For queries on entry requirements, please submit these at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ask/prospective/>.

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