

DCU CAO Alert List

Course Title Change – Entry 2026

The title of DC001 Bachelor of Early Childhood Education has changed to DC001 Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood for entry 2026. There is no structure or content change to the course.

The title of DC123 BSc in Data Science will change to DC123 BSc in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence for entry 2026. There is no structure or content change to the course.

Entry Requirement Updates 2026

DC110 Business Studies International

The general entry and course requirements for entry 2025 have not changed.

In addition to the general entry requirements, applicants must have a minimum of O4 or H6 in Mathematics and minimum of H4 in a language other than English or Irish. Students choose a language option upon entry into the course, French or German or Spanish (Intermediate Level) or Chinese or Japanese (Beginners Level). **Students who choose French/German or Spanish must have a minimum of H4 in the language they wish to study.** Students who wish to study Chinese or Japanese will take the language at beginners level.

All applicants must meet the H4 language requirement in a language other than English or Irish.

DC206 Physical Education with Mathematics

The entry requirements for this programme will now include acceptance of the leaving certificate subject **Physical Education**. In addition to the [general entry requirements](#) for admission to the university, the following entry requirements apply. Minimum of O1 or H6 in Mathematics and minimum of O4 or H6 in one of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Physics with Chemistry, Agricultural Science or Physical Education. The leaving certificate subject, physical education, is not accepted by other Science programmes. For further information, please contact admissions.

Important Application Information for 2026

Qualifications taken in a country outside the EU

Please apply directly to DCU.

For further information please visit [our International Admissions](#) webpage.

Qualifications taken in a country within the EU

Please apply through CAO.

Submission of EU Qualification Results (Outside UK & Ireland). DCU applicants presenting school examination results from within the EU, but from outside the UK/Ireland, must submit certified copies of final examination results and English translation of all documentation to the CAO. For applicants with results from previous years, this information must be uploaded to CAO within 10 days of submitting their CAO application. For those taking exams in this current year, these results must be submitted to CAO a minimum of 12 days before the relevant offer round. In the case of Round 1, this should be no later than 1st August. This is to allow adequate time for assessment and processing. Any results received after 1st August may be considered for later rounds, subject to availability of places. This is a DCU requirement.

QQI FET Routes for DCU Entry 2026

DCU now has QQI FET routes to 91% of DCU courses.

All DCU QQI FET entry requirements are published on the CAO website and can be found [here](#). Just enter the DC code and the minimum entry requirements will be displayed.

Please note that for each course, applicants must present the required award and required grades in each component award (module) as published on the CAO website.

Essential major awards	Essential component awards
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Applicants should verify with their FET provider that the “Essential Major Award” they are taking provides any required “Essential Component Awards” (modules) required for their courses of interest. Applicants who meet this eligibility requirement may then compete for a quota of places on each course.

QQI FET minimum entry requirement changes

The QQI FET minimum requirements for DCU Nursing Programmes DC215, DC216, DC217 and DC218 have changed for entry 2026. The requirements will be as follows:

Minimum of 5 distinctions required which must include:

- D20001 or 5N0749 Anatomy and Physiology
and
- 5N4325 Nursing Theory and Practice or 5N0578 Care Support

DC208 Psychology and DC210 Psychology and Disruptive Technology – These courses will be accepting award 5M2181 Applied Social Studies for entry 2026, provided all essential components are presented to meet published requirements.

For further information about DCU QQI FET admission routes, please visit [DCU Admissions](#).

Open Days

For information about open days or school visits, please contact the DCU Student Recruitment team on studentrecruitment@dcu.ie.

November Open Day - Friday 14 and Saturday 15 November, 2025

QQI FET Open Day - Tuesday 2 December, 2025

CAO Information Evening (Virtual) - Thursday 15 January, 2026

Spring Open Day - Saturday 18 April, 2026

TY Open Day - Tuesday 5 May, 2026

June Open Day - Wednesday 24 June, 2026

Contact DCU

Application or Admissions Queries

W <https://www.dcu.ie/registry/undergraduate-application-procedures-registry>

Email: ugadmissions@dcu.ie

School Visits or Campus Tours

W <https://www.dcu.ie/studentrecruitment/student-recruitment-office-school-visits>

Open Day Information

W <https://www.dcu.ie/studentrecruitment/dcu-open-days>

DCU CAO Hub – Information for students, parents, guidance counsellors

W <https://www.dcu.ie/cao>