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Alert List 2027

The following outlines changes and important updates for students commencing their studies in September 2027.

LM050 Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) and BBS with Modern Languages – programme redesign

The world of business is changing rapidly driven by data, technology, and the urgent need for sustainable practice. The Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) at Kemmy Business School has been comprehensively redesigned and now integrates advanced analytics capabilities, sustainability at its core, and greater flexibility through new major and minor pathways.

New and updated Major Options (students choose from the following in Year 2):

Accounting and Tax

Economics and Public Policy

Finance*

Human Resource Management

Marketing

Risk Management and Insurance

**new for AY2027-28. All other major options have been updated to reflect the ethos of the new programme.*

New and updated Minor Options

In Year 3, students will choose a minor option from the below offerings. Students who opt to study a language as part of their BBS degree do not take a minor option; instead, they continue their language studies over the final two years of the course.

AI and Business Analytics*

Applied Economics*

Entrepreneurship

Investment and Financial Technology*

Law

Management

Organisational Psychology

Sustainability*

**new for AY2027-28. All other minor options have been updated to reflect the ethos of the new programme. Supply Chain Management has been removed as a minor option.*

Other changes:

1. New language streams in Beginners German and Advanced Japanese

Students who meet additional language requirements can elect to incorporate one of the following Modern Language streams in their studies:

BBS with French (Advanced)
BBS with German (Advanced or Beginners*)
BBS with Japanese (Advanced* or Beginners)
BBS with Spanish (Advanced or Beginners)

**new for AY2027-28*

2. A strong focus on analytics and data driven decision making

The redesigned BBS places business analytics at the heart of the curriculum, ensuring all students graduate as confident users of data, with highly sought after analytical skills. These core modules are embedded early in the programme, allowing students to progressively build competencies in data analysis and interpretation, evidence-based decision-making, and applied analytical problem solving.

3. Sustainability embedded across the programme

Sustainability is no longer a standalone concept; it is integral to how modern businesses operate. Key developments include the integration of sustainability into all module learning outcomes, the introduction of dedicated sustainability modules, and a focus on responsible leadership in a global context.

4. New Dual Degree partner – exclusive to BBS students

The Kemmy Business School have introduced a new Dual Degree partnership in North America with the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, which is exclusive to BBS students.

This brings the BBS's Dual Degree partner list to nine: Canada (1), Finland (1), France (4), Germany (1), Japan (1), and Poland (1).

Additional Beginner Language Option

German will be offered at beginner level for LM050 Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) with German

Additional Advanced Language Option

Japanese will be offered at advanced level for LM050 Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) with Japanese

Changes to Existing Programmes

Changes to Nursing Programmes in 2027

NMBI are introducing new standards which will be implemented in 2027. The programme structures will change. The entry requirements will not change and the names of the courses and LM codes LM150, LM152, LM154 and LM156 will not change.

LM173 BSc MSc Immersive Software Engineering

Subject to Academic Council approval, it is proposed to remove the inclusion of the portfolio for 2027 entry. This will be confirmed in December and any applicants to this programme will be notified of the change once approval is received.

LM301 BMBS Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery Undergraduate Entry

Changes to CAO entry to undergraduate medicine programmes in 2027:

Irish Universities with Medical Schools are changing the calculation of points applied for admission through the Central Applications office (CAO) to all Undergraduate (Direct Entry from School) Medicine programmes in Ireland. This change will come into effect for students seeking admission to undergraduate medicine degree programmes from August / September 2027.

The changes are as follows –

· 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.

Please Note: HPAT results from a sitting in the year of admission to a medicine programme will continue to be a requirement.

There are FAQ's on the IUA website https://www.iua.ie/for-students/entry-to-medicine/

Recognition of Climate Action and Sustainable Development

Faculty of Science and Engineering reviewed the curriculum for Climate Action and Sustainable Development and whether it met the science subject requirements as a course specific entry requirement across its suite of programmes. The following courses will accept Climate Action and Sustainable Development along with all existing subject requirements from September 2027.

LM063 Technology Management
LM076 Product Design and Technology
LM082 Construction Management and Engineering
LM173 Immersive Software Engineering
LM174 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Additional Entry Requirements

UL have courses requiring additional elements to be reviewed and passed to meet course entry requirements. Applicants are contacted to submit the required portfolio/licence/statements or attend for audition after each of the Application Deadlines. The communication received outlines the proposed submission deadlines.

Application Deadline	Submission Email Issued	Deadline for Submission
1 February	12 March	25 March
1 May	10 May	24 May
1 July	6 July	15 July*

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LM076 BSc Product Design & Technology

A portfolio is required for entry. Further information can be seen on the website.

LM099 B Arch Architecture

A portfolio is required for entry. Further information can be seen on the website.

LM103 BSc Paramedic Studies

Applicants must provide evidence of a Valid Full Clean B and either a Provisional C1 or Full Clean C1 Licence, prior to offer of a place on the course. **Deadline for submission is the 31st July*.**

*Applicants must produce a Valid Full Clean C1 Licence by the end of Year 1 of the course.

LM175 BSc MSc Immersive Bioscience and Biotherapeutics

Applicants are required to submit a portfolio of creative work, and a written statement, and may be called for an interview.

Further information can be found on our website

Auditions

Audition is required for entry to the courses in the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance. Further information can be found on our websites linked in each course name.

LM131 - Bachelor of Arts in Irish
LM132 - Bachelor of Arts in Irish Dance
LM133 - Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Dance
LM134 - Bachelor of Arts in Voice
LM135 - Bachelor of Arts in Music

Application Deadline	Audition Type	Date
1 February	Online video submissions deadline	26 March
1 February	Online submissions interviews	24 March 7 April
1 February	Auditions held Face to Face Option	3&4 April
1 May	Auditions held	22-23 May
1 May	Auditions held online (video submissions)	22 May (videos uploaded by this date)
1 July	Auditions held	Monday 19th July - Friday 23th July

Application Deadline	Audition Type	Date
1 July	Auditions held online	28th July (videos to be uploaded by this date)

Alternative Entry Requirements

QQI FE Pathways

A review is taking place of the existing QQI FE Pathways. All current pathways are included in the CAO Guidance Booklet. The Pathways are being updated however for many of UL's courses. The most up to date pathways will be listed on the CAO website.

Guidance Counsellor Kit | University of Limerick (ul.ie)

Alternative Assessments

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 not 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 here

Additional Courses accepting the Special Maths Exam to meet matriculation requirements:

LM092, LM094, LM095, LM096 and LM097

Special Language Examination for LM040 and LM044:

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences are piloting a Special Languages Examination, which can be used to give applicants another opportunity to meet the H3 language requirement for LM040 BA European Studies and LM044 BA Applied Languages.

Languages Offered: French, Gaeilge, German, Spanish and Japanese.

- Applicants apply directly to UL to sit this in-person exam, which includes written and oral elements.
- They must have met all entry requirements other than achieving a H3 in a language.
- Date TBD. The examination will take place after the release of the Leaving Certificate results and before the issue of round two CAO offers
- Successful candidates will receive an offer in Round Two.

Further information will be available on the course pages in the coming weeks.

Sports Scholarships

The University runs a Sports Scholarship Scheme. Further information is available at www.ul.ie/sportsscholarships

Open Days

Events for undergraduate students are provided on our website CAO Events | University of Limerick (ul.ie)

Proposed Open Day Dates for future years.

Year	Spring	Autumn
2027	16 January	14 & 15 October
2028	15 January	19 & 20 October

School Engagement

The team are available to attend career fairs and school talks in person and are also available to virtually connect with your schools. You can contact us on the Academic registry website.

https://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/about/contact-us

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