

Subjects selected for the Junior Certificate can affect subject choice for the Leaving Certificate and consequently access to certain Third Level courses. It is wise to keep options open by choosing a wide range of subjects suitable to individual aptitudes and interests.

- **Third language** requirements apply to NUI Colleges, UCD, NUI Maynooth, UCC, UCG, Royal College of Surgeons, NCAD, Shannon College of Hotel Management, Milltown Institute, St. Angela's College Sligo. The basic entry requirements are 2 languages at higher level (C3 minimum), a pass in Irish and a pass in a third language. Engineering, Science and Nursing are exceptions in relation to third language requirements.
- **Science** is required for medical courses (two science subjects frequently required). Veterinary and Nutrition Studies require Chemistry. Architecture and Engineering in UCD require a science subject. Geography is now accepted in UCD as a science subject.
- **Irish** is a requirement for entry to NUI Colleges (unless you have an official exemption). Higher level honour grades (C3 minimum) are necessary for Primary School Teacher Training. Irish is not a requirement for recruitment to An Garda Síochána.
- **Languages other than Irish and English** are required for NUI Colleges. (See above). Many Tourism courses, Applied Language courses and Marketing/Business/Journalism with a language courses also have a requirement for a language other than Irish and English.
- **Maths** at Ordinary Level is required by the majority of Institutes of Technology. There are some exceptions e.g. Social Care. Higher Level Maths is a requirement for the majority of Engineering and Actuarial degree courses. Extra points (25) are awarded for Higher Level Maths if it is one of your top six subjects.
- **Business** is not a subject requirement to pursue Business courses at Third Level
- An **Art Portfolio** is required to gain entry to Art courses.
- Maynooth require **Music** at Higher Level (C3) to pursue Music courses. Most Colleges have a mandatory audition.

Useful Websites

- www.qualifax.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.123test.com

Other Factors to consider before making Junior Certificate subject choices

- **History** and **Classical Studies** require a high level of literacy skills. Leaving Certificate grades have a project component (20% of total grade).
- **Geography** can be considered as a science subject requirement for Science and Pharmacy in TCD and UCD. Leaving Certificate grades have a project component (20% of total grade)
- **Business** and **Economics** require an awareness of current affairs.
- **Construction, Engineering, DCG** and **Art** have a strong practical element.
- **Home Economics** is a good combination with Biology. Leaving Certificate grades have a coursework journal component (20% of total grade).
- **Physics, Chemistry, Economics** and **Accounting** require students to have a good level of Maths.
- **Languages** have a strong emphasis on oral and aural practice.
- **Art** and **Music** have high success rate.

