



# Subject Choice 2022

DOMINICAN COLLEGE WICKLOW



**15 subjects on offer**

**Choose any FOUR(+Option  
of LCVP)**

# Optional Subjects

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Economics
- Chemistry
- Home Economics
- Music
- Spanish
- German
- Computer Science
- Physics
- French
- Geography
- History
- \*\*\*LCVP

# LCVP Subject Groupings

## Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs) 2021/2022

### Specialist Groupings

- 1 Construction Studies; Engineering; Design and Communication Graphics; Technology - **Any Two**
- 2 Physics **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
- 3 Agricultural Science **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
- 4 Agricultural Science **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry
- 5 Home Economics; Agricultural Science; Biology - **Any Two**
- 6 Home Economics **and** Art - Design Option **or** Craft Option
- 7 Accounting; Business; Economics - **Any two**
- 8 Physics **and** Chemistry
- 9 Biology **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry
- 10 Biology **and** Agricultural Science
- 11 Art - Design Option or Craft Option **and** Design & Communication Graphics

### Services Groupings

- 12 Engineering **or** Technology **or** Construction Studies **or** Design & Communication Graphics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 13 Home Economics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 14 Agricultural Science **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 15 Art Design or Craftwork Option **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 16 Music **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

# Making a Wise Choice

- ▶ What subject am I most interested in?
- ▶ What subject am I likely to be best at?
- ▶ What subjects will I need?
- ▶ Balanced choice of subjects

# How to Choose

- **Know what you want to do** - Research and choose accordingly
- **No idea what you want to do**- Include a Science and a Third Language
- **Talk** to teachers, family, friends
- **Read subject booklet**- make sure you are aware of what skills be required in each subject, e.g. physics(Maths)
- **Friends Subjects**- *Avoid* choosing a subject just because your friend is doing it

# Three Hurdles to Third Level Education Entry

- ▶ General College Entry Requirements
- ▶ Subject Requirements
- ▶ Points

# 1. College Requirements

- College Requirements

- 5 passes (5 O6/H7) in Leaving Certificate including Maths and English for Level 6 courses

- 6 subjects (2 H5 and 4 O6/H7) or 3 H5 and 3 O6/H7 for most Level 8 Honours. Degrees

- ▶ These requirements can be found in the relevant college brochures & on Qualifax



## 2. Course Requirements

- ▶ A modern European Language is required for entry to a number of college courses. (Refer to subject choice booklet).
- ▶ Some courses have subject requirements e.g. H4 in Maths for engineering, Science subject for Nursing

# COLLEGES REQUIRING MODERN LANGUAGE

- N.U.I. Colleges and NUI Recognised Colleges Only
- **Not** every course
- University College Dublin
- University College Cork
- National University of Ireland, Galway
- Maynooth University
- Royal College of Surgeons
- National College of Art and Design
- Shannon College of Hotel Management
- St Angela's College, Sligo
- Modern Language required for **Cadets** in Army

# Modern Language is Required for:

- Architecture (UCD only), Arts, Business, Human Sciences, Law, Social Science and Veterinary Medicine in the NUI Colleges
- Officer Cadet in the Army
- Any course which has a language component

# Colleges not requiring a Modern Language

- *T.C.D.*
- *D.C.U.*
- *TU Dublin*
- *Primary School Teacher Training Colleges.*
- *U.L.*

## *All Institutes of Technologies*

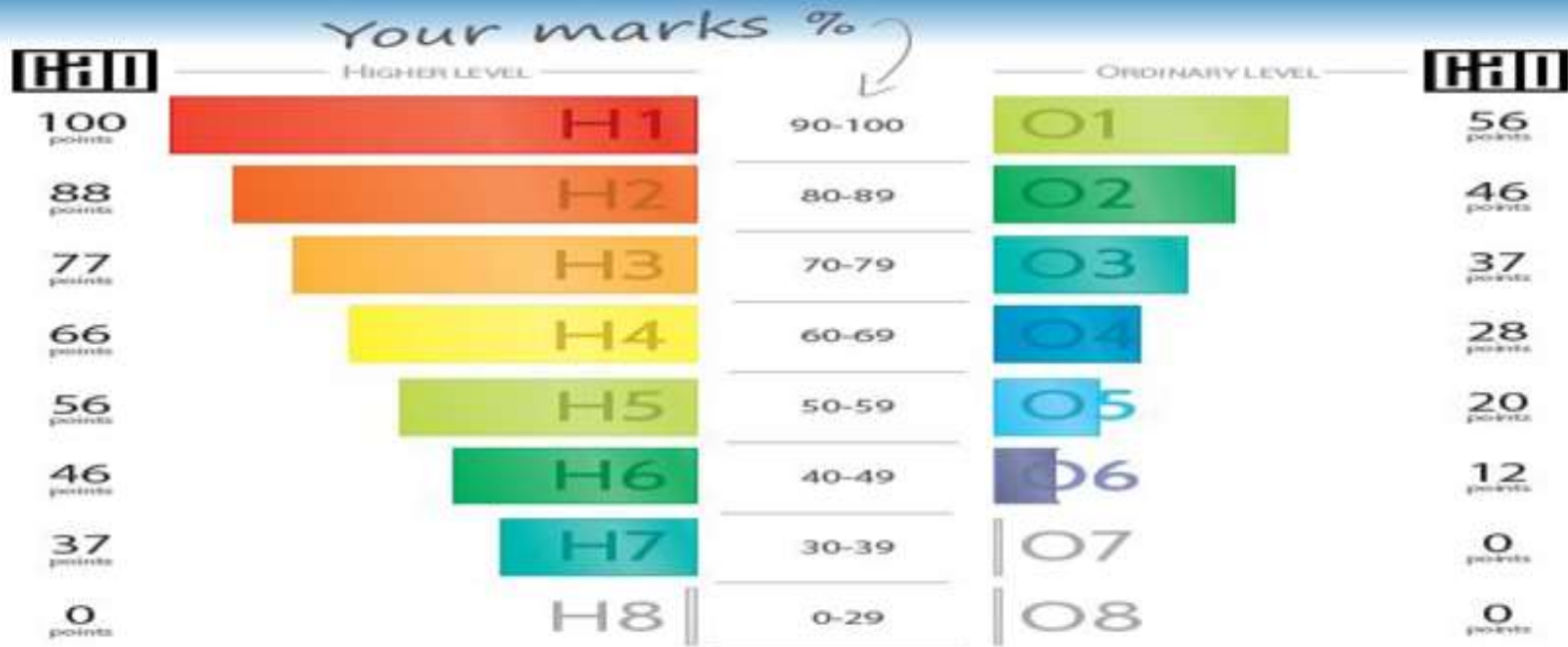
- *E.G. W.I.T.*

# Science Requirements

- If you are considering Human Sciences (e.g. Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Optician, Dietician), Science, Engineering or Veterinary Medicine you *should select at least one laboratory science subject - two for some courses.*
- Make sure you check for specific grade requirements.

# 3. New Points System

- ▶ Entry to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level is dependent on CAO Points.
- ▶ Points are calculated by adding the total sum of the students Six Best Subjects, in one sitting of the LC.



**+25 points** Bonus Points for H1-H6 Maths



## CAO Points Calculators

FREE!

Use online or get the App!



If they like all subjects and are uncertain about which course to pursue keep options open by choosing:

- A Science
- A Modern Language (French)



# Research – Useful Websites

# Qualifax™

**Qualifax** – [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)  
(Students/Subject Choice/Subjects Requirement Module)





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## Select Courses To View

There is a total of 184 courses that match your search requirements. Please select one of the options below to view your results.

Show me the courses that:

- Definitely requires: Any Third Language- Total of 172 courses
- May require: Any Third Language - Total of 12 courses
- Does not require Any Third Language - Total of 1375 courses

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[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)



# Research

Entry requirements for Third Level courses vary from course to course so you **must refer to the relevant literature** or information given on the websites.

# Our advice to you as Parents before your child chooses their subjects

- ▶ Ensure your child has done enough research
- ▶ Make sure they know what is involved in each subject - by speaking to teachers, getting books off students and looking at past papers
- ▶ Ensure they realise the cost of not doing a subject
- ▶ Make sure they are not closing off career options after school
- ▶ Ensure they pick subjects that suit their strengths & abilities

# Subject Choice - Process

## **Step 1 – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Presentation with Ms O'Shaughnessy

- ▶ Thinking
- ▶ Self-reflection
- ▶ Discussion with parents
- ▶ Research

## **Step 2 – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Meeting with subject teachers

Expression of interest will open - Ranking 1-6 (VSware)

- ▶ Returned by March 3rd
- ▶ This is really important!
- ▶ Determines the blocks / subjects

# Subject Choice - Process

**Step 3** – Creation of the Blocks (based on **YOUR** choices)

**2021**

Biology	French	German	Spanish	
Biology	Business	Geography	Physics	
Biology	Accounting	Chemistry	Home Ec.	History
Art	Economics	Music	Home Ec.	

**2020**

Biology	French	German	Spanish	
Biology	History	Geography	Physics	
Art	Accounting	Chemistry	Home Ec.	
Biology	Business	Music	Home Ec.	

# Subject Choice - Process

## **Step 4** - Access to the blocks (VSware)

- ▶ **Some people will not get their choices**
- ▶ Arrange meeting with Mr Martin or Ms O'Shaughnessy if necessary
- ▶ Input your choices

## **Step 5** - Analysis of choices

- ▶ Do changes need to be made?

## **Step 6** – LCVP

- ▶ Who is eligible?
- ▶ Offer to students.



# Any Questions

