

Senior Cycle Subjects
in
Summerhill College



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Leaving Certificate Subjects Offered in Summerhill College	
Department	Subject
Foreign Languages	Spanish & French
Science Subjects	Biology
	Chemistry
	Physics
	Agricultural Science
	Computer Science
Creative Subjects	Art
	Music
Humanities & Social Sciences	Geography
	History
	Religious Education
	Home Economics (Social & Scientific)
	Politics & Society
	Physical Education (Sports Science)
Business Subjects	Accounting
	Business
	Economics
	<i>L.C.V.P. <u>Module</u> (Not a full subject)</i>
Practical Subjects	Engineering
	Construction Studies
	Design & Communication Graphics (DCG)

Leaving Certificate General Information

- Students following the established Leaving Certificate programme must take the core subjects of English, Maths and Irish (unless exempted by the DES).
- Four optional subjects are selected from the list of subjects outlined above. We will always endeavour to provide the optional choices requested. However, students and parents should be aware that some subject combinations may not be available due to timetabling constraints.

The School Guidance Counsellors are available to assist you in this decision. There are a number of considerations that need to be highlighted when choosing your subjects.

When choosing your optional subjects consider:

- Subjects you have a history of doing well in
- Subjects you will enjoy
- Subjects that suit the individual student – do not pick a subject because your friends are choosing it
- Talk to your teachers about subject course content for the Leaving Certificate.
- Ask the Guidance Counsellors for advice on subject choice.

Entry requirements for Courses are dependent on individual institutions.

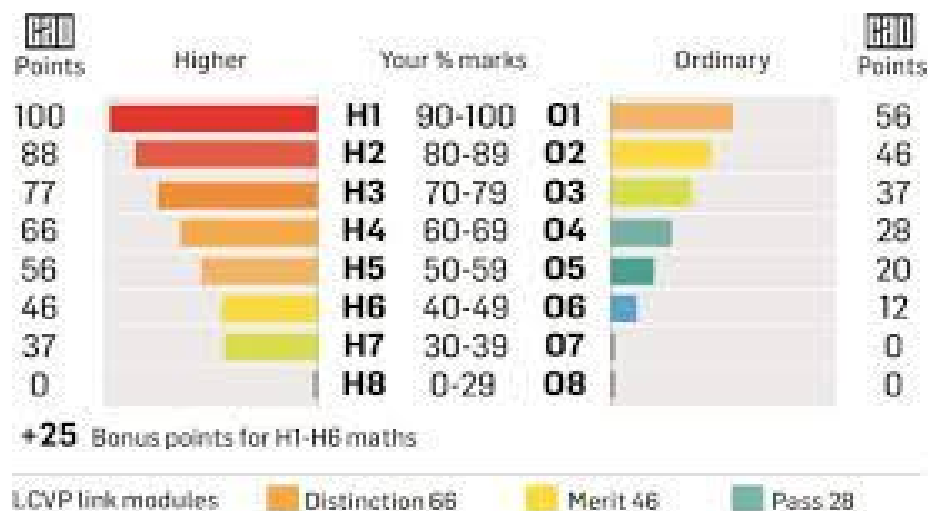
Many courses have specific requirements. These should be taken into consideration also when choosing subjects.

To be certain of both minimum entry requirements and specific subject requirements for a course, it is ESSENTIAL to check with the individual college or course website. Alternatively, ask the guidance counsellors for advice if you are unsure of any details.

Each student sits seven subjects and the best six results are used to determine how many CAO points a student achieves.

The CAO points system is used to determine access to Universities and Institutes of Technology.

Subjects at higher level have more points available than subjects taken at ordinary level.



National University of Ireland (NUI)

**NUI Colleges are
NUI Maynooth, University College Dublin, University College Cork, University College Galway,
Royal College of Surgeons, National College of Art and Design, St. Angela's College,
Institute of Public Administration, Shannon College of Hotel Management and Milltown
Institute.**

The NUI colleges require Irish, English & Modern Language for many of their courses.
They require students to have 2H5 + 4O6 for matriculation.

Trinity College Dublin

O6 - English, Maths & another Language (can be Irish)
3H5 + 3O6

University of Limerick

O6 - English, Maths & Irish OR another Language
2H5 + 4O6

Dublin City University

O6 - Maths & English OR Irish
2H5 + 4O6

Technological Universities

Level 6 - 5 O6/H7 (must incl Maths, Irish or English)
Level 7 - as above + min 140 points
Level 8 - 2 H5 + 4O6 (must incl Maths, Irish or English)

Irish, English and Maths

Irish, English and Maths are compulsory subjects. Irish and Maths are available at Higher, Ordinary and Foundation Level. English is available at Higher and Ordinary Level. Only students who are officially exempt from Irish are allowed not to sit Irish. All of these subjects are demanding at Higher Level. Please speak to individual teachers and/or a Guidance Counsellor for help choosing which level suits your ability. Please check www.examinations.ie for past sample papers.