

Leaving Cert Subject Choice 2019/2020

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The Requirements

- ▶ English, Irish and Maths are required
- ▶ Plus 4/5 'Option' Subjects
(For points purposes the best 6 subjects are counted)
- ▶ French (Third language) – Not a requirement but keeps options open to you. Why??
 - *NUI Colleges course/faculty requirement (UCC, UCG, UCD, Maynooth) Exceptions in UCC are Nursing, and Science and Engineering based courses*
 - *Entry to the Cadetships in the Defence Forces requires a third Language*

Students must choose four subjects from the following list

- ▶ French
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ Art
 - ▶ Accounting
 - ▶ Business
 - ▶ Economics
 - ▶ Biology
 - ▶ Chemistry
 - ▶ Physics
 - ▶ Construction *(Formally Woodwork)*
 - ▶ Engineering *(Formally Metalwork)*
 - ▶ DCG *(Formally Technical Graphics)*
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- The diagram uses green brackets to group subjects into two categories. The first group, labeled *Formally Business Studies*, includes Accounting, Business, and Economics. The second group, labeled *Formally Science*, includes Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

Subject Choice Lines

Gaeilge
Irish

Béarla
English

Matamaitic
Mathematics

1. Fraincís
French

Tir Eolas
Geography

2. Físic
Physics

Eacnamaíocht
Economics

Stair
History

3. Ceimic
Chemistry

Gno
Business

Liníocht
DCG

Ealaíon
Art

4. Bitheolaíocht
Biology

Cúntasaíocht
Accounting

Tir Eolas
Geography

Innealtóireach
Engineering

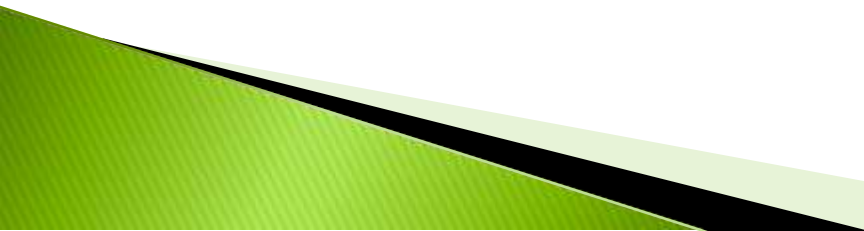
St. Togála
Construction Studies

5. LCVP Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (optional & must satisfy specific subject combinations)

LCVP – Leaving Cert Vocational Programme

- ▶ The LCVP provides a balance between the traditional LC and the development of skills and qualities that will be needed in the lives of students on leaving school for further education or work – these include their interpersonal, vocational and technological skills
- ▶ The two link modules are:
 - Preparation for the World of Work
 - Enterprise Education

LCVP – Who's eligible?

- ▶ Students must a combination of certain subjects in order to be eligible for LCVP.
 - ▶ These include having Irish, French and 2 subjects from the Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs)
 - ▶ Specialist Groupings – These subjects complement each other naturally
 - ▶ Service Groupings – These subjects complement each other in a commercial context
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LCVP – Assessment and Certification


▶ Assessment:

- Written Exam (takes place nationally in May)
- Portfolio
- Interview

▶ Certification:

<u>Grade</u>		<u>Points</u>
□ Distinction	(80 – 100%)	66
Merit	(65 – 79%)	46
Pass	(50 – 64%)	28

LCVP – Ideal Candidate

- ▶ Hardworking
 - ▶ Motivated
 - ▶ Self directed
 - ▶ Organised
 - ▶ Looking to pull up points for potential college course
 - ▶ Wants vocational work experience
 - ▶ Improve on existing communication skills
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Extra-curricular subjects

▶ Applied Maths

- Combination of Maths and Physics
- Aptitude for Maths essential
- Honours Maths for Leaving Cert
- Course completed after school at an additional cost
- 2 year programme

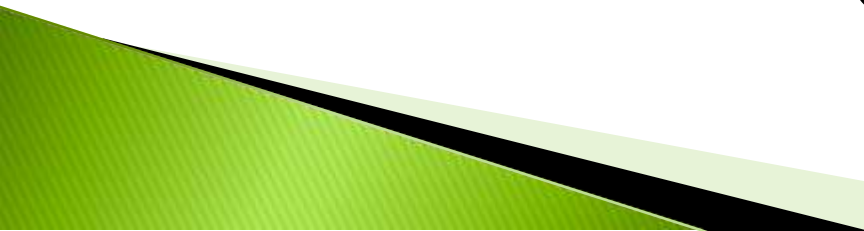
▶ Agricultural Science

- Practical and theoretical study of farm crops, soil, livestock and mapping
- Interest in science and agricultural essential
- Course completed after school at an additional cost
- 2 year programme

Do's and Don'ts

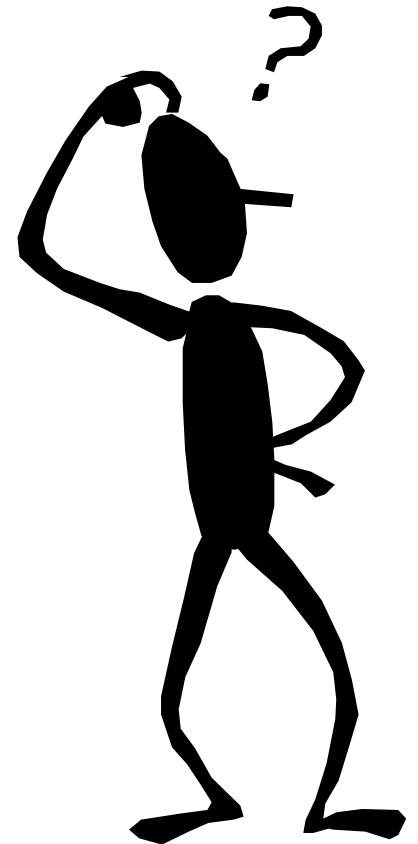
- ▶ **Do familiarise yourself with the Senior Curriculum**
- ▶ **Don't choose a subject because it is 'supposed to be easy'.**

Remember students are choosing their subjects not choosing their career.

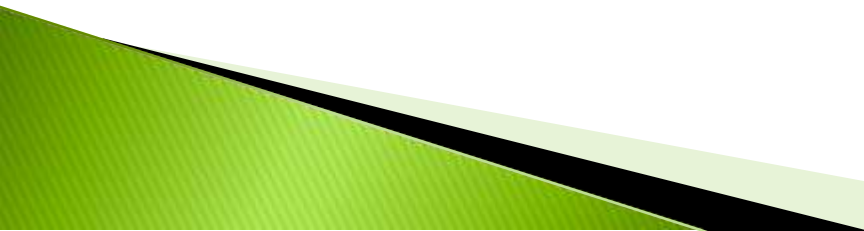


Questions the student needs to ask before making his subject choice

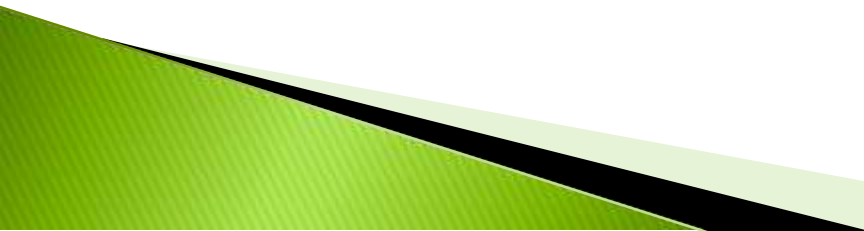
- ▶ **What subjects are essential/useful for the career I am interested in?**
- ▶ **What subjects am I good at?**
- ▶ **What subjects am I most interested in?**



What to watch out for.....

- ▶ **A minimum of one science subject is required for all Science, Medical/Paramedical courses.**
 - ▶ **Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry in UCC require two science subjects, one of which has to be Chemistry**
 - ▶ **Veterinary in UCD and Human Nutrition and Dietetics in DIT also requires Chemistry**
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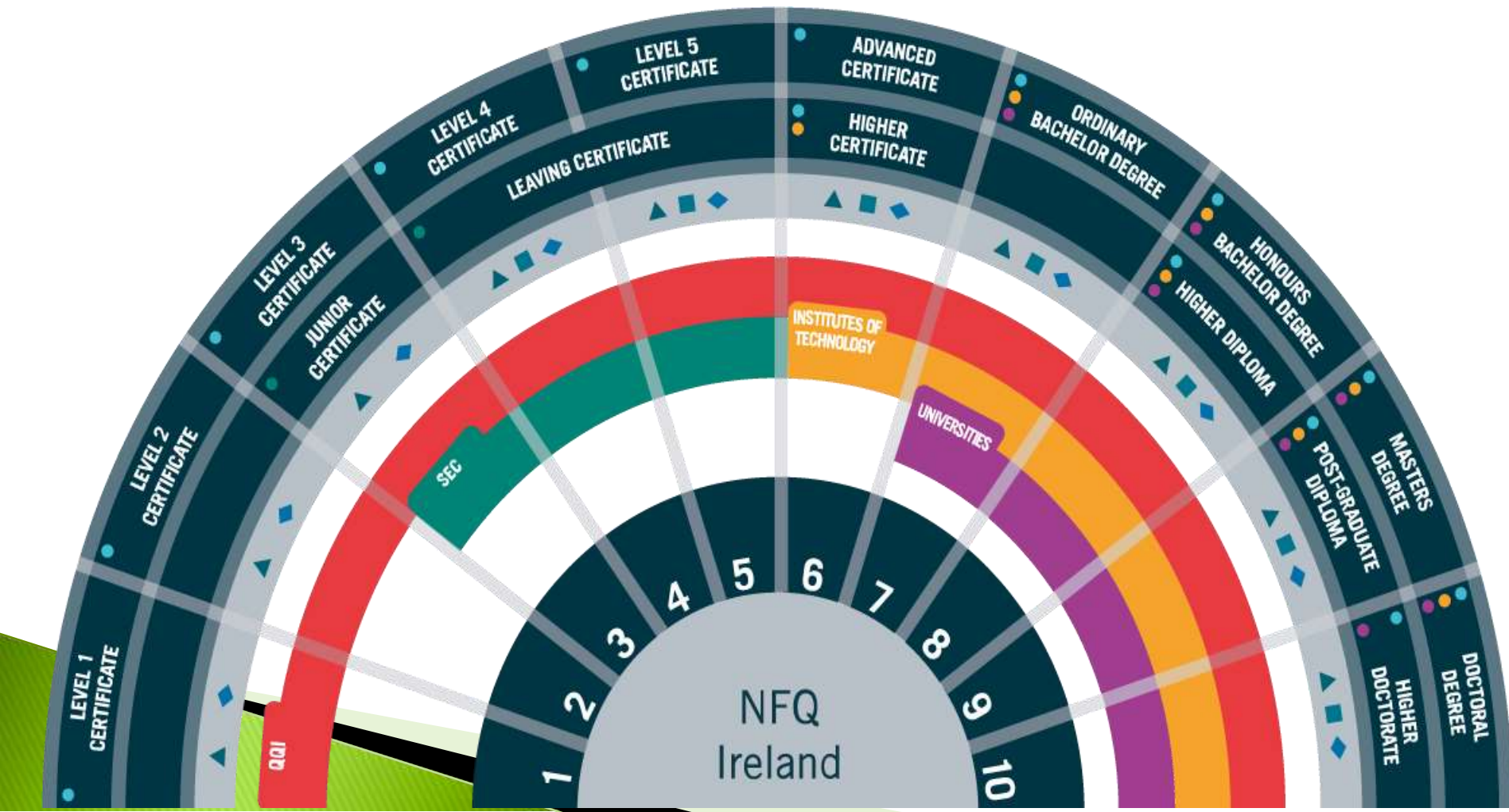
- ▶ **Engineering – honors Maths is essential for all Level 8 Engineering courses in the NUIs, and one science subject is also required.**
 - ▶ **A Portfolio is required for most Art and Design courses and also for Architecture in DIT and UL**
 - ▶ **Primary Teaching – honors Irish is essential**
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General Minimum Entry Requirements

Trinity/ Primary Teaching Mary I – 3H5 + 3H7/306

Level 8 – 2H5 + 4H7/O6

Level 7 – 5H7/O6



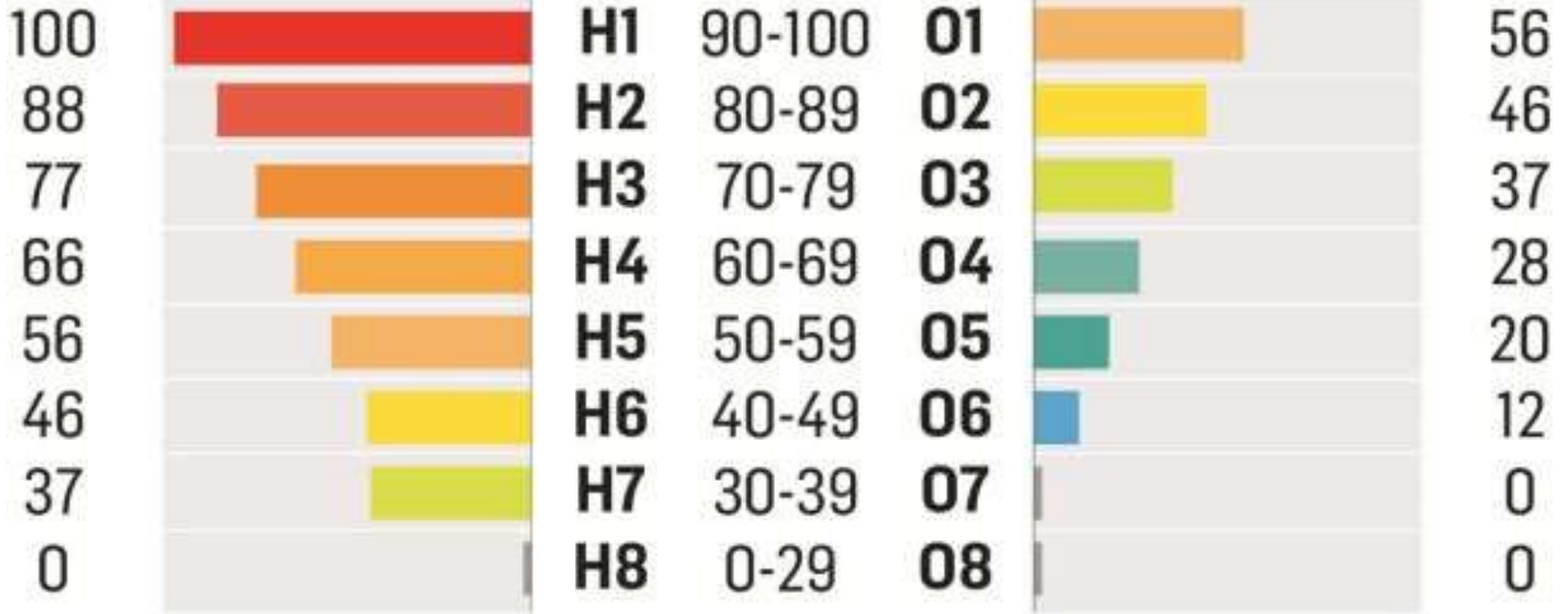

Points

Higher

Your % marks


Ordinary


Points




+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules

 Distinction 66

 Merit 46

 Pass 28

Useful but not essential

- ▶ **A business subject for any of the Business Degree**
- ▶ **Art or Design and Communication Graphics for Architecture**
- ▶ **Construction Studies for an Apprenticeship**
- ▶ **History for Law**

Where does a student look to for help and advice on Subject Choice?

- Taster Modules in each LC subject during Transition Year
- Work Experience / Community Work during Transition Year
- Transition Year college experiences and programmes
- Consultation with Subject / Module Teachers
- School Careers Library
- Subject Choice talks
- Subject Choice booklet
- College websites and prospectus
- Check out textbooks and past paper
- Individual appointments with Ms. O'Shea, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Cryan

Useful websites

- ▶ www.careersportal.ie
 - ▶ www.qualifax.ie
 - ▶ www.ucc.ie
 - ▶ www.cit.ie
 - ▶ www.curriculumonline.ie
 - ▶ www.examinations.ie
 - ▶ www.cao.ie
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