

**St. Joseph's Secondary School
Ballybunion
Leaving Certificate
Subject Options 2020**



Leaving Certificate

It is rare that students of your age know exactly what you want to do, and even if you know at the moment you may change your mind over time. It is wise, therefore, to choose subjects which will give you flexibility and leave your options open for when you leave school.

Subject choices may determine the extent of your options when you leave secondary school; the third level course you follow, the jobs you do or the apprenticeship that you get. Therefore you should think very carefully about your choice of subjects for Senior Cycle

Subjects Studied

Core Subjects

All senior students at St Joseph's Secondary School study the following core subjects:-

- Gaelge
- English
- Mathematics
- LCVP
- Religious Education (*non-exam*)
- Physical Education (*non-exam*)

SAMPLE of Subject Option Choices

Options groupings vary each year based on the students' preference in each year group within the resources available to the school.

EXAMPLE - Students must choose **one subject** from **each** of the following option groups:-

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Construction Studies	Home Economics	Biology	Agricultural Sc
Accounting	German	Physics	Geography
Art	Chemistry	Construction Studies	Business
Design Comm. Graphics	Agricultural Sc	History	Music

(This is a sample and varies from year to year)

(LCVP) Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme: Link Modules

What is it?

An add on programme where you study two modules (Enterprise Education and the World of Work). It aims to prepare young people for both.

How do I get it?

By having the correct combination of subjects

Why is it a good idea?

If you do any ordinary level subjects, it is useful for points. It is good to help students prepare their CV and give them vital skills with interview techniques and the invaluable opportunity to do work experience.

It is common level

It is assessed before the Leaving Cert

60% portfolio including items like CV, Career Investigation, Recorded Interview, Work Placement Diaries, Reports

40% Exam in May of Leaving Cert year

Students taking the Leaving Certificate Examination will follow two Link Modules over the course of the two years in addition to their normal Leaving Cert.

Link Module I – Preparation for the World of Work

Students will research and investigate local employment opportunities, develop job seeking skills such as letter writing, CV presentation, interview techniques; gain valuable practical experience of the world of work; interview and work shadow a person in a career area that interests them

Link Module II – Enterprise Education

Students will be involved in organising visits to local business and community enterprises; meet and interview enterprising people on site and in the classroom; plan and undertake interesting activities that will build self-confidence, creativity, initiative and develop teamwork, communication and computer skills.

Accounting

Topics

- Conceptual Framework of Accounting
- Regulatory Framework
- A detailed Study of Double Entry
- Suspense Accounts
- Bank Reconciliation Statements
- Sole Trader Accounts
- Company Accounts
- Incomplete Records
- Analysis and Interpretation of Financial Statements
- Cashflow Statements
- Tabular Statements
- Departmental Accounts
- Control Accounts
- Published Accounts
- Management Accounting

Assessment

Examination Paper	-	3 hours		
➤ Section 1	-	120 marks	-	30%
➤ Section 2	-	200 marks	-	50%
➤ Section 3	-	80 marks	-	20%

Career Paths

Accounting is useful for just about every career path. A reasonable knowledge of accountancy is invaluable to effective management. It is important for students considering a business course at third level

- Accountancy
- Auctioneering
- Auditing
- Book-Keeping
- Office Administration & Management
- Finance
- Insurance
- Market Research
- Taxation Consultancy
- Teaching
- Computer Systems
- Business Information Systems

Agricultural Science

Topics

- Soils
- The General Structure and Function of Plants
- Farm Crops - cereal and roots
- Farm Crops - grassland
- Food production
- Health and Safety
- Animals
- Nutrition
- Environment
- Breeding
- Sustainability
- Policy and Economics

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.

Coursework - 25% - An assessment of the work completed during the course.

- *Individual Investigation Study.*
- *Investigations carried out related to a specific theme, which changes annually. This theme is issued by the DES, for example 'Improving Sustainability in Irish agriculture is 2021s theme*
- *This course work is done into a booklet, which is submitted before the Leaving Cert written examination.*

Examination Paper - 75%

- Section A - Short Questions (*answer 6 questions out of 10*)
- Section B - Long Questions (*answer 5 questions out of 9*)

Career Paths

- Veterinary
- Farming
- Agricultural Consultant
- Teagasc (agricultural advisory board)
- Veterinary Nursing
- Wildlife/Park Services
- Environmental Science
- Teaching
- Horticulture
- Forestry Services
- Nursing
- Agri-business

ART

Students who choose Leaving Certificate Art & Design will study the following practical areas:-

- Life Drawing
- Still Life or Imaginative Composition
- Design or Craftwork (calligraphy/batik/graphic design/wood-prints/screen-prints & clay modelling.)

Students will also study Art History which includes:-

- Irish Art – *a Study of Irish Art from Newgrange to the present day.*
- European Art – *from Medieval times to the Twentieth century.*
- Appreciation – *including Film Appreciation, Review of Exhibitions, Interior & Architecture design & Public Art*

Assessment

Assessments

- Still Life/Imaginative Composition and Craftwork - 50% - 10 Weeks from January to March
- Life Sketching 10% - May

June Assessments

- History of Art Examination Paper - 40% - 2 hours & 30 mins
(Students write 3 essays – one from each section of the paper)

Career Paths

- Art & Design
- Architecture / Industrial Design
- Animation / Games Design / Media Studies / Television
- Fashion Industry
- Graphic Designer / Illustrator
- Teaching
- Professional Artist
- Interior Design
- Art Therapy

Biology

In biology you will gain an understanding of yourself and the natural world in which you live. The course uses practical activity and investigation to develop your skills and knowledge. The scope of biology is wide and varied and covers not only the traditional study of plants and animals but also areas such as molecular biology and biotechnology which have clear relevance to modern society.

Students who enjoyed science in the Junior Certificate might wish to consider studying biology at Senior Cycle. The course is a continuation of what was studied at Junior Cycle but in more detail. Students undertake 24 mandatory experiments, the details of which they record in their laboratory book. It is often perceived as an easier subject than physics or chemistry but this is not so. There are high failure rates at ordinary level.

Assessment

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.

Examination Paper – including assessment on mandatory experiments and practical work.

- Section A - 25% - Short Questions (*students answer 5 questions out of 6*)
- Section B - 15% - Experiments (*students answer 2 questions out of 3*)
- Section C - 60% - Long Questions (*students answer 4 questions out of 6*)

Careers paths

Medicine	Veterinary	Dentistry
Nursing	Agriculture	Applied Biology
Biochemistry	Biotechnology	Botany
Ecology	Environmental Science	Genetics
Marine Science	Microbiology and Zoology	Psychologist
Science teacher		

Business Studies

I didn't study business studies for my Junior Cert. can I study it for leaving Cert?

Yes. Business for Leaving Cert. is rather different to business studies for junior Cert. At Leaving Cert. level there is a three way split in business (like science). It splits into accounting, economics and business. As a result, there is no bookwork (books of first entry, ledgers, trial balances, trading profit and loss accounts etc.) on the Leaving Cert. business syllabus.

These units cover a mixture of areas, Such as: Enterprise, Conflict Management, Taxation, Cash flow analysis, Marketing, Transnational companies, International trade, European Union, The economy

I'm not very good at maths?

At leaving Cert. level, maths is not a major issue for higher-level business. There are only two sections on the course, which require the use of a calculator. These sections can be avoided on the exam paper.

Assessment

There is an ordinary and higher level paper in business. The ordinary level students sit only one paper. The exam lasts 2 ½ hours. The higher-level students sit only one paper. The exam lasts 3 hours. There is an Applied Business Question (A.B.Q)

What is an A.B.Q?

An A.B.Q. is an applied business question. It is only on the higher-level paper. It is a number of questions on a case study. It is worth 20% of the exam. Each year the A.B.Q is on a different 3 units of the course.

Careers Paths

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| ➤ Marketing | Advertising | · Economics |
| ➤ Working in financial institutions | Enterprise | Management |
| ➤ Accountancy | Taxation | Financial Control |
| ➤ Insurance | Teaching | |

Chemistry

Topics / Course Outline

Leaving Certificate Chemistry aims to provide continuity with and progression from the Junior Certificate Science programme. It includes various components including personal social development and preparation for adult working life. The course includes a high emphasis on practical work with approximately 40% of the Leaving Certificate exam paper assessing practical knowledge and understanding.

- Atomic Structure
- Periodic Table
- Thermo Chemistry
- Chemical Reactions & Equations
- Environmental Chemistry
- Chemical Calculations
- Crystal Structures and Shapes of Molecules
- Chemical Equilibrium
- Electrochemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Volumetric Analysis

Assessment

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.

Examination Paper - 3 hours

- *Section A* - 3 Questions - Practical work, including assessment on mandatory experiments.
- *Section B* - 8 Questions

Students must answer a total of 8 Questions over the entire paper.

Career Paths

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Dietetics
- Forensic Science
- Engineering
- Veterinary
- Nursing
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Biotechnology
- Science

Construction studies

Topics / Course Outline

- Architectural Awareness
- Structure & Fabric of Buildings
- The External Envelope & Superstructure
- Services & Environmental Technologies
- Processing of Materials
- Design Appraisals & Processes
- Architectural & Craft Heritage
- Consumer Issues
- Health & Safety
- Practical Project

Assessment

Project & Brief	-	25%
Practical Exam	-	25%
Examination Paper	-	50%

Career Paths

- Construction Management
- Quantity Surveying
- Teaching
- Animation and Game Design
- Trades & Apprenticeships
- Civil & Structural Engineering
- Town Planning
- Furniture Design/ Manufacture
- Furniture Restoration

Design & Communication graphics

(Technical Graphics/Drawing)

Topics / Course Outline

- Plane & Descriptive Geometry
- Communication of Design and Computer Graphics
- Applied Graphics

On successful completion of their studies students will be:-

- Familiar with the principles, concepts, terminology and methodologies associated with the graphics code.
- Able to produce neat & accurate drawings that comply with internationally recognised standards.
- Competent and confident in the application of CAD and other technologies in the solutions, modelling and presentation of graphic design.

Assessment

Student Assignment - 40% - CAD (Computer Aided Design)

Examination Paper - 60%

Career Paths

- Civil Engineering
- Architecture
- Engineering
- Animation and Game Design
- Teaching
- Quantity Surveying
- Trades & Apprenticeships

Geography

Leaving Certificate geography will help students develop an understanding of the changing relationships between the physical and human worlds. Through their study of geography, students will develop geographical skills that will help them to make informed judgements about issues at local, national and international levels. Students develop skills such as information gathering, using statistics, analysing information, critical thinking, reporting, communication and evaluating data.

Topics / Course Outline

➤ **Core Units**

1. Patterns and processes in the physical environment
2. Regional geography
3. The Geographical Investigation and skills unit

➤ **Elective Units**

4. Patterns and processes in economic activities
5. Patterns and processes in the human environment



Optional Units

6. Global interdependence
7. Geoecology
8. Culture and identity
9. Atmosphere-ocean

Ordinary level students study all core units and one of the elective units. Higher level students study all core units, one of the elective units and one of the optional units.

Assessment

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| ➤ Examination Paper | - | 80% |
| ➤ Report on a Geographical Investigation | - | 20% |

Career Paths

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| ➤ Conservation Work | ➤ Air Traffic Control |
| ➤ Civil Engineering | ➤ Anthropology |
| ➤ Town Planning | ➤ Cartographer |
| ➤ Architecture | ➤ Marine Studies/Development |
| ➤ Auctioneering | ➤ Geology |
| ➤ Horticulture | ➤ Pilot |
| ➤ Market Research | ➤ Civil Service / Dept. of Foreign Affairs |
| ➤ Archaeology | ➤ Tourism |
| ➤ Teaching | |

German

German as a Leaving Certificate subject aims to bring students closer to fluency in the German language, as well as developing a good knowledge of literature, culture, geography, and history to provide a context for communication. Germany plays a major role in the wider European context and consequently German as a language is becoming ever more important in the lives of young Europeans in offering career opportunities in the years ahead. Germany has over 82 million inhabitants and German is the most widely spoken native language in Europe. It is also an official language in Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein. German plays a role as a recognized minority language in Denmark, France, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. Approximately 55 million Europeans speak German as a foreign language. Germany is the EU's biggest economy and is Ireland's fourth largest trading partner. There are over 300 German companies in Ireland employing more than 20,000. Foreign language skills give a job applicant an edge over his/her competitors. German and international firms are increasingly looking for language skills. Graduates with combined degree programmes (Business and German) are highly employable.

Mark Allocation for Leaving Cert German

The oral exam takes place in March/April of 6th year and consists of a 15-minute interview in which students are examined in 3 different sections; general conversation, project/picture sequence and role plays

Section	Higher Level	Ordinary Level
Speaking	25%	20%
Listening Comprehension	20%	25%
Reading Comprehension	30%	40%
Writing	25%	15%

Careers

Irish companies need professionals with a good knowledge of German. German would be very useful in the following career areas:

- Engineering
- Business & Finance
- Teaching
- Technology
- Law
- Careers in the EU (interpreter)
- Tourism/Hospitality
- Sales and Marketing

History

Topics / Course Outline

Students study one document based study module and three others from the following:-

Irish History

- Ireland & The Union (1815 – 1870)
- Movement For Political & Social Reform (1870 – 1914)
- The Pursuit of Sovereignty & The Impact Of Partition (1912 – 1949)
- The Irish Diaspora (1840 – 1966)
- Politics & Society In Northern Ireland (1949 – 1993)
- Government, Economy & Society In The Republic Of Ireland

Europe & the Wider World

- Nationalism & State Formation
- Nation States & International Tensions
- Dictatorship & Democracy (1920 – 1945)
- Division & Realignment in Europe
- European Retreat From Empire
- The United States & the World

Students must study two Irish History modules and two Europe & the Wider World modules

Skills

The study of History at Leaving Certificate fulfils many of the general aims and principles of the Leaving Certificate programmes, as well as allowing for the development of many useful ‘life-skills’.

- It emphasises the importance of individual thought
- It helps students to structure thoughts in a logical and methodical way.
- It fosters a spirit of inquiry and critical thinking
- It helps to prepare students for both further education and for adult/working life.
- It helps prepare students for their role as active and participative members of society

Assessment

Research Study (submitted before exam)	-	20%	~	<i>Topic of Students Choice</i>
Examination Paper	-	80%	~	<i>~ The examination features a documents-based question and three general questions. ~ All four questions are of equal value. ~ Document Question for 2019/21 “The United States and the World, 1945 – 1989”</i>

Career Paths

- Architecture
- Archaeology
- Journalism
- Barrister / Law
- Researcher
- Solicitor
- Museum/Library Work
- Politics
- Teaching/Lecturing
- Local Government
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Economist
- Tourism Industry
- An Garda Siochana
- Broadcaster/Television/Media
- Civil Service
- Trade Union Work
- Administration / Management

Home Economics

Topics / Course Outline

The syllabus is based on a core of three areas of study that is studied by all students and one elective area, from a choice of three.

Core

- Food Studies (*Food science & nutrition, diet & health, preparation & processing food*)
- Resource Management and Consumer Studies (*Family resource management, consumer studies*)
- Social Studies (*Sociological concepts, family & society*)

Electives

The elective allows students the opportunity to undertake a more detailed study of one area of the core. There are three electives, from which one may be chosen:

- Home Design and Management
- Textiles, Fashion and Design
- Social Studies

Assessment

Examination Paper	-	80%	(Core 60%, Electives 20%)
Assessment of Practical Coursework	-	20%	

Career Paths

- Dietician
- Nursing
- Childcare
- Baking & Confectionary
- Consumer Advisor
- Hotel Management
- Teaching
- Environmental Designer / Advisor
- Food Science
- Fashion Designer
- Health Inspector / Environmental Safety
- Catering
- Social Work

Music

Topics / Course Outline

The content of this syllabus involves a series of interrelated musical activities within each of the three core areas of musical experience.

- Composition
- Listening
- Practical/Performing

Assessment

Composing;- Harmony & Melody. Students may select from a range of prescribed exercises or free

25% composition.

Listening;- Study of four musical eras (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century, Irish Music)

25%

Practical;- Group Playing recorder – (Descant, treble, Tenor) – all taught in class.
50% Any style/genre/instrument may be used for the actual Leaving Certificate practical

Career Paths

- Music Technology
- Music Therapy
- Teaching (Primary/Secondary)
- Specialised Instrumental Teaching
- Performing Arts
- Sound Engineering
- Music Promoter
- Film & Media Production
- Television
- Sound Production
- Professional Performer / Artist
- Vocal Teaching/Training
- Music / Arts Journalism
- Arts Administration

Physics

Topics / Course Outline

Physics is the branch of science that studies matter, energy and the relationship between them. In Leaving Certificate Physics you will study various topics including:-

- Mechanics and Motion
- Heat
- Waves and Sound
- Light and Optics
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Atomic Physics and Electronics
- Nuclear and Particle Physics

Assessment

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.

Examination Paper - 3 hours

- *Section A* - Answer 3 out of 4 Questions – Based on the mandatory experiments.
- *Section B* - Answer 5 out of 8 Questions- Based on the theory learned in class.

Students must answer a total of 8 Questions over the entire paper.

Career Paths

- Medicine
- Architecture
- Astronomy
- Biophysics
- Dentistry
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Meteorology
- Naval Services
- Oceanography
- Pharmacy
- Pilot
- Radiography
- Medical Physic
- Software Design & Research
- Engineering
- Geophysics
- Marine Radio Operation

Career Choices

When you are considering which subjects to take, remember this decision will have long-term consequences on what careers are open to you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MANY SUBJECTS SHOULD I TAKE AND AT WHAT LEVEL?

St Joseph's offers you the option of studying eight subjects. Your best six grades, achieved in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate, will be used to calculate your point score for entry purposes to college courses.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE HIGHER LEVEL GAELIGE?

Apart from ruling out a number of honours degree programmes which have Gaelige as a core entry requirement, the main consequence of dropping higher level Gaelige is that you are precluded from studying to be a primary school teacher in any of the Irish training colleges.

HOW IMPORTANT IS MATHS?

A pass in ordinary level maths is essential for entry to the majority of courses. The 5,000 students who fail to secure a grade D in ordinary level are in a particularly difficult situation. A further 5,000 students each year now choose foundation level maths, and there is a growing number of colleges and courses that offer places to students who secure a minimum of a grade A or B in maths at this level. Whatever you do over the next two years, don't neglect your studies in this subject.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE HIGHER LEVEL MATHS?

There are many Level 8 degree programmes you can't take if you don't get a minimum of C3 in higher-level maths; engineering, computer science, science, information and computer technology courses and most degrees that include maths as a core subject.

If you are interested in any of these courses you could start your third level journey with a two-year higher certificate programme, which will require a minimum of a D3 in ordinary level maths. Provided you secure a minimum of 60 per cent in your various examinations, you can then progress on to ordinary degree level and from there to an honours bachelors

degree. This entire process may add only one or two extra years to your studies, over and above those who secure a place on an honours bachelors degree programme, immediately after their Leaving Cert.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN IRISH AND ENGLISH?

The colleges of the National University of Ireland require a pass in a third language for entry into a large number of their courses. These colleges are NUI Maynooth, Dublin, Galway and Cork, and a range of associated constituent colleges, all of which are listed on the NUI website at nui.ie. In recent years NUI colleges have dropped their third language requirement for engineering and science programmes. Nursing at NUI colleges never required a third language. A third language must be included for arts, human sciences, law, social science, commerce, medicine and health sciences and some other degrees. A third language is also a requirement for entry into the cadetship in the army or air corps.

Trinity accepts Gaeilge as a second language requirement. UL and DCU and the Institutes of Technology do not require a continental language for entry purposes to most of their courses, apart from those which involve the study of such a language.

In summary,

A Third Language is required for:

- UCC, NUI Galway, UCD, NUI Maynooth and the Royal College of Surgeons require a pass in a third language for most of their courses.
- Other colleges have it as a requirement for certain courses that have a large language component. E.g.: European Studies, Languages & Marketing, Hotel Management, Languages & International Tourism.
- Entry to the Cadetships in the Defence Forces requires a third Language.
- National College of Art and Design require a third language or Art
- Many science and engineering courses include the study of Technical French or German from beginners level.

No Third Language is required for:

- University of Limerick, Trinity College, D.C.U., and the Institutes of Technology (e.g. LIT) unless it is a specific course requirement (a pass in Irish will suffice).
- No language for Engineering & Science NUI Maynooth
- No language for Engineering, Science & Ag Science in UCD (except for DN037-Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences)
- No language for Engineering, Science & Food Science UCC

- No language for Engineering & Science NUI Galway (except for GY304-Biotechnology)

- Gardai, Nursing, Apprenticeships and most PLC Courses

Irish Exemptions carry through if they are OFFICIAL exemptions BUT Gardaí, Army cadetships, Primary Teaching - exemptions do not apply

Limerick colleges do not require a third language unless it is part of the course of study.

This information is correct in February 2020 but is subject to change- check with the course provider or your Guidance Counsellor.

WHAT'S THE EASIEST SUBJECT IN THE LEAVING CERT AND WHAT'S THE HARDEST?

No Leaving Cert subject is easy, but studying something you are really interested in will make it seem easier and as a result you will probably get higher marks in it. If you dislike a subject, you will have to work harder to achieve a good grade, and your motivation would need to be strong.

WHAT COMBINATIONS OF SUBJECTS WORK?

You should attempt to select a balanced range of subjects that will leave your further and higher education options open for as long as possible. Most students study Gaeilge (unless exempted), English, Mathematics and LCVP (leaving Certificate Vocational Programme).

In selecting your remaining four subjects, you should consider what third level courses you might be interested in when you leave school. If you have specific courses in mind, check that your subject choices and levels match the entry requirements for these courses.

Unless you have a specific career or course interest that is guiding your remaining subject choices, you should spread your final four choices across the entire spectrum of business, scientific, humanities and practical subjects. You should also be mindful of the results of previous examinations when making these choices.

Specific Subject Requirements:

Nursing: Science subject

Beautician: Biology

Medical Sciences: 1 or in some cases 2 science subjects

Many of these courses also have specific grade requirements e.g. H2 etc College information is subject to change and should be checked

If you are considering Medical, Paramedical, Nursing, Science or Engineering courses you should select a laboratory science subject or two for some courses.

NOT SURE: SAFE OPTION?

Irish

English

Maths

Language

At least one Science subject

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS:

• **ABILITY**

Consider your abilities in the different subjects and choose subjects in which you are likely to get good grades.

• **APTITUDES**

Consider your aptitudes these results when choosing your subjects as you will do well in subjects for which you have an aptitude.

• **INTEREST**

Choose subjects that you are genuinely interested in as you are much more likely to study those subjects and do well in them.

• **CAREER**

In addition to the core subjects (Irish, English, Maths) there are other subjects that are essential for some courses and careers. It is important to check out these subject requirements with a Guidance Counsellor or the course provider and it is your responsibility to do this.

Do not choose subjects based on what your friends are choosing- there is no guarantee you will be in the same classes. Similarly it is unwise to choose a subject solely because of who teaches it- again there is no guarantee you will have that teacher. Consider your options after school.

Your Options After Secondary School

Work

- Higher risk of unemployment

SOLAS www.solas.ie

- Training and Apprenticeship

Hotel & Catering

- Hotel & Catering training through CAO, Post Leaving Certificate courses or through the workplace

Defence Forces www.military.ie

- Cadetships in Army, Naval Service, Army Equitation, Air Corps
- Entry requires 3H5 & 3O6/H7 in a single sitting including Maths, English, Irish, third language
- Age requirement of 18 on closing date of application.
(language exemptions apply)

Gardai www.garda.ie

Applicants must have obtained...

(a) an Irish Leaving Certificate with a grade 6 minimum in five subjects at ordinary level*,
or

(b) a Level 5 Certificate (Major award) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ),
or

(c) a recognised qualification (at level 5 or greater), deemed comparable to the above in terms
of both level and

volume of learning as determined by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

AND

(d) Must have a proven proficiency in two languages; one of which must be Irish or English.
Such competency

may be proven by achieving the relevant grades in an Irish Leaving Certificate or for
English or Irish through

such assessments as set out by the Public Appointments Service;

**Subjects taken at Foundation Level Leaving Certificate are not considered equivalent for entry
to this competition.*

- *Language Exemptions do NOT apply*

Post Leaving Certificate Courses (Level 5/6)

- 1 or 2 years - e.g. Veterinary Nurse (2 years) at St. John's Central College, Cork.
- Can be a route to IT/University or English Colleges

Kerry PLC Colleges

- Kerry College of Further Education
- North Kerry College of Further Education
- St. Joseph's, Ballybunnion

Cork PLC Colleges

- College of Commerce
- Colaiste Stiofain Naofa
- St. John's College
- Mallow College of Further Education

Agricultural Colleges (Level 5/6)

- Clonakilty
- Pallaskenry
- Kildalton

Institutes of Technologies & Universities (Level 6/7/8)

UCAS AND EUNICAS

- Students can apply to English, Scottish and Welsh colleges through UCAS. Students may also apply to European colleges.
- Increasingly, students are applying to Holland for physiotherapy, Budapest for veterinary, Budapest and Poland for medicine, using eunicas application system www.eunicas.ie

RESOURCES

www.curriculumonline.ie Syllabus for LC Subjects

www.examinations.ie Look at past exam papers

www.qualifax.ie Check entry requirements

www.careersportal.ie Read about all LC Subjects

College websites www.ul.ie www.lit.ie www.mic.ul.ie

College Prospectuses

Guidance Counsellor - make an appointment

Teachers

Senior Cycle Textbooks

CAO App www.cao.ie

Qualifax/Student/useful tools/minimum entry requirements/Leaving Cert Subjects
- Choose a subject and check the implications of not choosing

Qualifax/Student/coursefinder/higher education/CAO/Keyword + Search

Disclaimer- all information in this booklet is correct as of 1st February 2020. Please consult qualifax.ie and careersportal.ie to check subjects required for specific third level course.