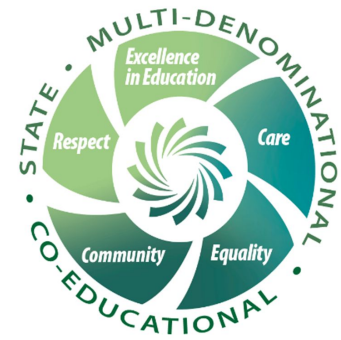




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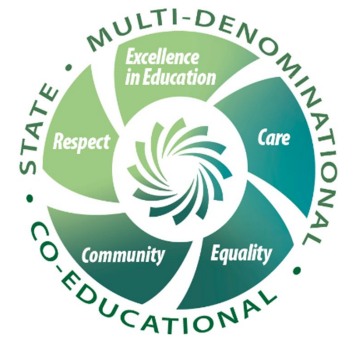
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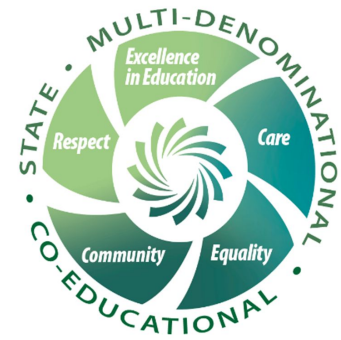
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# Senior Cycle

## Leaving Certificate Options

- ▶ Mulroy College offers 3 Leaving Certificate programmes:

Leaving Cert:





# Established Leaving Certificate

## What is the Leaving Certificate?

- ▶ Two-year programme that gives students the opportunity to study 7 subjects.



## Subject Choice

- ▶ 7 subjects divided up as follows:
  - Irish
  - English
  - Maths
  - 4 Options - Students also study an 8<sup>th</sup> subject: LCVP



# How students should select subjects?

- ▶ Select subject that they have an **interest** in.
- ▶ Select subjects that they have an aptitude for, subjects that they have studied for **Junior Cycle** and they are good at.
- ▶ Select subjects **required** for 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses- therefore think about their long term career options.
- ▶ Select a balanced range of subjects.





# Subject Choice

Students will be asked to pick 4 of the following:

**History**

**Geography**

**French**

**German**

**Art**

**Music**

**Biology**

**Business**

**Engineering**

**Design Communication Graphics**

**Agi. Science**

**Const. Studies**

**Home Economics (S&S)**

**Technology**

**Physics**

**Phys/Chem Joint**

**Chemistry**

**Physical Education**





# Subject Level

- ▶ Pupils may do higher or ordinary level papers in all subjects in the Leaving Certificate examination.
- ▶ Pupils should attempt the higher levels in as many subjects as possible.
- ▶ Higher level papers require both a good standard and consistent work in both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year.

# Leaving Certificate CAO points

Higher Grade	Points	Ordinary Grade	Points
H1 (90-100%)	100	O1 (90-100%)	56
H2 (80-90%)	88	O2 (80-90%)	46
H3 (70-80%)	77	O3 (70-80%)	37
H4 (60-70%)	66	O4 (60-70%)	28
H5 (50-60%)	56	O5 (50-60%)	20
H6 (40-50%)	46	O6 (40-50%)	12
H7 (30-40%)	37	O7 (30-40%)	0
H8 (0-30%)	0	O8	0

**LCVP points awarded:**

**Distinction - 66,**

**Merit - 46,**

**Pass 28**

**Bonus Points for**

**Maths:** 25 bonus points awarded for higher level mathematics, at grades H6 and above.



# There are three hurdles to College entry.

## 1. Matriculation Requirements (minimum academic qualification for entry).

What is NUI matriculation?

Matriculation refers to the minimum requirements for entry to the University. Before you can be considered for admission you must meet these minimum standards. Matriculation has nothing to do with points.

## 2. Subject Requirements

## 3. Points



# Subject Choice: *Third Language*

- ▶ A 3rd Language is required by the NUI colleges
  
- ▶ **NUI Colleges are:**
  - University College Dublin (UCD)
  - Maynooth University
  - University of Galway
  - University College Cork (UCC)
  - RSCI – Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland





# Some Exceptions:

The following courses no longer require a 3<sup>rd</sup> language:

- Engineering and science ( Maynooth University & University of Galway)
- Engineering, Science & Agricultural Science courses in UCD
- Engineering, Science and Food Science courses in UCC.
- Business in Maynooth University

# Subject Choice: *Science*



Science at Senior Cycle:

(i) Biology (ii) Chemistry (iii) Physics

(or a combination Phys/Chem.) (iv) Agriculture

Science

- ▶ **A minimum** of one science subject is required for the following fields:
  - Nursing, Medicine, Science, Engineering
  - Agricultural Science may not always be counted as a science subject. (You must look up the individual course requirements.)



# Subject Requirements

Each course has different entry requirements.

- ▶ Primary school teaching – Irish – Higher Level grade 4 is needed.  
(Grade H1-4)
- ▶ A science subject (or two) is needed for Medical, Paramedical, Nursing, Science or Engineering courses.
- ▶ Subject specific courses may require students to have studied the subject for Leaving Certificate.
- ▶ Some courses demand Higher Level Maths.



Remember it is important to make a balanced choice of subjects. This **could** include:

- ▶ Irish
- ▶ English
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ A Continental Language
- ▶ A Science subject (Biology, Agriculture Science, Physics, Chemistry Phy/Chem joint)
- ▶ And 2 other subjects





# Advice



It is important that students get advice:

- Make appointment with Guidance Counsellor
- Talk to subject teachers
- Research online.



# LCVP



## ▶ **LCVP is an Additional Subject**

- A student will sit **8 subjects** for Leaving Cert by doing LCVP
- Students must have **one of the Subject Combinations** to take up LCVP

## ▶ **Points can be extremely valuable:**

Distinction = 66 points = H4

Merit = 46 points = H6/O2

Pass = 28 points = O4



# Why do LCVP?



- ▶ Opportunity to achieve **Leaving Cert** points
- ▶ Become **self confident**, innovative and resourceful
- ▶ **Acquire attitudes and skills** appropriate to work
- ▶ **Explore career opportunities**
- ▶ **Learn from local business and community enterprises** through work experience



# What do you Study in LCVP?

## 1. Portfolio of continuous work (Total = 240 Marks)

### ▶ Core Items

- CV (25)
- Career Investigation (40)
- Enterprise/Action Plan (35)
- Summary Report (40)

### ▶ Options - any two from: (50 marks x 2)

- Diary of Work Experience
- Enterprise Report
- Recorded Interview/Presentation
- Report on "My Own Place"



# What do you Study in LCVP?

## 2. Written Exam (Total = 160 Marks)

Answer questions on the following:

- ▶ **Section A - Audio Visual**
  - Video sequence of an enterprise
- ▶ **Section B - Case Study**
  - Received 4 weeks in advance
- ▶ **Section C - General Questions**
  - Choice of 4 questions from 6

