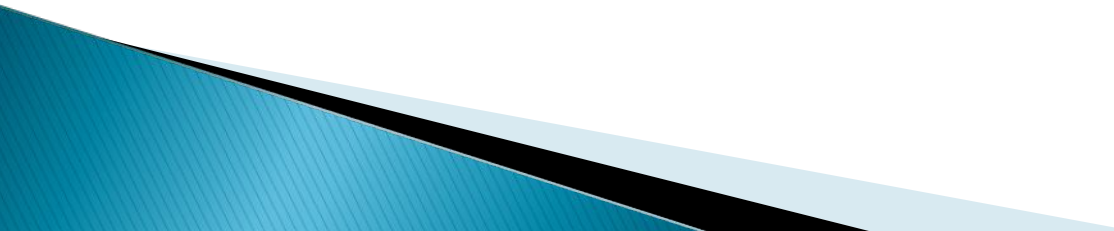


Mulroy College



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Outline of Presentation

- Points System
 - CAO
 - HEAR/DARE
 - UCAS
 - Fetch Courses
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Entry to courses depends on three things:

- Having the essential subjects for the course.
- Having the minimum requirements for the course.
- Having the necessary points for the course.

Matriculation = The minimum requirements for entry to University or Third Level Education..

Leaving Certificate Revised CAO points from 2017

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.

CAO Applications

CAO

Making an application

- Applicants are encouraged to apply online
- CAO opened early November 2024
- The website address is www.cao.ie
- Applying online is cheaper (€30 if done before January 20th).

Two Applications on One Form

There are two course choice lists

- 10 choices may be made on the Level 8 list
- 10 choices may be made on the Level 7/6 list

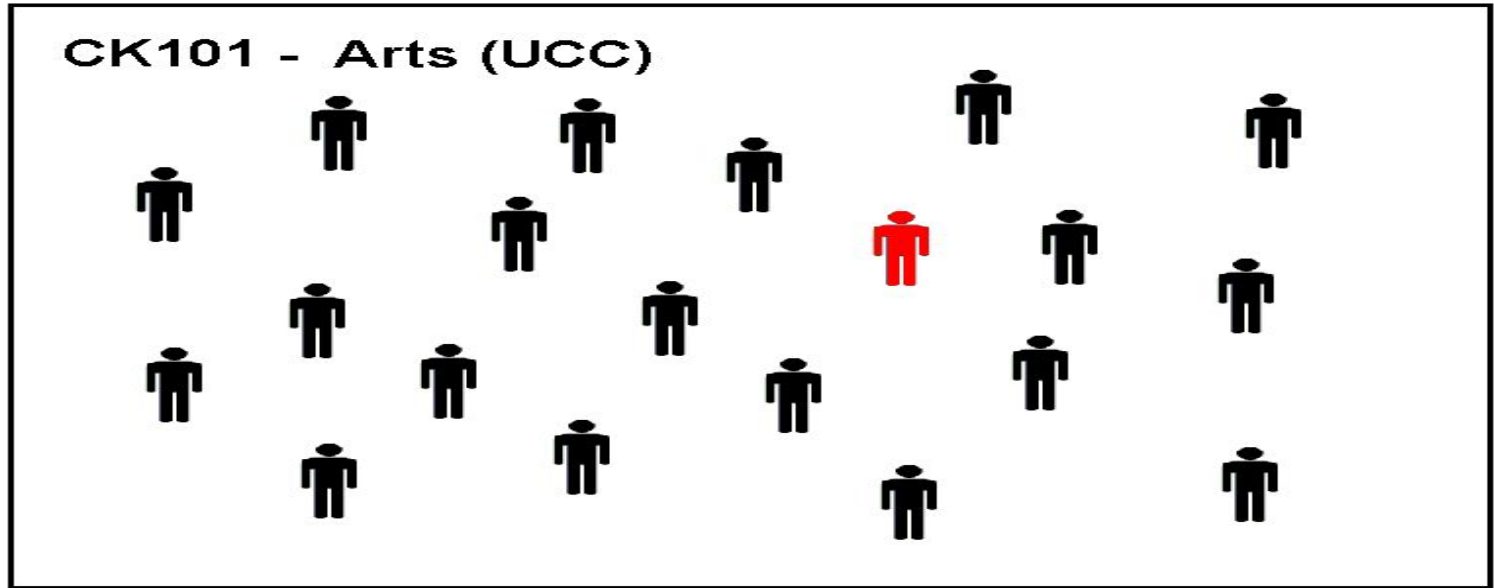
*It is possible to receive an offer on both lists.
Students must decide to accept **either** their Level
7/6 or their Level 8 offer.*

Order of Preference

Place course choices in genuine order of preference!

CAO

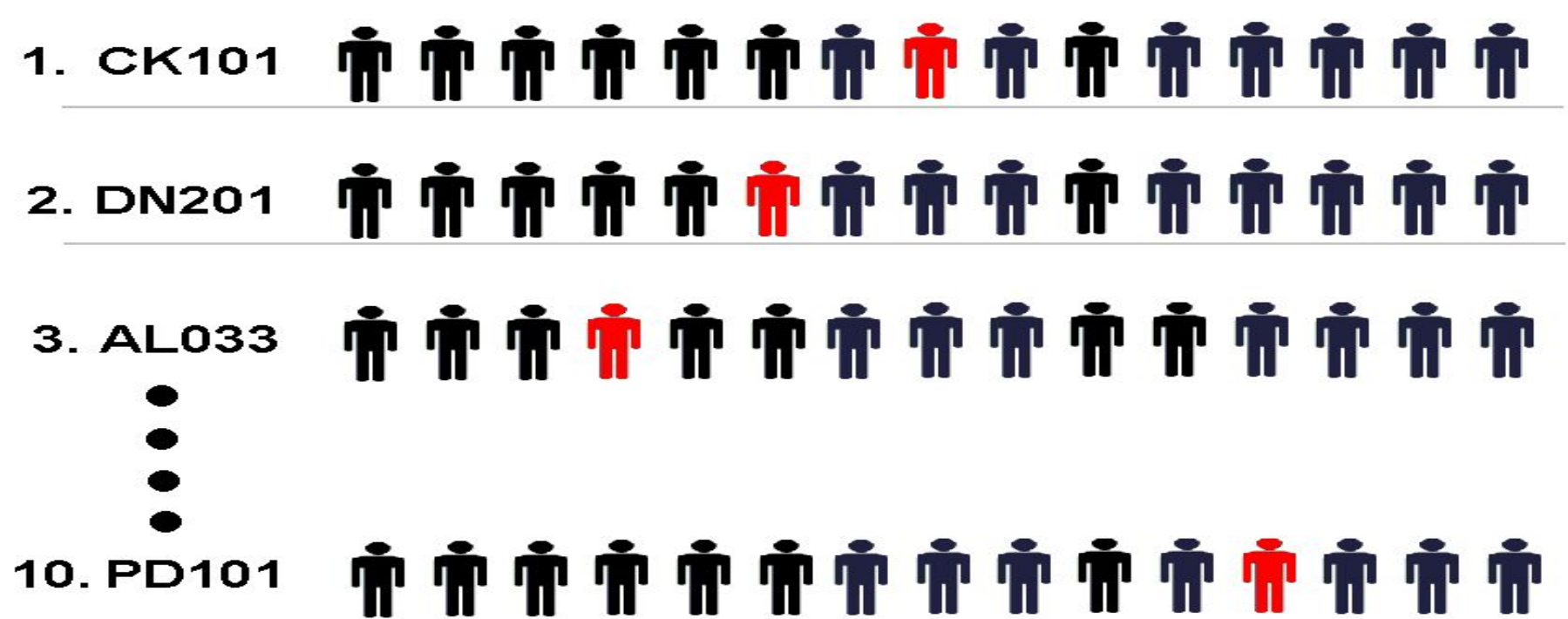
How Places are Allocated



These are the applicants for CK101 Arts in UCC.

The examination results have not yet been released, so these applicants are in no particular order.

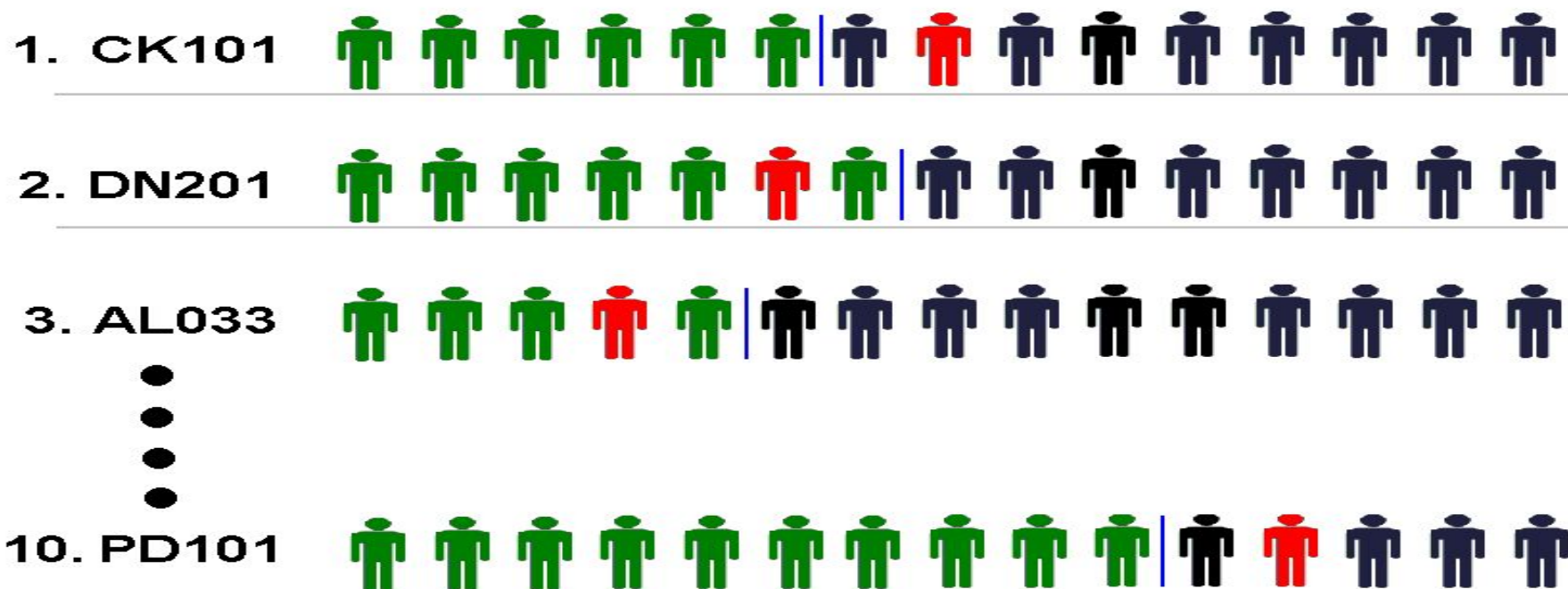
We are going to trace the progress of the applicant marked in red.



Applicants are placed in a queue for each course they applied for, their position in the queue is determined by their points. The applicant with the highest points is placed at the top of the queue. The points achieved by the applicant in red determines his position in the queue for each course he applied to.

The applicants marked in green have enough points to be offered places.

The applicant marked in red has enough points for his second preference.



The applicant in red is offered his second preference, the highest preference course that he has enough points for, and he will now disappear from the queue in all his lower choices. Placing DN201 as his second preference meant that he would prefer to receive an offer on DN201 than on any other course except CK101 - which is his first preference.

1. CK101 

2. DN201 

Having been offered his second preference he must now decide to accept it or to do nothing. If he does not accept the offer the place will be offered to another applicant in the next round of offers.

Regardless of whether he accepts or not he will still be considered for an offer on his first preference if a place becomes available. In the second round, one more offer was made on CK101 and our applicant is now at the top of the queue.



In the third round of offers two more offers are made on CK101 and our applicant, who was at the top of the queue, now receives an offer.

He may do nothing and remain in DN201 or he may accept the offer and begin in CK101.



Restricted- Application Courses

- Assessment procedures may start as early as February.
- Students must apply for these as soon as possible and check relevant prospectus for details.
- You must apply for a restricted course before the 1st Feb.

e.g. Art & Design in LIT



Important Dates

- CAO deadline is 1st Feb 2025
- Reduced application fee for applications submitted by 20th Jan 2025 (€30)
- CAO operates a Change of Mind facility from 1st May-1st July for all courses except those with Restricted Entry.

Exemption from minimum entry requirements

If you wish to seek exemption from minimum entry requirements (e.g. exemptions from Irish or modern language requirements) then you should contact the Admissions Offices of the HEIs for further details (in the case of NUI institutions see www.nui.ie for details).

If you have received or will apply for an NUI exemption you must indicate this on your CAO online application – click the "Modify NUI Exemption Status" button and follow the instructions.

For more information go to the Student Resources section of www.cao.ie.



HEAR

- Higher Education Access Route
- An admissions scheme for school leavers facing social and economic challenges in accessing college
 - Orientation Programme
 - Extra tuition if required
 - Financial assistance
 - Mentoring/Meetings with advisors

Making a HEAR Application

- Apply online at www.cao.ie as part of the CAO application process by 1 February 2025
- Indicate you wish to be considered for HEAR (you must tick a box on CAO).
- Complete the online HEAR Form by 1st March 2025.
- Submit supporting documentation (e.g. P21, Notice of Assessment etc) by 15th March 2025

DARE

- Disability Access Route to Education.
- DARE is a college & university admissions scheme which offers places on a reduced points basis to school leavers with disabilities.

Where can I find information?

- Full details on all aspects of the HEAR & DARE schemes can be found on www.accesscolleges.ie
- HEAR & DARE Application Advice Clinics Online
on
Saturday 11th January 2025 10am-2pm

Maintenance Grant

- Higher Education Grants are issued by SUSI, they cover all institutions in CAO and UCAS with the exception of private institutions.
- Means Test - Eligibility for grant is assessed on the basis of parents income.
- Consists of maintenance and payment of registration fee. (Reg Fee RoI only)

www.studentfinance.ie



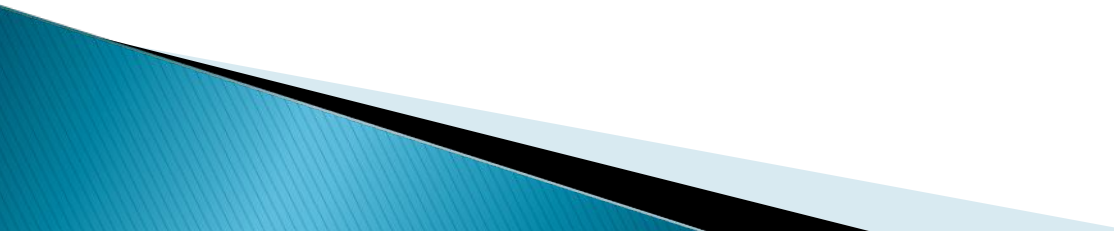
Other Applications

- Students can apply directly to some colleges:
- Donegal ETB
- Apprenticeships
- Agriculture Colleges (some courses are through CAO)
- NWRC - Limavady/Derry
- Cavan or Monaghan Institute of Further Education
- PLC's - Errigal College

An interview may be required

Selecting a course

When selecting a course students should:

- Have an interest in the area.
 - Prospectuses and websites.
 - Read the content of the course and subjects taught.
 - Ensure that they meet the minimum requirements to gain entry.
 - Apply for courses in order of preference.
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UCAS

Choosing Courses

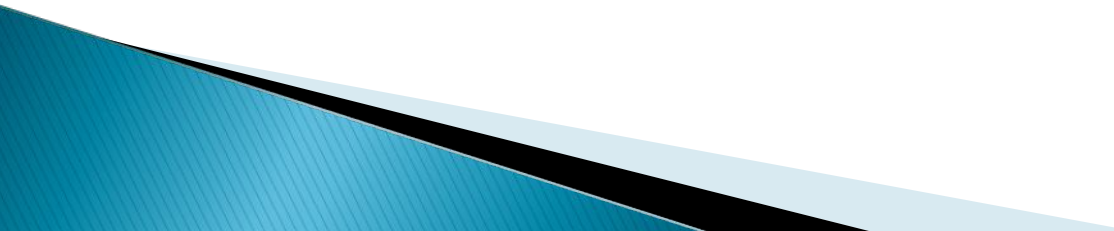
UCAS offers thousands of courses in hundreds of universities and colleges.

Students need to choose their courses for the right reasons and do plenty of research before deciding where to go.

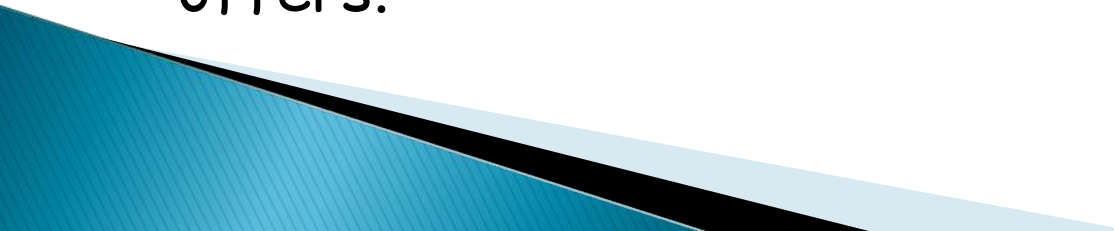
Applying

- Students apply for courses using the online application system.
- The application is divided into 5 sections:
 - **Personal Details**
 - **Course Choices**
 - **Education**
 - **Employment**
 - **Personal Statement** (approx: 500 -600words)

Reference

- When we receive completed applications we attach a **reference** and the students **predicted grades**.
 - Once this is complete we forward the application to **UCAS**.
 - Applications are then forwarded to the chosen universities and colleges by **UCAS**
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Offers

- Universities and colleges will decide whether to offer a student a place.
 - Applicants can check if they're accepted on the UCAS online tracking system, **Track**. This shows their choices and any decisions made by the universities and colleges.
 - If they are accepted students must reply to their offers.
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Conditional Offer

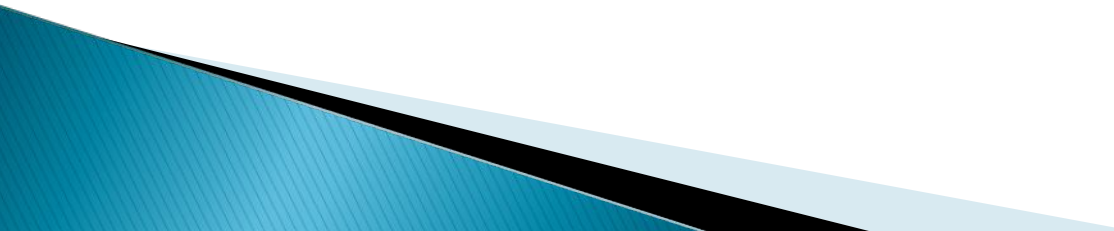
Offers made are conditional on obtaining certain grades or points. (UCAS Tariff Points)

Two of these maybe accepted.

The Firm acceptance should be the students 1st Choice,

The Insurance acceptance is the students 2nd Choice.

Results

- Leaving Certificate results are automatically sent to UCAS.
 - Students who meet the requirements of the conditional offer are accepted and will receive a letter from UCAS that explains what happens next.
 - Minimum requirement for Degree Courses in the United Kingdom is 4 honours in Honours Subjects.
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Money Matters

- The cost of applying is £27
 - Tuition Fees - Vary between courses and colleges, £3,375 - £9,000.
 - EU Nationals are eligible to apply for Tuition Fee Loan.
 - Must be repaid once the student is earning £21,000.
 - Students can apply for Maintenance Grant.
 - For some Health related courses there is bursary available through NHS
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