

NUI FAQs



How do NUI colleges assess the EB?

- The EB exam is converted to points based on the overall score (not the best 6 subjects, as in TCD)
Please see page 83 of the EU/EFTA entry criteria for the information relating to points conversion.
<http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/Guidelines-EU-EFTA.pdf>
(Note: The 2022 version of this document will be available at the same link before the CAO opens in November)
- Students must compete on a points basis but also need to meet the minimum matriculation and entry requirements of the course they are applying to.
- Only subjects taken above 3 period are considered.
- A bonus of 25 points is awarded for grade 6 or better on 5 period Maths or Advanced Maths. Maths is the only subject bonus points are awarded for.
- Applicants should meet the English language requirement as per the entry requirement document / individual university requirements
- **Points are not awarded per subject**

Admission to undergraduate programmes in NUI colleges as an EU applicant from European Baccalaureate:

In order to gain entry to UCD (as example) and other NUI institutions you must:

1. Be eligible to matriculate:

The minimum matriculation is overall 50%. You must also show proficiency in English: 6 in 1st Language, or in 1st, 2nd or 3rd Foreign language or equivalent English Language competence. See - http://www.nui.ie/college/docs/matricRegs/matricRegs_2021_2022_ENG.pdf

2. Have met the entry requirements for the programme:

Check the subject requirements for UCD courses (for example) at www.ucd.ie/lc and compare these with the equivalent grades for the European Baccalaureate shown here: www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/Guidelines-EU-EFTA.pdf

3. Compete on overall result (if eligibility is met):

Admission to all courses is competitive, it is based on points system. The minimum cut-off points are determined by the numbers of eligible applicants and the levels they attain, so it is not possible to predict how many points will be needed for any forthcoming intake.

However cut-off points in previous years are available as a guideline from the CAO, see - <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=points&p=2021>. For conversion of results from European Baccalaureate to points please see www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/Guidelines-EU-EFTA.pdf

3. Application:

Applicants must apply through the Central Applications System (CAO).

See www.cao.ie for details. The application closing date is 1 February each year. However, there is a discount for online applications made prior to 20th January. Late applications, with an additional fee, are accepted until 1st May (some programmes, such as Medicine do not accept late applications).

Further information:

Further information for EU applicants (from UCD) is available here: www.ucd.ie/eu and information about the programmes is available in the prospectus online at www.myucd.ie/ucd-prospectus/. Fees information is available at www.ucd.ie/fees.