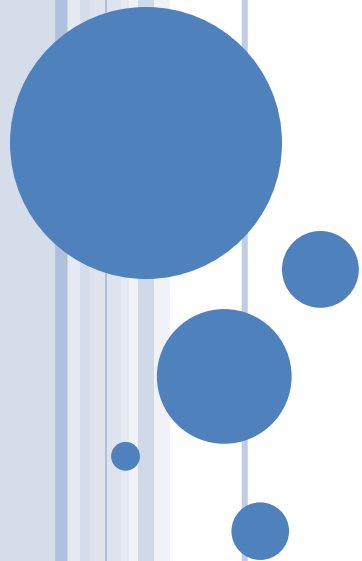
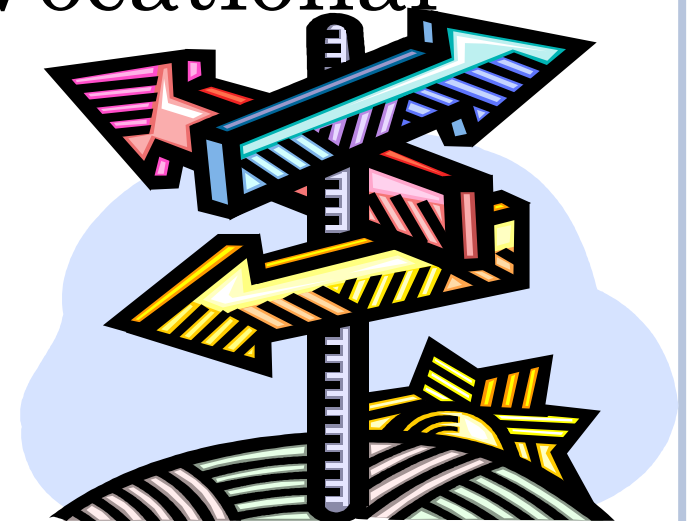


SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS & SUBJECT CHOICE '21



THE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE AT SENIOR CYCLE IN ST JOSEPH'S

- ◆ Established Leaving Certificate(LC)
- ◆ Leaving Certificate Vocational (LCVP)
- ◆ Transition Year(TY)



SUBJECT CHOICE IN THE ESTABLISHED LEAVING CERTIFICATE

- Students usually study seven subjects
- Core subjects: English, Irish and Maths
- Four more subjects from the 17/18 others available in the school



Junior Cert Leaving Cert

French → French

German → German

History → History

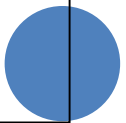
Geography → Geography

Art → Art

Music → Music

Home Economics → Home Economics (S & S)

Physical Education --→ Physical Education



Junior Cert

Leaving Cert

Business Studies → Business
→ Accounting

Science → Physics
→ Chemistry
→ Biology
→ Agricultural Science

Metalwork → Engineering

Tech Graphics → Design Com Graphics

Woodwork → Construction Studies

CSPE → Politics & Society



LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS

- (Irish)
- (English)
- (Maths)

- French **
- German**
- History
- Geography
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology

- Music *
- Art*
- Home Economics
- Business
- Accounting*
- Agricultural Science
- Engineering*
- DCG**
- Construction Studies*
- Politics & Society
- Physical Education

Subjects marked with an (*) are difficult to study for LC if they have not already been taken at JC

WHICH SUBJECTS TO CHOOSE?

Before you start to panic or fret about which subjects to choose consider the following:

1.The number of courses or jobs requiring specific subjects is very small

2.Requirements usually refer to:

A LANGUAGE (French/German)

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A SCIENCE (Chemistry/Physics/Biology/
Ag.Science)



LANGUAGES

- NUI and their affiliated colleges:
UCD, UCC, NUIG and Maynooth University & RCSI, NCAD, Shannon College of Hotel Management, St Angela's (Sligo), Pontifical University (Maynooth)
- Language based courses
- Cadetships in the Defence Forces



LANGUAGES CONT...

This is starting to change –A modern language (French/German) no longer required for:

- **Nursing** (all NUI colleges)
- **Engineering and Science** courses(all NUI colleges)
- **Agricultural Science** (UCD)
- As of 23rd January 2017 **Maynooth University** has also dropped the modern language requirement for it's **Business, Accounting, Finance** and **Law** degrees
- **NCAD** will accept **art** instead of a modern language



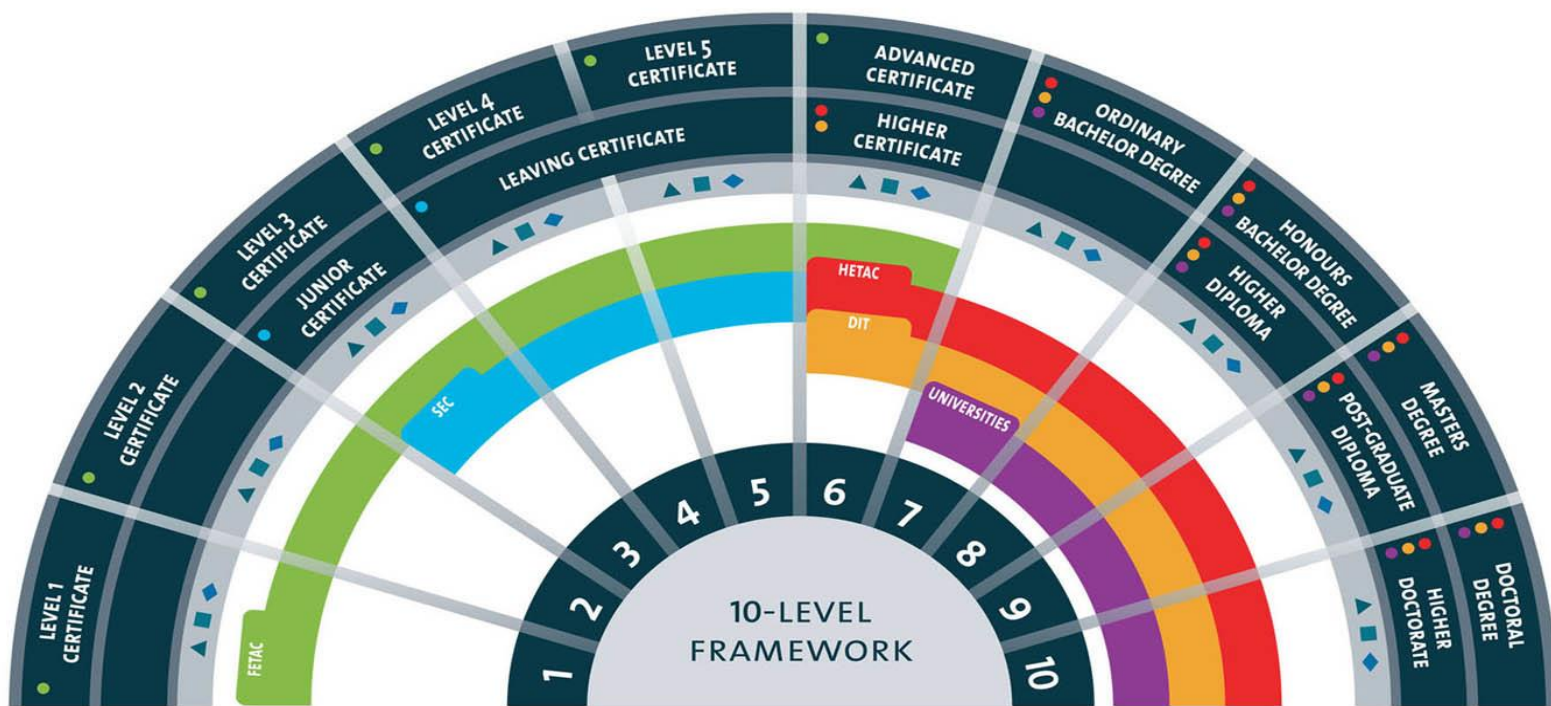
SCIENCES: PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY/BIOLOGY/AG.SCIENCE

- Honours Degree Courses (Level 8) in Science
- Honours Degree Courses (Level 8) in Engineering
- Honours Degree Courses (Level 8) in Medical and Paramedical areas including Nursing
- Usually any of the sciences will do



NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

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COURSES REQUIRING CHEMISTRY(8)

- Human Nutrition & Dietetics (TU Dublin)-H4
- Veterinary Medicine (UCD)-H5
- Pharmacy (TCD)-H4(+H4 in another science, maths, applied maths or Geography)
- Medical and Health Sciences(UCC)-H4 (+06/H7 in another science)
- Dentistry (UCC)-H4(+H4 in Physics or Biology)
- Medicine (UCC)-H4(+H4 in Physics or Biology)
- Pharmacy (UCC)-H4(+H4 in Physics or Biology)
- Pharmacy (RCSI)-H5



COURSES REQUIRING PHYSICS(1)

- Theoretical Physics (TCD)-H3(+ H3 in Maths)



COURSES REQUIRING BIOLOGY(5)

- Human Health and Disease (TCD)-H4 (+ H4 Physics or Chemistry)
- Genetics (UCC)-H4
- Health Science with Dietetics study (LYIT)- H5
- Health Science with Occupational Therapy Studies (LYIT)- H5
- Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies (LYIT)- H5



- Biology is highly recommended for Nursing



COURSES REQUIRING TWO SCIENCES (11)

Two science subjects are required for many medical and paramedical courses in TCD + UCC

- Pharmacy (TCD)
- Physiotherapy (TCD)
- Medicine (TCD)
- Dental Science (TCD)
- Science (Physical, Chemical, Biological & Biomedical) (TCD)
- Human Genetics (TCD)
- Human Health and Disease (TCD)

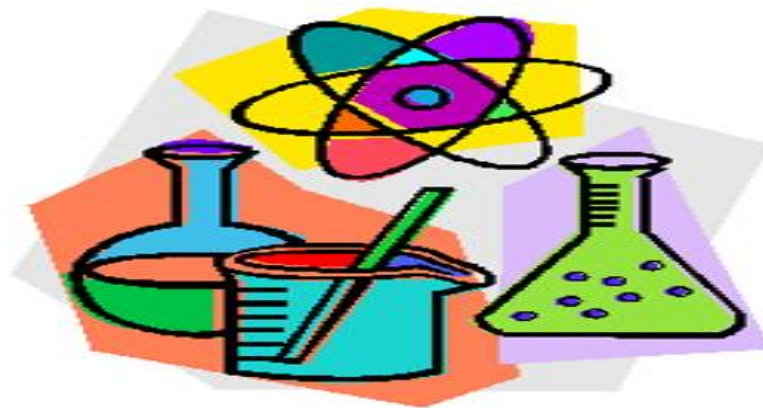
(In some cases above H5's or H4's are required and in some cases Maths, Applied Maths or Geography are accepted in lieu of a science.)



COURSES REQUIRING TWO SCIENCES CONT..

- Medicine (UCC)
- Pharmacy (UCC)
- Dentistry (UCC)
- Medical & Health Science (UCC)

- Some Medical/Paramedical courses in the U.K



CHOOSING SUBJECTS



- Balanced Choice: good mix
- Abilities: Select subjects you are likely to do well in based on past performance;
- Interests: You are more likely to work hard and do well in subjects you like;
- Career plans: Some subjects are necessary for particular courses/careers; others only appear necessary;
- Rumours: Check subjects out for yourself;
- Be objective: Consider all subjects;





- Friends: Don't pick a subject just because your friends are doing it;
- Teachers: Don't pick a subject just because you will/won't have a particular teacher;
- Don't pick a subject because you've heard it is 'easy';
- Safe bet: Language & A Science
- Think long and hard before you pick a subject you don't like/are not good at no matter how necessary it may seem;





REMEMBER

At the end of March You will be asked to decide on your subjects for Leaving Cert:

- Irish, English, Maths taken by all
- You choose four from the 18 optional subjects available
- List Six/Seven subjects in order of preference.
- The school will try to give you your top four.
- You will have an opportunity to discuss your choices with your Guidance Counsellor
- You should also discuss your choices with your parents
- Information is also available in the Guidance section of the school website and on www.Qualifax.ie & www.Careersportal.ie

