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Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, welcomes applications from students from all over the world. What we look for in your application depends on the education system you are coming from, as well as the Trinity programme you are applying for. This guide will help you to identify what the requirements will be for you.

To be admitted to an undergraduate programme at Trinity, you must meet four categories of requirement:

1. **Minimum entry requirements for the University**
2. **Subject-specific requirements for the programme**
3. **Overall competitive requirements for the programme**
4. **Additional requirements**

1. Minimum Entry Requirements for the University

Minimum entry requirements are the basic criteria you must meet to be considered for admission to Trinity. This includes a full set of 6 valid subjects from your high school or secondary examination system. If you did not study 6 subjects in your final year of high school, you can use additional subjects from Year 10 or later.

You must also have pass grades in **English** and **Mathematics** at Year 10 or later. Year 10 is equivalent to the GCE Ordinary Level, Indian Standard 10, High School 10th Grade, etc.

Most applicants must also have a pass grade in a **language other than English** at Year 10 (GCE Ordinary Level, High School 10th Grade, etc.) or later. This requirement may not apply to applicants who need a standardised English language qualification (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson test of English, see 4. Additional Requirements, below) because they received their high school or secondary education in a country where English is not the primary language.

For more details on Minimum Entry Requirements for the Leaving Certificate or A-levels, see www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate

2. Subject-Specific Requirements for the Programme

Some programmes require that you have studied specific subjects in your high school or secondary education and achieved certain grades in those subjects. For example, Theoretical Physics requires both Mathematics and Physics, whereas programmes like Psychology or Law have no specific subject requirements.

To see what subjects are required for each programme, see **Table 4**. To see what subjects are included in the Science Groups (A, B, C and D), refer to **Table 2**.

Subject requirements have a level 1 to 5, representing the grade required. To see what these levels mean in your examination system, see **Table 1**. If your examination system is not listed on this table, please contact international@tcd.ie, and check if it is accepted for admission to the Trinity International Foundation Programme (see Trinity International Foundation Programme section, page 10).

3. Overall Competitive Requirements for the Programme

To meet the competitive requirements for a programme, the overall result in your final high school or secondary examinations must meet a certain band: 1, 2 or 3. To see what these bands mean in your system, refer to **Table 3**. Some examination systems have an additional “Special” band if they are accepted for admission to restricted programmes: Medicine and Dental Science.

You can see which band applies to each programme in **Table 4**.

If your examination system is not on **Table 3**, please contact international@tcd.ie, and check if it is accepted for admission to the Trinity International Foundation Programme (see Trinity International Foundation Programme section, page 10).

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Table 1: Subject Specific Requirement Levels

Second Level Qualification	Subject Level				
	1	2	3	4	5
Leaving Cert	H3	H4	H4 or O2	H6 or O4	H6 or O6
GCE, A-levels	AL B	AL C	GCSE A/8	GCSE B/6	GCSE C/5
International Baccalaureate	HL6	HL5	HL5 or SL7	HL5 or SL5	HL5 or SL4
French Baccalaureate	16(≤4); 14(≥5)	15(≤4); 13(≥5)	14(≤4); 12(≥5)	13(≤4); 11(≥5)	12(≤4); 10(≥5)
Indian, Standard 10 and Standard 12	Std.12 80%	Std. 12 75%	Std. 10 80%	Std.10 75%	Std. 10 70%
USA, High School	Grade 12, B	Grade 12, C	Grade 11, A	Grade 11, B	Grade 11, C
China, Gaokao/Huikao	Gaokao 80%	Gaokao 70%	New Huikao 80% (A)	New Huikao 70% (B)	New Huikao 60% (C)
China, High School	85% over 3 years	80% over 3 years	90% in Senior 1	80% in Senior 1	70% in Senior 1
China, AST	250	200	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hong Kong, HKDSE-Mathematics	4 Extended	3 Extended	3 Extended	3 Extended	3 Extended
Hong Kong, HKDSE-Other Subjects	5* or 4 Extended	5 or 3 Extended	4	3	3
Russia, Attestat	5	5	4	4	3
Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Matura)	5	5	4	4	3
Turkey, Lise Diploması	80% Year 12	75% Year 12	85% Year 10	80% Year 10	75% Year 10
Australia, HSC	80%	72%	66%	60%	55%
Australia, QCE	VHA	HA	SA	LA	LA
Australia, VCE	A+	A	B+	B	C+
Australia, WACE	A	B	C	D	D
Australia, TCE	EA	HA	CA	SA	SA
Malaysia, STPM	STPM B+	STPM B	STPM C+	SPM B or STPM D+	SPM C or STPM D
Malaysia, UEC	A2	B3	B4	B5	B6

Table 2: Science Subject Groups

Science Group A	Physics, Chemistry, Physics & Chemistry*	*Physics & Chemistry is not accepted as a 2nd subject alongside Physics or Chemistry
Science Group B	Any of the above or Biology	
Science Group C	Any of the above or Agricultural Science*	*Agricultural Science is not accepted as a 2nd subject alongside Biology
Science Group D	Any of the above or Applied Mathematics*, Mathematics, Geography, Geology, Computer Science	*Mathematics may not be presented with Applied Mathematics.

Table 3: Overall Competitive Admission Bands

Qualification	Notes	Special Band	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
International Baccalaureate	Including bonus points. No HL below 5 or SL below 4	40	36	33	30
A-levels, 3 subjects		A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	ABB
A-levels, 4 subjects		A*A*AA	A*ABC	AABC	BBBC
French Baccalaureate		17/20	15/20	14/20	13/20
USA – SAT	SAT score plus high school GPA	n/a	1400, 3.5	1350, 3.4	1250, 3.2
USA – ACT	ACT score plus high school GPA	n/a	32, 3.5	30, 3.4	27, 3.2
INDIA - Standard XII	Average of St. XII subjects	n/a	90	85	77
CHINA - Gaokao	Gaokao (% of total possible score) plus high school result	n/a	GK 80% HS 90%	GK 72% HS 85%	GK 68% HS 80%
CHINA - International Section	Same as SAT	n/a	1400, 3.5	1350, 3.4	1250, 3.2
CHINA – AST	Sum of 3 subjects, plus high school transcript	n/a	750	700	600
HONG KONG - HKDSE	3 core subjects and 2 electives in recognised subjects	5*5*554	5*5544	55544	54444
RUSSIA - Attestat	Between 12 and 20 subjects. Average score excluding PE	n/a	5	4.95	4.9
SERBIA, MONTENEGRO, BOSNIA, HERZEGOVINA - Matura		5	4.8	4.5	4.0
TURKEY – Lise Diploması	Accepted for direct admission from specific high schools only. For list of schools, contact international@tcd.ie	n/a	90%	85%	80%
AUSTRALIA - ATAR	National percentile	99	97	95	90
MALAYSIA - UEC	Average Grade of 6 best recognised subjects	n/a	A1	A2	B3
MALAYSIA - STPM, 3 subjects	Similar to A-levels	AAA-	AA-A-	A-A-A-	A-BB
MALAYSIA - STPM, 4 subjects		AAA-A-	AA-BC	A-A-BC	BBBB

For more details on Minimum Entry Requirements for the Leaving Certificate or A-levels, see www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate/

Table 4: Competitive Admission Band and Subject Requirements Matrix

Competitive Admission Band (See Table 3)	Programme	Subject Requirements (See Table 1)			
	Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	Mathematics	Languages	Science Subjects (See Table 2)	
3	Ancient and Medieval History and Culture				
3	Ancient History and Archaeology (JH)				
2	Business (JH)	Mathematics 4			
2	Business Studies and French	Mathematics 4	French 1		
2	Business Studies and German	Mathematics 4	German 1		
2	Business Studies and Polish	Mathematics 4	Language other than English 2		
2	Business Studies and Russian	Mathematics 4	Language other than English 2		
2	Business Studies and Spanish	Mathematics 4	Spanish 1		
2	Business, Economics & Social Studies	Mathematics 4			
3	Classical Civilisation (JH)				
3	Classical Languages (JH)		Language other than English 2		
3	Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology		Language other than English 2		
3	Clinical Speech and Language Studies	Mathematics 5	Language other than English 2 or English 2	Group C 2	
3	Deaf Studies		Language other than English 5 and English 2		
3	Drama and Theatre Studies*				
3	Drama (JH)*				
3	Early & Modern Irish		Irish 2		
2	Economics (JH)	Mathematics 4			
1	English Literature (JH)		English 2		
1	English Studies		English 2		
2	European Studies		Irish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish 1 or 2+2		
3	Film, Film (JH)				
3	French (JH)		French 2		
3	German (JH)		Language other than English 2		
2	Global Business	Mathematics 4			
2	History, History (JH)				
3	History of Art & Architecture, HA&A (JH)				
3	Irish (JH)		Irish 2		
3	Italian (JH)		Language other than English 2		
2	Law, Law (JH)				
2	Law and French		French 1		
2	Law and German		German 1		
3	Linguistics (JH)		Language other than English 4		
3	Middle Eastern & European Languages & Cultures		Language other than English 2		
3	Middle Eastern Jewish & Islamic Civilisations (JH)				
3	Music, Music (JH)*				
3	Music Education*				
3	Philosophy, Philosophy (JH)				
2	Philosophy Political Science Economics & Sociology	Mathematics 4			
2	Political Science (JH)				
1	Psychology				
3	Religion, Religion (JH)				
3	Russian (JH)		Language other than English 2		
3	Social Studies (Social Work)				
3	Sociology (JH)				
3	Social Policy (JH)				
3	Spanish (JH)		Language other than English 2		

Table 4: Competitive Admission Band and Subject Requirements Matrix

Competitive Admission Band (See Table 3)	Programme	Subject Requirements (See Table 1)		
	Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science	Mathematics	Languages	Science Subjects (See Table 2)
3	Computer Science	Mathematics 2		
3	Computer Science (JH)	Mathematics 3		
3	Computer Science, Linguistics and French	Mathematics 2	French 1	
3	Computer Science, Linguistics and Spanish	Mathematics 2	Spanish 1	
3	Computer Science, Linguistics and Irish	Mathematics 2	Irish 1	
3	Engineering	Mathematics 2		
3	Engineering with Management	Mathematics 2		
3	Environmental Science and Engineering	Mathematics 2		Group D 2
3	Geography (JH)			
2	Management Science & Information Systems Stud	Mathematics 2		
1	Mathematics, Mathematics (JH)	Mathematics 1		
2	Science: Biological & Biomedical Sciences	Mathematics 4		Group D 2+2
2	Science: Chemical Sciences	Mathematics 4		Group D 2+2
2	Science: Geography and Geoscience	Mathematics 4		Group D 2+2
2	Science: Physical Sciences	Mathematics 4		Group D 2+2
1	Theoretical Physics	Mathematics 1		Physics 1
Faculty of Health Sciences				
S	Dental Science			Group B 1 Group B 2
1	Human Health and Disease			Biology 2 Group A 2
	Human Nutrition and Dietetics (Joint degree**)			
S	Medicine †			Group C 1 Group C 2
1	Occupational Therapy			Group C 2
1	Pharmacy	Mathematics 4		Chemistry 2 Group D 2
1	Physiotherapy	Mathematics 4		Group C 2+2
1	Radiation Therapy			Group B 2

* Additional Assessment required - see course page, www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate

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† Applicants who do not have some qualification in Physics must have Mathematics at Level 4 (Table1)



4. Additional Requirements

There are five other criteria taken into consideration for admission. Age Requirements and English Language Requirements apply to all applicants. Garda Vetting, Health Screening and Fitness to Practice are relevant only to applicants to certain programmes, shown in the Table 5, below.

Table 5: Additional Requirements by Programme

Programme	Requirement
All programmes	English Language Requirement
All programmes	Age Requirement
Clinical Speech and Language Studies	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Dental programmes	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Engineering programmes	Fitness to Practice
Human Nutrition & Dietetics	Garda Vetting
Medicine	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Music Education	Garda Vetting
Occupational Therapy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Pharmacy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Physiotherapy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Psychology	Fitness to Practice
Radiation Therapy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Social Studies (Social Work)	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice

English Language Requirement

All applicants must present a qualification in the English language. Certain high school/secondary examinations meet this requirement (I. to VI. below). Applicants who have done other high school/secondary examinations will need to present an international standardised English language qualification (see points VII. to XII.).

High School/Secondary Examination:

- I. Irish Leaving Certificate: a grade 6 or better in ordinary level English.
- II. GCSE: a grade C/5 or better in English language.
- III. US High School: a grade C in English taken in final year.
- IV. International Baccalaureate: English A1, A2 or B: SL4 if presenting IB through English, HL5 if presenting through French or Spanish.
- V. Hong Kong, HKDSE: Level 4 or better in English Language.
- VI. Malaysia, SPM: Grade C or better in English 1119.

International Standardised English Language Qualifications:

- VII. TOEFL: Paper-based 570 (with a TWE score of 4.5) or Computer-based 233 (with a score of 4.5 in essay) or Internet-based 90 (with a written score of 21).
- VIII. Cambridge Proficiency: grade C.
- IX. Cambridge Advanced: grade A.
- X. IELTS (academic version): 6.5 (no individual band below 6).
For Dental programmes and Clinical Speech and Language Studies: 7 (no individual band below 7).
- XI. Pearson Test of English (Academic): a minimum score of 63 (with no Communication Skills section score below 59).
- XII. Duolingo English Test: minimum overall score of 110/160 with no section score below 100 dated since January 2020.

Age Requirement: Applicants seeking admission in 2022 must have a date of birth before 15 January 2006.

Garda Vetting: Students applying for these programmes will be required to undergo Garda (Police) vetting and will have to provide police clearance documentation from the countries and states in which they have resided.

Health Screening: Offers of admission to these programmes are made subject to certain vaccination requirements and/or certain negative test results.

Fitness to Practice: Professional programmes demand that certain core competencies are met by students in order to graduate and practice professionally after qualification. Trinity has special responsibility to ensure that students admitted to professional programmes will be eligible for registration by the relevant professional body upon graduation.

Trinity International Foundation Programme

If your high school qualification is not accepted for direct admission to Trinity undergraduate programmes, you may be eligible for the Trinity International Foundation Programme. This is a one-year programme delivered at Trinity's associated college, Marino Institute of Education, where excellent student facilities and on-site accommodation are provided.

Students who successfully complete the Trinity International Foundation Programme with the required grades are guaranteed entry into their chosen Trinity degree programme. Medicine and Dental Science students are also required to pass an interview to progress to their chosen degree.

For more details about the International Foundation Programme, visit:
www.tcd.ie/study/international/foundation-programme