



**Trinity Access Programmes
Foundation Course for Mature Students &
University Access Course, Pearse & Plunket Colleges**

Course Aim: The courses offer an academic and personal preparation for mature students who are under-represented in third level education due to their socio-economic backgrounds.

Mature Student: Someone who is 23 years of age or over on 1st January 2019 (22 years of age for Pearse & Plunket Colleges).

Entry Requirements and Application Process:

There are no standard educational requirements, such as the Leaving Certificate or an aptitude test but applicants must demonstrate a real desire to pursue a third level course and that he/she has the ability to do so. Applicants must also come from socio- economic background(s) under-represented in third level education and be eligible for the Government Free Fees Scheme (Foundation Course only). The application is composed of an essay, the endorsements of two referees, an application form and an interview. There are 75 places each year (25 places on each course) and you may apply for the three courses on one form. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 28th 2019 for recruitment for the 2019/20 academic year.

Time and Fees Involved:

- The courses are full-time and run from September to May
- The Foundation Course for Mature students is free of charge. Students are not eligible to apply for a FE/HE grant
- The University Access Courses, Pearse & Plunket Colleges has a registration fee of approximately €470.

What would I study on the course: In addition to classes in Study Skills, Educational Guidance and Information Technology, students may choose from the following: English, History, Philosophy, Law, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Business, Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics (Science is only available to students on the Foundation Course).

Progression: On successful completion of the Foundation Course students receive a Level 6 Certificate in Foundation Studies for Higher Education from Trinity College. Students completing the University Access Courses, Pearse & Plunket Colleges receive a QQI-FET level 5 award in the ELAXX award. Students who complete one of these courses will be eligible to compete for places on most¹ full-time degree courses in Trinity College. Students who successfully complete the UAC courses in Pearse & Plunket Colleges may also progress to other HEIs via the Higher Education Links Scheme.

**For further information on these courses please contact Sarah Grimson:
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or consult the TAP website and apply online: http://www.tcd.ie/Trinity_Access

¹ UAC, Pearse & Plunket Colleges are eligible to be considered for full-time degree courses in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences only. Students from the TAP Foundation Course may apply to degree courses in all three Faculties in TCD (depending on modules taken during the course).

