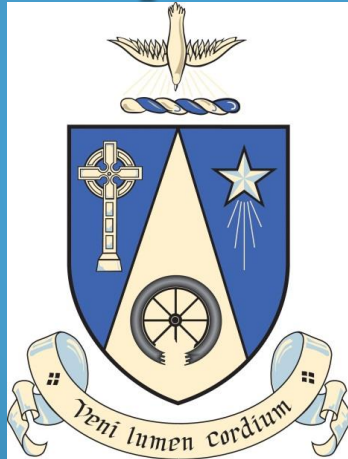


St. Jarlath's College 2019/2020



Subject Choices for Leaving Cert

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS

Do	DON'T
Take into account your own abilities & choose subjects for which you have an aptitude.	Pick a subject because your friend is doing it.
Get info from friends, parents, teachers, guidance counsellor, older brothers & sisters. Look at textbooks, exam papers & online	Focus on subjects suited to one career only . You may change your mind over the next 2 yrs!
Be aware of essential subjects needed for particular college courses.	Panic! Because you don't know what you want to be. This will emerge over the next 2 yrs.
Chose subjects you like	Pick a subject because you heard it was ' easy or hard '. This may not be so for you!

HOW MANY SUBJECTS?

Gaeilge

+

English

+

Maths

+

French/Spanish
Or choice

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

OR

$$3 + 4 = 7$$

1.	Physics	6.	Accounting	10.	Art
2.	Biology	7.	Business	11.	Music
3.	Agricultural Science				
4.	Chemistry	8.	Geography	12.	Design & Comm. Graphics
5.	Applied Maths*	9.	History	13.	Construction Studies

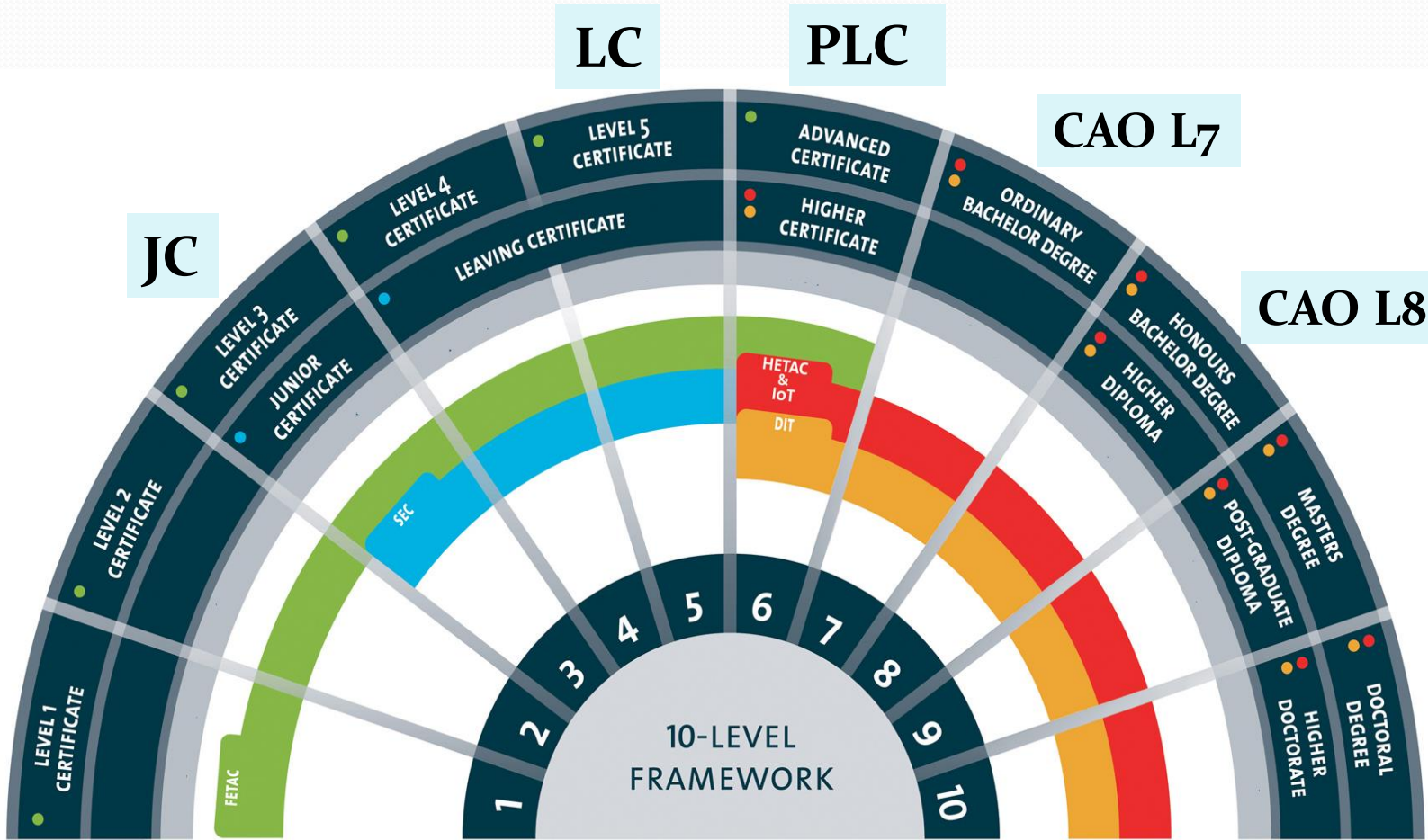
Subjects that have a project or practical exam

Physics	No	Accounting	No	Art	63%
Biology	No	Business	No	Music	50%
Agricultural Science	25%				
Chemistry	No	Geography	20%	Design & Comm. Graphics	40%
Applied Maths	No	History	20%	Construction Studies	50%

5 Popular Options after School

Option	Level 8	Level 7	Post LC Course	Fas/Solas	Defence Forces
How long?	3/4+ yrs	3 yrs	1/2 yrs	4 years	2 yrs
Where?	Uni & I.T.'s	I.T.'s	GTI/ Moinin na Gaise/ Mountbellew/ McHale College	On-the-job & Mervue Business Park	Templemore Various
Qualification	Honours Degree	Ordinary Degree	Level 5/6 Higher Cert.	National Craft Cert Level 6	
How to apply	CAO	CAO	Direct to college	Secure apprenticeship & application form	www.publicjobs.ie

THE FRAMEWORK – AWARDING BODIES



Getting into College

There Are Three Hurdles To College Entry:

- 1. **Matriculation Requirements:** Particular subjects & no.'s of honours/passes required to apply to college/ uni.
- 2. **Subject Requirements:** Certain additional subjects/grades may be required to gain entry to specific courses; e.g.- Primary School Teaching: HC4 in Irish
- 3. **Points:** 6 best subjects are counted. Max: 625. Change on yearly basis due to supply & demand

No. & Level of Subjects Required

Institution	Min. Grade	Required Subjects
NUI College: UCD, NUIM/G, UCC, RCSI	2H5 & 4O6/H7	O6 in Eng, Ir & language for Arts, Human & Health & Social Sciences, Law, Commerce, Medicine
Trinity College Dublin	3H5 & 3)6/H7	O4/H6 in Maths, Eng & other language
Dublin City University	3H5 & 4O6/H7	O4 in Maths, Eng or Ir
Uni. Of Limerick	2H5 & 4O6/H7	O4 in Maths, O6 in Eng & O6 in Ir or other language
Institute of Technology	2H5 & 4O6/H7	O6 in Maths & O6 in Ir or Eng

SOME OTHER SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

● Maths

- H4 in Maths for Level 8 Engineering courses in Uni
- O6 Maths most courses in ITs, Cadets, Nursing

● Foreign Language

- O6 in a Foreign Language for some courses in NUI Colleges: e.g. ARTS, LAW and COMMERCE
- Not needed for Nursing, Engineering, most Science course

No Foreign Language for ITs, TCD, UL, DCU

COURSES THAT NEED A SCIENCE SUBJECT

SCIENCE

ENGINEERING

MEDICINE* (Cork)

DENTISTRY* (Cork)

VETERINARY*

PHARMACY*

PHYSIOTHERAPY

RADIOGRAPHY

NURSING

ARCHITECTURE

OCCUP. THERAPY

SPEECH THERAPY

SPORTS SCIENCE

MED LAB SCIENCE

DIETETICS*

OPTOMETRY

HUMAN NUTRITION

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

INFO. TECHNOLOGY

* Denotes that chemistry is needed for these courses

All other courses can be applied for with ANY other lab. science subject

Applied Maths is not a lab. Science subject

LCVP

7 SUBJECTS & LCVP- STILL COUNT 6 BEST RESULTS

- Module 1-Prep. for world of work
 - Module 2-Enterprise Ed
 - Portfolio: 60% Exam: 40% (in May)
 - Recognised for points for IT's & uni.
 - 80% of students use for points
 - Need certain combo. of subjects to qualify
-
- **DISTINCTION: 66 PTS** **MERIT: 46 PTS** **PASS: 28 PTS**
(80-100%) (65-79%) (50-64%)

Sample Exam Question

Q.1 An entrepreneur's life is both challenging and rewarding.

- (a) Explain the term 'Entrepreneur'.
- (b) Describe **two** benefits and **two** challenges for an entrepreneur.
- (c) As part of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme you have investigated an entrepreneur in your local area.

Points and Grades

Higher	%	Points	Ordinary	%	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- ■

LCVP	
Dist	66
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25 Bonus Points will be awarded for H₁ – H₆ in Maths.

At University of Denver for High School

POINTS!

- Six best subjects are added

No.	Subject	Level	Result	Points
1.	Irish	Higher	H1	100
2.	English	Higher	H2	88
3.	Maths	Higher	H3	77
4.	French	Higher	H3	77
5.	Geography	Higher	H6	66
6.	LCVP	Common	Distinction	66
7.	DCG	Higher	O1	56
8.	History	Ordinary	O3	37

This student scored 474 points

What next?

- NB- Do your homework!! Investigate
- Talk to subject teachers- they are the expert in their subject
- **Look at LC books** & exam papers
- Check in prospectuses for essential subjects/levels
- Research online:

www.curriculumonline.ie

www.qualifax.ie

www.jarlaths.ie

www.careersportal.ie

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Construction Studies

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Leaving & Post Leaving Certificates

Level 4 NFO

2 Years

Course Duration

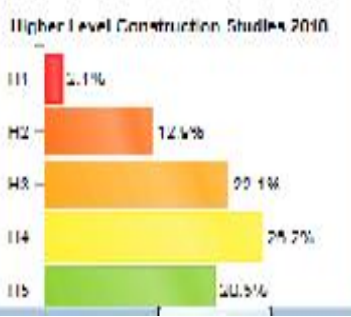
Grades Awarded

Leaving Cert

SUBJECT GRADES EXPLORER



Marks Distribution 2018:
Listed below are the percentage distributions of marks from the 7451 students who sat the Higher Level Construction Studies exam in 2018.



- In brief...

Leaving Certificate construction studies provides students in the senior cycle of post-primary education with an introduction to the knowledge and skills involved in construction technology and construction materials and processes.

This subject has proven to be very popular with over 7,000 students taking the subject last year.

+ Why Study this?

+ Videos & Interviews

+ Course Overview



-  What's a Career in Engineering all about?
-  Sorcha Hanagan Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist
-  Jackie Corcoran - JJ Rhatgan & Company
-  5 Ways Ireland is Allowing IoT Development
-  Construction Needs YOU

- ### Resources
-  Guide to Subject Choice
 -  Exam Papers
 -  Marking Schemes
 -  Full Curriculum

Career Guidance

Considerations

1. Not doing French?

- May cause difficulties gaining entry into NUI college

2. Not doing H maths?


- Some engineering courses difficult to get into in uni

3. Not doing a science subject and/or chemistry?

- Some science/eng options in college not available

4. Not doing H Irish

- Primary school teaching not an option



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