

Information Technology in First Arts has a class limit of 120 places, offered in the first week of registration.

Italian, German, Spanish and Welsh may be taken at First Arts without previous knowledge of those languages. N.B. Students should note that the subject Welsh is only available as a First Arts subject.

Psychology is offered at First Arts of the BA degree (Omnibus Entry – CAO Code GY101) and BA CONNECT programmes (CAO Code GY105, GY110, GY111, GY114, GY115). Psychological Studies is offered to degree level in Second Arts and Final Arts, taken as a subject in combination with one other subject. Psychology is offered as a double subject in Second and Final Arts of the BA (Psychology) degree (CAO Code GY104) to students who successfully complete first year of that programme. Places may be awarded to students to transfer to the BA (Psychology) from the BA degree (Omnibus only) and will be decided on merit, based on the results of the First Sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts examination in the student's first year of attendance (2013–2014), where the student must have passed all four subjects outright (40% or higher). There will be no option of repeating the examination with a view to obtaining a second year place.

Limited numbers of students are admitted to Second Arts in Legal Studies (100) and Psychological Studies (100). Places will be decided on merit, based on the results of the First Sitting (Semester 1 and Semester 2) of the First Arts examination in the student's first year of attendance (2013–2014), where the student must have passed all four subjects outright (40% or higher). Students who avail of exemptions on the basis of appropriate prior learning are not entitled to compete for a place.

Choosing to study a modern language to degree level involves spending a period, normally a year, abroad in a country or region where the language they are studying is widely spoken. Therefore, after successfully completing the Second Arts examination and in advance of registering for Final Year studies of the BA programme, students will be required to spend a period abroad to prepare them for the demands of the Final Year of their degree studies in a language. Students registered for two languages are required to spend a minimum of twelve weeks in each of the countries/regions where the relevant languages are spoken. This will usually consist of an academic year abroad arranged by the university in one language and a summer placement arranged by the student in the other relevant country/region.

Students wishing to take French in First Arts will be expected to have attained a minimum of Grade C1 in Honours French in the Leaving Certificate.

Students must achieve 45% in Mathematics in first year to proceed to Mathematical Studies in second year. Students must achieve 60% and pass the module MA186 in Mathematics to proceed to second year Mathematics.

Léann na Cumarsáide is taught entirely through the medium of Irish and focuses on media and journalism. Students intending to take this subject are encouraged to choose Gaeilge and Léann an Aistriúcháin as their other subjects in First Year.