

# LM076 - BSc Product Technology and Design

## Application information for mature student applicants

<p>Apply through CAO by 1<sup>st</sup> February <a href="http://www.cao.ie">www.cao.ie</a></p>	<p>Late applications may be considered up to 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please check on the Undergraduate Admissions Office website if late applications will be accepted <a href="https://ulsites.ul.ie/admissions/node/29831">https://ulsites.ul.ie/admissions/node/29831</a></p>
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## No. of places reserved for mature students: 7

*Guideline figure. Not all mature student places may be filled, as the number and quality of applications received in any year may vary.*

## Application Process:

1. **CAO application form** – Applicants must ensure that they tick the ‘mature’ special category on the CAO application form and complete Sections 1 to 11 of the Mature Applicant section.
2. **Personal Statement for LM076** – Course Directors use personal statements to help them more effectively assess an applicant’s suitability for, and level of interest in, a particular course. See guidelines overleaf for writing a personal statement for LM076. The Personal Statement requirement is to enable you to provide more specific information to that which is provided in the ‘Statement of Interest’ on your CAO form.
3. **Supporting documentation** – All supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of prior qualifications, Personal Statement for LM076 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

## Minimum Entry Requirements:

- All applicants to LM076 must submit a **digital portfolio** and **written statement** for assessment. These submissions are used to demonstrate the applicants’ aptitude for, and interest in, Product Design. You can see details and examples of portfolios on the [LM076 webpage](#).
- If you do not have enough work to include in your Portfolio, perhaps try the [Mini Project](#).
- **Portfolio Entry Deadline:** Portfolios must be emailed as a pdf document to [schoolofdesign@ul.ie](mailto:schoolofdesign@ul.ie) before **5pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.
- The document name must include your CAO number and full name.  
For Example: 18999999\_David\_Smith.pdf

- You will receive feedback through the Admissions Office in UL within 2 weeks to confirm whether you have passed or failed the portfolio review.

### Application Assessment Criteria:

- Demonstrable interest in programme
- Understanding of design as a career
- Prior education and learning *e.g. educational qualifications, IT skills, transferable skills etc.*
- Portfolio of work that demonstrates creative and/or problem-solving ability (*e.g. sketches, designed objects, 3-Dimensional work, Photography, Technical Drawings etc. – see brief above*)
- Evidence of desire to do the course

### Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the course
- Evidence of creative thinking and problem solving ability
- Relevant knowledge and experience
- Preparedness for third-level
- Communication skills

### Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM076

The Personal Statement is your opportunity to 'sell' yourself and to emphasise the experience and/or interests you have which are relevant to the course for which you are applying. A tailored personal statement is important, especially if you are applying to a competitive programme for which there is a high demand for places, as you will need to be specific and proactively demonstrate how your experience or your interests match the course you are interested in doing.

Your personal statement should be no greater than one side of a **single A4 page** and cover the following areas:

1. Reasons for wishing to undertake LM076
  2. Programme's potential contribution to your future career or life plans
  3. Highlight relevant experiences or skills gained through employment, voluntary work, or personal interests which have prepared you to undertake LM076
  4. Your knowledge and understanding of the career area in which you are interested
  5. Any specific preparation you have undertaken in anticipation of commencing LM076
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM076'
  - Please also ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement