

# LM124 - BSc Mathematics

Mathematical Sciences / Mathematics & Physics /  
Economics & Mathematics

## 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: 6

*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 LM124** – 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 LM124. 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 LM124 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

### Minimum Entry Requirements:

- HB3 (H3) in Leaving Certificate Maths **or** equivalent **or** Distinction in QQI maths for STEM (5S2246/5N0556) **or** Pass in UL Special Maths exam.

### Application Assessment Criteria:

- Demonstrated mathematical ability
- Prior education
- Relevant work experience
- Personal statement
- Interest in the Programme

## Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Places normally awarded on basis of application alone. An interview may be requested if deemed helpful to the assessment of the application.

## Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM124:

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 LM124
  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 LM124
  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 LM124
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM124'
  - Please also ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement

## Defined Degree Options from LM124 - Common Entry

In the first semester, you will study calculus, linear algebra and computer programming and can choose from a selection of other modules, including physics and economics, before deciding whether to pursue a degree in:

- Mathematical Sciences, which itself allows specialization in mathematics, statistics or computing; or
- Mathematics and Physics; or
- Economics and Mathematics

The choice of programme needs to be made before the end of the first semester. There is no restriction on this choice except that, to continue with Mathematics and Physics you must take a physics module in the first semester, and similarly to continue with Economics and Mathematics you must take an Economics module in the first semester. It is possible to select modules which leave all three options open for the second semester.