

LM118 – BE Electronic & Computer Engineering

Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1 st February www.cao.ie	Late applications may be considered up to 1 st May. Please check with Academic Registry , to ask if late applications are being accepted.
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No. of places reserved for mature students: 8

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 LM118** – 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 LM118. 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 LM118 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- HC2 (H4) in Leaving Certificate Maths or equivalent *or* Merit in QQI Maths for STEM (5S2246/5N0556) *or* Pass in UL Special Maths exam

Application Assessment Criteria:

- Prior education – key subject performance (business, engineering, technology/construction) with a proven ability to engage and deliver
- Other courses completed
- Interest in the programme – evidence of understanding what the programme involves
- Personal statement – clearly show a desire to return to education
- Work / Voluntary experience – candidate to show a proven ability to be motivated at work. Relevant experience to be highlighted, transferable skills to be noted

Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Preparedness for third-level, particularly the pace at which difficult material is covered
- Relevant knowledge and work experience
- Communication skills
- Understanding of the programme

Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM118:

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 LM118
 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 LM118
 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 LM118
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM118'
 - Please ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement

Entry to this programme is available from the
Mature Student Access Certificate

<https://ulsites.ul.ie/mso/mature-student-access-certificate>