

LM121 – BSc Computer Science

Common entry with a choice to pursue defined Degree Options in any of the following:

- Computer Systems
- Computer Games Development
- Mobile Communications and Security

Application information for mature student applicants

<p>Apply through CAO by 1st February www.cao.ie</p>	<p>Late applications may be considered up to 1st May. Please check with Academic Registry, to ask if late applications are being accepted.</p>
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No. of places reserved for mature students: 14

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 LM121** – 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 LM121. 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 LM121 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- Evidence or certification from an appropriate online programming course such as those provided by Coursera or Udacity, etc. **OR** QQI level 5 or 6 qualifications in one of the following domains: *Web/Internet, Software, Programming, with a minimum of a Distinction grade in the programming components*

Application Assessment Criteria:

- Programming portfolio – related to programming course undertaken
- Mathematical competency
- Prior education
- Work / voluntary experience

- Personal statement
- Other courses completed
- Interest in programme

Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Discussion of programming portfolio (related to programming course undertaken)
- Ability with cope with mathematical concepts
- Preparedness for third-level and associated workload
- Personal information and background
- Knowledge of programmes and related careers
- Relevant life / work experience

Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM121:

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 LM121
 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 LM121
 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 LM121
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM121'
 - 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>