

LM123 – BSc Biological & Chemical Sciences

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

- Pharmaceutical and Industrial Chemistry
- Industrial Biochemistry
- Environmental Science
- Bioscience

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: 24

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 LM123** – 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 LM123. 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 LM123 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 (5S2246/5N0056) and HD3/OD3 (06/H7) in either Physics, Chemistry, Physics with Chemistry, Engineering, Agricultural Science or Biology.

OR

- OB3 (O3/H7) in Leaving Certificate Maths *or* equivalent *or* Pass in QQI Maths for STEM (5S2246/5N0056) with HC2 (H4) in one of the following: Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Physics with Chemistry, Biology *or* Agricultural Science

OR

- The applicant must have significant work experience (number of years) in an industry of direct correlation with Pharmaceutical and Industrial Chemistry *or* equivalent.

OR

- The applicant has carried out post second level courses, training or part completion of a previous degree that would be deemed equivalent of the entry requirements outlined above.

Application Assessment Criteria:

- It must be clear from the application form and personal statement that the applicant has a real interest in the course and has demonstrable background in a chemistry related field either through study and work experience.

Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Interest in the programme
- Aptitude for programme
- Numerical skills

Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM123:

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 LM123
 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 LM123
 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 LM123
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM123'
 - 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>