

LM040 - BA European Studies

Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1 st February www.cao.ie	Please refer to Academic Registry for late applications
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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 LM040** – 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 LM040. 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 LM040 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- Applicants who wish to study a language must hold a minimum HB3 (H3) Leaving Certificate or equivalent in that language, unless taking beginners German or Spanish.

Application Assessment Criteria:

- Relevant prior education
- Relevant work / voluntary experience
- Personal statement, including an outline of interest in the core themes of the programme
- Evidence of language skills, such as language courses completed, or experience living in a target language country
- Other courses completed
- Interest in programme

Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Personal information and background
- Motivation for undertaking the programme
- Knowledge of the programme and possible related careers
- Relevant life / work experience
- Ability to engage with third-level learning styles and approaches
- Communication skills
- Awareness of European issues

Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM040

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 LM040
 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 LM040
 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 LM040
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM040'
 - Please also 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>