**LM121 BSc Computer Science**

Common entry with a choice to pursue the following:

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

**Application information for mature student applicants**

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| Apply through CAO by 1st February[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) | Please refer to [Academic Registry](https://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/prospective-students/applying-UL/mature-students) for late applications |

**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** – See guidelines overleaf for writing a personal statement for LM121.
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 of certification from an appropriate online programming courses such as those provided by Coursera or Udacity, etc.

**OR**

* QQI level 5 or 6 qualification 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 the programme

**Interview Assessment Criteria:**

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

# Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM121:

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 preparation you have undertaken in anticipation of commencing LM121
* Please title your document ‘Personal Statement for LM121’
* Please include your CAO number on your Personal Statement

**Entry to this programme is available from the**

[**Mature Student Access Certificate**](https://www.ul.ie/student-affairs/mature-students-office/mature-student-access-certificate)