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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
FACULTY SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
MATHEMATICS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2025

Q: Can I sit the higher paper if I did the ordinary paper for my Leaving Certificate exam?

A: There are no restrictions on who decides to sit the higher-level paper. If you have covered the higher curriculum and have dropped recently to Ordinary level, there is a possibility that you may be successful in achieving the equivalent higher grade in the exam. If however, you have not covered any of the higher curriculum, we would caution you and recommend that you attend a tutor and be realistically assessed and/or tutored for the exam.

Q: Does UL provide any pre-examination courses?

A: No. UL provides tutorials for higher-level Leaving Certificate mathematics during the academic year in preparation for the Leaving Certificate but does NOT provide pre-exam courses during the summer.

Q: If I sit the special maths exam this year, can I carry forward my results and apply for a Science & Engineering degree programme next year?

A: No. The Special Mathematics Exam is only relevant to the current year's CAO.

Q: What should I do if I am not offered my first choice because I did not meet the maths requirement?

A: You should accept your first-round offer and apply to sit the exam. If you are successful in meeting the grade requirement, you will be offered a place in the second round. If you accept the place, it cancels out your first-round offer.

Q: What grade do I need to achieve in the exam to be deemed successful?

A: It is important to note that if you achieve the equivalent Leaving Certificate grade in the special maths exam, you are deemed to be successful. If you do not achieve the equivalent grade, you will be deemed 'unsuccessful'. For example, if you are applying for a Bachelor of Engineering programme, the examiner will note the mathematics requirement, and a 'pass' will be equivalent to the minimum entry requirement of H4.

Q: Is the mathematics entrance exam based on the Leaving Certificate curriculum?

A: Yes. The exam covers the Leaving Certificate Higher Mathematics syllabus as defined for Leaving Certificate Examinations 2025.

Q: Do you have sample papers?

A: We do not publish sample papers for the exam. The format changed in 2020 (due to COVID-19). As a result, past papers were misleading. We suggest that you study the LC curriculum, as that is what the questions are based on.

Q: What is the structure of the exam for 2025?

The exam is based on the Leaving Certificate of this year, 2025.

The paper will examine the Leaving Certificate Syllabus - Higher Level Mathematics, Papers 1 & 2

Duration: 2.5 Hours, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm, on a date to be decided immediately after the publication date for the Leaving Certificate results is announced.

Examination Structure:

Section A (Concepts and Skills): 5 questions. Must attempt all 5.

Section B (Contexts and Applications): 3 questions. Must attempt all 3.

NB: The content in the special maths exam will equally cover content from both paper 1 and paper 2 of the Leaving Certificate mathematics exam.

Q: When and how do I get my results of the exam?

Exam results are sent directly to the Admissions Office. The Admissions Office will liaise with the CAO. This process is usually complete in time to meet Round 2 offers (See website for date).

An email with your exam results will be sent from the Admissions Office to the email address you have submitted on your Exam Application Form.

If candidates are successful, their eligibility is amended by the CAO, and they are offered their first choice in Round 2. The date for Round 2 offers will be confirmed closer to the date when the CAO confirms (See website for date).

CONTACT DETAILS

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