

LM026 - BA Performing Arts

With defined degree options in the following:

- Irish Traditional Music
- Irish Traditional Dance
- Contemporary Dance
- Voice / World Music

Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1st February
www.cao.ie

Late applications may be considered up to 1st May. Please check with [Academic Registry](#), to ask if late applications are being accepted.

No. of places reserved for mature students: 7

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 LM026** – 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 LM026. 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 LM026 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- N/A

Application Assessment Criteria:

- Relevant prior education
- Relevant voluntary or work experience
- Personal statement
- Interest in programme
- IT skills
- Demonstrated interest in reading on relevant issues

Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Satisfactory performance skills
- Demonstrate knowledge of performance practice
- Personal information and background
- Relevant life / Work experience
- Transferable skills
- Preparedness for third-level
- Ability to engage in a group workshop that includes aspects of voice and dance practice

Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM026:

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 LM026
 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 LM026
 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 LM026
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM026'
 - Please ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement