

NCAD Undergraduate Entry Requirements 2026/2027

**NATIONAL
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& DESIGN**

For restricted studio based programmes NCAD offers places to applicants who meet minimum academic entry requirements (matriculation) based on portfolio submission score.

An application for AD215 Visual Culture does not require a portfolio submission, places are offered on a competitive basis to applicants who meet the minimum academic entry requirements. For Product and Interaction Design, the portfolio is now optional and you may submit a portfolio to gain up to 200 bonus points.

Leaving Certificate Minimum Academic Entry Requirements

			Minimum number of LC Subjects		Subjects must include				
Code	Title	Years	Higher Level		Irish*	English	Maths**	Restricted***	Portfolio Deadline
AD101 AD102 AD103 AD 104 AD202 AD211 AD217	All First Year Art, Design and Education Programmes	3/4	2 x H5	4XO6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	-	Yes	Friday 6th February by 17:00
AD212 AD222	Product/ Interaction Design	3/4	2 x H5	4XO6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	No	Optional Portfolio: Friday 6th February by 17:00
AD215	Visual Culture	3/4	2 x H5	4XO6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	-	No	-

* Exemption from the subject Irish may be granted in accordance with NUI regulations, www.nui.ie

** The Maths requirement can also be met by one of the following subjects at Grade H7 on a Higher Level paper or O6 or higher on an Ordinary Level paper: Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Physics with Chemistry, Engineering, Construction Studies, Agricultural Science, Technical Drawing, Biology.

*** No Late Applications accepted on the CAO.

- Leaving Certificate results may be combined.
- Foundation level Maths may be included as one of the ordinary level subjects; foundation level Irish is not acceptable.
- All successful applicants for Education are required to undergo Garda vetting at the time of registration.

QQI FETAC Level 5/6 Entry Requirements

Code	Title	QQI FET/FETAC L5/6	Other Requirements	Portfolio Deadline
AD101 AD102 AD103 AD104 AD211 AD217	All First Year Art and Design	5 Distinctions Full Award	Portfolio	Friday 6th February by 17:00
AD202	Education and Art or Design	5 Distinctions Full Award	Portfolio + Merit or Distinction in 5N0690 Communication (or O6 /H7 in LCE English)	Friday 6th February by 17:00
AD212 AD222	Product/ Interaction Design	5 Distinctions Full Award	A pass in C20139 or 5N1833 or C20174 or C20175 or 5N0556 or 5N2066 (or O6/H7 in LCE Maths)	Optional Portfolio: Friday 6th February by 17:00
AD215	Visual Culture	5 Distinctions Full Award for linked awards see QQI / FETAC Entry Requirements	-	-