ATU Sligo CAO Information sheet – Leaving Cert Applicants

When do I have to apply?

The CAO opens during November 2022 for courses starting in September 2023.

Details on the full application timetable are available here;

http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=timetableevents&bb=importantdates

The fee for an online application is currently **€45**. **There is an online discounted fee of €30 if you apply before 20th January (17:00).**

5th November at 12:00 noon	CAO application season opens
20th January at 5:00 pm	Deadline for online discounted applications
1st February at 5:00 pm	Deadline for on-time Applications and for Restricted Programmes
4th March at 5:00 pm	CAO Re-opens for late applications
1st May at 5:00 pm	Deadline for Late applications
5th May, 12 Noon - 1st J u l y at 5:00 pm	Change of Mind Period
Mid-August	Round one offers

How do I apply?

All applicationss for first year full-time undergraduate courses are made through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

Detailed information on how to apply is available at www.cao.ie

The application Handbook is available here: http://www.cao.ie/handbook.php

What courses are offered to Leaving Certificate Applicants?

You may apply via the CAO for any **first year Full-time undergraduate** course at ATU Sligo.

This means you may apply for:

- Higher Certificate (Level 6) (usually 2 Years)
- Ordinary Degree (Level 7) (usually 3 Years)
- Honours Degree (Level 8) (usually 3-4 Years)

Details on on courses can be seen here: https://www.itsligo.ie/courses/

You can also order a print copy of our Prospectus here.

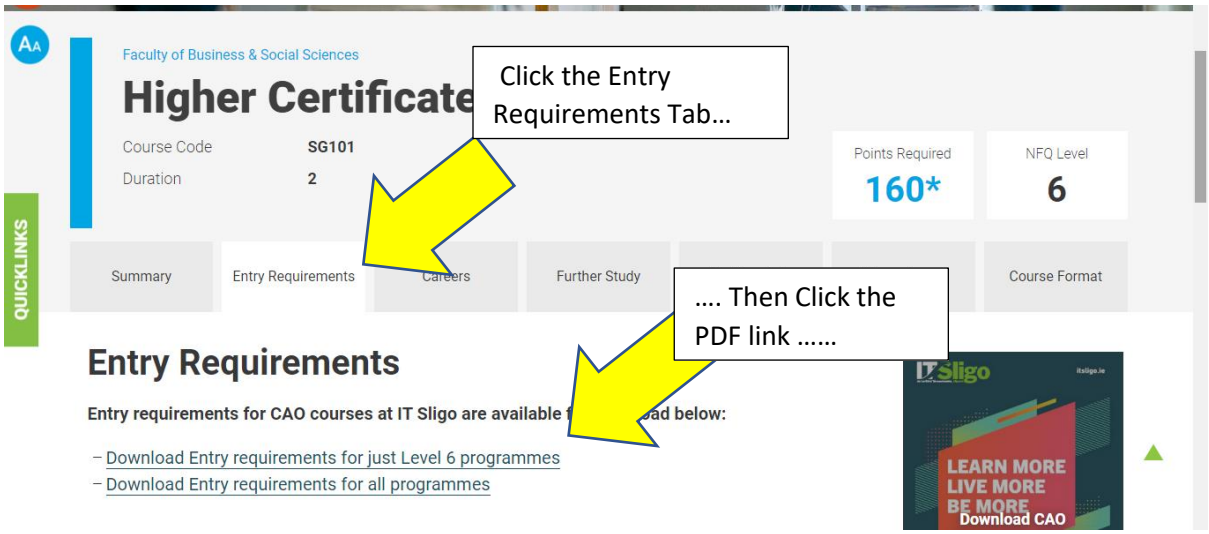
https://www.itsligo.ie/cao/prospectus-download/

The CAO List is here: Central Applications Office (cao.ie)

What are the Entry Requirements for Leaving Certificate Applicants?

You can find Entry requirements for every course on the Course Webpage.

1. Go to the Webpage for the course you are interested in.
2. Click “Entry Requirements”
3. “ Download Entry Requirements for all programmes”.



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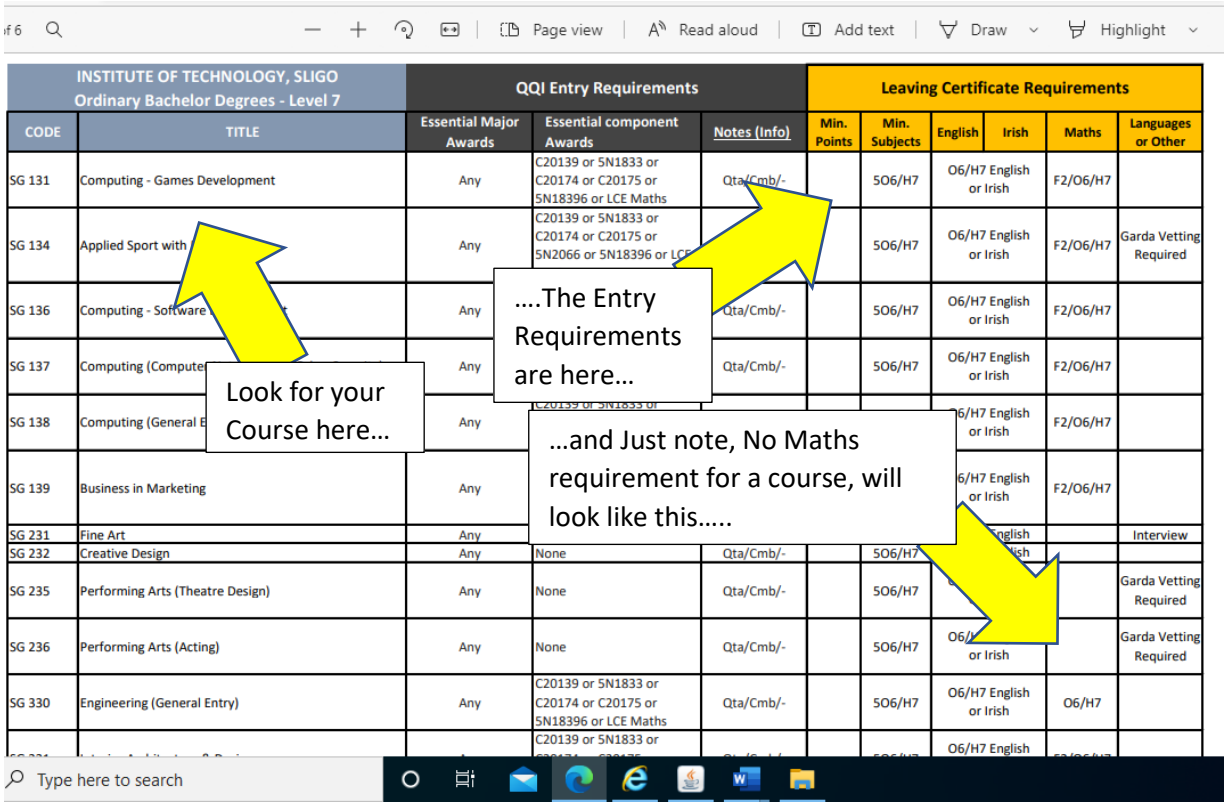
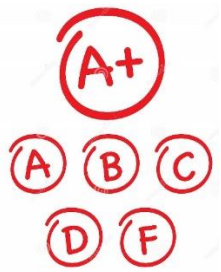


INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SLIGO Ordinary Bachelor Degrees - Level 7		QQI Entry Requirements			Leaving Certificate Requirements					
CODE	TITLE	Essential Major Awards	Essential component Awards	Notes (Info)	Min. Points	Min. Subjects	English	Irish	Maths	Languages or Other
SG 131	Computing - Games Development	Any	C20139 or 5N1833 or C20174 or C20175 or 5N18396 or LCE Maths	Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7	O6/H7 English or Irish		F2/O6/H7	
SG 134	Applied Sport with	Any	C20139 or 5N1833 or C20174 or C20175 or 5N2066 or 5N18396 or LCE			5O6/H7	O6/H7 English or Irish		F2/O6/H7	Garda Vetting Required
SG 136	Computing - Software	Any		Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7	O6/H7 English or Irish		F2/O6/H7	
SG 137	Computing (Compute	Any		Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7	O6/H7 English or Irish		F2/O6/H7	
SG 138	Computing (General E	Any					6/H7 English or Irish		F2/O6/H7	
SG 139	Business in Marketing	Any					6/H7 English or Irish		F2/O6/H7	
SG 231	Fine Art	Any					nglish			Interview
SG 232	Creative Design	Any	None	Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7				
SG 235	Performing Arts (Theatre Design)	Any	None	Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7				Garda Vetting Required
SG 236	Performing Arts (Acting)	Any	None	Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7	O6/ or Irish			Garda Vetting Required
SG 330	Engineering (General Entry)	Any	C20139 or 5N1833 or C20174 or C20175 or 5N18396 or LCE Maths	Qta/Cmb/-		5O6/H7	O6/H7 English or Irish		O6/H7	
			C20139 or 5N1833 or				O6/H7 English			

You need to look for the following details:

1. What are the Grade and subject Requirements?
2. What are the Maths requirement?
3. What is the usual The Points requirement?
4. Is there “Restricted Access”. (Interview / Portfolio Requirement)?
5. Is Garda Vetting required?

	***Grade and Subject Requirement:***
	Grades: How many Honours / Ordinary subjects do I need to apply for the course?
	Subjects : What Leaving Certificate Subjects are required to apply?

Grade and Subject Requirement:

The Minimum entry requirements for applying for a Higher Certificate (Level 6) and Ordinary Degree (Level 7) are:

- 5 Leaving Cert. subjects @ grade O6/H7 or better
- Subjects must include either English or Irish.
- Minimum points score of 160 points

 Mathematics is a required subject in most cases. However, there are a few programmes for which Mathematics is not an entry requirement, and

some where a higher grade in maths is required. (See individual course descriptors.)

The entry requirements Honours Degree (Level 8) are:

- 6 leaving Certificate subjects
- A minimum of two subjects at grade H5 or better
- Remaining subjects at grade O6/H7 or better
- Subjects must include either English or Irish.
- Mathematics is a required subject in most cases. However, there are a few programmes for which Mathematics is not an entry requirement, and some where a higher grade in maths is required. (See individual course descriptors)

Maths Requirement:

To be able to apply for Many ATU Sligo Courses, you must have passed certain subjects in your Leaving Certificate. Very often a specific grade in Mathematics is a requirement.

Course entry requirements can be viewed via the *Entry Requirements* section of individual course pages on the IT Sligo website :

https://www.itsligo.ie/courses/

What if I don't have the Maths Requirement: "The Alternative Maths Exam"

IT Sligo usually holds an "Alternative Maths Exam" in August/September. The Exam is organised by IT Sligo to facilitate students who did not obtain the required minimum mathematics entry requirements for their chosen IT Sligo programmes.

Registration for the Mathematics exam usually opens up in June each year. Some details may be seen here:

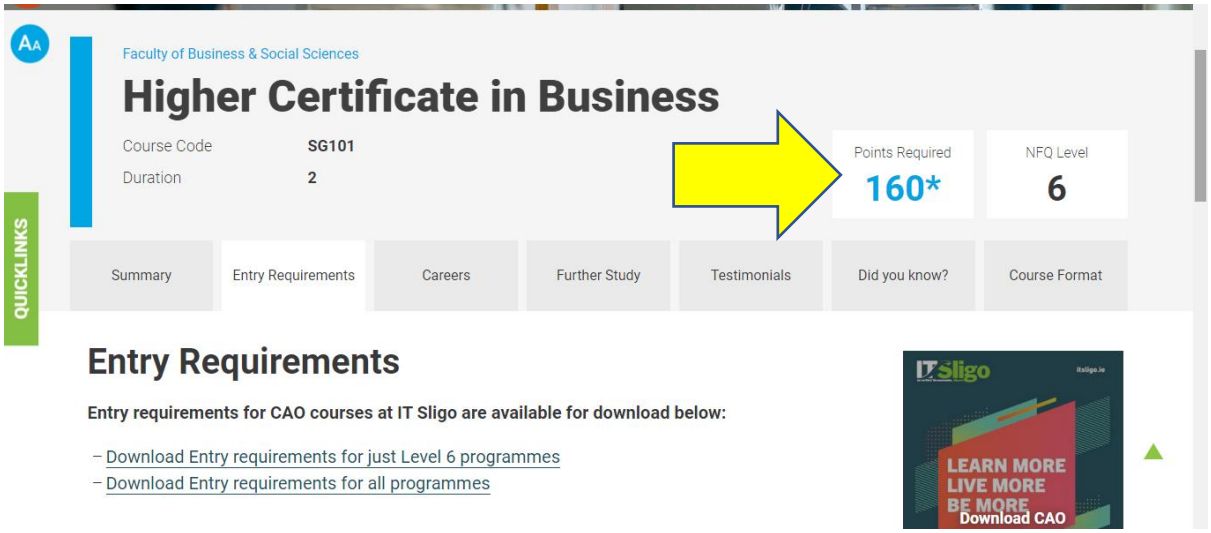
https://www.itsligo.ie/cao/alternative-maths-exams/

Points requirement:

You must meet the CAO points requirements for the programme. Points are largely determined by the volume of applications received and the number of places available. Here is more information on how points are calculated for the Leaving Certificate.

https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=scoring&s=lce

The points for your course, for last year, can be seen on the Programme Page.



Restricted Access Requirement:

Certain courses are Restricted-Application Courses, (such as Fine Art , Writing and Literature). They may have early assessment procedures which may start as early as February. You may need to complete a Portfolio, or an interview, or have an employer agreed (for work-based programmes)

Details on courses these requirements can be viewed here:

http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=restrictedcourses&bb=restrictions

Garda Vetting:

Some Courses require students to undertake work - placements which will bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Therefore, under National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016, registration on these programmes is conditional on students successfully clearing the Student Vetting process.

V.17th Nov.2022.