

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
FACULTY SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
MATHEMATICS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2018**

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 curriculums, 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 do 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 requirement, you will be offered a place in the second round. If you accept the place, it cancels out your second 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 have been 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 2018.

Q: Do you have sample papers?

A: Sample exam papers are available for 2014, 2015 2016 and 2017.

Q: What is the structure of the exam for 2018?

This paper will cover the Leaving Certificate Higher Level Mathematics syllabus as defined for Leaving Certificate Examinations 2017.

There will be two sections A & B in the paper, as in the Leaving Certificate examination.

- Section A will have six questions, 25 marks each.
- Section B will have three questions, 50 marks each.
- Candidates will be required to answer all nine questions.
- This is the relevant examination for entry to programmes that have a minimum entry requirement of a H6 in Higher Level Mathematics.

The exam will be of 3 hours duration. Non-programmable calculators only will be permitted (as per Leaving Certificate regulations).

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 by Tuesday 28th August, 2018.

An email with your exam results will be sent from the Admissions Office on Tuesday 28th August, 2018 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. Round 2 offers will be made on 29th August, 2018 and will be available online from 10am from the CAO.

CONTACT DETAILS

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