



Ad Astra Academy Entry Requirements for Elite Sports and Performing Arts 2022

Ad Astra entry concessions

- A points concession can be given to applicants who have been accepted by the Ad Astra Academy (Elite Sports and Performing Arts). The concession is a reduction of 60 points based on the average of the previous three years for each CAO Code¹. However, no applicant will be admitted with a score less than 300 points. Please see table for current year overleaf.
- Applicants must meet general matriculation and programme specific subject requirements.
- The reduction allowed for determining entry to the Professional Masters in Education (which operates on a different points system) will remain at 10%.
- A concession of up to 10% on normal entry requirements may be allowed for other UCD applicants (e.g. graduate, Non-EU, transfer), at the discretion of the relevant Programme Board.

Ad Astra quotas for entry with points concession

- Intake quotas can be set by a Programme Board where the number of Ad Astra places offered for any particular course with points concession, are limited.
- In the event that the number of approved candidates who meet the concession criteria exceeds the quota for a programme, offers will be based on Ad Astra Academy ranking.
- If the quota is not filled, Admissions will make further offers from the approved candidates, in order of ranking, until the quota is filled or the list of approved candidates is exhausted.

Ad Astra entry procedures

- Applicants must apply separately to both the Ad Astra Academy and via the appropriate route for admission to the course(s).
- Current UCD Ad Astra students, wishing to re-enter Stage 1 of another programme or applying for an internal programme transfer must re-apply to the Ad Astra Academy.
- Applicants may be interviewed.
- Admission to the Academy, does not guarantee admission to UCD as applicants must also meet academic requirements.

Terms and Conditions if admitted

- For Ad Astra Elite Sports please see www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/elitesports/termsandconditions/
- For Ad Astra Performing Arts please see www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/performingarts/termsandconditions/

Please Note:

- Admission to the Ad Astra Academy cannot be deferred. Therefore, applicants who receive an offer with a points concession, cannot defer their place.
- CAO applicants admitted to the Ad Astra academy after Round 1 offers, will only be considered for courses in later rounds where places remain.

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¹ Medicine (DN400) requirements are different. There is no concession for graduate entry programmes (DN301, DN401 and DN411)

CAO Code	Course	Minimum Entry Points
DN100	Architecture	452
DN120	Landscape Architecture	337
DN130	City Planning & Environmental Policy	332
DN150	Engineering	469
DN200	Science	480
DN201	Computer Science	453
DN230	Actuarial & Financial Studies	537
DN240	Sustainability	446
DN250	Agricultural Science ±	378
DN261	Food Science	417
DN262	Human Nutrition	470
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ±	526
DN301	Veterinary Medicine (Graduate Entry)	None
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	404
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ±	See Note
DN401	Medicine (Graduate Entry)	None
DN410	Radiography (Undergraduate Entry)	474
DN411	Radiography (Graduate Entry)	None
DN420	Physiotherapy	510
DN425	Health & Performance Science	452
DN430	Sport & Exercise Management	387
DN440	Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences	529
DN450	General Nursing	367
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated)	438
DN452	Midwifery	403
DN453	Mental Health Nursing	344
DN520	Arts	300
DN530	Humanities	300
DN541	Modern Languages	300
DN600	Law	483
DN610	Business & Law	484
DN650	Commerce ±	464
DN660	Commerce International ±	464
DN670	Economics & Finance±	553
DN700	Social Science	363
DN710	Economics	439
DN720	Psychology	471
DN750	Social Policy & Sociology	312

± Quota of places has been specified. Quota information is correct at 13 October 2021 – other programmes may choose to implement quotas.

CAO Code	Quota for Ad Astra Academy	
	Elite Sports	Performing Arts
DN250	4	1
DN300	1	1
DN400	1	1
DN650	2	1
DN660	2	1
DN670	1	1

* For Medicine (DN400), no concession applies to the HPAT score Therefore, eligibility will be calculated by adding 60 points to the applicants school-leaving exam points score (this total is capped at 625 points) This score will then be moderated (using the normal formula) and combined with the HPAT score If the resulting score meets the 2022 minimum combined score, the applicant will be deemed eligible for consideration for the places available