UCD Stage 1 Guide & Core Module Tables 2024/25

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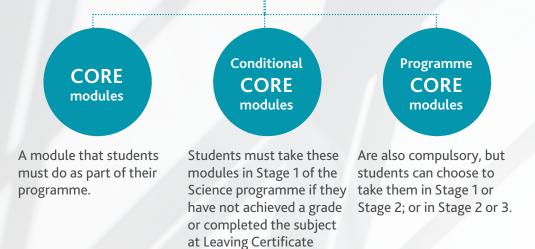
UCD offers one of the widest choices of science subjects in Ireland, providing access to 26-degree subjects in Biological, Biomedical, Biomolecular Sciences, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, including fully accredited Science, Mathematics and Education degrees.

Table 1 Streams and Degree Subjects within Science

Stream	Degree Subjects
Biological, Biomedical & Biomolecular Sciences Stream	Biochemistry & Molecular BiologyCell & Molecular BiologyEnvironmental BiologyGeneticsMicrobiologyNeurosciencePharmacologyPhysiologyPlant BiologyZoology
Earth & Environmental Sciences Stream	Earth Sciences Environmental Biology
Chemistry (includes Medicinal/ Sustainable) Stream	Chemistry Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology
Mathematics (includes Applied/ Financial/Statistics) Stream	Applied & Computational Mathematics Financial Mathematics Mathematics Statistics
Physics (includes Theoretical/ Astronomy & Space Science) Stream	Physics Physics with Astronomy & Space Science Theoretical Physics
Science, Mathematics & Education Stream	Applied Mathematics, Mathematics & Education Biology, Mathematics & Education Chemistry, Mathematics & Education Computer Science, Maths. & Education Physics, Mathematics & Education
Explore Multiple Streams	Students can select a number of streams in the Explore Multiple Streams option. As with all streams in Stage 1, careful selection of modules will ensure that you keep your options open for Stage 2. The information in Table 2 will guide you when you come to choose your modules for Stage 1.

The course in Stage 1 is divided into 12 modules. Students choose their modules in order to fulfil the requirements of the subjects that they wish to continue with in the degree programme. Students can either focus on a particular area, but must fulfil the requirements for at least 2 subjects, or choose to cover the core requirements for a wide range of subjects.

Modules required for BSc Degrees within Science



standard, or equivalent.

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Table 2 Modules required for B.Sc. Degrees within Science

Key: For modules marked with a plus symbol (+) Please refer to Table 4 Mathematics requirements table for further required criteria.

Biological, Biomedical & B	iomolecular Sciences Strear	n		
Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules	
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Cell & Molecular Biology Environmental Biology Genetics Microbiology Neuroscience Pharmacology Pharmacology Plant Biology Zoology	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules BIOL00010 Fundamentals of Biology CHEM00010 Introductory Chemistry MATH00010 Introduction to Mathematics PHYC10070 Foundations of Physics (this is a conditional core for Neuroscience and Physiology)	SCI10010 Scientific Enquiry BIOL10110 Cell Biology & Genetics CHEM10050 Basis of Organic & Biol Chem MATH10290 Linear Algebra for Science + MATH10310 Calculus for Science + Please refer to table 4 on page 8 for modules listed with a plus symbol (+)	At least two of: BIOL10130 Biology in Action BIOL10140 Life on Earth BMOL10030 Biomedical Sciences	
Earth & Environmental Sci	ences Stream		·	
Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules	
Environmental Biology <i>Students who complete the</i> <i>modules for this subject</i> <i>will also be eligible for</i> <i>subjects listed under the</i> <i>Biological, Biomedical and</i> <i>Biomolecular Stream in</i> <i>Stage 2.</i>	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules BIOL00010 Fundamentals of Biology CHEM00010 Introductory Chemistry MATH00010 Introduction to Mathematics PHYC10070 Foundations of Physics (PHYC10070 a conditional core for Neuroscience and Physiology)	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry BIOL10110 Cell Biology & Genetics CHEM10050 Basis of Organic & Biol Chem MATH10290 Linear Algebra for Science + MATH10310 Calculus for Science + Please refer to table 4 on page 8 for modules listed with a plus symbol (+)	At least two of: BIOL10130 Biology in Action BIOL10140 Life on Earth BMOL10030 Biomedical Sciences	
Earth Sciences	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules MATH00010 Introduction to Mathematics	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry GEOL10060 Intro to Earth Sciences MATH10290 Linear Algebra for Science + MATH10310 Calculus for Science + Please refer to table 4 on page 8 for modules listed with a plus symbol (+)	GEOL10070 Understanding Earth Systems	

Chemistry (includes Me	Chemistry (includes Medicinal/Sustainable) Stream								
Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules						
Chemistry Chemistry with Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules CHEM00010 Introductory Chemistry MATH00010 Introduction to Mathematics BIOL00010 Fundamentals of Biology (conditional core for Medicinal Chemistry)	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry CHEM10050 Basis of Organic & Biol Chem MATH10290 Linear Algebra for Science + MATH10310 Calculus for Science + BIOL10110 Cell Biology & Genetics (core module for Medicinal Chemistry) Please refer to table 4 on page 8 for modules listed with a plus symbol (+)	CHEM20140 Intro Transition Metal Chem CHEM20100 Basis of Inorganic Chemistry						

Mathematics (includes Applied/Financial/Statistics) Stream

Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules
Applied & Computational Mathematics Mathematics Financial Mathematics Statistics	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules ACM10080 Intro to Applied & Comp Math (conditional core for Applied & Computational Mathematics only) COMP10290 Computation for Scientists	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry ACM10060 Appl of Differential Equations MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) MATH10350 Calculus (MPS) STAT10060 Statistical Modelling	MATH10040 Numbers & Functions (required for Mathematics & Financial Maths) MATH10320 Mathematical Analysis (required for Applied & Computational Mathematics; Financial Math., Mathematics & Statistics) ECON10720 Microeconomics for Business (required for Financial Maths)

Physics (includes Theoretical/Astronomy & Space Science) Stream

Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules
Physics	<i>Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules</i>	SCI10010	ACM10060
Physics with Astronomy		Principles of Scientific	Appl of Differential
& Space Science		Enquiry	Equations
Theoretical Physics	ACM10080	PHYC10080	PHYC10050
	Intro to Applied & Comp	Frontiers of Physics	Astronomy & Space
	Math	MATH10340	Science
	MATH00010	Linear Algebra (MPS)	PHYC10250
	Introduction to	MATH10350	Thermal Physics and
	Mathematics	Calculus (MPS)	Materials
	PHYC10070 Foundations of Physics COMP10290 Computation for Scientists	or MATH10400 Calculus (Online)	PHYC20080 Fields, Waves and Light

Science, Mathematics	& Education Stream		
Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules
Biology, Mathematics & Education	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules BIOL00010 Fundamentals of Biology	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry BIOL10110 Cell Biology & Genetics CHEM10050 Basis of Organic & Biol Chem MATH10290 Linear Algebra for Science + or MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) + MATH10410 Maths & Science Education MATH10350 Calculus (MPS) STAT10060 Statistical Modelling Please refer to table 4 on page 8 for modules listed with a plus symbol (+)	At least two of: BIOL10130 Biology in Action BIOL10140 Life on Earth BMOL10030 Biomedical Sciences ACM10060 Appl of Differential Equations
Applied Mathematics, Mathematics & Education	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules ACM10080 Intro to Applied & Comp Math COMP10290 Computation for Scientists	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry ACM10060 Appl of Differential Equations MATH10350 Calculus (MPS) MATH10410 Maths & Science Education MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) STAT10060 Statistical Modelling	MATH10040 Numbers & Functions MATH10320 Mathematical Analysis
Computer Science, Mathematics & Education	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules COMP10290 Computation for Scientists	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry ACM10060 Appl of Differential Equations MATH10350 Calculus (MPS) MATH10410 Maths & Science Education MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) STAT10060 Statistical Modelling COMP10020 Introduction to Programming II	MATH10040 Numbers & Functions MATH10320 Mathematical Analysis

Science, Mathematics	& Education Stream		
Degree Subjects	Conditional Core Modules	Core Modules	Programme Core Modules
Chemistry, Mathematics & Education	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules CHEM00010 Introductory Chemistry	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry CHEM10050 Basis of Organic & Biol Chem MATH10290 Linear Algebra for Science + or MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) + MATH10350 Calculus (MPS) MATH10410 Maths & Science Education STAT10060 Statistical Modelling Please refer to table 4 on page 8 for modules listed with a plus symbol (+)	ACM10060 Appl of Differential Equations CHEM20140 Intro Transition Metal Chem CHEM20100 Basis of Inorganic Chemistry
Physics, Mathematics & Education	Refer to table 3 on page 7 for further details on these modules ACM10080 Intro to Applied & Comp Math PHYC10070 Foundations of Physics COMP10290 Computation for Scientists	SCI10010 Principles of Scientific Enquiry PHYC10080 Frontiers of Physics MATH10350 Calculus (MPS) MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) MATH10410 Maths & Science Education ACM10060 Appl of Differential Equations STAT10060 Statistical Modelling	MATH10320 Mathematical Analysis PHYC10250 Thermal Physics and Materials PHYC20080 Fields, Waves and Light

Explore Multiple Streams

The "Explore Multiple Streams" option is for students who are interested in degrees in different streams. For example, a student may be interested in Genetics and Chemistry. As Genetics is in the Biological, Biomedical & Biomolecular Sciences stream and Chemistry is in the Chemistry stream, students interested in these subjects can choose Explore Multiple Streams.

Scan the QR core and select the 'View All Modules' section of this webpage of this webpage for further information on modules and streams.





Conditional Core Modules

Some students may not have a sufficiently strong background in a subject and may be required to take an introductory module in the subject before they can take more advanced modules. Table 3 below outlines the specific prior learning requirements associated with these modules.

Table 3: Prior Learning requirements

Relevant Leaving Certificate Subject	Requirement (Conditional Core Module)	Rule
Applied Mathematics	ACM10080 Applied Mathematics, Methods & Applications	For the degrees where ACM10080 appears as a Conditional Core Module in Table 1, students must take ACM10080 or have attained a minimum grade H5 in Leaving Certificate Higher Applied Mathematics (A Level; Grade C).
Biology	BIOL00010 Fundamentals of Biology	To take BIOL10110, BIOL10130 and BIOL10140 students must have taken BIOL00010 or have attained a minimum grade O2 or H6 in Leaving Certificate Biology (A Level; Grade D).
Chemistry	CHEM00010 Introductory Chemistry	To take CHEM10050, students must have taken CHEM00010 or have attained a minimum grade O1 or H5 in Leaving Certificate Chemistry (A Level; Grade C).
Mathematics	MATH00010 Introductory Mathematics	Students who did not achieve a minimum grade O1 or H5 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (GCSE; Grade A*, A Level; Grade C) must take MATH00010 in addition to other required Mathematics modules.
Physics	PHYC10070 Foundations of Physics ACM10080 Intro to App & Comp Math	Students who wish to take Physics subjects must have attained a minimum grade of H5 in Higher Leaving Certificate Physics (A Level; Grade C). Otherwise, they must take PHYC10070 in Stage 1. Students who wish to pursue Neuroscience, Physiology or Biology, Mathematics & Education must have undertaken Leaving Certificate Physics or must take PHYC10070 in Stage 1.
		To take any Physics subjects, students must take ACM10080 or have attained a minimum grade of H5 in Leaving Certificate Higher Applied Mathematics.
Computer Science	COMP10290 Computation for Scientists	Students who wish to remain eligible for Mathematics or Physics subjects in Stage 2 who did not achieve H5 or higher in Higher Leaving Cert Computer Science (or equivalent) must take COMP10290 in Stage 1.

Mathematics

Students are required to take at least two modules in Mathematics (Linear Algebra and Calculus) during their degree in UCD. Mathematics teaching has been tailored to meet the requirements of different subjects. Mathematics is fundamental to many disciplines of Biology and Chemistry. You should consider studying Mathematics to the level of your ability. If you are unsure, you may sample the Mathematics modules required for the Physics or Mathematical subjects (MPS) (i.e. MATH10340 Linear Algebra (MPS) and MATH10350 Calculus (MPS)). If you find those modules too challenging you may change to Mathematics for the Sciences (i.e. MATH10290 and MATH10310) in the first two weeks of the Autumn Trimester. However, keep in mind that MATH10340 and MATH10350 are required core modules for the Mathematics, Physics and some of the Education based degree subjects. **Keep in mind that MATH10340 and MATH10350 are required core modules for the Mathematics, Physics and some of the Education based degree subjects**.

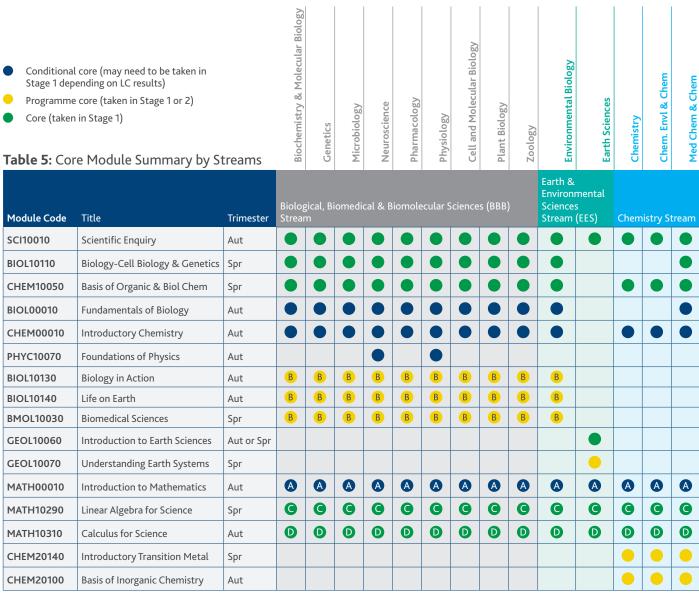
Students must take one Mathematics module in the Autumn Trimester. If a student is required to do MATH00010, then their Calculus module must be deferred until Stage 2. Students who wish to pursue Physics subjects but who have to take MATH00010 in Autumn, MATH10400 can be taken in the Summer Term to ensure they meet the prior learning requirements for Stage 2 Physics modules. If you are interested in pursuing your studies in Mathematics to a higher level, you should seek academic advice in relation to the mathematics modules you should study.

S	ubjects/Areas	Mathemat	ics Topics	Comment (to substitute Mathematics modules,
		Linear Algebra	Calculus	you must contact the Science Office www.ucd.ie/askscience)
1	Biological Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences	MATH10290	MATH10310	MATH10340 should be taken instead of MATH10290 if students want to keep Mathematical and Physics subjects open.
	Chemistry; Medicinal Chemistry; Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry			MATH10350 should be taken instead of MATH10310 if students want to keep the Education degrees or Mathematical and Physics Science subjects open.
2	Earth and Environmental Science	MATH10290	MATH10310	MATH10340 should be taken instead of MATH10290 if students want to keep Mathematical and Physics Science subjects open.
				MATH10350 should be taken instead of MATH10310 if students want to keep the Education degrees or Mathematical and Physical Science subjects open.
3	Mathematics; Financial Mathematics;	MATH10340	MATH10350	Students who have not attained at least a H3 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (or equivalent)
	Applied and Computational Mathematics; Statistics			are strongly advised to consult with either the School of Physics or the School of Mathematics and Statistics – depending on their main area of interest.
4	Mathematics, Physics & Education; Applied Mathematics and Education	MATH10340	MATH10350	Students who have not attained at least a H3 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (or equivalent) are strongly advised to consult with either the
	Computer Science, Mathematics and Education			School of Physics or the School of Mathematics and Statistics – depending on their main area of interest.
5	Physics; Theoretical Physics; Physics with Astronomy & Space Science	MATH10340	MATH10350	For students who wish to pursue Physics subjects, MATH10400 can be taken in the Summer Trimester instead of MATH10350 if a student must take MATH00010 in Trimester 1 (Autumn Trimester).
6	Biology, Mathematics & Education	MATH10290	MATH10350	MATH10340 can be taken instead of MATH10290 if students want to keep Mathematical and Physical Science subjects open.
	Chemistry, Mathematics & Education			MATH10350 also fulfils the requirements for all BBB, CCS and Earth Science subjects (see above).

Table 4: Mathematics Requirements

Core Modules required for Stage 1

Biological, Biomedical & Biomolecular Sciences Stream; Earth & Environmental Sciences Stream and Chemistry Stream



NOTES:

A Students required to take MATH00010 must defer MATH10310 or MATH10350 until Stage 2.

B Students must take at least 2 of BIOL10130, BIOL10140 or BMOL10030 in either Stage 1 or Stage 2.

C Students required to take MATH10290 can take MATH10340 instead. MATH10340 is required for all Mathematical or Physical Science degrees.

D Students required to take MATH10310 can take MATH10350 instead. MATH10350 is required for all Education, Mathematical or Physical Sciences degrees.

Core Modules required for Stage 1

Mathematics; Physics; Mathematics, Science and Education Streams



Table	6:	Core	Module	Summary	bν	Streams
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Module Code	Title	Trimest.	Maths	stream			Physic	s Strea	m	Maths	and Ed	ucation	Stream	
SCI10010	Scientific Enquiry	Aut												
BIOL10110	Biology-Cell Biology & Genetics	Spr												
CHEM10050	Basis of Organic & Biol Chem	Spr												
BIOL00010	Fundamentals of Biology	Aut												
CHEM00010	Introductory Chemistry	Aut												
PHYC10070	Foundations of Physics	Aut												
BIOL10130	Biology in Action	Aut									В			
BIOL10140	Life on Earth	Aut									В			
BMOL10030	Biomedical Sciences	Spr									В			
MATH00010	Introduction to Mathematics	Aut						۵D	۵D					
CHEM20140	Introductory Transition Metal Chem	Spr												
CHEM20100	Basis of Inorganic Chemistry	Aut												
ACM10080	Intro to Applied & Comp Math	Aut												
ACM10060	Appl of Differential Equations	Spr									С	С		
MATH10290	Linear Algebra for Science	Spr												
MATH10340	Linear Algebra (MPS)	Spr												
MATH10350	Calculus (MPS)	Aut												
STAT10060	Statistical Modelling	Spr												
MATH10040	Numbers & Functions	Aut		•	•					•				
MATH10320	Mathematical Analysis	Spr			•	•				•				
ECON10720	Microeconomics for Business	Spr		•										
PHYC10080	Frontiers of Physics	Spr												
PHYC10050	Astronomy & Space Science	Aut												
PHYC10250	Thermal Physics and Materials	Aut												
PHYC20080	Fields, Waves and Light	Spr												
MATH10410	Maths & Science Education	Spr												
COMP10020	Intro to Programming II	Spr												
COMP10290	Computation for Scientists	Aut												

NOTES:

A Students required to take MATH00010 must defer MATH10310 or MATH10350 until Stage 2.

B Students must take at least two of BIOL10130, BIOL10140 or BMOL10030 in either Stage 1 or Stage 2.

C These students should take either ACM10060 in Stage 1 or ACM10100 in Stage 2.

D Students who wish to pursue Physical Sciences and who are required to take MATH00010 MUST achieve at least an A- and take MATH10400 in the Summer Trimester as a substitute for MATH10350.



Top Tips

- Students are required to study twelve modules in a year – it is recommended that you try to balance your workload as evenly as possible across the year, e.g. study six modules in the Autumn Trimester and six modules in the Spring Trimester. The maximum number permitted in a trimester is eight
- Eleven of your Stage 1 modules must be from within Science. As well as core modules, there are modules which students can choose from a selection offered in their programme (Option Modules).
 - You may take one non-science elective module in Stage 1 in the Spring Trimester. **Elective module** are additional to the programme requirements and give students the chance to explore learning outside of their degree programme or choose further modules from the range of subjects in science. You are advised to consider your choice of elective module carefully.
- The wide variety of science modules available in Stage 1, allows you to sample and experience a number of subjects, while also studying the core modules required for your discipline. The choices you make in first year will have a bearing on

Later Stages of the Degree Programme

In Stage 2, students must cover the requirements for a minimum of 2 or 3 subjects. Due to timetable and workload constraints not all combinations of subjects are possible in Stage 2. The choice of Stage 2 subjects that can be combined depends on the number of core modules shared between those subjects and the extent to which other requirements have been met in Stage 1. your final degree subject(s). Make sure that you meet the core (compulsory) requirements for your subjects of choice and consider taking Programme Cores (Table 2) to reduce restrictions on your Stage 2 choices.

- The Level 0 and Level 1 modules required for entry to the degrees in the various subject areas are listed in Table 2.
- Laboratory and/or tutorial times for Science modules, where required, will be allocated at the start of term after you register online to your preferred area and your optional Science modules. Once the allocation to practicals and tutorials has been made, you will be able to see and print your individual timetable.

• Attendance

Lack of attendance at lectures, has been identified in several studies as a significant risk factor for having below average scores in Science courses. Students who attend >75% of lectures generally achieve higher grades.

In Stage 3 and Stage 4, students study one of their Stage 2 subjects to degree level and this subject is their degree major. The selection of degree major may be competitive. In the past few years, for example, Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience, were competitive.





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