



Ad Astra Academy Entry Requirements for Elite Sports and Performing Arts Scholars 2021

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 Scholars only). 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)

Ad Astra Academy for Elite Sports and Performing Arts Scholars 2021 Minimum entry points (with concession)

CAO Code	Course	Minimum Entry Points
DN100	Architecture	430
DN120	Landscape Architecture	311
DN130	City Planning & Environmental Policy	313
DN150	Engineering	453
DN200	Science	461
DN201	Computer Science	432
DN230	Actuarial & Financial Studies	521
DN240	Sustainability	380
DN250	Agricultural Science ±	379
DN261	Food Science	402
DN262	Human Nutrition	454
DN300	Veterinary Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ±	510
DN301	Veterinary Medicine (Graduate Entry)	None
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	391
DN400	Medicine (Undergraduate Entry) ±	See Note
DN401	Medicine (Graduate Entry)	None
DN410	Radiography (Undergraduate Entry)	453
DN411	Radiography (Graduate Entry)	None
DN420	Physiotherapy	492
DN425	Health & Performance Science	434
DN430	Sport & Exercise Management	371
DN440	Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences	513
DN450	General Nursing	347
DN451	Children's & General Nursing (Integrated)	419
DN452	Midwifery	385
DN453	Mental Health Nursing	326
DN520	Arts	300
DN530	Humanities	300
DN541	Modern Languages	300
DN600	Law	468
DN610	Business & Law	472
DN650	Commerce ±	446
DN660	Commerce International ±	449
DN670	Economics & Finance±	541
DN700	Social Science	337
DN710	Economics	420
DN720	Psychology	453
DN750	Social Policy & Sociology	300

± Quota of places has been specified. Quota information is correct at 1 November 2020 – other programmes may choose to implement quotas.

CAO Code	Quota for Ad Astra Academy	
	Elite Sports	Performance
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 2021 minimum combined score, the applicant will be deemed eligible for consideration for the places available