

ST JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Ballybunion, Co. Kerry

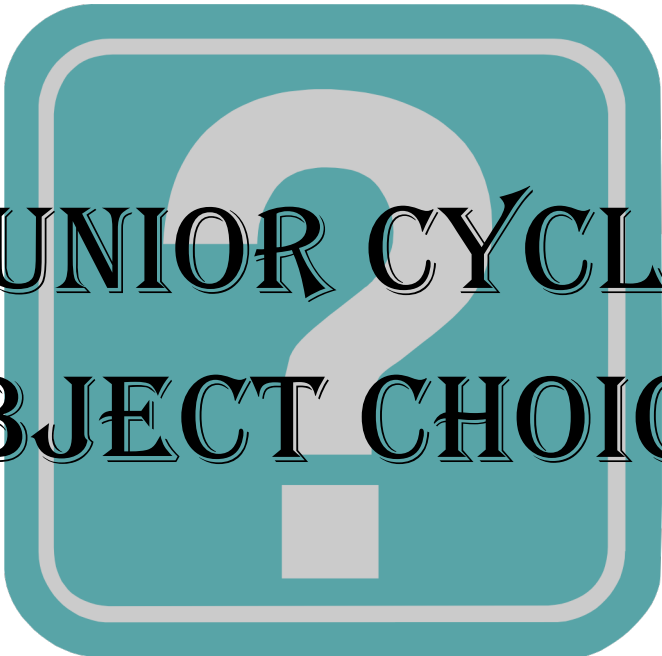
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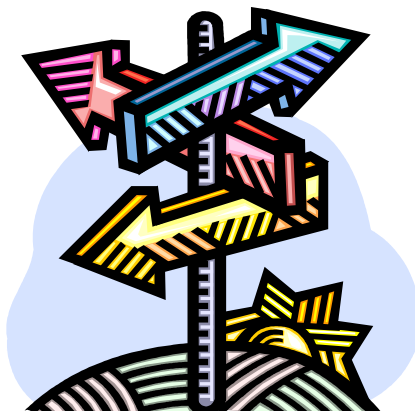
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JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECT CHOICES



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Students will study 9 examination subjects for Junior Cycle.

The subjects for Junior Cycle are made up of **6 compulsory** subjects and **3 option** subjects. Students will also study SPHE, Wellbeing, CSPE, PE and RE as short courses/non-examination subjects.

Compulsory Subjects

All students study the following subjects to Junior Cycle Level:

1. Irish
2. English
3. Maths
4. Geography
5. Science
6. History

Subject Levels

Students will be divided into Higher and Ordinary Level classes at the beginning of 2nd Year based on Christmas and Summer results in ❖ Irish ❖ English ❖ Maths

Option Subjects

Based on options chosen in 1st year students will choose **3** subjects from the following:

- Wood Technology
- Home Economics
- Art

- Graphics
- Business

- French
- German

Sample Option Block

Option Block	Subject	✓
Option 1	French	
	German	
	Wood Technology	
Option 2	Art	
	Graphics	
	Home Economics	
	Wood Technology	
Option 3	Graphics	
	Home Economics	
	Art	
	Business	

Art

Junior Cycle	-	100% Practical Work	
Leaving Certificate	-	70% Practical Work	30% Theory Exam Paper

An Art Portfolio is required for particular careers. They include:

- Art and Design Courses
- Computer Graphic Design Courses
- Architecture in two colleges (UL and TUD)
- Interior Design @ TUD
- Photography @ TUD and Dun Laoghaire (DLIADT)
- Product Design @ UL

Business

Junior Cycle	-	90% Exam Theory Paper	+ 10 % Assessment Task
Leaving Certificate	-	100% Exam Theory Paper	

- *Students will be permitted to take up any of the Business subjects as a new subject at Leaving Certificate. Business is a good subject for numerous business related courses at third level.*

Wood Technology (*Construction Studies*)

Junior Cycle	-	70% Practical Project	+ 30% Theory Exam Paper
Leaving Certificate	-	25% Practical Project	+ 25% Practical Exam + 50% Theory Exam Paper

- *Construction Studies or DCG required for Construction Teaching @ ATU. UL accepts DCG or Construction Studies or Science for teaching.*
- *Required for specialised Furniture Design Course at Letterfrack ATU.*

Graphics (*Design Communication Graphics -DCG*)

Junior Cycle	-	30% Project	+ 70% Drawing Exam Paper
Leaving Certificate	-	40% Project	+ 60% Drawings Exam Paper

- *Construction Studies or DCG required for Construction Teaching @ ATU. UL accepts DCG or Science for teaching.*
- *Required for entry to specialised Furniture Design Course @ ATU*

Home Economics

Junior Cycle	-	50% Practical Food Skills Exam	+	50% Theory Exam Paper
Leaving Certificate	-	20% Practical Project	+	80% Theory Exam Paper

- *Required for Home Economics Teaching @ St. Angela's Sligo (Science also accepted)*
- *Students will be permitted to take up Home Economics as a new subject for Leaving Certificate.*

Modern Languages (French and German)

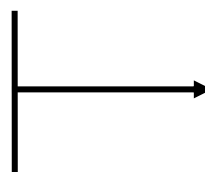
Junior Cycle	-	90% Exam Paper	+	10% Assessment Task
Leaving Certificate	-	25% Oral Exam		<i>(20% at Ordinary Level)</i>
55% - Reading Comprehension/Written Production + 20% Aural				

Language requirement as detailed below.

Four NUI Universities require a third language for entry. (*Third Language → English, Irish + one other*)

They include:

- University College Cork (UCC)
- University College Dublin (UCD)
- NUI Maynooth (except for Business & Law courses)
- NUI Galway (now UCG)



Except for entry to
> **Nursing,**
> **Science,**
> **Food,**
> **Engineering.**

The following Colleges **require** a **third language** for entry.

- Royal College of Surgeons
- Pontifical University Maynooth
- Shannon College of Hotel Management
- St. Angela's College, Sligo

The following colleges **Do Not** require a third language:

- All institutes of Technology and Technological Universities including Tralee, Cork, and Limerick
- Technological University of Dublin (TUD)
- Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
- University College Limerick (UL)
- Dublin City University (DCU)

Garda Siochana require two out of three languages (One of which must be Irish or English)

Cadets require a third language.