3.1. Entry requirements

Students enter the programmes via TU874 BSc (Hons) Mathematics & Statistics. There are opportunities to transfer to TU873 after the successful completion of Stage 2.

Students wishing to enrol should meet the minimum entry requirements. Satisfying the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee entry to the programme. The programme also makes use of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in assessing applicants, particularly for non-standard applicants where equivalent experience or learning can be demonstrated. In such cases a portfolio outlining a candidate's equivalent certified or experiential learning may be required.

The minimum entry requirements for the programme are:

- the Irish Leaving Certificate with a grade O6/H7 or higher in six subjects including:
    - *(from 2028)* a grade O1 or higher in ordinary level Mathematics or a grade H5 or higher in higher level Mathematics or Applied Mathematics
    - English or Irish
    - a grade H5 or higher in at least 2 subjects at higher level

or

- any other such qualification that the University may deem equivalent.

Attainment of the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee entry to the programme and all candidates will be assessed against the entry requirements for their prior learning and on their ability to succeed in the context of the available places on the programme. The admission criteria are reviewed regularly by the Programme Team.

Places in Stage 1 may be offered to mature students who meet certain criteria with respect to suitability, analytical skills and professional experience. Prospective mature students may be requested to attend for interview. The School of Mathematics & Statistics actively encourages mature student applications and strives for a minimum 15% allocation of places in first stage for such students.

It is possible for students to transfer into later stages of the programme by following the University's Advanced Entry procedures, provided the School is satisfied as to the adequacy of their academic qualifications.