

## LM044 - BA Applied Languages

### Application information for mature student applicants

Apply through CAO by 1 <sup>st</sup> February <a href="http://www.cao.ie">www.cao.ie</a>	Please refer to <a href="#">Academic Registry</a> for late applications
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### Application Process:

1. **CAO application form** – Applicants must ensure that they tick the ‘mature’ special category on the CAO application form and complete Sections 1 to 11 of the Mature Applicant section.
2. **Personal Statement for LM044** – Course Directors use personal statements to help them more effectively assess an applicant’s suitability for, and level of interest in, a particular course. See guidelines overleaf for writing a personal statement for LM044. The Personal Statement requirement is to enable you to provide more specific information to that which is provided in the ‘Statement of Interest’ on your CAO form.
3. **Supporting documentation** – All supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of prior qualifications, Personal Statement for LM044 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

### Minimum Entry Requirements:

- Evidence of sufficient ability to study languages successfully at university level (e.g. HB3 (H3) Leaving Certificate in relevant language or recognised equivalent); Prior language study, overseas experience, language courses taken

### Application Assessment Criteria:

- Prior education
- Work / voluntary experience
- Personal statement, including evidence of applicant’s interest in the culture, society and literature of the target language chosen
- Foreign language courses completed, or experience living in a target language country
- Ability to speak and understand the language the applicant wishes to take at advanced level
- Other relevant courses completed

- Experience living outside his/her home country
- Motivation

### Interview Assessment Criteria:

- Ability to speak and understand the language the applicant wishes to take at advanced level
- Other relevant courses completed
- Experience living outside his/her home country
- Motivation
- Willingness to engage with the course, including compulsory aspect of Erasmus exchange programme
- Assessment of applicant's knowledge of the society and culture of the target language

### Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM044

The Personal Statement is your opportunity to 'sell' yourself and to emphasise the experience and/or interests you have which are relevant to the course for which you are applying. A tailored personal statement is important, especially if you are applying to a competitive programme for which there is a high demand for places, as you will need to be specific and proactively demonstrate how your experience or your interests match the course you are interested in doing.

Your personal statement should be no greater than one side of a **single A4 page** and cover the following areas:

1. Reasons for wishing to undertake LM044
  2. Programme's potential contribution to your future career or life plans
  3. Highlight relevant experiences or skills gained through employment, voluntary work, or personal interests which have prepared you to undertake LM044
  4. Your knowledge and understanding of the career area in which you are interested
  5. Any specific preparation you have undertaken in anticipation of commencing LM044
- Please title your document 'Personal Statement for LM044'
  - Please also ensure that you include your CAO number on your Personal Statement