**LM123 - BSc Biological & Chemical Sciences**

**Common entry with a choice to pursue the following:**

* **Pharmaceutical and Industrial Chemistry**
* **Industrial Biochemistry**
* **Environmental Science**
* **Bioscience**

**Application information for mature student applicants**

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| Apply through CAO by 1st February[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) | Please refer to [Academic Registry](https://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/prospective-students/applying-ul) for late applications |

**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 LM123** – 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.
3. **Supporting documentation** – All supporting documentation (e.g. evidence of prior qualifications, Personal Statement for LM123 etc.) should be posted directly to the CAO.

**Minimum Entry Requirements:**

* HC2 (H4) in Leaving Certificate Maths ***or*** equivalent ***or*** Merit in QQI Maths for STEM (5S2246/5N0056) and HD3/OD3 (06/H7) in either Physics, Chemistry, Physics with Chemistry, Engineering, Agricultural Science or Biology.

**OR**

* OB3 (O3/H7) in Leaving Certificate Maths ***or*** equivalent ***or*** Pass in QQI Maths for STEM (5S2246/5N0056) with HC2 (H4) in one of the following: Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Physics with Chemistry, Biology ***or*** Agricultural Science

**OR**

* The applicant must have significant work experience (number of years) in an industry of direct correlation with Pharmaceutical and Industrial Chemistry ***or*** equivalent.

**OR**

* The applicant has carried out post second level courses, training or part completion of a previous degree that would be deemed equivalent of the entry requirements outlined above.

**Application Assessment Criteria:**

* It must be clear from the application information and personal statement that the applicant has a real interest in the course and has demonstrable background in a chemistry related field either through study or work experience.

**Interview Assessment Criteria:**

* Interest in programme
* Aptitude for programme
* Numerical skills

# Guidelines for writing a Personal Statement for LM123:

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 when 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 LM123
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 LM123
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 LM123
* Please title your document ‘Personal Statement for LM123’
* Include your CAO number on your Personal Statement

**Entry to this programme is available from the**

**Mature Student Access Certificate**

[**https://ulsites.ul.ie/mso/mature-student-access-certificate**](https://ulsites.ul.ie/mso/mature-student-access-certificate)