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Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

Foundation Courses for Higher Education

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What is the Foundation Course for Higher Education?



An academic, social and personal preparation course for people whose social, economic and cultural experiences have prevented them from going to college.

Structure

- An academic & personal preparation course for degree level studies
- Full-time course, running from August to April
- Approx. 25 places are available each year on each course
- Partnership Courses in 3 Further Education Colleges



Course Content

- Tutorials and Lectures
- Continuous assessment, group work and exams
- 20 hours of classes per week
- 20 hours independent study per week
- 80% attendance requirement
- Require a minimum overall grade of 50% to progress on to a degree course in Trinity College

Supports

- Personal
- Financial
- Academic
- Social
- Student Shadowing
- Mentoring
- Team work
- Library Workshops





What are the entry requirements?

- ✓ Must be eligible for free fees
- ✓ Socio economic criteria
- Mature Students: no formal academic requirements
- Young Adults: School Leaving Certificate
 - Educational experiences
 - Potential
 - Motivation/Determination



Core Study Skills

Education Guidance

Study Skills for Science / Social Science / Arts & Humanities

Information Technology

Arts

**Social
Sciences**

**Combination
Stream**

Science

Philosophy,
History
(Modern,
Medieval and
Ancient
History),
English 1 & 2

Psychology,
Political
Science,
Sociology,
Maths &
Statistics, Law,
Economics,
Business

Biology B,
Maths and
Statistics,
Psychology,
Sociology **or**
English

Biology,
Chemistry,
Maths (STEM),
Physics

What happens at the end of the course?

QQI level 6 Award –

Certificate in Foundation Studies for Higher Education

Require a minimum overall grade of 50%

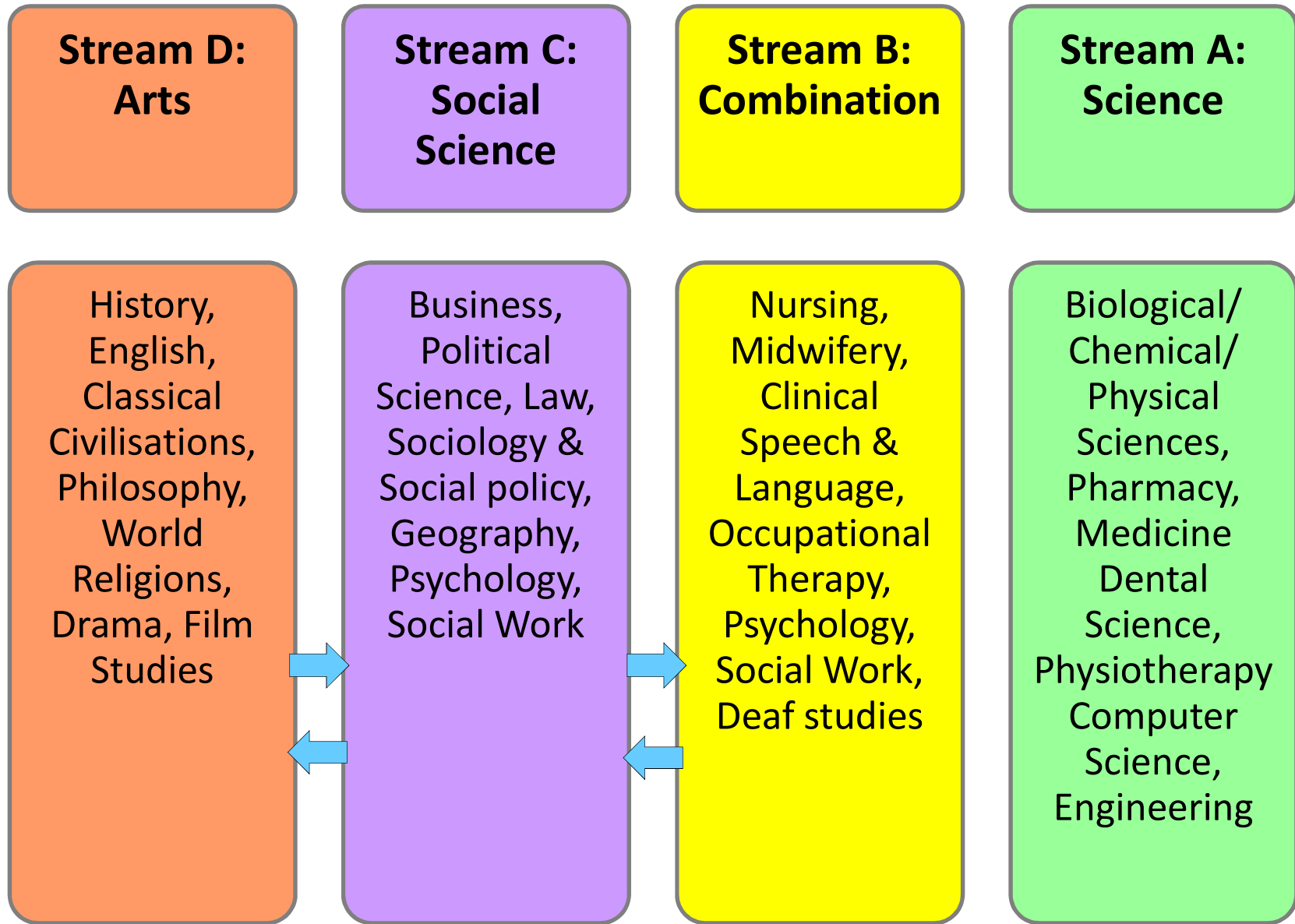
(and meet faculty requirements)

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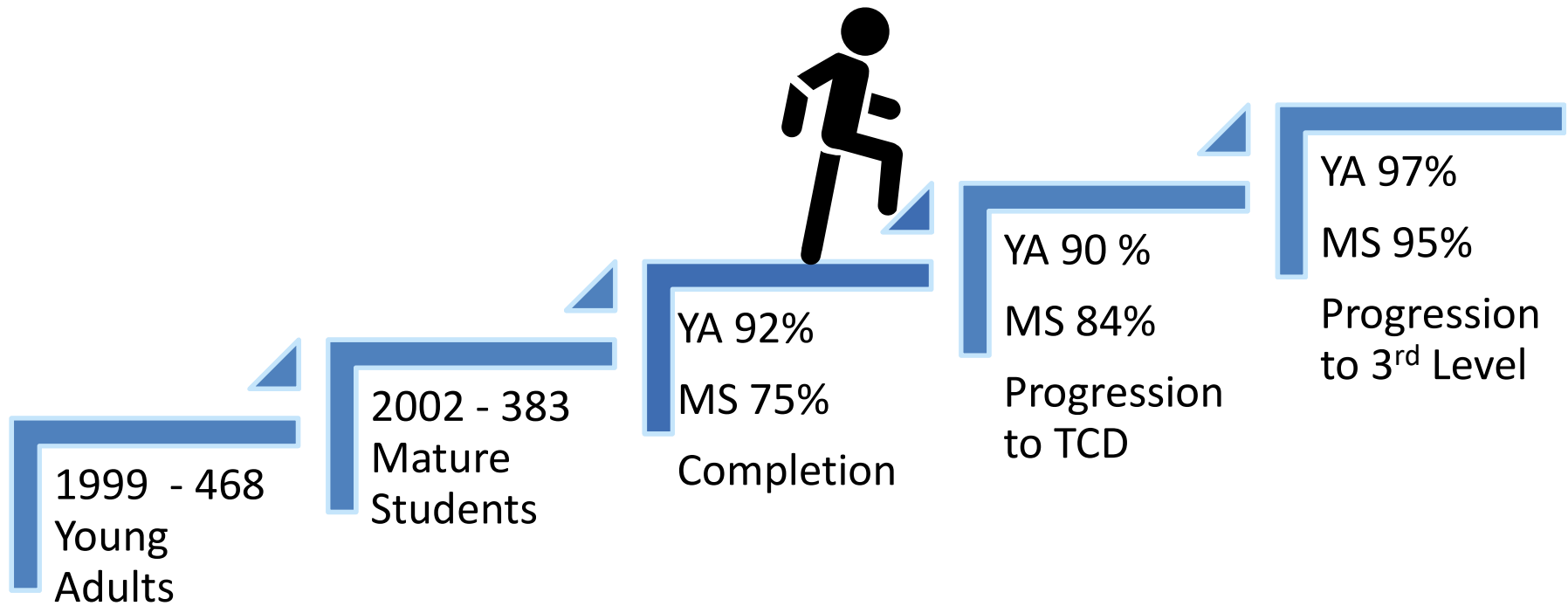
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Progression and Statistics



Partnership Courses

TAP partnership began in 2004 with 3 City of Dublin Education & Training Board Colleges

- Pearse College
- Plunket College
- Liberties College

QQI level 5 Award in General Studies

230 students progressed to degrees in Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences TCD.

Average graduating grade 2.1



Emma Mooney Gold Medal in 2015 for exceptional merit at degree examinations

Impact

TAP Trinity Access Programmes
Published by Cliona Hannon 19 | 12 April · 🌐

Nice piece in the paper, well done Deirdre, Domhnall and Patricia!



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Thank You

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