

## **Frequently Asked Questions: BA (Hons) in Home Economics and Business**

### **How many places are available on this course?**

32

### **What subjects can I teach when I finish this honours degree programme?**

You are not qualified to teach until you also complete the Professional Master of Education. However, once you complete both the BA (Hons) in Home Economics & Business, and the Professional Master of Education, UCC, you can then teach both Home Economics & Business to Leaving Certificate level. You are also qualified to teach both of these discipline areas at Junior Certificate level.

### **What is the breakdown of content between Home Economics, Business and Education?**

The BA (Hons) programme has a total of 180 ECTS (36 modules x 5 ECTS), with 100 ECTS for Home Economics, 60 ECTS for Business, and 20 ECTS for Education.

### **Do I need Garda Vetting?**

Yes, you need to have Garda Vetting to be able to complete the school placement.

### **Can I go on to complete the PME if I do not get a H2.2?**

No – a H2.2 result in year 3 of the programme is a mandatory requirement.

### **Is there a QQI / FET pathway to this course?**

Yes – the details are as follows [http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=fetac\\_search2](http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=fetac_search2)

### **Are there any alternative entry routes into this course?**

No.

### **Do you need business as a leaving certificate subject?**

No

### **Is there a minimum requirement for maths?**

The minimum requirement for Maths is O6/H7.

### **If offered a place on the course, can I defer it for one year?**

Yes, but please inform us, so that we can give your place to another student.

### **Will the college find my school placement in Year 3 for me or will I have to find it myself?**

Yes – the college will organise the placement in consultation with the student.

### **Can I teach in my local school in the PME?**

The majority of the schools will be in the greater Cork area but there may be opportunities in nearby counties. A placement co-ordinator will organise placement in consultation with the student.

### **What is the breakdown of classes between theory-based classes and practical based classes?**

Approximately 70% Theory; 30% Practical.

**Would it be possible to avail of the Erasmus Programme on this Course?**

No - any Erasmus programme is unlikely to meet Teaching Council requirements.

**Is it possible to make an exceptional late application?**

You can apply through exceptional applications from July 3rd if you are currently a student enrolled on another programme in a HEI. If you look at page 21 of the CAO handbook it will outline the full process involved in making an exceptional CAO Application.

**If I am currently studying on another programme, are there any implications if I move to this programme?**

Please be aware that should your application be successful you would be starting at year one of this programme. This would mean that you would be liable to pay full tuition fees for your first year with us at MTU, as you have now exhausted your first year of free tuition fees through the Government Free Fees Initiative. This would also have implications on any Grant that you may be in receipt of as you would not be eligible for a grant for the coming year.

**What are the facilities in MTU like for this course?**

MTU has state of the art facilities especially in the Department of Tourism & Hospitality where students will spend the majority of their time when completing their culinary modules, and theoretical modules.

**Would setting up your own business be an option for a graduate of this programme?**

Yes – students will have developed core business skills, and there is an emphasis on entrepreneurship in Year 3 of the programme. Graduates who decide not to progress to the Professional Master of Education, are ideally placed to set up their own business in either product development, or textile design, for example.

**What personal skills are most suited to this course?**

Students who have a passion for teaching, are excellent communicators, have good listening skills, are engaging, are adaptable, and have high levels of empathy.

**Will this degree be recognised Internationally?**

Yes

**What are the costs for the course?**

The first three years would be the standard third level fees of €3,000 per year.

PME Year 1 = €6,130 & PME Year 2 = €4,930. Please visit <https://www.ucc.ie/en/pec01/>

**Will the SUSI grant cover the full 5 years?**

Yes

**How many DARE/HEAR places will be available?**

One from each.

**What is the title of the degree you receive after the 3 years?**

BA (Hons) in Home Economics and Business

**Do you get paid for teaching in the year 1 and 2 PME?**

No, students do not get paid for teaching placements.

**If I opt out after year 3 what jobs could I apply for?**

You would be highly skilled in several areas and able to enter culinary, food production, business management, or social care areas for example, either in SMEs or larger corporations. Postgraduate study and research is also an option.

**At the end of the BA, is there a protected pathway/link-up with other NUI's or colleges so that the student could do the PME aspect elsewhere if desirable?**

No, we only have a protected pathway with UCC, but students are free to investigate pathways to other PME programmes which offer Home Economics.

**Is this a joint award between UCC & MTU?**

No, each award is a standalone award i.e. the BA (Hons) in Home Economics & Business is awarded by MTU. The Professional Master of Education is awarded by UCC.

**Is there an option to study a different subject e.g. Irish, Biology or Religion in conjunction with Home Economics rather than business?**

No, this is the only offering at the moment, and currently there are no plans to offer an alternative to Business.

**If I have completed another degree and have covered some of the modules already can I be exempt from doing those modules?**

If accepted, you can then apply for exemptions. However, you will still need to complete the programme over 3 years, as we only have one delivery of the programme. However, this would also require you to check with the Teaching Council that this is acceptable, as they determine if applicants have the necessary credits for accreditation. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the Teaching Council that they meet their requirements, if there is any deviation from this programme.

**Can I apply as a mature student, if I have already completed another degree?**

Yes, you can apply as a mature applicant through the CAO. Closing date for mature applicants for September 2021 entry expired on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

**If I am currently studying Home Economics in another college can I transfer to MTU?**

You can apply through exceptional applications from July 3rd if you are currently a student enrolled on another programme in a HEI. If you look at page 21 of the CAO handbook it will outline the full process involved in making an exceptional CAO Application. Please be aware that should your application be successful you would be starting at year one of our BA (Hons) in Home Economics & Business. This would mean that you would be liable to pay full tuition fees for your first year with us at MTU, as you have now exhausted your first year of free tuition fees through the Government Fee Fees Initiative. This would also have implications on any Grant that you may be in receipt of as you would not be eligible for a grant for the coming year.