

Link Modules: what is it?

LCVP is designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the combination of Leaving Cert subjects of your choice (Vocational Subject Groupings). The primary goal of the LCVP is to prepare you for adult life by ensuring that you are educated in the broadest sense, with an ability to cope and thrive in a world of rapid change. You are encouraged to develop skills and competencies fundamental to both academic and vocational success.

Programme requirements

- At least 5 Leaving Certificate subjects, 1 of which must be Irish plus the Link Modules;
- 2 of the above subjects must be selected from 1 of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings;
- Link Modules: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education (in addition to 5 subjects);
- A recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English.

In this course you are encouraged to:

- ⇒ Be innovative and enterprising;
- ⇒ Take responsibility for your own learning;
- ⇒ Adapt to changing circumstances;
- ⇒ Evaluate data and devise solutions to problems;
- ⇒ Communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively;
- ⇒ Work with others as part of a team;
- ⇒ Investigate and plan career options;
- ⇒ Use information and communications technologies;
- ⇒ Investigate local businesses and community enterprises;
- ⇒ Learn and evaluate your experiences.

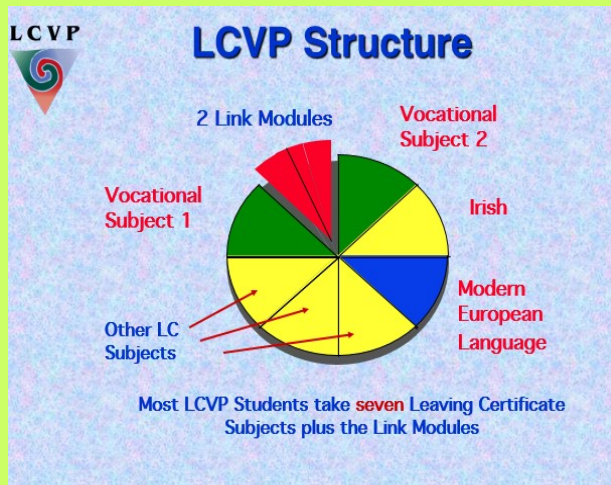
The course of LCVP is not difficult, but you still have to work hard to get a Distinction grade (80%+). It can be taken as an extra subject or instead of a European language (where you do a language 1 class per week).

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LCVP: What is studied?

The course is consisted of 2 parts: Portfolio and Written Exam. The portfolio work is worth 60% of the programme and is complete by March of 6th Year. The written exam is held in May of 6th year, and is worth 40% of the programme. It is a common level paper taken as part of the established Leaving Certificate.



The course

The portfolio work, worth 60% of the course, consists of 2 sections:

Section 1: Core Items (compulsory)

Curriculum Vitae;

Enterprise/Action Plan;

Career Investigation;

Summary Report.

Section 2: Optional Items (any 2 from these 4)

Diary of Work Experience;

Enterprise Report;

Recorded Interview/Presentation;

Report on My Own Place.

The written exam, worth 40% of the course, consists of 3 sections:

Section A: Audio Visual;

Section B: Case Study;

Section C: General Questions on the 8 units of the course: Preparation for the World of Work, Job Seeking Skills, Career Investigation, Work Experience, Enterprise Skills, Local Businesses, Local Voluntary Organisation and Enterprise Activity.

Advantages of taking LCVP

For CAO purposes, the points achieved in 6 subjects can be used. You can use the points achieved in LCVP as one of these 6 subjects if you wish. If you perform poorly on 1 of your regular Leaving Certificate subjects on the day of the exam, you can swap this disappointing result for the result achieved in the LCVP exam.

60% of LCVP course is made up of portfolio work, which is completed mainly in 5th Year. The remaining 40% is examined in a written exam held in May of 6th year. So all of the LCVP work is completed in advance of the June exam.

Apart from its value in contributing to the overall points, the LCVP course develops lifelong skills involving IT, report writing, planning, evaluating, organising, interview techniques and teamwork; all of which are very useful for third level and in employment.