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Election

Foundation Scholars are elected annually from various programmes throughout College on the basis of results obtained having sat an examination held in January of each year. The names of those elected are announced in public by the Provost from the steps of the Examination Hall on the Monday of Trinity Week (Trinity Monday)

Entitlements

Foundation Scholars (there are not more than 70 at any one time) and non-Foundation Scholars (these were added when the university expanded last century) are entitled to free Commons (meals in the Dining Hall) and free rooms in College. They also receive a salary (allowance) and do not have to pay fees. The entitlements of Scholars can continue for some years after graduation if they are engaged in further academic research or study.

Eligibility

Given the need to have some background in the subject of the Scholarship examinations, and the desirability of having a few years before graduation to profit from election, the time to sit Scholarship is in the Senior Freshman year. There is no quota on the number of Scholars that may be elected in any one programme, subject or department.

Calendar Entry

Business, economic and social studies including business studies and language candidates

Candidates are examined in the subjects of their course up to the end of Michaelmas term of the Senior Freshman year. The scope of each paper is described in the relevant Course Handbooks.

The examination consists of four 2¼ hour papers as follows:

In the case of **business, economic and social studies**, candidates will be asked to choose four papers from

Business I and II

Economics I and II

Political Science I and II

Sociology I and II

Quantitative Methods

In the case of **business studies and a language**, candidates will be asked to take papers

Business I and II

Language 1 (Language Fluency inc. Oral)

Language 2 (Business Environment)

All papers carry equal marks.

Recommendations for scholarship will be based on all four papers, subject to all four papers being passed.

In the case of **law and business students**, candidates are examined in the modules of their course up to the end of Michaelmas term of the Senior Freshman year. The examinations consist of a total of four and a half hours of examinations in law modules (two 2¼ hour papers) and four and a half hours of examinations in business modules (two 2¼ hour papers)

Law I and II

Business I and II

All papers carry equal marks.

Recommendations for scholarship will be based on all four papers, subject to all four papers being passed.

Philosophy, political science, economics and sociology

Candidates are examined in at least three of the constituent disciplines of the degree programme.

The examination consists of four 2¼ hour papers as follow:

Candidates will be asked to choose four papers from

Philosophy I and II

Political Science I and II

Economics I and II

Sociology I and II

Quantitative Methods

Candidates should take at least one paper in each of the three disciplines they pursue in the Senior Freshman year.

All papers carry equal marks.

Recommendations for scholarship will be based on all four papers, subject to all four papers being passed.

Sociology and Social Policy

Candidates are examined in the subjects of their course up to the end of Michaelmas term of the Senior Freshman year. The scope of each paper is described in the relevant Course Handbooks.

The examination consists of four 2¼ hour papers as follows:

Sociology I and II

Social policy I and II

All papers carry equal marks.

Recommendations for scholarship will be based on all four papers, subject to all four papers being passed.

MORE INDEPTH EXPLANATION OF THE PAPERS, PER DISCIPLINE

Note that this information does not form part of the Calendar regulation but is provided by each School/Department for information to students.

Economics

1. Overall structure of *Economics I and II* and *Quantitative methods* papers

The Department of Economics is responsible for three papers in the Scholarship examination: Economics I, Economics II, and Quantitative methods. The main focus of the questions on these papers will be on the subject-areas covered in economics modules in Michaelmas term in the SF year, with Economics I relating to module EC2010, Economics II relating to modules EC2020 and EC2030, and Quantitative methods relating to module EC2040. Economics II will contain enough questions to give an adequate choice to students who are taking only one of EC2020, EC2030.

The questions on all three papers will range more widely than the confines of the SF Michaelmas term lectures, i.e. they will not be as closely related to the lecture courses as would be expected of those on an annual examination paper. In Economics I, for example, questions may draw on material from EC1010, both microeconomics and macroeconomics, as well as from EC2010 (Michaelmas term). In Quantitative methods questions may draw on material from EC1030, both mathematics and statistics, as well as from EC2040 (Michaelmas term). Good answers on any of the papers might draw on all the economics (or mathematics and statistics in the case of the Quantitative methods paper) that the examinee has been exposed to since entering College.

Students are encouraged to go beyond the confines of the reading lists: your preparation might for example include material drawn from *The Economist*; VoxEU at <http://www.voxeu.org/>; ESRI reports, such as the Quarterly Economic Commentary, at www.esri.ie. This list is not exhaustive. For a very efficient way to see what is happening on the 'respectable blogs', see <http://economistsview.typepad.com/>

2. Structure of individual papers, each being timed at 2¼ hours

Economics 1

Answer any three questions from five.

Economics 2

Answer any three questions from eight, consisting of four questions relating to EC2020 and four relating to EC2030.

Quantitative Methods

Answer any three questions from four.

Contact: Prof John O'Hagan, Department of Economics, john.ohagan@tcd.ie

Business Studies

The Business School is responsible for two examination papers, Business I and Business II, each of 2¼ hours (135 minutes) duration.

Both of these papers must be taken by the following group of students:

- Business Studies and a Language (all five versions)
- Law and Business

We would recommend that both of these papers be taken by the following groups of students:

- those intending to pursue the BBS programme in their sophister years;
- those intending to pursue a joint honor programme that includes Business as one of the two main programme tracks.

The details below provide general guidelines to the structure and content of each of these papers, and to the criteria by which answers will be evaluated.

Business I Paper will be structured as follows:

Section A: Two questions based broadly on the material covered in the Junior Freshman Introduction to Organisation & Management module (BU1510)

Section B: Two questions based on the material covered in the Management 1 module (BU2510) during Semester 1: This is Organisational Behaviour

Section C: Two questions based on the material covered in the Management II module (BU2530) during Semester 1: This is Accounting

Section D: Two questions based on the material covered in the Management III module (BU2550) Introduction to Finance

Candidates are required to select three sections and to answer three questions – one from each of the three sections selected.

Students can select one from either of the questions in Section A, one from either of the questions in Section B, one of either of the questions in Section C or one of either of the questions in Section D to make a total of three questions from three different sections.

In answering questions, students will be rewarded for exploiting opportunities to make relevant linkages within and between the various modules that have been covered over the first year and a half of their programme of study

Business II Paper will be structured as follows:

This paper will be designed to test candidates' integrated and rounded understanding of the application of business theories, concepts and tools to real business situations. It will involve the analysis of business casebased material which may be drawn from a number of sources such as formal case material and case-based articles and papers published in business / management journals and magazines. In all probability the cases will include complex data (e.g. pertaining to a firm, an industry and its environment).

Students will be required to demonstrate a command of

(a) the application of academic ideas and literatures encountered thus far in their studies relating to Business

and

(b) historical, recent and current events and developments in the world of business, both in Ireland and internationally. As such it is expected that candidates will be up-to-date readers of the business press (e.g. Business sections of newspapers along with major international specialist publications like the Financial Times, BusinessWeek, Fortune etc.)

Business paper II will contain questions which should give an adequate choice to students who are taking only one/two business subjects in their Senior Freshman year.

Contact: Dr Mary Lee Rhodes, School of Business, rhodesml@tcd.ie

Law

- Examinations consist of two Law papers, to comprise of a total of 4.5 hours of written Law examinations
- Law and Business students sitting Schol are required to prepare for four Law modules out of the five Freshman Law modules they will have covered.

The Law papers are as follows:

Paper I Tort, Contract, Land Law, General question

Paper II Constitutional Law I, Irish Legal System, General question

Structure of Paper I and Paper II

Each paper will last 2.¼ hours. Students must answer **three** questions in total on each paper, and must answer at least one question from each of **two** modules. There will be four questions set on each module, and (subject to the following paragraph) students must answer at least one question from two of the modules. The questions for each of the modules will be set by the lecturers in the relevant modules.

Each paper will also include a general question (set by a lecturer not otherwise involved in the scholarship examinations). Students must either answer this general question or answer a second question from one of the two modules.

Political Science

Politics I

This paper will have **eight** questions from which students will be required to choose **two**. The questions will be of a general nature relating to material covered in P01600, PO2610, PO2640, PO2650. There will be two questions relating to each of the three Senior Freshman modules plus two questions relating more generally to the discipline of Politics as a whole. In answering

these general questions students will be expected to draw on material covered in PO1600 when relevant.

Politics II

This paper will have **twelve** questions, four relating to the material from each of the three Senior Freshman modules covered in the first semester, with students being required to answer **any three** from the paper as a whole. Students are encouraged to engage in whatever extra reading their course lecturers may have suggested.

Contact: Dr William Phelan, Department of Political Science, phelanw@tcd.ie

Philosophy

Philosophy I

Questions based on the material covered in the Junior Freshman module PI1006 (of which there are five sections) and the Senior Freshman module PI2008 (of which there are two sections). All seven sections, three questions per section, twenty-one questions in total. Answer **two** questions. Students will not be permitted to answer those two questions from only one section.

Philosophy II

Paper based on a philosopher **agreed by student with department by date of registration for scholarship examination.**

Answer TWO questions

Contact: Dr Paul O'Grady, Department of Philosophy, pogrady@tcd.ie

Sociology

Sociology I

This paper will contain **six** questions based on material covered in SO1310/11 Introduction to Sociology from your Junior Freshman year. Candidates are expected to answer **two** questions.

Sociology II

This paper will contain **nine** questions based on material covered in the first term on each of SO2310 Introduction to Social Research, SO2342 Gender, Culture and Society and SO2330 European Societies. Candidates are expected to answer **any two** questions.

Contact: Dr Ronit Lentin, Department of Sociology, rlentin@tcd.ie

Social Studies (Social Policy)

Social Policy Paper 1

This paper will require students to write one essay on the historical and comparative development of the modern welfare state and of Irish social policy.

The paper will be loosely based on the Junior Freshman modules `Social Policy Concepts / The Irish Welfare State. In addition students are encouraged to integrate material covered on other modules, in particular, economic policy and political science.

- There will be five questions on the paper.
- Students must answer **one** question.
- The exam will run for 2 ¼ hours

Topics

1. Defining social policy and / the welfare state?
2. Reasons for government intervention to achieve social objectives
3. The influence of politics on the development of the Irish Welfare State

4. Classifying welfare states
5. The redistributive impact of Irish welfare and taxation policies.

Reading lists for each of these topics is available from: Judy O'Shea osheaju@tcd.ie

Social Policy Paper 2

- This paper will be based on the Senior Freshman modules Irish Health policy and Irish Social Security policy.
- There will be four questions in each section
- Students must answer **two** questions; one from each section
- The exam will run for 2 ¼ hours

Further Information:

Social Security Policy Questions

You should contact Tony McCashin to discuss these questions; amccshin@tcd.ie

Health Policy Questions

You should contact Judy O'Shea to discuss these questions; osheaju@tcd.ie

French (BSL)

The content of both exams will relate to topics related to the Junior Freshman year (FR1040 & FR1050) and the first semester of the Senior Freshman year (FR2040 & FR2041).

1. **Language Fluency** (Written paper: 1h ½; Viva Voce: 15 minutes preparation + 15 minutes interview):

For this paper, students will be asked to write in French a summary of a French text (350-400 words approx.) on a relevant topic.

For the Viva Voce, students will be given 15 minutes to prepare a 4-minute presentation in French on a given topic. Their presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

2. **Area Studies** (2h)

The written paper will consist of an 800-word essay on aspects of the course. In their answer, students will also be required to draw on their wider personal knowledge.

Contact: Dr Claire Laudet, claudet@tcd.ie

German (BSL)

Language Fluency (comprising a written paper of 90 minutes and a viva voce of 15 minutes)

Written Paper: This will normally consist of an essay or Leserbrief to be written in German on a topic of contemporary interest.

Viva voce: The 15-minute viva voce examination will be centred on topics of general and business interest. Students may be asked to prepare a short text 10 minutes in advance of the viva voce for discussion with the examiners.

Area Studies (comprising a written paper of 2 hours): This will normally consist of an essay (ca. 400 words) and an analysis of statistical material (ca. 400 words). Both questions will focus on business, economic and social topics relating to the German and international business environment and must be answered in German. The content of this examination will draw on topics covered in the Business German classes in the Junior Freshman year and the first semester of the Senior Freshman year.

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Russian (BSL)

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Polish (BSL)

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Spanish (BSL)

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Application Form:

Applications forms must be submitted to the Academic Registry between 1 and 15 November 2013. The Forms can be downloaded here

<http://www.tcd.ie/vpcao/administration/examinations/assets/pdf/scholarship-application-form.pdf>

Examination Timetable:

The timetables, when available, can be accessed here

<http://www.tcd.ie/vpcao/administration/examinations/foundation-schol-timetables.php>

Past Scholarship Papers:

Past Scholarship papers can be accessed here

http://www.tcd.ie/Local/Exam_Papers/schols.html