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## Disclaimer

Please note that the General Regulations have primacy over departmental handbook information. Always consult the College Calendar for accuracy.

## General Information

### Department of Economics Staff MT 2015- 2016

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To view the complete list of staff members in the department of Economics visit:

<http://www.tcd.ie/Economics/staff>

### Department of Economics Administrative Office

The Department of Economics Office is located in Room 3014, Arts Building and is open daily from 08.45 – 13.00 and from 14.00 – 17.15. Contact details for the office are as follows:

Telephone: 01-8961043

Web: [www.tcd.ie/economics](http://www.tcd.ie/economics)

Email: [econsec@tcd.ie](mailto:econsec@tcd.ie)

### Student Information System (SITS)

The student information system is accessible to all staff and students via the web portal, [www.my.tcd.ie](http://www.my.tcd.ie)

On SITS:

- Students can view timetables (for both teaching and examinations).
- All fee invoices/payments, student levies and commencement fees will be issued and all payments carried out.
- Students can view personal details – some sections of which students can edit.
- All examination results will be published.

The economics modules for which students are registered will appear on their student profile on SITS; students should check these carefully and immediately contact [econsec@tcd.ie](mailto:econsec@tcd.ie) if there are any errors.



## Tutors

All undergraduate students are assigned a tutor when they are admitted to College. Your tutor, who is a member of the teaching staff, will represent you before the College authorities, and will give confidential advice on courses, discipline, examinations, fees and other matters. The tutor is not a supervisor of studies. Students may change their tutor with the approval of the Senior Tutor. For more information please see the Senior Tutors Office website

[http://www.tcd.ie/Senior\\_Tutor](http://www.tcd.ie/Senior_Tutor)

## Student 2 Student

From the moment you arrive in College right the way through to your end of year exams Student 2 Student (S2S) is here to make sure your first year is fun, engaging and a great foundation for the rest of your time in Trinity. You'll meet your two S2S mentors in Fresher's Week and they'll make sure you know other people in your course before your classes even start. They'll keep in regular touch with you throughout your first year and invite you to events on and off campus. They'll also give you useful information about your course and what to look out for. Mentors are students who have been through first year and know exactly what it feels like, so you never have to worry about asking them a question or talking to them about anything that's worrying you.

S2S also offers trained Peer Supporters if you want to talk confidentially to another student or just to meet a friendly face for a coffee and a chat.

S2S is supported by the Senior Tutor's Office and the Student Counselling Service.

Website: <http://student2student.tcd.ie>

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## Overview of TSM Economics

### Introduction

Taking Economics as a TSM student means that you study Economics as well as one other subject. This option will be of particular interest to students who want to study Economics but also wish to study some other subject area.

Economics can be combined with a wide range of subjects including Geography, History, Sociology, German, Spanish, Russian, Mathematics, Philosophy and Psychology. The combinations of subjects available for study with Economics have been chosen deliberately to take advantage of the way different subjects relate to one another. Thus, for example, Geography helps us to understand why regions differ, why firms locate as they do and the problems of urban renewal. Knowledge of European languages increases our ability to understand international economic relations. History helps our understanding of the causes of economic growth and why some countries developed earlier than others. Psychology and Sociology help us to understand the foundations of behaviour in an economic context. Studying two subjects has the advantage of being able to use one discipline to throw light upon the other. Many modern day economic problems require a multi-disciplinary approach, something for which a TSM student will be better prepared. Economics itself, as a discipline, has numerous points of contact with other subject areas. Recent Nobel Prize winners in Economics include John Nash, a mathematician, Douglas North, a historian and Daniel Kahneman, a psychologist.

### Economics Degree Options in TSM

There are two ways to follow a TSM degree:

- Pattern A
- Pattern B

#### Studying Economics through Pattern A

Pattern A students study the two subjects together for all four years. Geography, German, Mathematics or Sociology are available with Economics under Pattern A.

#### Studying Economics through Pattern B

Pattern B Students study the two subjects together for three years and under Pattern B specialise in one of these for the fourth year. Those choosing Economics as one of their subjects can combine it with Geography, German, Mathematics, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Russian or Spanish.

Students who are reading a two-subject course according to Pattern B choose the subject which will be taken in the Senior Sophister year not later than the last day of Michaelmas teaching term in the Junior Sophister year. However, students intending to specialise in Economics in their Senior Sophister year should be aware of the requirement to take certain modules in their Junior Sophister year.

Economics teaching in the Freshman (first two) years emphasises the understanding of the basic principles of economics and the acquisition of the quantitative and analytical skills necessary for more in-depth study. The student will also receive instruction on how the modern economy works both from an Irish and a global perspective. In the Sophister (third and fourth) years, there are very few compulsory courses. Students are therefore able to construct their own programme from a wide range of options.

## Programme Requirements - TSM Students

### Junior Freshman

#### Modules

Students must take modules equivalent to 30 ECTS. All modules have an ECTS weighting of 10. Students must take:

EC1010 Introduction to Economics  
EC1030 Mathematics and Statistics

With the exception of mathematics/economics students, who must take

EC1010 Introduction to Economics  
ST1251 Introduction to Statistics I  
ST1252 Introduction to Statistics II

- [EC1010 Introduction to Economics](#)
- [EC1030 Mathematics and Statistics](#)
- [ST1251 Introduction to Statistics I](#)
- [ST1252 Introduction to Statistics II](#)

In addition to the above modules, students are required to choose one of the following modules:

- EC1040 Introduction to Economic Policy
- SO1310 Introduction to Sociology
- PO1600 Introduction to Political Science
- LA1240 Introduction to Law
- SS1765 Social Policy Concepts/The Irish Welfare State

### Senior Freshman

#### Modules

Students must take modules equivalent to 30 ECTS. All have an ECTS weighting of 10. Mathematics/economics students must take EC2010, EC2020 and SO2310. Other students must take EC2010, EC2020 and EC2040.

- [EC2010 Intermediate Economics](#)
- [EC2020 The Economy of Ireland](#)
- [SO2310 Introduction to Social Research](#)
- [EC2040 Mathematical and Statistical Methods](#)

## Junior Sophister

### Modules

Students must take modules equivalent to 30 ECTS including at least one of EC3010, EC3021, EC3060 and EC3090. All have an ECTS weighting of 10. Students may take [Broad Curriculum](#) courses equivalent to 10 ECTS instead of one of their three economic module options. Students intending to take their moderatorship part II in economics in Pattern B must take EC3010 and EC3090. Mathematics/economics students may not take EC3080. Students should consult the module descriptions for details of prerequisites.

- [EC3010 Economic Analysis](#)
- [EC3021 Money and Banking](#)
- [EC3030 The European Economy](#)
- [EC3040 The Economics of Less Developed Countries](#)
- [EC3050 Investment Analysis](#)
- [EC3060 Economics of Policy Issues](#)
- [EC3071 Industrial Economics: Competition, Strategy and Policy](#)
- [EC3080 Mathematical Economics](#)
- [EC3090 Econometrics](#)

## Senior Sophister

### Modules

Pattern A students must take courses equivalent to 30 ECTS. Pattern A students may not take EC4130 Economics dissertation. Pattern B students must take courses equivalent to 60 ECTS. All courses have an ECTS weighting of 15.

TSM Economics and Mathematics may only choose EC4090 as a mathematics course.

Students should consult the module descriptions for details of prerequisites.

- [EC4010 Economic Theory](#)
- [EC4020 World Economy](#)
- [EC4041 Development Economics](#)
- [EC4051 Economics of Financial Markets](#)
- [EC4090 Quantitative Methods](#)
- [EC4100 International Economics](#)
- [EC4120 Economic and Legal Aspects Of Competition Policy](#)
- [EC4130 Economics Dissertation](#)
- [EC4150 Applied Economics](#)

## Examination Procedures

### College Regulations

For links and information regarding examinations please go to the [Academic Registry](#) website. There are a number of links available on this page which you may find helpful. College General Regulations and information is available in the [College Calendar](#). TSM exam regulations are available here: <http://www.tcd.ie/TSM/current/exam/regulations.php>

### Individual Papers in Economics

Individual examination papers are graded using the following classifications.

I	70 -100
II.1	60 - 69
II.2	50 - 59
III	40 - 49
F1	30 - 39
F2	0 - 29

It is important to realise that the marks in individual papers/modules are essentially useful symbols for grading and ranking students in a subject in a consistent and equitable manner. For example, a mark of 40 means that the examiner is definite that this student should pass and a mark of 38 that the student should fail: if he/she is unsure, a mark of 39 would be returned and it is then left to the discretion of the Internal Court of Examiners, based on the overall examination performance of the student in Economics, as to whether or not to raise the mark to 40. In other words, the grade judgement determines the mark, rather than the reverse. This is what these numbers symbolise and they should be interpreted as such by students.

### Overall Grade in Economics

For information on how the Overall grade in Economics for TSM is calculated please see the college Calendar; or TSM website <http://www.tcd.ie/TSM/current/exam>

### Permission to Defer/ Excused Absence from Annual Examination

Freshmen in both Patterns and JS in Pattern A take the supplemental examination if they have an excused absence from all or part of the annual examination. The papers to be taken at the supplemental are determined by the following rules (which are designed so as to minimise the chances of failure and the associated need to repeat the year and/or be excluded):

- Any paper(s) not taken at the annual examination for excused reasons must be taken at the supplemental;
- A grade of F2 in any paper taken at the annual examination implies that paper must be taken at the supplemental as supplemental examination;
- When a paper at the supplemental examination is being taken as a first attempt because of excused absence from the annual examination, work done during the year for which credit would normally be given will be taken into account as if it were the annual examination. Papers being repeated because of failure at the annual examination will include no credit for the work done during the year.



## Compensation

For compensation regulations please see:

Junior Freshman: <http://www.tcd.ie/TSM/current/exam/jf.php>

Senior Freshman: <http://www.tcd.ie/TSM/current/exam/sf.php>

Junior Sophister: <http://www.tcd.ie/TSM/current/exam/js.php>

Senior Sophister: <http://www.tcd.ie/TSM/current/exam/ss.php>

## Avoiding Plagiarism

Learn how to avoid plagiarism and to reference your sources correctly. For more details visit <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism>

## Availability of Results

Overall results will be published on the TSM notice board at the Nassau Street entrance to the Arts Building and on the students profile on my.tcd.ie.

- Any student who fails to receive his/her result and whose result is not on the notice board/ my.tcd.ie should contact his/her tutor immediately.
- In no circumstances will results be given over the telephone.
- Students have a right to discuss examination scripts privately with the individual examiners. A student who wishes to do so should consult the appropriate examiners, (e.g. via email) within a reasonable time after the results have been announced, in order to schedule a meeting. Students wishing to an appeal against a result should consult their College tutors after they have seen the examiner(s). Such action must be taken immediately after the results are published.
- Examination scripts are held by examiners, or departmental offices, for a period of 13 months. This period of 13 months begins on the day of the publication of the relevant examination results. Scripts cannot be released to students, but students may view their own scripts in the presence of the relevant examiner.
- Dates for the publication of results and appeals will be notified via the TSM notice board.

## **Conduct of Examinations, Tests and other Credited Work**

Departmental staff adhere to the following procedures in relation to modules given to TSM Economics students.

- Where a test/essay/project counts towards the final mark, this fact is made known to students before the end of the second week of the teaching module in question. The extent to which it is taken into account, the arrangements should students have legitimate reasons to be excused from doing the relevant work at the appropriate time, and the penalties that attach to non-timely submission of such work will all be made clear to the students as early as possible, and not later than the end of the second week of the teaching module in question.
- Tests/essays/projects are handed back to students as quickly as the marking process will allow, and the gap between submission and return of work should never exceed six weeks.
- Examination papers will be a fair and reasonable reflection of the material covered during the year. Guidelines concerning the broad format of the paper, and the type of question to be set, will be provided to students as early as possible, often by reference to previous papers.
- If examiners and /or competent deputies are unable to be present at the examination, (e.g. due to exam taking place in multiple locations) they will be readily contactable by telephone.

## **Scholarship Examination**

The economics component of the examination consists of two 2¼-hour papers as follows:

Candidates in economics and mathematics will take Economics I and II. Other TSM economics candidates will be asked to choose two papers from Economics I and II and Quantitative methods. All papers carry equal marks.

<http://www.tcd.ie/Economics/undergraduate/scholarship-exams/>