

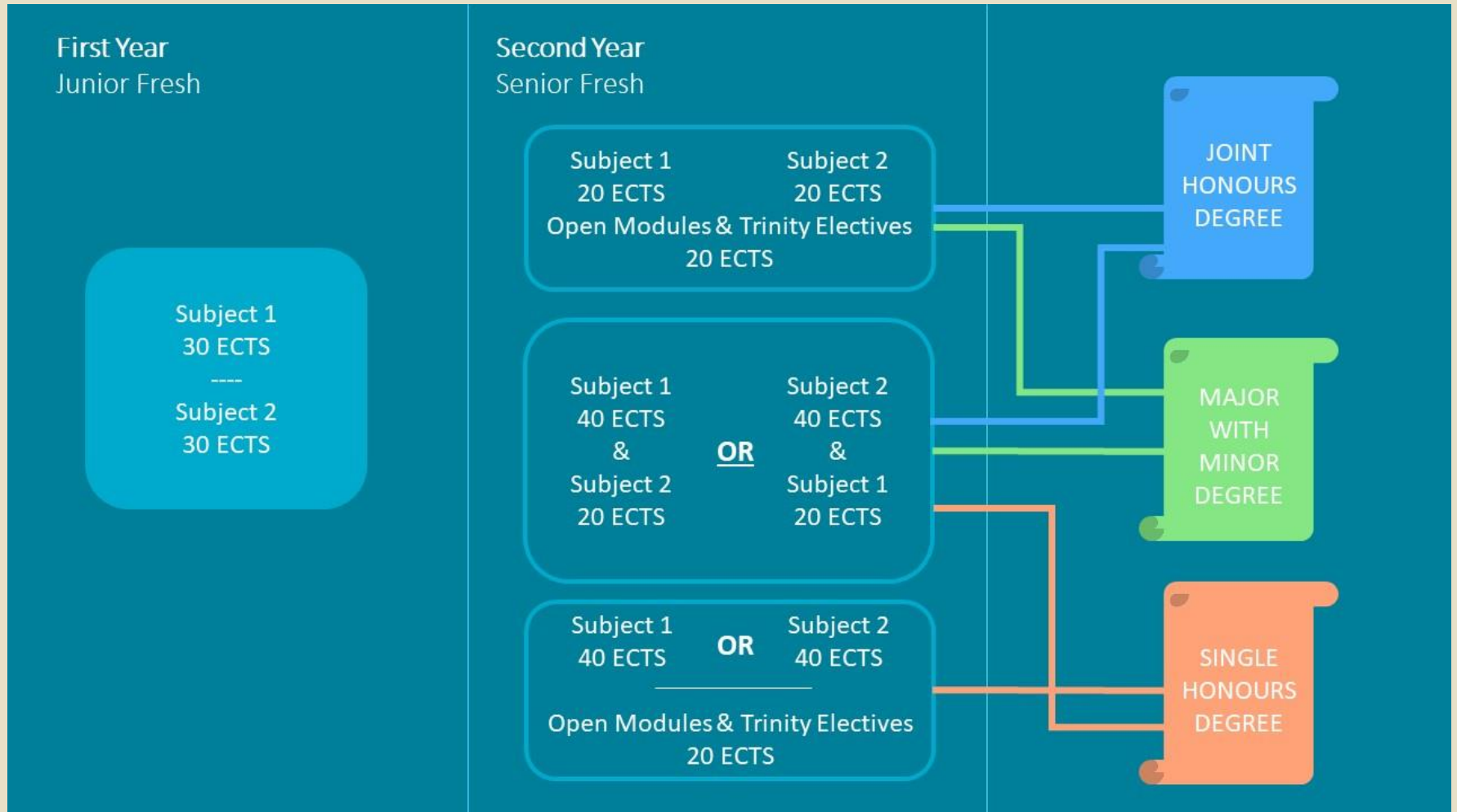


ORIENTATION MEETING:

Joint Honours Political Science

September 2025

Junior & Senior Fresh (Year 1 & 2)



Junior Fresh (Year 1)

Political Science Modules (each module is 5 ECTS)

- MT:

- POU11011 - Introduction to Political Science A

- POU11033 - Politics & Popular Culture A

- HT:

- POU11012 - Introduction to Political Science B

- POU11034 - Politics & Popular Culture B

Course Structure: Senior Fresh (Second Year)

- **Students take 60 ECTS from within two or three of the four subjects, taking either:**
 - a) 20 ECTS in Political Science; 20 ECTS in Subject 2; 20 ECTS of open modules and/or from Trinity Electives
 - b) 40 ECTS in Political Science; 20 ECTS Subject 2
 - c) 20 ECTS in Political Science; 40 ECTS Subject 2
 - d) 40 ECTS in Political Science, 20 ECTS of open modules and/or from Trinity Electives → Political Science Single Honours Pathway

Senior Fresh (Year 2)

Political Science Modules

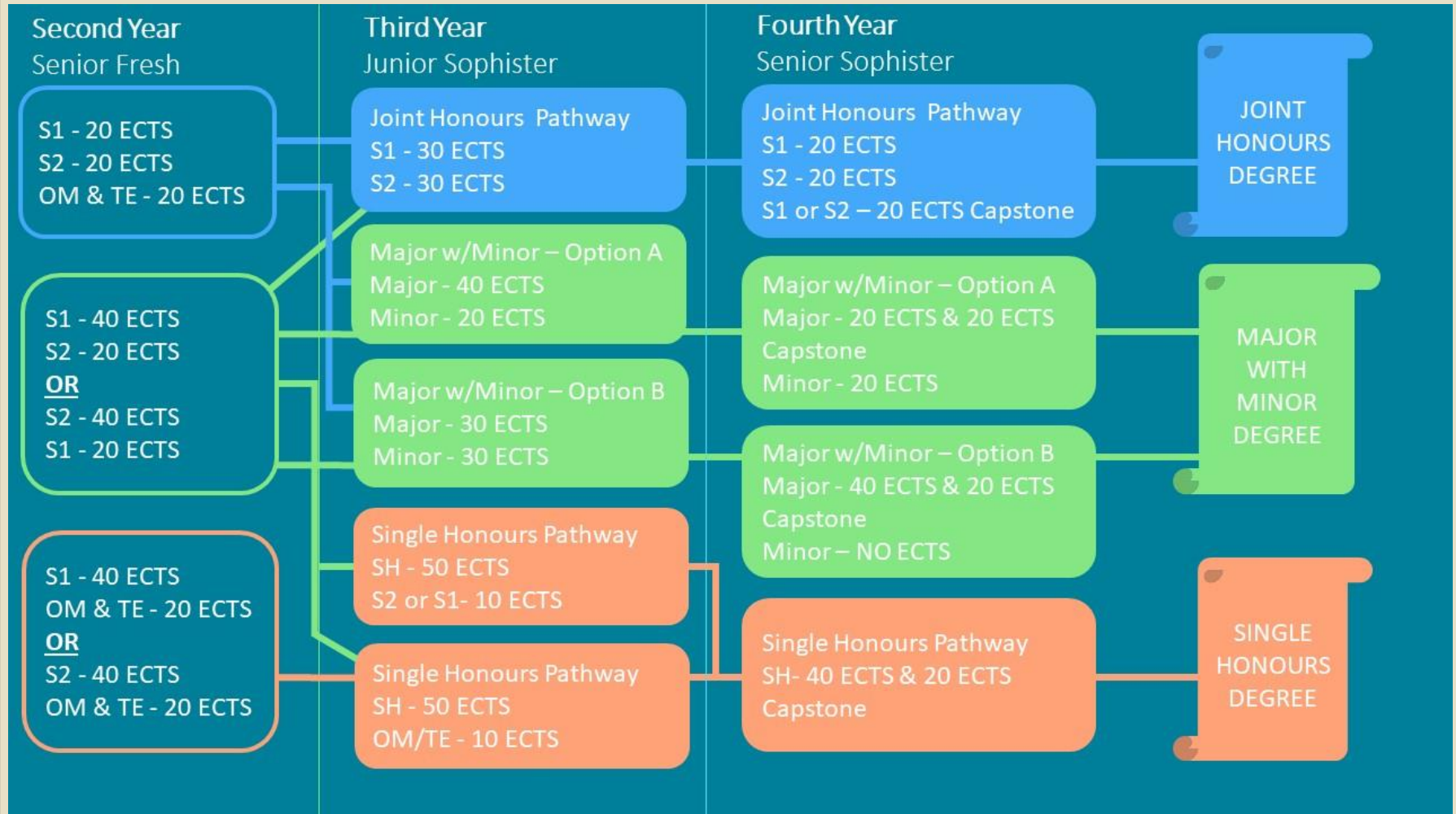
- MT: (these modules are worth 5 ECTS)
 - **POU22011 - History of Political Thought A**
 - **POU22021 - International Relations A**
 - **POU22031 - Comparative Politics A**
- HT: (these modules are worth 5 ECTS)
 - **POU22012 - History of Political Thought B**
 - **POU22022 - International Relations B**
 - **POU22032 - Comparative Politics B**
- Full-year module (MT & HT): (this module is worth 10 ECTS)
 - **POU22040 - Introduction to Political Science Research**
 - **NB: it is a prerequisite for doing a Political Science Capstone in Senior Sophister.**

NB: modules are subject to change

Senior Fresh (Year 2) continued

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Corequisites*	Prerequisites/ Prerequisite for	Students taking 40 ECTS
Mandatory Modules					
*If a module is listed as a co-requisite, this indicates that students taking part A in SEM01 must also take part B in SEM02.					
Semester One Modules					
POU22011	History of Political Thought A	5	POU22012		Mandatory
POU22021	International Relations A	5	POU22022		Mandatory
POU22031	Comparative Politics A	5	POU22032		Mandatory
Semester Two Modules					
POU22012	History of Political Thought B	5	POU22011		Mandatory
POU22022	International Relations B	5	POU22021		Mandatory
POU22032	Comparative Politics B	5	POU22031		Mandatory
Full year					
POU22040	Introduction to Political Science Research	10		POU44000, POU33011, POU33012 & POU33174	Mandatory

Junior & Senior Sophister (Year 3 & 4)



Course Structure: Junior Sophister (Third Year)

- At the end of Senior Freshman year (2nd), you will be asked to choose your modules for Junior Sophister year (3rd)
 - Your choice will depend on how you want to progress through the course. Think carefully about this!
- a) 40 ECTS in Political Science (including the Capstone (20 ECTS) and 20 ECTS of optional modules) together with 20 ECTS in Subject 2 in the Senior Sophister year, **or**
- b) 20 ECTS in Political Science from a range of optional modules and 40 ECTS in Subject 2 to include to Capstone (20 ECTS).
- c) 60 ECTS in Political Science (including the Capstone (20 ECTS)) → Political Science Single Honours

For further information please check <https://www.tcd.ie/tjh>.

Junior Sophister (Year 3)

Political Science Modules (these modules are worth 5 ECTS)

- **MT:**

- [POU33011 - Research Methods for Political Science A](#)
- [POU33021 - Irish Politics A](#)
- [POU33041- Political Institutions of USA](#)
- [POU33051 - Democracy and Development A](#)
- [POU33071 - European Union Politics A](#)
- [POU33091 - Political Violence A](#)
- [PIU33173: Political Philosophy \(5 ECTS\) Available if clash-free](#)

- **HT:**

- [POU33012 - Research Methods for Political Science B](#)
- [POU33032 - Irish Politics B](#)
- [POU33082 - European Union Politics B](#)
- [POU33102 - Political Violence B](#)
- [POU33132 - European Court of Justice](#)
- [POU33174 - Qualitative Research Methods](#)

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Junior Sophister (Third Year) Continued

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	Mandatory/ Optional
Semester One Modules					
POU33011	Research Methods for Political Science A	5	POU22040	POU33012 or POU33174	Mandatory
POU33021	Irish Politics A: Constitution, Elections, Parties and Parliament	5			Optional
POU33041	Political Institutions of USA	5			Optional
POU33051	Democracy and Development A	5			Optional
POU33071	European Union Politics A	5			Optional
POU33091	Political Violence A: Theories of Political Violence and Conflict	5			Optional
POU33133	The European Court of Justice and Other Famous Courts	5			Optional
PIU33173	Political Philosophy (taught by Philosophy)	5			Optional

Junior Sophister (Third Year) Continued

Semester Two Modules					
POU33012	Research Methods for Political Science B	5	POU22040	POU33011	Optional
POU33032	Irish Politics B: Governance in Ireland, Politics in Northern Ireland	5			Optional
POU33082	European Union Politics B	5			Optional
POU33102	Political Violence B: Political Violence and Conflict in Comparative Context	5			Optional
POU33174	Qualitative Research Methods	5	POU22040	POU33011	Optional
POU33184	Topics in International Politics	5			Optional
POU33194	Politics and Markets	5			Optional

Senior Sophister (Year 4) I

Political Science Modules

- **Full Year Modules (MT & HT):**

- POU44000 - Year Long Research Project (Capstone/Dissertation) - worth 20 ECTS
- POU44040 - African Politics - worth 10 ECTS
- POU44050 - Political Psychology- worth 10 ECTS

- **MT:** (these modules are worth 5 ECTS)

- POU44021 - Contemporary International Relations A
- POU44101 - Transparency In Modern Democracies
- POU44131 - Military and Politics
- POU44171 - Russian Politics After Communism
- POU44201 - Ethnic Politics & Identity
- POU44281 - Topics in Political Science 7 – Far Right Politics
- POU44413 - Topics in Political Science 10-Human Rights in World Politics
- POU44423 -Topics in Political Science 11-Making Sense of China

Senior Sophister (Year 4) (II)

- MT: (these modules are worth 5 ECTS)
 - POU44032 - Contemporary International Relations B
 - POU44112 - Political Parties
 - POU44142 - Economic Inequality and Democracy
 - POU44192 - Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict
 - POU44334 - Topics in Political Science 10 – Gender, Peace & Conflict
 - POU44502 - Topics in Political Science 9-East Asian Politics
 - PIU44104: Theories of Rights

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Senior Sophister (Fourth Year) Continued

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites	Mandatory/ Optional
Full Year Modules					
POU44000	Year Long Research Project (Capstone / Dissertation)	20	POU22040, POU33011, POU33012 or POU33174		Mandatory
POU44040	African Politics	10			Optional
Semester One Modules					
POU44021	Contemporary International Relations A	5		POU44032	Optional
POU44121	Challenges to Modern Democracy	5			Optional
POU44171	Russian Politics after Communism	5			Optional
POU44271	Religion and Politics	5			Optional
POU44403	Topics in Political Science 7	5			Optional
POU44503	Topics in Political Science 9	5			Optional
POU44603	Contemporary Political Theory A	5			Optional
Semester Two Modules					
POU44032	Contemporary International Relations B	5		POU44021	Optional
POU44112	Political Parties	5			Optional
POU44192	Advanced Topics in Civil Conflict	5			Optional
POU44334	New Topics in Political Science 12: Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	5			Optional

Career Opportunities

- Public and European affairs
- Diplomacy, IGOs/NGOs
- Consulting
- Journalism
- Teaching at second- or third-level
- Etc.
- **Career Advisory Service:** 7-9 South Leinster Street, Dublin 2.
 - Tel. +353 1 896 1721
 - Submit a career query through MyCareer (mycareerconnect.tcd.ie)
<https://www.tcd.ie/Careers/students>

Where to find...

- Trinity Joint Honours office
 - West Theatre
- Political Science Department
 - 3 College Green, polsci@tcd.ie
- The Political Science TJH handbook
 - https://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/assets/pdfs/Handbooks/UG-TJH-PoliticalScience-Handbook-2526-V2.pdf
 - Rules and regulations relating to this course
<https://www.tcd.ie/tjh/assessment/>