

Foundation Scholarship - Examination Requirements

Course of Study:	BESS - Business Economic and Social Studies
School/Discipline:	Trinity Business School & School of Social Sciences and Philosophy
Academic Year:	2025/26

Foundation Scholarship involves a searching examination, set and assessed so as to select students of outstanding ability. The objective of the Foundation Scholarship examination is to identify students who can consistently demonstrate exceptional knowledge and understanding of their subjects. The examination requires candidates to demonstrate: skill in synthesising and integrating knowledge across the full range of the set examination materials; rigorous and informed critical thought; and, in appropriate disciplines, a highly-developed ability to solve problems and apply knowledge.

Please include a brief statement below which explains how your examinations succeed in identifying the qualities associated with Scholarship.

STUDENTS TAKE FOUR PAPER FOR SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSES.

BUSINESS PAPERS: **Paper 1:** General paper designed to test candidates' analytical, critical and discursive abilities by offering a choice of 6 general management related essay questions, of which students must choose 2 to answer. Candidates will be expected to synthesize knowledge from a range of business modules, as well as from relevant social sciences, to address issues in the modern business world.

Paper 2: Fundamentals. A paper on mandatory JF Business module designed to test students on enacting sustainable development and the fundamentals of management and organisation including the nature and form of organisations, tools and techniques for management of organisations, and their role in social and individual well-being. **Paper 3:** Qualitative. A paper that requires student to demonstrate critical thought and exploration of alternative solutions to complex problems, covering three business subjects: Organisational Behaviour, Creative Thinking, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Action, and Finance.

ECONOMICS PAPERS: **Paper 1** (includes a general component). **Paper 2** (includes a general component). **Paper 3** is for students who have dropped Economics as a subject after the JF year. **Paper 4** is Quantitative Methods (includes a general component)

POLITICAL SCIENCE PAPERS: General **Paper 1:** (Students taking one or more SF Political Science modules). General **Paper 2:** (Students with JF credits only in Political Science - not taking Political Science modules in their SF year). **Paper 3:** Questions relating to History of Political Thought. **Paper 4:** Questions relating to Comparative Politics. **Paper 5:** Questions relating to International Relations. **Paper 6:** Introduction to Political Science Research Paper.

SOCIOLOGY PAPERS: **Paper 1:** Covering material from the JF year. **Paper 2:** General Paper. Specific SF readings provided to students in the SF year, Semester 1. **Paper 3:** SF Semester 1 for Social Theory and Introduction to Social Research modules. **Paper 4:** SF Semester 1 for Gender, Work and Family and Power, State and Social Movements modules.

For further information, please see: <https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/bess/current/post-2019-20/structure/exams/scholarship/>.