

Two-Subject Moderatorship Courses

GENERAL REGULATIONS¹

Degree

1 The College offers a wide variety of courses in which two subjects are studied concurrently according to one of two distinct patterns as set out below. These courses all lead to the degree of Bachelor in Arts (Moderatorship (B.A. with honors)).

2018-19 was the last year of entry to two-subject moderatorship courses.

Subjects

2 The subjects which may be combined in two-subject moderatorship courses are: ancient history and archaeology, Catholic theological studies, classical civilisation, classical languages², drama studies, early Irish, economics, English literature, film studies, French, geography, German, history, history of art and architecture, Italian, Jewish and Islamic civilisations, mathematics, modern Irish, music, philosophy, psychology, Russian, sociology, Spanish, world religions and theology.

Two-subject course structures

3 The two distinct patterns in which the two subjects may be combined are as follows:

PATTERN A Two subjects are studied equally during the full four years of the undergraduate course.

PATTERN B Two subjects are studied equally during the first three years of the course and studies are continued in one subject only for the fourth year.

Two-subject combinations

4 A chart showing the available combinations is set out on the final page of this section.

PATTERN A AND B

The following subjects may, in certain combinations, be studied in pattern A and pattern B:³ economics, geography, German, history,⁴ Jewish and Islamic civilisations, mathematics, philosophy, sociology, world religions and theology.

PATTERN B

The following subjects may be studied in pattern B only: ancient history and archaeology, Catholic theological studies, classical civilisation, classical languages, drama studies, early Irish, English literature, film studies, French, history of art and architecture, Italian, modern Irish, music, psychology, Russian, Spanish.

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

5 Subjects within the two-subject moderatorship are awarded ECTS credit weightings and students are required to take modules amounting to 60 ECTS credits each year, 30 for each

¹These regulations should be read in conjunction with GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

²Classical languages refers to the TSM subjects Greek and Latin.

³Please refer to the TSM table of permitted subject combinations on the final page of this section for details of available combinations and patterns.

⁴History may be studied in pattern A only in combination with geography. All other history combinations are studied in pattern B.

subject when two are studied, and 60 in the one subject studied in the Senior Sophister year in pattern B (and C). ECTS credit in each subject must be balanced equally over each semester, 15 credits in each subject in each semester in all academic years and patterns, except Senior Sophister pattern B and C where 30 credits in each semester are required. The assessment weighting in all subjects must correspond to the credit weighting of modules. Students participating in an exchange programme should refer to §7.

Students are required to pass 60 credits in order to pass the year.

The ECTS credit for each module is available from the relevant subject's departmental office in their handbook/website and/or module information.

Cessation of two-subject moderatorship courses

6 The two-subject moderatorship courses will cease on a phased basis, by the end of the academic year 2021-22. Two-subject moderatorship students who are required to repeat or defer the year, or who go off-books, and who return to College to an academic year in which the two-subject moderatorship courses have ceased will be assisted as follows. Junior Freshman (2018-19) and Senior Freshman (2019-20) will be moved to the Trinity joint honors programme, retaining their combination where it exists, or changing to a Trinity joint honors combination if their existing combination is not available in the Trinity joint honors programme. Junior Sophister (2020-21) and Senior Sophister (2021-22) students who are affected will be assisted by being moved to the Trinity joint honors programme whilst retaining their existing combination. Students should note the differing curriculum architecture for two-subject moderatorship courses and the Trinity joint honors programme. Further details are available from the TSM Course Office and the TSM website at www.tcd.ie/TSM, see also TRINITY JOINT HONORS PROGRAMME.

ERASMUS and study abroad

7 Two-subject moderatorship students are eligible to participate in ERASMUS or other exchange programmes approved by the Vice-President for Global Relations subject to the general regulations (see GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION, section II, §81). The normal expectation is that students will be able to arrange an exchange in both subjects in either pattern A or pattern B, as appropriate. Two-subject moderatorship students may participate in an exchange in their Senior Freshman or Junior Sophister year, depending on departmental academic requirements.

Two-subject moderatorship students undertaking an approved exchange are normally expected to achieve a minimum grade of second class (second division) in each subject in the Junior Freshman year for a Senior Freshman exchange, or in the Senior Freshman year for a Junior Sophister exchange, as appropriate. However, some subjects require a minimum grade of second class (first division) to participate. Students must therefore check the requirements for both subjects with the relevant department(s). Students who are required to be reassessed at the reassessment session may participate in the exchange at the discretion of the relevant schools/departments.

Full-year exchanges: two-subject moderatorship students studying abroad for a full academic year must obtain a minimum of 45 credits, or equivalent, from the host university in order to rise with their year. A minimum of 22.5 credits must be obtained in each subject. ECTS credits (or equivalent) in each subject must be distributed equally over each semester. At least 45 credits must be passed to rise with the year, and at least 22.5 credits in each subject must be passed to pass the subject.

Half-year exchanges: two-subject moderatorship students studying abroad on a half-year/one semester exchange must obtain 15 credits in each subject in the semester they are in Trinity College. For the semester abroad, students must obtain a minimum of 10 credits in each subject. Students will then have a minimum of 50 credits for the full academic year. Students are not permitted to study only one subject on a half-year exchange. Limited compensation is permitted for two-subject moderatorship students participating on a half-year exchange. The compensation regulations that would normally apply to a particular cohort will be applied proportionately in respect of the 30 credits taken in Trinity College only. No compensation is permissible on the

credits taken while on exchange. Students participating in a half-year exchange may pass the Senior Freshman or Junior Sophister year by compensation if they achieve an overall end-of-year mark of 40 per cent or above in each subject, obtain a minimum of 25 credits at grade pass and have a maximum of 5 credits at qualified pass, where the mark is between 35 and 39 per cent, when in Trinity College.

Students are strongly advised to take more than the minimum credits when abroad in case of failure in some modules or components.

Marks and credits obtained in the host university must be converted using the College-approved conversion table. Further details are available at www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad.

Students reading a two-subject course in pattern B who are participating in a full-year Junior Sophister exchange must choose the subject which will be taken in the Senior Sophister year not later than the last day of semester two (Hilary term) in the Senior Freshman year. The choice of this subject must meet with the approval of the schools or departments concerned.

PATTERN C

8 Where a Junior Sophister full-year ERASMUS/study abroad exchange in both subjects cannot be arranged to the satisfaction of the schools or departments concerned, students may seek permission for an exchange in one subject only: such an exchange must be undertaken for the full Junior Sophister year and will require the student to terminate study in the other subject with an examination at the end of the Senior Freshman year. *This will result in a modified form of degree certificate which will indicate that only one subject has been studied to degree level.* The second subject will be noted on the degree certificate as a subsidiary qualification. Pattern C is not available in the Senior Freshman year.

Students wishing to be considered for pattern C are required to complete the relevant application form, available from the [TSM Course Office](#), which requires the approval of both schools or departments, by the last day of Hilary term of their Senior Freshman year. Students undertaking an approved exchange must normally achieve a minimum grade of second class (second division) in each subject in the Senior Freshman end-of-semester examinations. However, some subjects require a minimum grade of second class (first division) to participate. Students are therefore advised to check the requirements in both subjects. Students who are required to be reassessed at the reassessment session may participate in the exchange at the discretion of the relevant schools/departments.

Special requirements in modern languages

9 In each year, candidates in modern languages must provide evidence of their proficiency in the language concerned. Proficiency will be assessed by performance in one or more specified modules.

10 A distinction in spoken language may be awarded in the Sophister years, at the discretion of the examiners, to candidates in modern languages. In modern Irish distinctions in the spoken language may be awarded in all years.

11 Students taking one or two modern language subjects other than English literature must spend not less than two months in the country of each language in order to fulfil the requirements of their course; students of Irish must spend not less than two months in the Gaeltacht. Students taking a modern language other than English literature as their minor subject must complete their residence requirement in that subject before the Junior Sophister end-of-year examination in that subject. Students who do not complete their residence requirement before their Junior Sophister examinations will not receive their results and will be unable to proceed until the requirement has been met and approved by the relevant schools or departments. Students taking a modern language other than English literature as their major subject must complete their residence requirement in that subject before the Senior Sophister final examination in that subject. Students who do not complete their residence requirement before their Senior Sophister examinations will not receive their results and will be unable to graduate until the requirement has been met and approved by the relevant schools or departments. This

requirement can be waived only in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the schools or departments concerned. It is recommended that in the year prior to their entering College, intending students spend a period in a country of which they are proposing to study the language; such residence may, with the approval of the schools or departments concerned, be counted for up to half of the residence requirement in that language. Students who wish to interrupt their course in order to spend one year abroad in a country of which they are studying the language may do so, provided that they comply with GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

Two-subject moderatorship independent project/dissertation in the Sophister years

12 All two-subject moderatorship Sophister students must complete a piece of independent research work in one of their final two years (Junior and Senior Sophister years) in the form of a project or dissertation. This piece of work may constitute either part or all of a module's assessment requirement. Further details are available on the two-subject moderatorship website at www.tcd.ie/tsm.

Choice of pattern and pattern B major/minor subject

13 All Junior Sophister students must choose their pattern (where relevant), and if pattern B, their major and minor subjects and submit their choice to the TSM Course Office, not later than the last day of teaching in semester one (Michaelmas term) in the Junior Sophister year. Students who are participating in a Junior Sophister exchange must choose their pattern (where relevant) and if pattern B, their major and minor subjects not later than the last day of teaching in semester two (Hilary term) in the Senior Freshman year. This choice must meet with the approval of both schools or departments.

Academic progress

14 In order to rise with their class students must obtain credit for the academic year by satisfactory attendance at lectures and tutorials and by passing the required assessment components. Please refer also to College GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION, section II.

Two-subject moderatorship general assessment and progression information and regulations

15 Academic year structure:

- (i) There are two teaching terms in each academic year: semester one (Michaelmas term) and semester two (Hilary term).
- (ii) Students take 60 ECTS credits in each academic year, 30 for each subject when two subjects are studied, and 60 in the one subject studied in the Senior Sophister year in pattern B and C.
- (iii) Students must have a balanced ECTS credit load across the two semesters, i.e. 30 credits in each semester, with 15 credits in each subject in each semester in academic years where two subjects are studied.
- (iv) 5 credit modules are taught and assessed within one semester, whilst 10 credit modules may be taught and assessed either within one semester or across two semesters. 20 credit modules may be taught or assessed over one or both semesters.

16 Assessment:

- (i) The pass mark is 40 per cent in all components, modules and in the overall subject result.
- (ii) The deadline for the submission of all required assessments, to the relevant subject department, is the end of the assessment week in the semester in which the module is being assessed.
- (iii) Details of any non-formal written examinations, e.g. event based assessment and mid-semester tests, where required, may be obtained from the relevant department.

17 Progression:

See GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

18 Repetition of year:

See GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

19 The two-subject moderatorship court of examiners will meet to approve end of year results and progression as follows:

- (i) Annual court: following the assessment week in semester two, a separate court is held for each standing;
- (ii) Reassessment court: following the reassessment week, one combined court is held for all standings;
- (iii) Results for individual students for the assessment and reassessment sessions are published on the portal at my.tcd.ie. Prizes awarded by the two-subject moderatorship court of examiners' meeting are published on the two-subject moderatorship website, www.tcd.ie/tsm, and by the Academic Registry.

20 Calculation of degree award:⁵

The calculation of the degree award is based on the requirements for each two-subject moderatorship pattern:

- (i) Pattern A:
 - (a) To be eligible for a moderatorship award candidates must achieve an overall pass in the Senior Sophister year;
 - (b) The marks awarded in the two subjects in the Senior Sophister year contribute with equal weighting to the overall degree mark.
- (ii) Pattern B:
 - (a) To be eligible for a moderatorship award candidates must achieve an overall pass in the Junior Sophister year and an overall pass in the Senior Sophister year;
 - (b) The total moderatorship mark is the combined result of both the Junior Sophister and Senior Sophister years. The overall degree mark is calculated on the basis of equal weighting in the Junior Sophister year and equal weighting of both Sophister years. The Junior Sophister result is based on 30 ECTS from each subject in that year. The Senior Sophister result is based on 60 ECTS in the only subject (the major subject) taken in that year.
- (iii) Pattern C:
 - (a) To be eligible for a moderatorship award candidates must achieve an overall pass in the one subject studied in both the Junior and Senior Sophister years;
 - (b) The marks awarded in both the Junior and Senior Sophister years contribute with equal weighting to the overall degree mark.

21 Ordinary B.A.:

The following students are eligible for the award of a level 7 ordinary B.A.:

- (i) Junior Sophister students who successfully complete and pass the Junior Sophister year. Students may request this prior to the publication of their Junior Sophister results, pending eligibility, or may apply post-publication to the TSM Course Office.
- (ii) Senior Sophister students who attempt and fail the Senior Sophister year, who are ineligible to repeat the year (having exhausted the number of attempts permitted during the course of their studies) or who opt not to repeat the year.

22 ERASMUS/study abroad exchange results:

Results for two-subject moderatorship students who have participated on a half-year or full year ERASMUS/study abroad exchange are considered at the following two-subject moderatorship court of examiner's meetings:

- (i) Results for two-subject moderatorship students who participated in a semester one-only exchange are considered at the annual court, following semester two.
- (ii) Results for two-subject moderatorship students who participated in a semester two-only or a full year exchange are considered at the reassessment court.

Further details on the processing of the two-subject moderatorship ERASMUS/study abroad exchanges are available in §7 and from the TSM Course Office.

⁵This changed from 2019-20 onwards.

Gold medals and prizes

23 In the Senior Sophister year, at the moderatorship examination, gold medals are awarded by the Board to candidates of the first class who have shown exceptional merit. For details on the criteria for the award of gold medals see category 3 (pattern A) or category 5 (pattern B and C) in the Academic Registry guidelines available at: <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams>. See GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

Foundation scholarship

24 In order to be recommended for foundation scholarship in the two-subject moderatorship course candidates must achieve an overall mark for both subjects combined of 70 per cent or higher; candidates must obtain a first class result in one subject and at least a second class, first division result in the other subject; candidates are required to have a minimum of two first class marks out of their total four papers; and no paper may have a mark below 65 per cent. Both subjects contribute with equal weighting to the combined mark. Candidates sit a maximum of four and a half hours of written examinations in each subject. The academic scope of these examinations and assessments, in terms of modules and/or areas covered, may vary from one subject to another; each department in the two-subject moderatorship assigns a minimum of a quarter of its assessment in the scholarship examination to general question(s). Students intending to present themselves for this examination should see also FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

CONTENT OF SUBJECTS

General information which applies to all subjects

25 Detail on exact subject content and assessment can be found in the relevant departmental handbook.

Students must submit the required continuous assessment for each module and complete all required assessments.

Students take 60 ECTS credits in each academic year, 30 for each subject when two subjects are studied, and 60 in the one subject studied in the Senior Sophister year in pattern B and C. Students must have a balanced ECTS credit load across the two semesters, i.e. 30 credits in each semester, with 15 credits in each subject in each semester in academic years where two subjects are studied.

Modern language students are also referred to the 'Special requirements in the modern languages' section.

