Trinity Joint Honours Programme

GENERAL REGULATIONS[1]

Introduction

1 Trinity joint honours is a four year full time programme allowing either one or two subjects to be studied to degree level. This programme commenced in the academic year 2019-20.

Subjects

2 The subjects available in the Trinity joint honours programme are: ancient history and archaeology, business, classical civilisation, classical languages[2], computer science, drama studies, early Irish, economics, English literature, English studies, film, French, geography, German, history, history of art and architecture, Irish, Italian, law, linguistics, mathematics, Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic civilisations, music, philosophy, political science, religion, Russian, social policy, sociology, and Spanish. Details on subject content and assessment can be found in the relevant departmental handbook.

Pathways and exit routes

3 Pathways: Students on the Trinity joint honours programme will be required to choose a pathway option at the end of their Junior Fresh year. Each pathway has a number of credits required in each subject, and Trinity electives/open modules where applicable. Pathway options may be restricted depending on credits achieved in each subject in the previous year(s).

Exit routes: Students on the Trinity joint honours programme will then be required to choose an applicable exit route at the end of their Senior Fresh year.

Trinity joint honours combinations

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

European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

5 Subjects within the Trinity joint honours programme are awarded ECTS credit weightings and students are required to take modules amounting to 60 ECTS credits each year. Credit requirements are defined by each pathway. Further details about credits for each pathway and exit route is available from the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office at www.tcd.ie/tjh and at www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate/your-trinity-pathways. Students must take a balanced ECTS credit load across both semesters. The assessment weighting in all subjects must correspond to the credit weighting of modules. The ECTS credits for each module are available from the relevant subject's departmental office in their handbook/website and/or module information.

ERASMUS and study abroad

6 Trinity joint honours 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, §82). Further information is available from the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office, individual schools and departments, and at www.tcd.ie/tjh.

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

[2]Classical languages refers to the Trinity joint honours subjects Greek and Latin.

Special requirements in modern languages

7 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.

8 Students following the pathway towards an award in one or two modern language subjects other than English must normally 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.

9 The requirement for residency can be waived only in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the departments concerned. All queries relating to special requirements in modern languages should be directed to undergraduate.sllcs@tcd.ie.

10 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.

Academic progress

11 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. Pass by compensation for a student pursuing a degree in law is not permitted in core professional modules. All non-compensatable modules are listed at www.tcd.ie/academic-affairs/academic-regulations/-undergraduate-progression-and-awards. Please refer also to College GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION, section II.

Trinity joint honours general assessment and progression information and regulations

12 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, as per their programme and pathway requirements.
(iii) Students must have a balanced ECTS credit load across the two semesters, i.e. 30 credits in each semester.
(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. The capstone module is a standalone module of 20 ECTS credits in the final year and is completed and assessed over one or two semesters. It requires a significant level of independent research by the student.

13 Assessment:
(i)   The pass mark is 40 per cent in all components, modules and in the overall programme 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, unless otherwise indicated.
(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.

14 Progression:
    See GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

15 Repetition of year:
    See GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

16 The court of examiners will meet to approve end of year results, progression and Calendar prizes as follows:
(i)   Annual court: following the assessment week in semester two.

(ii) Reassessment court: following the reassessment week.

(iii) Results for individual students for the assessment and reassessment sessions are published on the portal at my.tcd.ie. Prizes awarded by the Trinity joint honours programme court of examiners' meeting are published on the website, www.tcd.ie/tjh, and by the Academic Registry.

17 ERASMUS/study abroad exchange results:

Results for Trinity joint honours students who have participated on a half-year or full year ERASMUS/study abroad exchange are considered at the following Trinity joint honours court of examiner's meetings provided formal transcripts from the host university(ies) have been furnished by published deadlines:

(i) Results for Trinity joint honours students who participated in a semester one-only (Michaelmas term) exchange are considered at the annual court, following semester two.

(ii) Results for Trinity joint honours students who participated in a semester two-only (Hilary term) or a full year exchange are considered at the reassessment court.

18 Calculation of degree award:

The calculation of the Trinity joint honours degree award is based on the combined Junior and Senior Sophister years' results, weighted at 30 per cent (Junior Sophister) and 70 per cent (Senior Sophister).

19 Ordinary B.A.:

See GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION.

Award

20 Depending on student choices made within their programme of study and available pathways, it may be possible to be conferred with a Bachelor in Arts (Moderatorship) award in one of the following categories:

Joint honours

Single honours[3]

Major with minor

21 Students who follow pathways where law is the single honours or major subject may alternatively be eligible for the Bachelor in Laws (LL.B.), the Bachelor in Laws and Business (LL.B. (B.S.)), the Bachelor in Laws and History (LL.B. (Hist.)) or the Bachelor in Laws and Political Science (LL.B. (Pol. Sc.)), as appropriate.

Gold medals

22 Please refer to College GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION, section II.

Foundation scholarship

23 Further information is available from the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office at www.tcd.ie/tjh. Students intending to present themselves for this examination should see also FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

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[3]Single honours awards are not available in classical languages, computer science, linguistics, social policy, or for students in Junior Sophister year of film in 2021-22. Where business is combined with computer science, it is not possible to obtain a single honours award in business.

CONTENT OF SUBJECTS

General information which applies to all subjects

26 Detail on exact subject content and assessment can be found in the relevant departmental handbook. Modern language students are also referred to the 'Special requirements in the modern languages' section.

Table of permitted subject combinations	Ancient history and archaeology	Business	Classical civilisation	Classical languages	Computer science	Drama studies	Early Irish	Economics	English literature/English studies	Film	French	Geography	German	History	History of art and architecture	Irish	Italian	Law	Linguistics	Mathematics	Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic civilisations	Music	Philosophy	Political science	Religion	Russian	Social policy	Sociology	Spanish
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Business					★													★											
Classical civilisation						★★	★★		★				★		★	★	★		★		★		★		★	★			★
Classical languages						★			★		★		★		★		★		★		★					★			
Computer science		★						★				★								★									
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Economics					★						★	★	★	★			★			★				★		★	★	★	★
English literature/English studies			★	★		★	★★			★	★		★	★	★	★					★		★		★	★		★	★
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Law		★												★										★					
Linguistics			★	★			★★				★		★			★	★				★		★			★			★
Mathematics					★		★★	★					★★			★	★					★	★			★★			★
Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic civilisations	★		★	★		★	★★		★		★		★	★		★	★		★			★			★				★
Music						★	★★			★	★		★				★			★	★		★		★	★			★
Philosophy			★			★			★	★	★	★	★	★	★		★		★	★		★			★			★	
Political science								★						★				★									★	★	
Religion	★		★						★		★	★	★	★	★		★				★	★	★			★			
Russian	★		★	★		★	★★	★	★		★		★	★		★	★		★	★★		★			★		★	★	★
Social policy								★			★		★				★							★		★		★	
Sociology						★★★	★★	★	★		★★★	★	★	★★★	★	★	★						★	★		★	★		★
Spanish	★		★			★		★	★	★	★		★		★	★	★		★	★	★	★				★		★	

Note

★ Existing combinations.

★★ New combinations.

★★★ Combinations that have ceased intake.