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Pathway Options for Trinity Joint Honours

Information Session for TJH Students 2026-27

Why are we here?

- Pathway Selection will take place in Semester 2 from 11 – 25 March 2026.
- TJH Survey in Spring 2025, many students suggested that they would like information on pathways earlier in the academic year.
- Preparing yourself for pathway selection:
 - Reflect & Research
 - Pathways available
 - Impact of choices
- The UCAO will hold in-person talks and have information kiosks in Semester 2 before pathway selection opens.

What are pathways?

- Pathways allow students to have determine how their 60 ECTS will be distributed between their core subject(s) and possibly Open Modules & Trinity Electives.
- Depending on which pathway you choose, you can concentrate on your current subjects or expand study with Open Modules & Trinity Electives
- Current Year 1 Trinity Joint Honours (TJH) students will have 3 Pathways available to them for Year 2
- Current Year 2 TJH students will have pathways available to them based on their current Year 2 pathway
- Some subjects have limited pathways on offer

Reflect

- Ask yourself:
 - What are you enjoying?
 - Where are your academic strengths?
 - Are you interested in things outside of your core subjects? Or would you like to stay focused on your core?
 - Do I want to go on outbound exchange in third year? Where do I want to go?
 - What subject do I want to do my Capstone, i.e. final year project/thesis in?
 - Beyond graduation – postgraduate studies? Career?

Research

- Look at:
 - Handbooks, subject web pages, module and pre-requisite information
 - TJH Pathways, Open Module, Trinity Elective, & Outbound Mobility websites
- Ask others:
 - S2S Mentors & upper year classmates – lived experience
 - Year co-ordinators or heads of departments
 - College Tutor
 - disAbility Service – especially important if thinking of going on exchange!
 - UCAO Team

Joint Honours Pathway – Year 2



Pros

Study both subjects (20 ECTS each)

Take Trinity Electives and Open Modules (20 ECTS)

Can move to Major with Minor pathways in Year 3 or continue on Joint Honours



Cons

Cannot move to Single Honours pathway, i.e. drop a subject from Year 3

Introducing study outside of core subjects can be challenging for some students – same assessment and progression rules apply

Selection of Open Modules can be limited for some combinations

Major/Minor Pathway – Year 2



Pros

Study both subjects only (40/20 ECTS)

All available pathways are open to you:

- Can move to Single Honours pathway* in Major Subject

- Major with Minor pathways in Year 3 - Minor can become Major

- Can revert back to Joint Honours pathway

Cons

Cannot take Trinity Electives and Open Modules in Year 2 and only available on Single Honours pathway in Year 3



* Not all subjects offer Single Honours pathways

Single Honour Pathway – Year 2 & Year 3



Pros

One core subject only

You won't participate in pathway selection again

Take Open Modules and Trinity Electives in Year 2 (20 ECTS) and Year 3 (10 ECTS)

Capstone (20 ECTS) & final year modules (40 ECTS) are in SH subject only

Cons

Not available to all subjects/combinations

Once you select this you cannot add an additional subject or your second subject

Take Open Modules and Trinity Electives in Year 2 (20 ECTS) and Year 3 (10 ECTS)



Joint Honours Pathway – Year 3



Pros



Study both subjects equally in Year 3 (30 ECTS each) & Year 4 (20 ECTS)



You can pick which subject your Capstone (20 ECTS) is in*

Cons



Some subjects may provide a smaller selection of core modules on this pathway

* Capstone module prerequisites may apply

Major/Minor Pathway Option A – Year 3



Pros

Study both subjects only in Year 3
(Major 40 ECTS, Minor 20 ECTS)

Study both subjects in Year 4 (20
ECTS each)

Capstone in Major Subject only (20
ECTS) *



Cons

Study both subjects in Year 4

Some subjects may provide a
smaller selection of core modules
on the minor pathway

* Capstone module prerequisites may apply

Major/Minor Pathway Option B – Year 3



Pros

Study both subjects only in Year 3
(30 ECTS each)

Finish study of Minor Subject in Year 3 – 60 ECTS in Major only in Year 4

Capstone in Major Subject only (20 ECTS) *



Cons

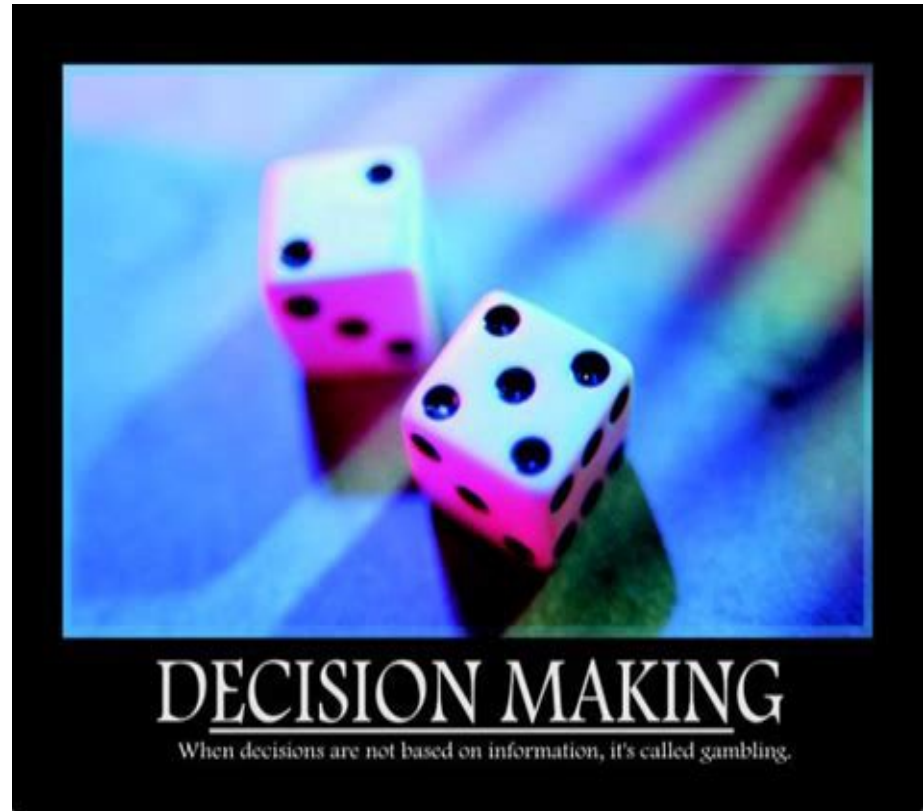
Minor subject finishes in Year 3

Some subjects may provide smaller selection of core modules on this pathway

* Capstone module prerequisites may apply

What pathway should I choose?

- This is an academic decision, and a chance to reflect on your learning experience and plan ahead.
- Consider whether you would like to study and Open Modules and Trinity Electives.
- Speak to academic staff in your subject(s) and consult relevant websites for information about the teaching and learning ahead of you on different pathways.
- Remember that, with the exception of the Single Honours pathway, you will still have options as to the degree pathway in your subjects at the end of Year 2.



Reminder!

- Some subjects have restrictions about which pathways you can select for your degree award depending on your Year 2 pathway. Please see [Year 2-Pathway-Overview](#)
 - Not all subjects are able to offer the Single Honours pathway.
 - To be eligible for a Single Honours award, you must complete 40 credits in that subject in Year 2.
- If you are considering taking [Foundation Scholarship](#) Examinations in Year 2, the pathway you choose will impact the structure of your examinations.
- Your final degree pathway decision will affect the structure of any Erasmus or Study Abroad Exchange.
- It is not possible to change pathways in the middle of an academic year
- Picking up a new subject is not possible as part of pathway selection in TJH, if this is what you hope to do you must apply for a transfer via Admissions. Transfers are not guaranteed. Please speak to your tutor.

Pathways Impact on Erasmus and Study Abroad

- You must mirror the ECTS requirements of your pathway
 - You are expected to study both Subjects abroad if you are on a Joint Honours or Major Minor Option A/B pathway in Year 3
- Not all partner universities can accommodate all pathways and this should be part of your consideration
- Research your exchange options to ensure you can take the required number of modules in each of your subjects as per your pathway
- [TJH Erasmus/Study Abroad webpage](#) has lots of information and FAQs



Next Steps

Dates	Actions
11 – 25 March 2026	Pathway selection opens for all TJH students. You will need to login to my.tcd.ie and click on the "My Programme" tab where you will be presented with options.
2 - 15 June 2026 Pathway Change Requests - pre Online Module Enrolment	Students can request to change their pathway by emailing OME@tcd.ie .
22 July – 5 August (check with AR for confirmation of dates)	Online Module Enrolment (OME) for Open Modules, Trinity Electives and Core-Optional Modules, where applicable
1 – 25 September 2026 (last day of week 2) Late Pathway change requests	Please request the Late Pathway Change Request form from joint.honours@tcd.ie

Links to help your pathway research

- General information on the [TJH Pathways webpage](#)
- [Trinity Pathways - Academic Registry - Trinity College Dublin \(tcd.ie\)](#)
- Academic Registry - [Online Module Enrolment webpage](#) includes FAQs and OME Walkthrough
- [Videos and Pathways Tool](#)
- [Trinity Electives webpage](#)
- Open Modules – information will be updated for 2026/27 ahead of online module enrolment opening. For current offerings for your pathway, you can view the open module offerings on the [Open Modules webpage](#).

Further Pathway Information Sessions

- Further Information Sessions on Pathways will be held on 24th February, Synge Theatre
 - Year 2 – 3.00pm
 - Year 1 – 3.30pm
- Information Kiosks in Arts Building Concourse for drop-in questions (Pathway selection is 11 – 25 March)
 - 25 – 26 February
 - 9 – 12 March
 - 18 -19 March

If you have any questions please email joint.honours@tcd.ie