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Degree Pathway Options for Trinity Joint Honours
Information Session for Year 2 Students entering Year 3 in 2026-27

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Which pathway do I choose?

Preparing yourself for pathway selection:

- Reflect & Research
- Pathways available
- Impact of choices

What is a degree pathway?

- The pathway that you choose this year is your final Degree Pathway.

- This pathway will determine how your 60 ECTS will be distributed between your subject(s) and possibly Open Modules and Trinity Electives in both Year 3 and Year 4.

- It is not possible to change your degree pathway between Year 3 and Year 4.

- You will be invited to participate in Degree Pathway Selection from:
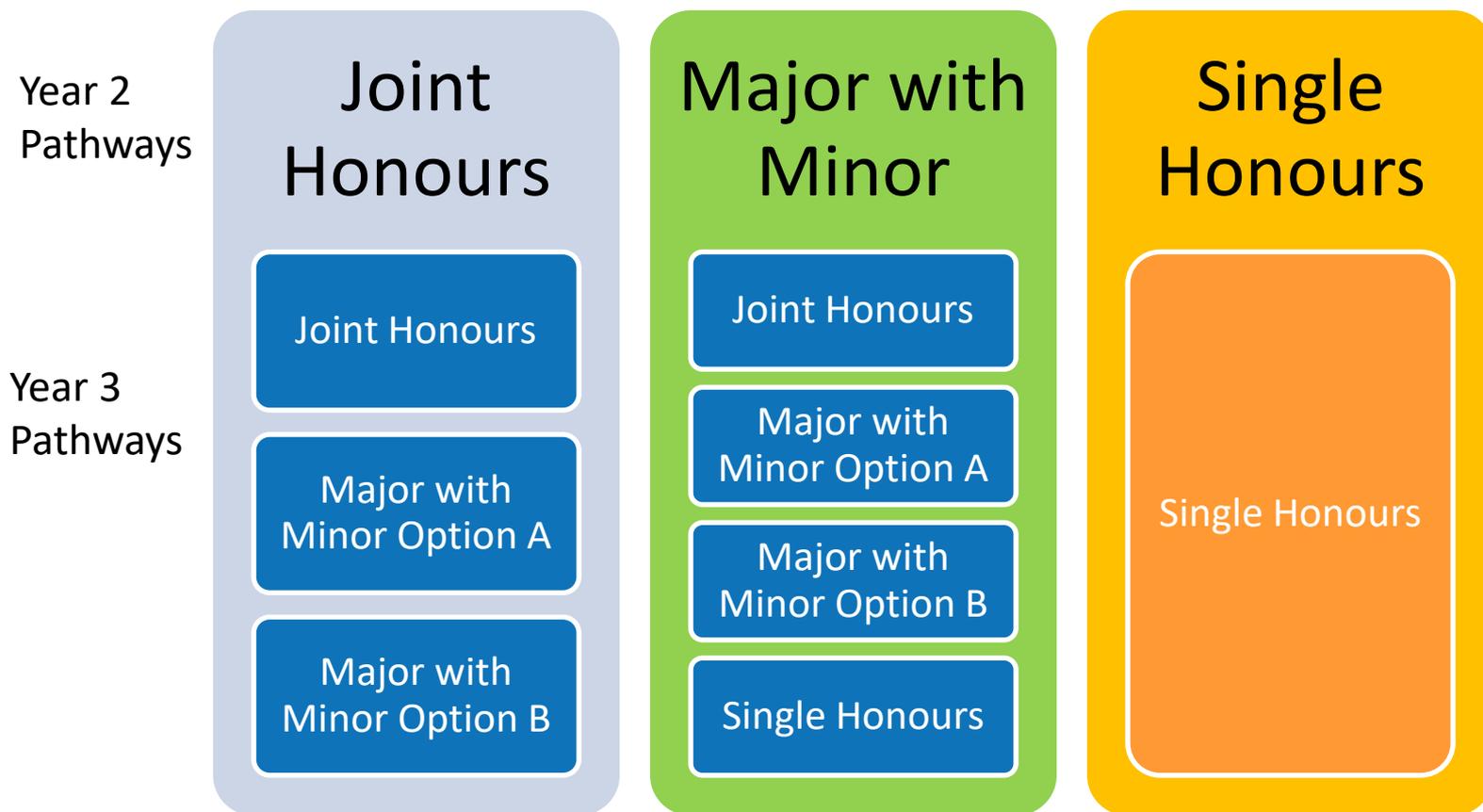
  - **11 to 25 March 2026**

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

What degree pathways are available to me?

– The degree pathways available to you for your Sophister years depend on your pathway in Year 2.

– Some subjects have limited pathways. If you were on this pathway in Year 2 – then these are the pathways open to you…..

Year 2 Pathways

Joint Honours	Major with Minor	Single Honours

Year 3 Pathways

Joint Honours	Joint Honours	Single Honours
Major with Minor Option A	Major with Minor Option A	
Major with Minor Option B	Major with Minor Option B	
	Single Honours	

Trinity Joint Honours (TJH) Degree Pathway in Sophister Years

Second Year
Senior Fresh

Third Year
Junior Sophister

Fourth Year
Senior Sophister

S1 - 20 ECTS
S2 - 20 ECTS
OM & TE - 20 ECTS

Joint Honours Pathway
S1 - 30 ECTS
S2 - 30 ECTS

Joint Honours Pathway
S1 - 20 ECTS
S2 - 20 ECTS
S1 or S2 – 20 ECTS
Capstone

JOINT HONOURS DEGREE

S1 - 40 ECTS
S2 - 20 ECTS
OR
S2 - 40 ECTS
S1 - 20 ECTS

Major w/Minor – Option A
Major - 40 ECTS
Minor - 20 ECTS

Major w/Minor – Option A
Major - 20 ECTS & 20 ECTS Capstone
Minor - 20 ECTS

MAJOR WITH MINOR DEGREE

Major w/Minor – Option B
Major - 30 ECTS
Minor - 30 ECTS

Major w/Minor – Option B
Major - 40 ECTS & 20 ECTS Capstone
Minor – NO ECTS

S1 - 40 ECTS
OM & TE - 20 ECTS
OR
S2 - 40 ECTS
OM & TE - 20 ECTS

Single Honours Pathway
SH - 50 ECTS
S2 or S1- 10 ECTS

Single Honours Pathway
SH- 40 ECTS & 20 ECTS Capstone

SINGLE HONOURS DEGREE

Single Honours Pathway
SH - 50 ECTS
OM/TE - 10 ECTS

Joint Honours Pathway

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

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

Pros	Cons
Study both subjects only in Year 3 (30 ECTS each)	Minor subject finishes in Year 3
Finish study of Minor Subject in Year 3 – 60 ECTS in Major only in Year 4	Some subjects may provide smaller selection of core modules on this pathway
Capstone in Major Subject only (20 ECTS) *	

* Capstone module prerequisites may apply

Single Honour Pathway

Pros

One core subject only

In order to access this degree pathway you must have completed 40 ECTS in SH subject in the Year 2 ie Majored in it

Take Open Modules/Trinity Electives or Subject 2 in 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/Trinity Electives or Subject 2 in Year 3 (10 ECTS)

Considerations

- The following subjects have additional [pathway restrictions and/or requirements](#) for students entering the Junior Sophister year in 2026/27. Please consult with your department to ensure you are aware of how this might apply to you.

  - Business
  - Classical Languages (Greek and Latin)
  - Computer Science
  - Economics
  - Law
  - Linguistics
  - Mathematics
  - Modern Languages
  - Social Policy
  - Sociology

> Whatever pathway you take, your degree will be calculated based on modules completed as follows:
> Year 3 – 30%, Year 4 70%

- **Capstone** – please be aware that some pre-requisite module requirements may exist. Further information is available here: https://www.tcd.ie/tjh/currentstudents/year4/capstone/

Pathways and their impact on Erasmus and Study Abroad

- You are expected to study both Subjects (except if on Single Honours pathway) abroad

- You have to study both subjects as per your ECTS requirements if you are on Joint Honours or Major Minor Option A/B pathway

- Not all host universities can accommodate all pathways and this should be part of your consideration

- Your Learning Agreement must be approved by both of your co-ordinators (if applicable) and this office (UCAO) before you go on exchange

- If you cannot fulfil the pathway requirements abroad you may have to return to Trinity within the first 4 weeks of the applicable term and email tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie so we can investigate any potential solutions available.

Pathways and their impact on Erasmus and Study Abroad

- You are expected to take the recommended amount of ECTS per pathway
- Front-loading is an exception and permission must be given by both Subjects and our office
- Single Honours pathway – you do not take Open Modules/TE/Subject 2 while abroad

- Information Session for Erasmus/Study Abroad Students:
    - 1pm, 24th March 2026, Ed Burke, Arts Building

Full Year		
Pathway	Subject	ECTS Requirements
Single Honours	Subject 1	60
Joint Honours	Subject 1 and 2	30 each
Major Minor A	Major	40
Major Minor A	Minor	20
Major Minor B	Major and Minor	30 each

One Semester		
Pathway	Subject	ECTS Requirements
Single Honours	Subject 1	30
Joint Honours	Subject 1 and 2	15 each
Major Minor A	Major	20
Major Minor A	Minor	10
Major Minor B	Major and Minor	30 each

Next Steps

Dates	Actions
Pathway Selection 11 – 25 March 2026	**Pathway selection** opens for 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.

Thank you

If you think of any questions after the session, please email joint.honours@tcd.ie

– Information Kiosks in Arts Building Concourse for drop-in questions (Pathway selection is 11 – 25 March)

- 25 – 26 February 10:30-16:30
- 9 – 12 March 10:30-16:30
- 18 -19 March 10:30-16:30