Welcome!
BESS Orientation meeting

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Trinity College... Founded in 1592
A University of Global Consequence

Leading Irish Research University
Global Recognition
Ranked 1st in Ireland and 101st in the World
(QS World University Ranking)
BESS – Business, Economic and Social Studies
One programme crossing two schools

Trinity Business School

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Department of Sociology
Department of Economics
Department of Political Science
Department of Philosophy
What do you study in BESS?

The BESS approach

- Business
- Economics
- Sociology
- Political Science
What does BESS offer?

• Only university degree in Ireland where students can combine the study of Business, Economics, Political Science and Sociology

• Flexible pathway programme with 10 different degree options across these four subjects

• BESS graduates are highly sought-after in the fields of business, government, technology, media and academia

• Opportunity to study abroad at distinguished international universities
Degree options
Single honors, Major with Minor, Joint honors

Single Honor
- Business
- Economics
- Political Science
- Sociology

Joint Honors / Major with Minor
- Economics + Political Science
- Economics + Sociology
- Political Science + Sociology
- Business + Economics
- Business + Political Science
- Business + Sociology
Manifold exit routes
22 possible degrees
What you will study

Overview

• Introduction to all four disciplines
• Key foundational skills of your chosen discipline(s)
• Specialisation allowing to choose areas of interest within 2nd year discipline(s)
• Opportunity to study abroad
• Specialisation in your chosen discipline(s)
• Capstone project
Fundamentals of Management and Organisation 10 ECTS
Introduction to Economics (A & B) 10 ECTS
Introduction to Political Science (1 & 2) 10 ECTS
Introduction to Sociology (1 & 2) 10 ECTS
Mathematics and Statistics (A & B) 10 ECTS
10 further credits of your choice (Language, Law or Social Policy) 10 ECTS
60 ECTS
You choose your degree track

1. 60 ECTS: 20 / 20 / 20  
   three subjects
2. 60 ECTS: 40 / 20  
   two subjects
3. 60 ECTS: 20 / 20 / 20  
   two subjects + DOM/TE
4. 60 ECTS: 40 / 20  
   one subject + DOM/TE

Designated Open modules (DOM). Modules from within the four BESS disciplines (5 or 10 ECTS).

Trinity Electives (TE). Stand-alone 5 ECTS modules outside core BESS.
Be mindful of

- mandatory modules for specific degree pathways (see BESS handbook)
- prerequisites for 3\textsuperscript{rd}/4\textsuperscript{th} year subjects (see BESS handbook) and their implications for your pathway opportunities

**Examination for Foundation Scholarship** (mid January) – most prestigious undergraduate award in the country.

**Study abroad prep**: Application process for going abroad in the 3\textsuperscript{rd} year.

See BESS Handbook for details on pathways, modules and prereq%s!
Example

Important prereqs in Business

Senior Fresh (2nd year) Modules

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Choose degree pathway and modules to pursue one of the degree options

- Single honor (Business/Economics/Political Science/Sociology)
- Major with Minor
- Joint honors


Capstone project (20 ECTS) undertaken in all 4th years.

See BESS handbook for full details.
BESS as a ‘common entry’ programme

Summary

JF
Common entry (50 core + 10 DOM)

SF
- Single Honors (40 + 20 DOM/TE)
- Major / Minor (40/20)
- Joint Honors (20/20 + 20 DOM/TE)
- Three Strand (20/20/20)

SF pathway track choices

JS
- Single Honors (50 + 10 DOM)
- Major / Minor (40/20 – OPTION A) (30/30 – OPTION B)
- Joint Honors (30/30)

JS final degree pathway choices

SS
- Single Honors (40 + 20 CS)
- Major / Minor (20/20 + 20 CS - OPTION A) (40 + 20 CS - OPTION B)
- Joint Honors (20/20 + 20 CS)

SS degree

DOM – Designated Open Module
TE – Trinity Elective
CS – Capstone Project
Pathway Explore Tool
https://www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate/your-trinity-pathways/
The Trinity Experience
https://www.tcd.ie/students/clubs-societies/

Wider student life is important, and BESS provides plenty of scope for engagement in a wide range of activities.

50 sports clubs, 120 societies.

Some societies seem particularly suited to BESS Students

- DUBES – Dublin University Business & Economic Society
- AIESEC
- Upstart
- Political Science Society
- Foresight
- Mature Students Society
- Social Studies Society
- Enterprise Trinity
We are here to help!

- BESS website www.tcd.ie/bess
- BESS Handbook
- BESS Administration and Director
- Your Module Lecturers
- Module Teaching Assistants
- Your College Tutor
- Student Learning Development
- Mathematics Help Room
Frequently Asked Questions
https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/bess/current/faq/

Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I contact my lecturers?
- How do I get my results for my assignment/term test?
- Where can I find out more about going on an exchange?
- Can I change my degree path?
- How do I get a copy of my transcript?

How do I contact my lecturers?
For contact information regarding the academic staff in the four BESS disciplines please visit the following websites:

- Business
- Economics
- Political Science
- Sociology
BESS Programme Administration
Office: Room 3023, Level 3, Arts Building

Administrator: Martina Ní Chochláin
Email: bess@tcd.ie (giving your student number)

Don’t be a stranger! Open every day, email/call by in person

- Annual/Re-assessment
- Progression & Publication of Results
- Mark Changes
- Timetabler
- Course Regulations
- Management of Course Handbook/Web Site
- Transcripts of Results
- General Course Queries – If I can’t help you personally, I’ll know someone who can!
Important BESS Rules (1)

Attend your lectures and tutorials!

Lectures and tutorials are compulsory!

➤ Students with significant level of absenteeism can be deemed non-satisfactory (“NS”) and prevented from sitting final examinations!

Some tests may take place during Michaelmas and Hilary Terms (e.g., in modules with continuous assessment).

COVID-19: Lectures take place online and tutorials largely online (in MT). Check your timetables, module syllabi, and follow the instruction of module lecturers!
### Attend your lectures and classes

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Important BESS Rules (2)
Keep updated and communicate properly

Check your college emails daily!
Only use your official college email address (…@tcd.ie)

➤ You cannot expect response to private email accounts!

Be polite and respectful when writing emails to college staff

Write concise emails that state clearly your concern

➤ Always provide your course and student ID in emails!

➤ Configure a signature including your course name and student ID.
Important BESS Rules (3)

What to do if ...

... you are ill for tests and/or examinations?

- Absences are excused only with a medical certificate or equivalent (communicate with/via your College Tutor), need to do this immediately.

- Absence is not the same as getting zero. If you fail to turn up to an exam you need to explain it formally to the college through your tutor.

- The assumption is that if you sit an exam then you were healthy. Typically it is not possible to claim illness after an exam.
Important BESS Rules (4)

What to do if ...

... you are unable to submit an assignment on schedule?

- Contact your tutor and the lecturer concerned, preferably before the deadline.

... you are unable to attend a mandatory class?

- Contact your tutor and the lecturer concerned, preferably before the class is taking place.
Next week

- Two hours of lectures in each of the modules.
- In the first lecture the requirements and rules of the module will be explained, so make sure you attend.
- Usually, no seminars or tutorials in week 1 (but check module descriptions)
  - Seminar/tutorial groups assigned via SITS.
  - Only in exceptional cases, you can request a change of tutorial group by contacting the relevant departmental office (not the Course Office).
Teaching and learning under COVID-19 restrictions

Prepare yourself for online teaching (Equipment, physical environment)

- [https://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/resources/eLearning-students/](https://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/resources/eLearning-students/)

Learning to Learn Online in Trinity (brand-new module for UG students)

- [https://student-learning.tcd.ie/learning_to_learn_online/](https://student-learning.tcd.ie/learning_to_learn_online/)

Key updates on COVID-19: Rules of conduct, Q&As

- [https://www.tcd.ie/about/coronavirus](https://www.tcd.ie/about/coronavirus)
Soon / near future

• Get in contact with your College Tutor.
• Get in contact with Student 2 Student (S2S).
• Maintain steady progress with your modules.
• Check your college email regularly (communication from the Course Office will be via your TCD email address only).
• Get to know your classmates.
  Be inclusive and have different friends.
Making your voices heard

- **BESS**: student representative in the programme committee.
- **Students’ Union**: class reps who meet with individual Department Heads on a regular basis.
- **Module evaluations by students**: at the end of Hilary and Michaelmas terms. ([http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/student-evaluations/YouSaid_WeDid.php](http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/student-evaluations/YouSaid_WeDid.php))
- Each year is invited to partake in a **Course Evaluation Survey**.
- **Problems with a module?** – in general, if possible bring it up with the module lecturer in the first instance.
- **Individual/personal problems?** – discuss with your **College Tutor** and there’s also the **counselling service** and peer-support offered by **Student 2 Student (S2S)**.
And Finally....

Enjoy your studies on the BESS Programme at Trinity College Dublin!