

**FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2024-25**

**BUSINESS, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES**



## BESS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP JANUARY 2025 – 4 PAPERS IN TOTAL

### BRIEF PAPER DESCRIPTORS

BUSINESS	
Paper 1	<b>'General'</b> paper designed to test candidates' analytical, critical and discursive abilities by offering a choice of six questions of which students must choose two to answer. Candidates will be expected to synthesize knowledge from a range of business modules, as well as from relevant social sciences, to address issues in the modern business world.
Paper 2	<b>'Fundamentals'</b> . A paper on mandatory JF Business module designed to test students on the fundamentals of management and organisation including the nature and form of organisations, tools and techniques for management of organisations, and their role in social and individual well-being.
Paper 3	<b>'Qualitative'</b> . A paper which covers three Business Subjects requiring qualitative knowledge taught to students across all business degrees. Generally, the subjects included will be drawn from Organisational Behaviour, Entrepreneurship and Managing Climate Change.
ECONOMICS	
Paper 1	<b>Economics I.</b> The main focus of the questions will be material relating to module ECU22011 Intermediate Economics A. In contrast to annual exam papers, questions will be more general in nature. Questions may also draw on material from ECU11011 and ECU11012
Paper 2	<b>Economics II.</b> The focus will be on material covered in module ECU22021, The Economy of Ireland A. Questions will be general in nature.
Paper 3	<b>Economics III.</b> Questions covered will draw on material from the Introduction to Economics sequence, ECU11011 and ECU11012. Compared to annual exam papers, questions will be more general in nature.
Paper 4	<b>Quantitative Methods.</b> Questions will draw mainly on material from ECU22031, Mathematical and Statistical Methods A, but may also draw on material from ECU11021 and ECU11022. Compared to annual exam papers, questions will be more general in nature.
Paper 5	<b>Economic Issues.</b> Questions will be based on material from ECU22041, Economic Issues A. Compared to the annual paper, questions will be more general in nature.
POLITICAL SCIENCE	
Paper 1	General Paper (Students taking one or more SF Political Science modules)
Paper 2	General Paper (Students with JF credits only in Political Science – not taking any SF Political Science modules)
Paper 3	History of Political Thought Paper
Paper 4	Comparative Politics Paper
Paper 5	International Relations Paper
Paper 6	Introduction to Political Science Research Paper
SOCIOLOGY	
Paper 1	This is a <b>'foundations'</b> paper which draws on the material taught in Semesters 1 and 2 in their first year in the modules <b>Introduction to Sociology 1 and 2</b> . Students are offered <b>six questions in two sections</b> and they must answer one from <b>each</b> section.
Paper 2	This paper is a 'general paper' designed to test candidates' analytical, critical and discursive abilities. Students are provided with a number of readings on two topics: intermarriage and cultural capital. Two questions on each topic are provided in two sections and students <b>answer one question from each section</b> .
Paper 3	The Foundation Scholarship Examination Sociology Paper 3 is a 'theory and methods' paper. Students are presented <b>with six questions</b> overall in two sections (A and B) from which they answer <b>two question in total</b> from <b>either</b> section. Section A will have three questions which draw on the material taught in <b>Social Theory Semester 1 (SOU22061)</b> . Section B will have three questions which draw on the material from <b>Introduction to Social Research Semester 1 (SOU22011)</b> .
Paper 4	Paper 4 is a 'core topics' paper. Students are presented <b>with six questions</b> overall in two sections (A and B) from which they answer <b>two question in total</b> from <b>either</b> section. Section A will have three questions which draw on the material taught in <b>Gender, Work and Family in Semester 1 (SOU22021)</b> . Section B will have three questions which draw on the material from <b>Power, State and Social Movements Semester 1 (SOU22041)</b> .

<b>CREDIT PROFILES AND PAPER CHOICE</b>			
	<b>Pathway</b>	<b>Credit profile (SF)</b>	<b>Paper choices (4 papers in total)</b>
1a.b	Single Honour	S1 (40 ECTS) + OM/TE (20 ECTS)	3 Papers in S1, and 1 Paper in S2, S3, or S4 from JF Yr
2a.b.c.d	Major with minor	S1 (40 ECTS) + S2 (20 ECTS)	2 Papers in S1 and 2 Papers in S2 or 3 Papers in S1 and 1 Paper in S2
3d	Joint Honor	S1 (20 ECTS) + S2 (20 ECTS) + OM/TE (20 ECTS)	2 Papers in S1 and 2 Papers in S2
3a.b	Three subjects	S1 (20 ECTS) + S2 (20 ECTS) + S3 (20 ECTS)	1 Paper in S1, 1 Paper in S2, 1 Paper in S3 and another Paper from either S1, S2, or S3 or 2 Papers in S1 and 2 Papers in S2

**See following pages for specifics:**

**(1a,b) SINGLE HONOURS – 3 Papers from Subject 1 and 4<sup>th</sup> Paper from any of the remaining three Subjects i.e. Papers as set i.e. Bus Paper 2; Econ Paper 3; PolSci Paper 2; Soc Paper 1**

ECONOMICS		POLITICAL SCIENCE		SOCIOLOGY		BUSINESS	
Econ	Paper 1,2, 4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 1	Mandatory	Paper 1
Econ	Paper 1,2, 4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4,5 or 6	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 2
Econ	Paper 1,2, 4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4,5 or 6	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 3
Bus	Paper 2 or	Econ	Paper 3, or	Econ	Paper 3, or	Econ	Paper 3, or
PolSci	Paper 2, or	Bus	Paper 2, or	PolSci	Paper 2, or	PolSci	Paper 2, or
Soc	Paper 1	Soc	Paper 1	Bus	Paper 2	Soc	Paper 1

**(2a,b,c,d) MAJOR WITH MINOR – 2 Papers from Major / 2 Papers from Minor; OR 3 Papers from Major / 1 Paper from Minor)**

ECONOMICS Major		POLITICAL SCIENCE Major		SOCIOLOGY Major		BUSINESS Major	
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 1
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Bus	Paper 2 or 3
<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>	
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 1	Mandatory	Paper 1
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 2
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 3

  

ECONOMICS Minor		POLITICAL SCIENCE Minor		SOCIOLOGY Minor		BUSINESS Minor	
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 1
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 2
<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>	
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 2

**(3a,b) TRIPLE STRAND – 1 Paper from each of your three Subjects and 4<sup>th</sup> paper from within any one of your 3 chosen Subjects; OR 2 Papers from any two of your chosen three Subjects**

ECONOMICS		POLITICAL SCIENCE		SOCIOLOGY		BUSINESS	
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 2
<b>And 1 Paper for each of S2 &amp; S3</b>		<b>And 1 Paper for each of S2 &amp; S3</b>		<b>And 1 Paper for each of S2 &amp; S3</b>		<b>And 1 Paper for each of S2 &amp; S3</b>	
<b>If taking a <u>second</u> Econ Paper (your fourth Schol Paper), choose</b>		<b>If taking a <u>second</u> PolSci Paper (your fourth Schol Paper), choose</b>		<b>If taking a <u>second</u> Soc Paper (your fourth Schol Paper), choose</b>		<b>If taking a <u>second</u> Bus Paper (your fourth Schol Paper), choose</b>	
Econ	Paper 1,2, 4 or 5 (not already chosen above)	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 1

  

<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>		<b>OR</b>	
Econ	Paper 1,2, 4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 1
Econ	Paper 1,2, 4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 2

**(3d) JOINT HONOUR– 2 Papers from each Subject**

ECONOMICS		POLITICAL SCIENCE		SOCIOLOGY		BUSINESS	
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	Mandatory	Gen Paper 1	Soc	Paper 2	Mandatory	Paper 1
Econ	Paper 1,2,4 or 5	PolSci	Paper 3,4, 5 or 6	Soc	Paper 3 or 4	Mandatory	Paper 2







