



Trinity College Dublin

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JUNIOR FRESH (First) YEAR LANGUAGE MODULES

BESS French, German, Spanish, Russian, Polish are optional modules available to students, one of which you may choose as your sixth and final module, thereby fulfilling the requirement, as set, to take 60 ECTs in your first year.

FR1040 – BESS French Language & Civilisation 1 (French Society and Economy) – (2 Contact Hours per Week plus 3 Hours Guided Self-Access Work) – 10 ECTS

Entry Requirements: FR1040 – French Honours Leaving Certificate H4 minimum or C at A-Level

Course Content: FR1040 focuses on French society and the French economy. The course will introduce students to Sociology and Economics in the French context and make them aware of the distinctiveness of France in these areas. The programme has been designed to help students identify and develop language learning strategies which they will be able to use independently. In second year, FR2040 will focus on Politics and Business in France.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Make links between events and facts from French current affairs and the wider French Societal and economic framework outlined during the course;
- Follow lectures on these topics in French and take notes using an outline of the lecture;
- Read, identify and understand the structure and main points of French textbooks and articles from specialized periodicals and newspapers on the above topics;
- Read the same materials to locate and retrieve specific information;
- Understand a French native speaker presenting factual information on these topics;
- Discuss these topics with a French native speaker; make short and structured oral Presentations on aspects of French society and the French economy;
- Use authentic sources and course materials to develop their vocabulary and other language competencies;
- Describe, compare and contrast the situation in France and Ireland in the context of a discussion with French native speakers

Assessment: Continuous assessment and end-of-year examination (written paper, aural and oral)

Students who take BESS French as an option in first **and** second year can apply to participate in a Socrates exchange in order to spend their third year studying business, economics and social studies at a partner university or Business School in France.

GR1004 – Business German (3 Contact Hours per Week) – 10 ECTS

Entry Requirements: GR1004 – German Honours Leaving Certificate H4 minimum or C at A-Level

Course Content: This course prepares students for using German in their future professional lives and in international business. The approach is thematic and task-based. The themes include: economic profile of Germany, entrepreneurship, export and marketing. Students participate in business-related tasks to develop their listening and reading comprehension as well as their oral and written communicative competence. There is a particular emphasis on the development of specialized vocabulary. The grammar section of the course includes revision of basic grammatical structures and the introduction and practice of more complex ones. All teaching is through German.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Discuss issues related to the German economy and society;
- Correctly use appropriate specialized vocabulary for the themes named above;
- Understand native speakers in everyday situations and when discussing the specialist topics covered in the module;
- Understand and summarize in English short newspaper articles in German dealing with economic and business issues;
- Make short oral presentations in accurate German on a specialist topic;
- Write short essays in accurate German on the topics covered in the module;
- Describe and analyse in accurate German, both orally and in writing, simple graphs and statistics;
- Negotiate priorities and workloads when working in teams;

Assessment: Continuous assessment and end of year examination (written paper, oral and aural)

Students who take Business German as an option in first **and** second year can apply for a Socrates exchange in order to spend their third year studying at a partner university in Germany or Austria.

SP1018 – Spanish Grammar and Syntax (BESS) – (3 Hours per week) – 10 ECTS

Entry Requirements: SP1018 – Spanish Honours Leaving Certificate H3 minimum or B at A-Level.

Course Content: This course is designed for non-beginners. The students will develop their knowledge of the language through grammar, syntax, comprehension, and reading and speaking activities. Students are also introduced to texts on general topics, current affairs, and business. The module is taught through Spanish.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module students should:

- have established and consolidated competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing, with particular emphasis on grammatical structures and reading comprehension
- be able to use the specialist vocabulary of the topics introduced in class
- have achieved a greater understanding of the cultural and socio-political background to their study areas.

Assessment: The module is assessed by continuous assessment and by end-of-year examination:

One 3-hour written Language Paper: 65%

Continuous assessment: 20% (in-class tests - 10%; homework - 10%)

Oral examination: 15%

Students who take Business Spanish as an option in **both** first year (JF) **and** second year (SF) can apply for an Erasmus exchange to study at a partner university in Spain for the third year (JS).

RUF104 – Russian Language 1 - (6 hours per week) – 10 ECTS

Entry requirements for RUF104 - This module is for students with no prior knowledge of Russian. It is **NOT** meant for students who have Leaving certificate results in Russian or have native or near-native level of proficiency in Russian.

Course Content: This module gives students a basic knowledge of the Russian language, culture and contemporary Russian society.

Learning Objectives: The course aims to:

- Enable students to use spoken and written Russian inside and outside the classroom;
- Develop students' understanding of how Russian language works;
- Foster in students the language skills necessary to pursue their interests through the medium of Russian;
- Foster an interest in and awareness of Russian society and culture.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Use Russian to express information about themselves and others (introducing oneself, hobbies and interests, family, daily routine, travel, likes and dislikes, home);
- Use Russian to express general information about Russia;
- Read, comprehend and write simple texts in Russian;
- Extract main points from Russian-language texts, correctly identify the general idea of a text, locate specifically required information, summarise

Assessment: The course is assessed by means of continuous assessment, oral and an end-of- year three-hour written examination.

Continuous assessment: 20%

Class tests: 40%

Examinations (written, oral, listening): 40%;

RUF114 — Russian for Advanced Learners 1 — (3 hours per week) — 10 ECTS

The module is designed for native and near-native advanced speakers of Russian. Students who are advanced speakers of Russian work on their written and oral presentation skills, as well as translation from Russian into English. Before being admitted on to this module, students are required to present themselves to the Department for an assessment test.

Assessment: The course is assessed by means of continuous assessment, oral and an end-of- year three-hour written examination.

Continuous assessment: 20%

Class tests: 40%

Examinations (written, oral, listening): 40%;

Students who take Russian as an option in first **and** second year can apply to participate in an exchange in order to spend their third year studying business, economic and social studies at a partner university in the Russian Federation.

RUF202 - Russian Language 2 - (4 hours per week) - 10 ECTS

Entry Requirements: RUF202 This module is designed for students who have Leaving Certificate / A-Level Russian

Course Content: This module is designed to continue to consolidate the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with the continued emphasis on the grammatical structures..

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Pursue further their communicative aims through the medium of Russian;
- Read and comprehend relatively complex texts in Russian;
- Distinguish between different language registers and style
- Translate accurately and in the appropriate register a range of text types.

On completion of this module students will arrive at the lower B1 level of language competence (the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Assessment: The course is assessed by means of continuous assessment, oral and an end-of- year written examination.

Continuous assessment: 20%

Class tests: 40%

Examinations (written, oral, listening): 40%;

PLF104 – Polish Language 1 – (4 hours per week) – 10 ECTS

Entry Requirements: FLF100 - This module is for students with no prior knowledge of Polish. It is **NOT** meant for students who have Leaving certificate results in Polish or have native or near-native level of proficiency in Polish.

Course Content: This course provides students with a basic knowledge of Polish language, culture and contemporary Polish society.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- To express information about themselves and others in Polish (introducing themselves, family, hobbies, sports, free time etc.);
- Use Polish in a number of settings (shops, travel, restaurant)
- Use Polish to provide general facts about Poland;
- Read and understand short texts in Polish;
- Understand the basic rules of Polish grammar and write with a correct spelling
- Extract main points from Polish-language texts, correctly identify the general idea of a text, locate specifically required information, summarise;

Assessment: The course is assessed by means of continuous assessment, oral and an end-of- year three-hour written examination.

Continuous assessment: 20%

Class tests: 40%

Examinations (written, oral, listening): 40%;

PLF114 — Polish for Advanced Learners 1 — (2 hours per week) — 10 ECTS

The module is designed for native and near-native advanced speakers of Polish. Students who are advanced speakers of Polish work on their written and oral presentation skills, as well as translation from Polish into English and from English into Polish. Before being admitted on to this module, students are required to present themselves to the Department for an assessment test.

Assessment: The module is assessed by means of continuous assessment, oral and an end-of- year three-hour written examination.

Continuous assessment: 20%

Class tests: 40%

Examinations (written, oral, listening): 40%;

Students who take Polish as an option in first **and** second year can apply to participate in a Socrates exchange in order to spend their third year studying business, economic and social studies at a partner university in Poland.

PLF207 - Polish Language 2 - (4 hours per week) - 10 ECTS

Entry Requirements: **PLF202** This module is designed for students who have Leaving Certificate / A-Level Russian

Course Content: This module is designed to continue to consolidate the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with the continued emphasis on the grammatical structures.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Use spoken and written Polish inside and outside the classroom;
- Have an understanding of how the Polish language works;
- Develop as autonomous and independent learners;
- Foster the language skills necessary to pursue interests through the medium of Polish;
- Foster an interest in, and awareness of, Polish society and culture. Business Polish Intermediate.

On completion of this module students will arrive at the lower B1 level of language competence (the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Assessment: The module is assessed by means of continuous assessment, oral and an end-of- year written examination.

Continuous assessment: 20%

Class tests: 40%

Examinations (written, oral, listening): 40%;

If you have a general query regarding the languages please contact the Course Office on 01 8961298.

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