New Minor Subject Information Session
For JF Students on Single Honours Programmes in 23-24

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Single Honours Pathway Options in SF Year

Common Architecture

FRESHMAN YEARS: 120 ECTS
ENTRY ROUTE:

JF

S1
60 ECTS

SF

S1
40 ECTS
&
OM/TE
20 ECTS

S1
40 ECTS
&
NMS
20 ECTS

DEGREE

SINGLE HONORS DEGREE

MAJOR WITH MINOR DEGREE

KEY: S1 - Subject 1 | OM - Open Modules | TE - Trinity Electives | NMS - New Minor Subject | JF - Junior Freshman | SF - Senior Freshman
What is a New Minor Subject?

– A second subject that you can opt to study along side your Single Honours subject from your SF year.
– You may choose to study this subject to award and if so you will graduate with a Major award in your Single Honours subject and a Minor award in the second subject.

Do I have to take up a New Minor Subject?

– No – in this case you will proceed towards a Single Honours degree in your subject.
– As part of SF year you will take 20-ECTS of Open Modules and Trinity Electives
– You will then take a further 10-ECTS of Open Modules and Trinity Electives in your JS year.
I am interested in NMS – what do I need to know?

- There are 25 subjects in total and over 266 places available.

- Places on a New Minor Subject will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as a quota applies to some subjects.

- You can indicate a preference for up to 3 New Minor Subjects in order of your preference. In previous years a significant majority of students got their 1st preference.

- Not all New Minor Subjects are compatible with all Single Honours subjects. Please see [http://www.tcd.ie/tjh/new-minor-subject](http://www.tcd.ie/tjh/new-minor-subject) for full compatibility details.

- Statistics is only available to Single Honours Mathematics students.

- In 22/23, English, Film, & Geography were the most popular New Minor Subjects and filled most or all of their places.

- Between your SF and JS years, you will choose whether to continue with your New Minor Subject to award. If you choose to continue with it to award, you must continue your studies in it to graduation. It will not be possible to drop it at a later date.
What will my studies look like if I take up an NMS?

Key Decision Point about NMS

SF
- 20 ECTS in NMS at JF Level
- 40 ECTS in SH/Major Subject at SF Level

JS
- 20 ECTS in NMS at SF Level
- 40 ECTS in Major Subject at JS Level

SS
- 20 ECTS in NMS at JS/SS Level
- 20 ECTS in Major Subject at SS Level
- 20 ECTS Capstone in Major Subject
What if I decide to drop my NMS?

**SF**
- 20 ECTS in NMS at JF Level
- 40 ECTS in SH/Major Subject at SF Level

**JS**
- 50 ECTS in SH Subject at JS Level
- 10 ECTS in NMS at SF Level
- OR
- 10 ECTS in Open Modules or Trinity Electives at SF or JS Level

**SS**
- 40 ECTS in SH Subject at SS Level
- 20 ECTS Capstone in SH Subject
Open Modules & Trinity Electives

- If you choose not to take up a New Minor Subject you will need to take 20 ECTS of Open Modules and Trinity Electives.

  • Students are required to take a minimum of one Trinity Elective (5-ECTS each) and a maximum of two Trinity Electives in your SF year.

  • Students then take Open Modules to fill the remaining ECTS out of 20.

- Information on Trinity Electives can be found at [www.tcd.ie/trinity-electives](http://www.tcd.ie/trinity-electives)

- Information on Open Modules can be found at [www.tcd.ie/tjh/open-modules](http://www.tcd.ie/tjh/open-modules). The information on Open Modules for 23-24 will be published in June and you can direct queries to [open.modules@tcd.ie](mailto:open.modules@tcd.ie)
More information

Website with details on options and contact details

https://www.tcd.ie/tjh/new-minor-subject/

Example of further information in department websites

https://www.tcd.ie/English/undergraduate/new-minor-subject/
### What do I need to do?

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| Ahead of Pathway Selection – normally up to early June | • Where there are pre-requisites for new minor subjects you are interested in, you will need to be marked as eligible for these subjects.  
• Make contact with the departments for eligibility checks. If you are deemed eligible, the department will need to mark you as such in MyTCD.  
• To check if you have been marked please log onto [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) and go to "My Programme" tab where you will be shown a list of the NMS you are eligible for. |
| Pathway Selection period – normally mid to late June | New Minor Subject selection / pathway selection opens. You will Student login to [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) and click on the "My Programme" tab to select New Minor Subject or confirm that you wish to proceed with your Single Honours programme without picking up an NMS |
| Late June/early July | New Minor Subject allocation confirmed to you via student portal message. |
| Late July/Early August | Online Module Enrolment |
Anything else to keep in mind?

- It is only possible to commence a new minor subject from first semester, SF year.

- If you hope to go on Erasmus or Exchange in Year 3 and wish to continue your new minor subject to award, you will need to source an exchange that will allow you to study both your Major and Minor subject.

Q&A Session

- If you think of any questions after the session or during/after pathway selection and online module enrolment, please email joint.honours@tcd.ie and we will do our best to help!
Thank You