New Minor Subject Information Session

For JF Students on Single Honours Programmes in 24-25

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Why have I been invited to this session?

– Pathway Selection will take place from 13-27 March 2024
– Pathways available to you as a Junior Fresh student on a Single Honours programme
– New Minor Subject Overview
– Open Modules & Trinity Electives
– Key Dates
– Resources
Single Honours Pathway Options in SF Year

YEAR ONE
JUNIOR FRESH

SUBJECT ONE
(CORE SUBJECT)
60 ECTS

YEAR TWO
SENIOR FRESH

CORE SUBJECT
40 ECTS
OPEN MODULES/
TRINITY ELECTIVES
20 ECTS

OR

CORE SUBJECT
40 ECTS
NEW MINOR SUBJECT
20 ECTS

YEAR THREE
DEGREE CHOICE

SINGLE HONOURS DEGREE

MAJOR WITH MINOR DEGREE
What is a New Minor Subject?

- A second subject that you can opt to study along side your Single Honours subject from the first semester of your SF year. It is not possible to take up at any other time.

- 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 with Polish being offered for the first time in 2024/25.

– Places on a New Minor Subject will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as a quota applies to some subjects. We would recommend you login ASAP when Pathway Selection opens on the 13th March.

– You can indicate a preference for up to 3 New Minor Subjects in order of your preference. A majority of students have gotten 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 23/24, Economics, Film, & Spanish 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.**
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 in SF year.

• 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

• Always valued at 5-ECTS.

• Can take a maximum of one Trinity Elective per semester.

Information on Open Modules can be found at www.tcd.ie/tjh/open-modules. The information on Open Modules for 2024-25 will be published as soon as possible and please direct queries to open.modules@tcd.ie
What are my options after SF year?

**Second Year**
- Senior Fresh
- Core Subject: 40 ECTS & Open Modules/Trinity Electives: 20 ECTS

**Third Year**
- Junior Sophister
- Core Subject: 50 ECTS & Open Modules/Trinity Electives: 10 ECTS

**Fourth Year**
- Senior Sophister
- Core Subject: 40 ECTS & Capstone: 20 ECTS

**Single Honours Degree**
- Core Subject: 50 ECTS & New Minor Subject: 10 ECTS

**Major with Minor Degree**
- Core Subject: 20 ECTS; Capstone: 20 ECTS; & New Minor Subject: 20 ECTS

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## Key Dates – New Minor Subject

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| 21 February – 8 March | **Eligibility Clearance**  
• Where there are pre-requisites for new minor subjects you are interested in, you will need to be marked as eligible for these subjects.  
• To check if you have been marked please log onto my.tcd.ie and go to "My Programme" tab where you will be shown a list of the NMS you are eligible for.  
• If you are deemed ineligible for a subject then make contact with the department of the minor subject for an eligibility check.  
• Students interested in Drama must complete and submit the relevant documentation no later than 26 February.  
• If your eligibility has not been cleared by 8 March, please contact the School responsible for doing so. |
| 13 – 27 March        | **Pathway Selection**  
New Minor Subject selection / pathway selection opens on a **first-come, first served basis**. You will login to 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. **Once you submit your NMS preferences these CANNOT be changed.** |
| 28 March             | **Confirmation of NMS**  
New Minor Subject allocation confirmed to you via student portal message. |
### Key Dates – New Minor Subject (continued)

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| 4 - 17 June 2024 Early Pathway Change Requests | • Students who were allocated NMS, but no longer wish to take it may request a pathway change via ome@tcd.ie during this period. Please note you will be required to select Open Modules and Trinity Electives during Online Module Enrolment.  
• Students who wish to change their allocated NMS may request a change to their NMS via ome@tcd.ie during this period. They will only be allocated an NMS if they meet eligibility requirements and there are available places. |
| Late July/Early August | Online Module Enrolment |
| 26 August – 20 September 2024 Late Pathway Change Requests | Students who were allocated NMS, but no longer wish to take it or students who wish to change their allocated NMS may apply for a Late Pathway Change request during this period only. Please note  
• if you are dropping your NMS you may have a limited selection of Open Modules and Trinity Electives to choose from.  
• Changing to another NMS cannot be guaranteed due to capacities  
Please request the Late Pathway Change Request form from joint.honours@tcd.ie |
Anything else to keep in mind?

– If you plan to sit Foundation Scholarship Exams, please note that examinations will be in your SH Subject only.

– 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. For Erasmus, please email tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie

– If you do not participate in Pathway Selection you will be defaulted to the Single Honours pathway.

Queries

– Queries on academic content of new minor subjects should be directed to individual department contacts listed on the New Minor Subject website.

– 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!
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/

Information on accessing, making and confirming your pathway selection in SITS can be found at:

Thank You