



**Trinity College Dublin**

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# Balancing your Open Modules & Trinity Electives

Trinity Joint Honours, Senior Freshman Students

As a Senior Freshman student on a Joint Honours pathway, you have the opportunity to experience breadth in your studies through engaging in 20 ECTS of Trinity Elective and Open Modules in addition to credits in each of your Trinity Joint Honours subjects.

There are a few things you should know when choosing Open Modules and completing Online Module Enrolment.

- Undergraduate students take 60-ECTS of modules in the course of their academic year.
- This 60-ECTS is split evenly over the two semesters – this means that you must take 30-ECTS in Semester 1 and 30 credits in Semester 2.
- If either of your core subjects has a number of different optional modules, you will need to be mindful of the options you choose in order to ensure you have balanced credits in each discipline between the two semesters.
- Students may not take more than **two** Trinity Electives over the course of their Senior Freshman and Junior Sophister years.

Please see below which may help you in ensuring you making choices to ensure you register for the right number of credits over both semesters. Please see the following pages for the options available to you for Open Module registration, these options depend on how many Trinity Electives you plan to engage in and in which semester.

**How should I structure my studies if I wish to take two Trinity Electives in the Senior Freshman year?**

You are allowed to take only 1 Trinity Elective per semester – if you take 2 Trinity Electives in your Senior Freshman year you cannot take any in your Junior Sophister year. In order to balance your credits you will need to choose between 2 options. In Option A you would take one 5-ECTS Open Module in each semester as per below:

<b>Option A</b>	
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	Open Module (5 ECTS)

OR

You could choose Option B where you take one year-long, 10-ECTS Open Module

<b>Option B</b>	
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)
Open Module (10 ECTS)	

**How should I structure my studies if I wish to take one Trinity Elective in Semester 1 in the Senior Freshman year?**

There are 3 options available to you and all would depend upon the Open Modules that are of interest to you.

In Option A, you will take one 5-ECTS Open Module in semester 1, the same semester as your Trinity Elective and two 5-ECTS Open Modules in semester 2.

<b>OPTION A</b>	
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Open Module (5 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	Open Module (5 ECTS)

In Option B, you will take one 5-ECTS Open Module in semester 1, the same semester as your Trinity Elective and one semester-long, 10-ECTS Open Modules in semester 2.

<b>OPTION B</b>	
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Open Module (10 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	

In Option C, you will take one 5-ECTS Open Module in the semester opposite your Trinity Elective and one year-long, 10-ECTS Open Module.

<b>OPTION C</b>	
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Open Module (5 ECTS)
Open Module (10 ECTS)	

**How should I structure my studies if I wish to take one Trinity Elective in Semester 2 in the Senior Freshman year?**

There are 3 options available to you and all would depend upon the Open Modules that are of interest to you.

In Option A, you will take one 5-ECTS Open Module in semester 2, the same semester as your Trinity Elective and two 5-ECTS Open Modules in semester 1.

<b>OPTION A</b>	
Semester 1	Semester 2
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	Open Module (5 ECTS)

In Option B, you will take one 5-ECTS Open Module in semester 2, the same semester as your Trinity Elective and one semester-long, 10-ECTS Open Modules in semester 1.

<b>OPTION B</b>	
Semester 1	Semester 2
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Open Module (10 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)
	Open Module (5 ECTS)

In Option C, you will take one 5-ECTS Open Module in the semester opposite your Trinity Elective and one year-long, 10-ECTS Open Module.

<b>OPTION C</b>	
Semester 1	Semester 2
Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 1 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)	Subject 2 (choose modules totalling 10 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)
Open Module (10 ECTS)	