



# Balancing your Open Modules & Trinity Electives

Single Honours & Trinity Joint Honours Programmes

Junior Sophister Students on a Single Honours Degree Pathway

As a Junior Sophister student on a Single Honours degree pathway, you have the opportunity to experience further breadth in your studies through engaging in 10 ECTS of Trinity Electives and Open Modules in addition to credits in the subject you wish to achieve your Single Honours award in.

NB! Those of you going on a full-year exchange will not select modules at Trinity. Students who are travelling for one semester should select 60 ECTS of modules. We will liaise with your school/department to ensure that you are made exempt from the modules in the semester you are abroad.

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 can only take 30-ECTS in Semester 1 and 30 credits in Semester 2.
- If your core subject has a number of optional modules, you will need to be mindful of the options you choose in order to ensure you have balanced credits between the two semesters.
- Students may not take more than **two** Trinity Electives over the course of their Senior Freshman and Junior Sophister years. If you have already taken 2 Trinity Electives in your Senior Freshman year, then you will not be able to take any Trinity Electives in Junior Sophister Year.
- If you did not take any Trinity Electives in your Senior Freshman year, then you should take **at least one** Trinity Elective in your Junior Sophister year.
- If you studied a subject as a Minor in Senior Freshman year, it is also possible to study 10 ECTS in this subject, again these credits must be balanced and you will not achieve an award in that subject.

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 engaged in in Senior Freshman year and how many you may take in your Junior Sophister year.

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

This option is only available where you did not take any Trinity Electives in Senior Freshman year. You are allowed to take only 1 Trinity Elective per semester. In this instance you have only one option available in order to balance your credits:

Semester 1	Semester 2
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)

**How should I structure my studies if I wish to take one Trinity Elective in Semester 1 in Junior Sophister year?**

This option is only available where you did not take any Trinity Electives in Senior Freshman year or where you only took one Trinity Elective in Senior Freshman year.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)
Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)	Open Module (5 ECTS)

**How should I structure my studies if I wish to take one Trinity Elective in Semester 2 in Junior Sophister year?**

This option is only available where you did not take any Trinity Electives in Senior Freshman year or where you only took one Trinity Elective in Senior Freshman year.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)
Open Module (5 ECTS)	Trinity Elective (5 ECTS)

**How should I structure my studies in Junior Sophister year if I have already taken 2 Trinity Electives in my Senior Freshman Year?**

It is important to note that these are the only options available to you if you took Trinity Electives in your Senior Freshman year.

In Option A you would take one 5-ECTS Open Module in each semester as per below:

Option A	
Semester 1	Semester 2
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 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

Option B	
Semester 1	Semester 2
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)
Open Module (10 ECTS)	

**How should I structure my studies in Junior Sophister year if I don't want to take any Trinity Electives in my Junior Sophister year?**

It is important to note that this option is only available if you have taken at least one Trinity Elective in your Senior Freshman year.

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>
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 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>
Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)	Single Honours subject (25 ECTS)
Open Module (10 ECTS)	