



TCD SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS: POLITICAL SCIENCE TALK

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

5.30pm on Zoom

Schol exams in Political Science (I)

- What are the Foundation Scholarship exams?
- Benefits of becoming a Scholar
 - *Tuition fees paid, including the Registration Fee*
 - *Commons free of Charge*
 - *College Rooms free of charge (except for deposit and utilities fee)*
 - *Annual salary of €253.95*
- Who gets to become a Scholar?
 - *Must achieve a first overall (70+)*
 - *Must also achieve at least 65% in any other paper(s)*
- Ron Hill prize for the Scholar who receives the highest grade in Political Science
 - *Do at least two papers*
 - https://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/current-students/ug-students/awards/ronald-j-hill-prize/

Schol exams in Political Science (II)

- Timing of exams
 - *Early January (consult the College Calendar for likely dates)*
 - *Exams Office will timetable them*
- Essay-based assessments
- Duration: **2h15min** per exam paper
- The number of Political Science exams required depends on the student's programme *and* pathway
 - *Lecturers will not provide guidance as to which exams are required*

Political Science papers

Paper description

Paper 1: Political Science General Paper 1

Paper 2: Political Science General Paper 2

Paper 3: Political Science History of Political Thought Paper

Paper 4: Political Science Comparative Politics Paper

Paper 5: Political Science International Relations Paper

→ Paper 6: Political Science Introduction to Political Science Research Paper

Credit Profile in Political Science in Senior Fresh	No. of SF credits taken in Political Science by end of Semester 1	Number of papers taken in Political Science	Papers to be taken (M = mandatory, O = optional)					
			Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Paper 5	Paper 6
40 SF credits (20 by end Sem 1)	20	3	M		O	O	O	O
JF credits only	n/a	1		M				
40 SF credits (20 by end Sem 1)	20	2	M		O	O	O	O
20 SF credits (10 by end Sem 1)	10	2	M		O	O	O	O
20 SF credits (10 by end Sem 1)	10	1	M					



Key dates

- Registration to sit the exams: 30th Sep. – 14th Oct. 2024
 - *See the Academic Registry website for details*
- Confirmation of attendance: 11th – 18th Nov. 2024
 - *NB: only those who confirm their attendance will be allowed to sit the exams*
- Exams: 6th – 10th Jan. 2025
 - *NB: it may be necessary to schedule some exams in the previous week*
 - *Dept. has no control over the timing of these exams*
- Publication of results:
 - *28th Apr. 2025 (Trinity Monday)*

Resources

- In general:

- <http://www.tcdlife.ie/scholars/scholar/about-faq.php> [FAQ about Schols]
- <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/scholarship/> [to apply and confirm attendance]

- For Political Science:

- Consult the Schol Note
- FAQ on the Department's website:
https://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/current-students/ug-students/scholarship-exams/faqs/index.php
- If taking papers 3, 4, 5 or 6 attend lectures and tutorials – participate!