



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

School of Social Sciences
and Philosophy
Trinity Business School

BESS –
The Business,
Economic and
Social Studies
Programme (TR081)

Fáilte/Welcome!

BESS Orientation meeting

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Academic Directors BESS programme



Trinity College... Founded in 1592

A University of Global Consequence



Leading Irish Research University
Global Recognition
Ranked 1st in Ireland and 101st in the World
(QS World University Ranking)

BESS – Business, Economic and Social Studies

One programme crossing two schools



Trinity Business School

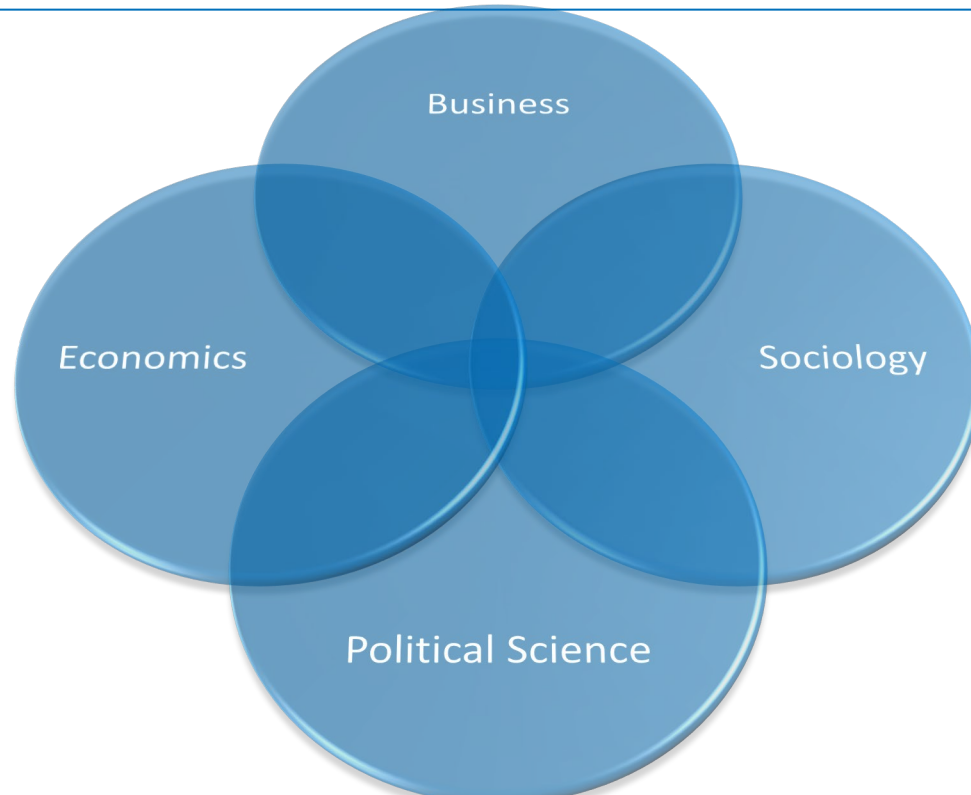


School of Social Sciences and Philosophy



What do you study in BESS?

The BESS approach



What you will study

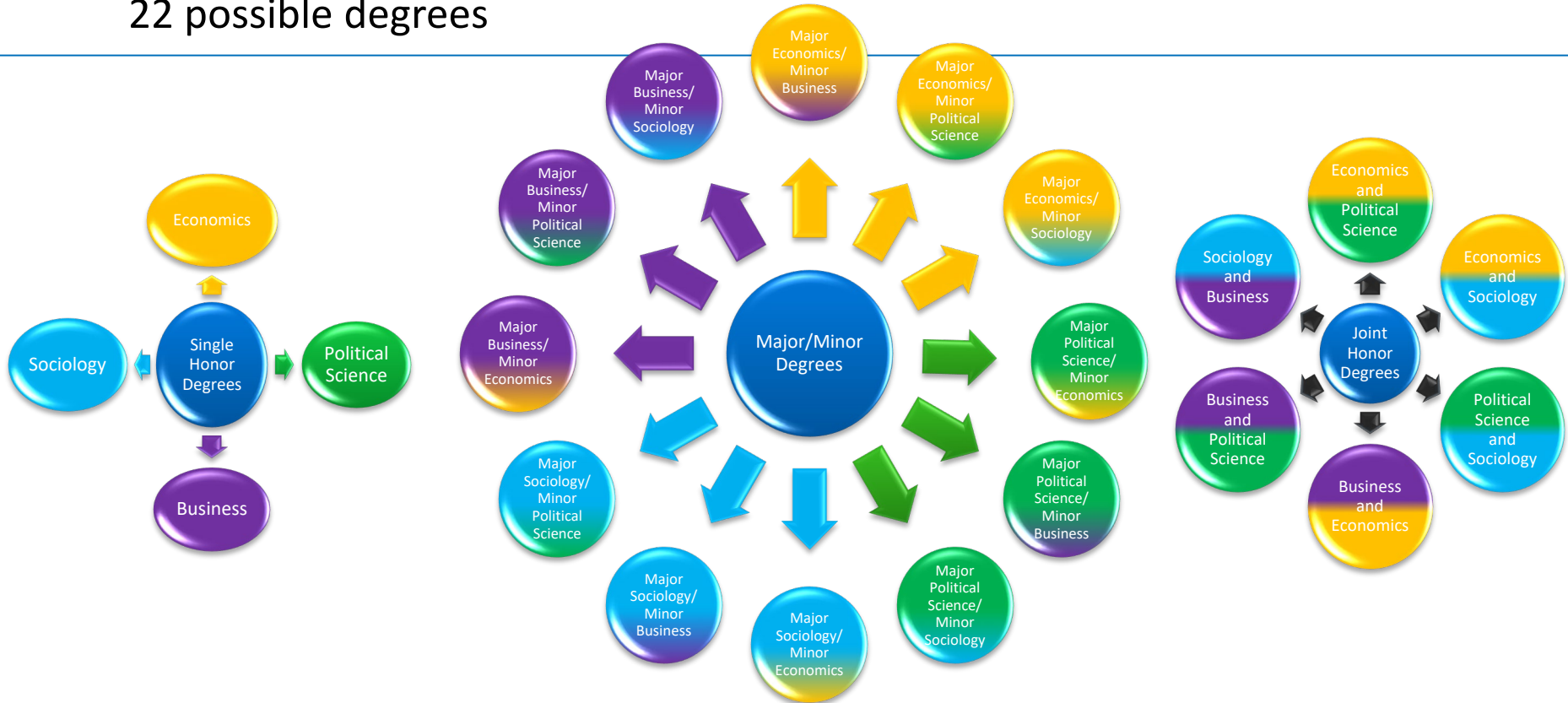
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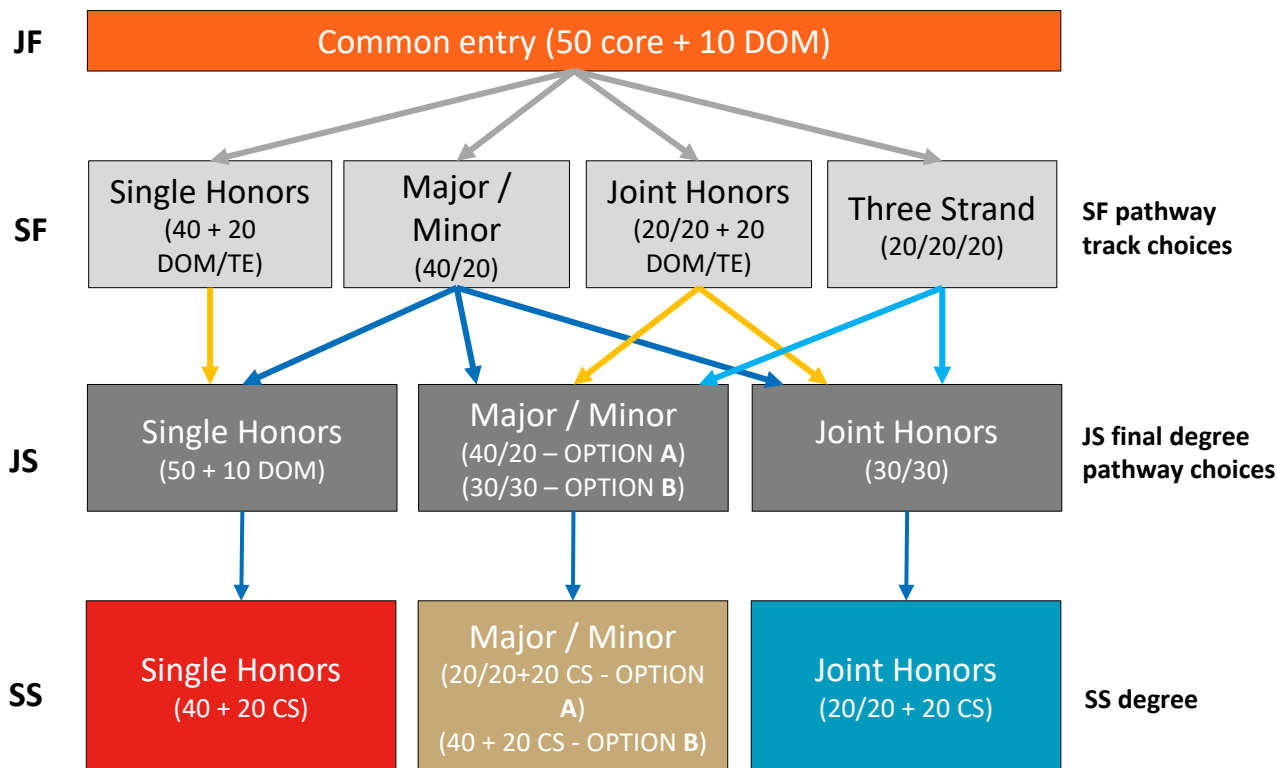
- Introduction to **all four disciplines**
- Key foundational skills of your **chosen discipline(s)**
- **Specialisation** allowing to choose areas of interest within 2nd year discipline(s)
- Opportunity to **study abroad**
- **Specialisation** in your chosen discipline(s)
- **Capstone project**

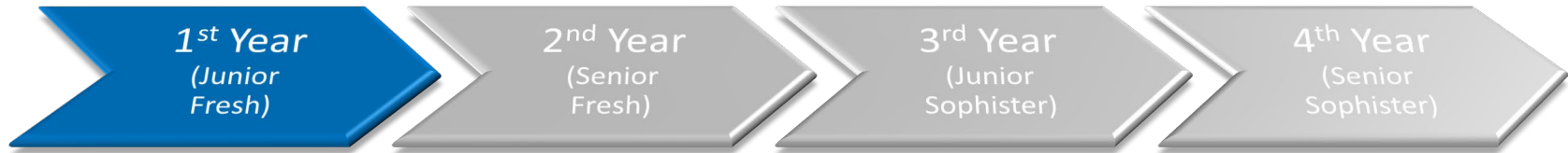
Manifold exit routes

22 possible degrees

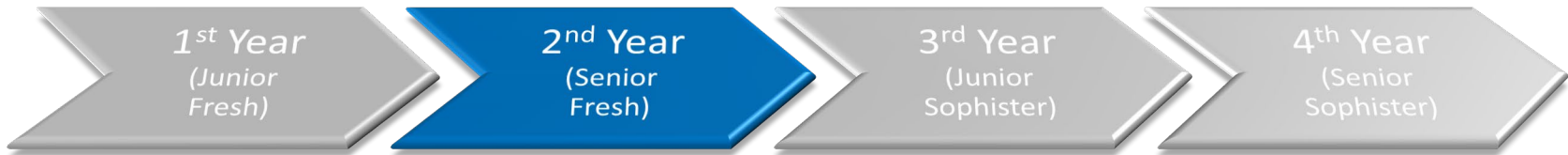


Pathway Structure





- ✓ **Fundamentals of Management and Organisation** 10 ECTS
 - ✓ **Introduction to Economics (A & B)** 10 ECTS
 - ✓ **Introduction to Political Science (A & B)** 10 ECTS
 - ✓ **Introduction to Sociology (1 & 2)** 10 ECTS
 - ✓ **Mathematics and Statistics (A & B)** 10 ECTS
 - ✓ 10 further credits of your choice
(Language, Law or Social Policy) 10 ECTS
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- 60 ECTS**



You choose your degree subject(s) & pathway

1. 60 ECTS: **20 / 20 / 20**

three subjects

2. 60 ECTS: **40 / 20**

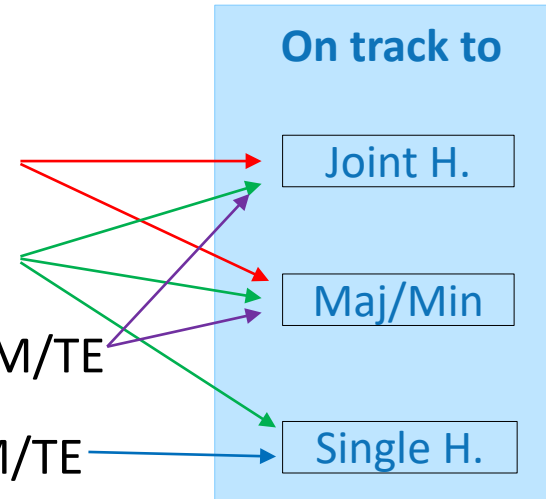
two subjects

3. 60 ECTS: **20 / 20 / 20**

two subjects + DOM/TE

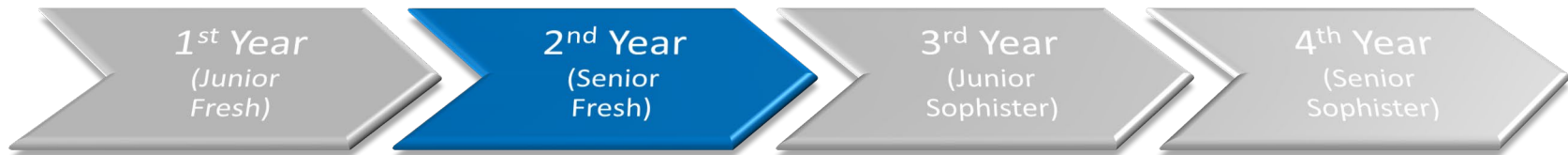
4. 60 ECTS: **40 / 20**

one subject + DOM/TE



Designated Open modules (DOM). Modules from within the four BESS disciplines (5 or 10 ECTS).

Trinity Electives (TE). Stand-alone 5 ECTS modules outside core BESS.



Be mindful of

- mandatory modules for specific degree pathways (see BESS handbook)
- prerequisites for 3rd/4th year subjects (see BESS handbook) and their implications for your pathway opportunities

Examination for Foundation Scholarship (early January of SF year) – most prestigious undergraduate award in the country.

Study abroad prep: Application process for going abroad in the 3rd year.

See BESS Handbook for details on pathways, modules and prerequisites!

Example

Important prereqs in *Business*

Senior Fresh (2nd year) Modules

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Co-requisites ²	Prerequisite for JS/SS	Students taking 40 ECTS
SEMESTER ONE MODULES					
BUU22510	Organisational Behaviour	5		BUU33660	Mandatory
BUU22530	Introduction to Accounting	5		BUU33521/22 BUU33531/32 BUU33720	Mandatory
BUU22570	Creative Thinking, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Action	5		None	Mandatory
BUU22592	Managing Climate Change	5		None	Mandatory
SEMESTER TWO MODULES					
BUU22520	Principles of Marketing	5		BUU33700, BUU33710	Mandatory
BUU22550	Introduction to Finance	5		BUU33620, BUU33630, BUU33680, BUU33740 BUU44640	Mandatory
BUU22560	Introduction to Operations Management	5		BUU33640, BUU33650, BUU44580	Mandatory
BUU22593	Qualitative Methods for Research	5		None	Mandatory

Junior Sophister (3rd year) Modules

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Prerequisites	Co-Requisites ¹ for JS or Prerequisite for SS	Mandatory /Optional
SEMESTER ONE MODULES					
BUU33521	Management Accounting for Business Decisions 1	5	BUU22530		Optional
BUU33531	Financial Accounting 1	5	BUU22530	BUU44531/32 BUU44670	Optional
BUU33590	Business in Society	5	None	BUU44620/21/22	Optional
BUU33620	Introduction to Fixed Income Securities and Alternative Investments	5	BUU22550		Optional
BUU33680	Investments	5	BUU22550		Optional
BUU33700	Contemporary Marketing Management	5	BUU22520	BUU44551/52	Optional
BUU33720	Taxation 1	5	BUU22530		Optional
BUU33740	Financial Management	5	BUU22550		Optional
SEMESTER TWO MODULES					
BUU33522	Management Accounting for Business Decisions 2	5	BUU22530 & BUU33521 (or equivalent)	BUU33521	Optional
BUU33532	Financial Accounting 2	5	BUU22530 & BUU33531 (or equivalent)	BUU33531 BUU44531/32	Optional
BUU33602	Sustainability Entrepreneurship	5	None		
BUU33630	Corporate Finance and Equity Valuation	5	BUU22550		Optional
BUU33660	Organisation Theory and Organisational Analysis	5	BUU22510	BUU44560	Optional
BUU33690	Social Entrepreneurship	5	None	BUU44620/21/22	Optional
BUU33710	Consumer Behaviour	5	BUU22520	BUU44551/52	Optional
BUU33730*	Taxation 2	5	BUU22530 , BUU33720		Optional



Confirm degree pathway and choose which areas to study within your chosen discipline(s)

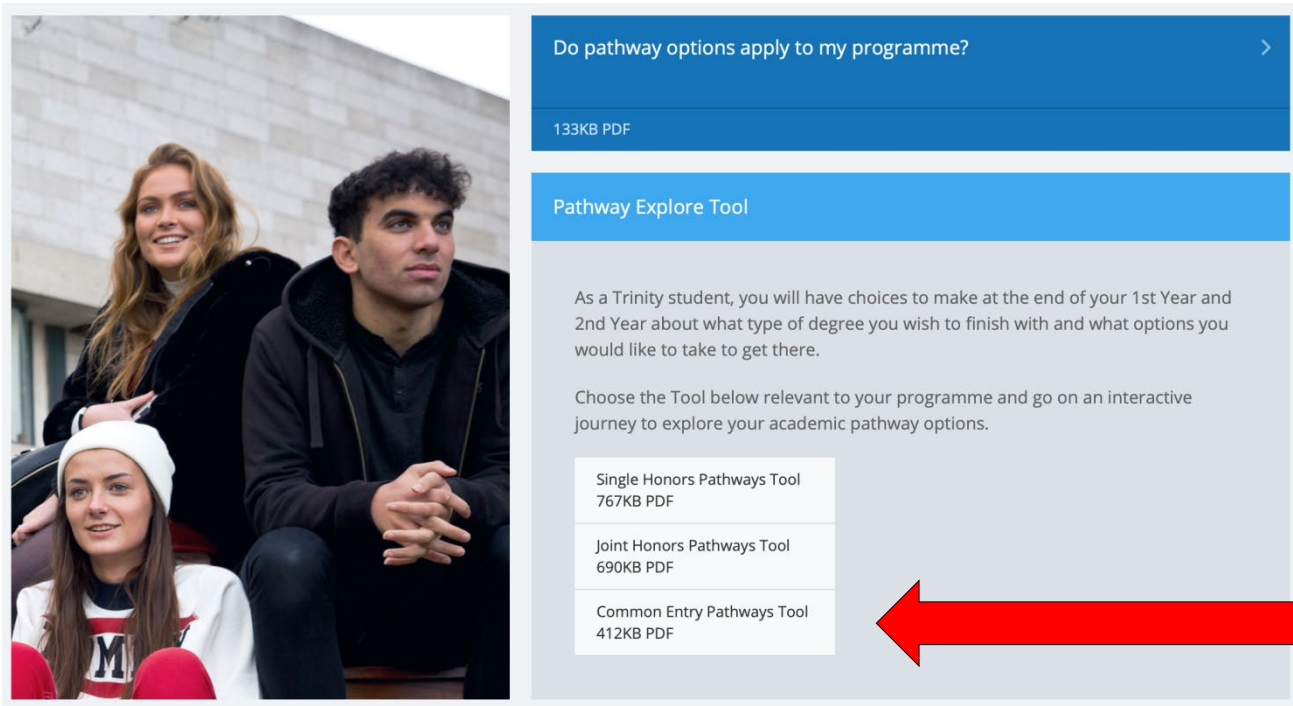
Opportunity to study abroad – in Europe and the World – in 3rd year.

Capstone project (20 ECTS) undertaken in all 4th years.

See BESS handbook for full details.

Pathway Explore Tool

<https://www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate/your-trinity-pathways/>



Do pathway options apply to my programme? >

133KB PDF

Pathway Explore Tool

As a Trinity student, you will have choices to make at the end of your 1st Year and 2nd Year about what type of degree you wish to finish with and what options you would like to take to get there.

Choose the Tool below relevant to your programme and go on an interactive journey to explore your academic pathway options.

- Single Honors Pathways Tool
767KB PDF
- Joint Honors Pathways Tool
690KB PDF
- Common Entry Pathways Tool
412KB PDF

Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/bess/current/faq/>

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How do I contact my lecturers?

For contact information regarding the academic staff in the four BESS disciplines please visit the following websites:

- [Business](#)
- [Economics](#)
- [Political Science](#)
- [Sociology](#)

BESS Programme Administration

Office: Room 3023, Level 3, Arts Building

Administrator: Martina Ní Chochláin

Email: bess@tcd.ie (giving your student number)

Don't be a stranger! Open every day, email/call by in person



Martina Ní Chochláin

- Annual/Re-assessment Progression & Publication of Results
- Mark Changes
- Timetabler
- Course Regulations
- Management of Course Handbook/Web Site
- Transcripts of Results
- General Course Queries – If I can't help you personally, I'll know someone who can!



We are here to help!

- BESS website www.tcd.ie/bess
- BESS Handbook
- BESS Administration and Directors
- Your Module Lecturers
- Module Teaching Assistants
- Your College Tutor
- Student Learning Development
- Mathematics Help Room <https://maths.tcd.ie/outreach/helproom/>



Important BESS Rules (1)

Attend your lectures and tutorials!

Lectures and tutorials are compulsory!

- Students with significant level of **absenteeism** can be deemed non-satisfactory (“NS”) and prevented from sitting final examinations!

Some tests may take place during Michaelmas and Hilary Terms (e.g. in modules with continuous assessment).

Lecture, test and exam scheduling is done by central College and students are generally informed at the same time as academic staff

Attend your lectures and classes

“Expected” grade=>	I	II.1	II.2	III/Fail	Total
Virtually all (> 90%)	43%	49%	29%	14%	30%
Most (> 66% but < 90%)	43%	35%	46%	42%	40%
Around half (> 33% but < 66%)	14%	14%	21%	32%	24%
Not many (> 10% but < 33%)	0%	3%	1%	6%	3%
Hardly any (< 10%)	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Important BESS Rules (2)

Keep updated and communicate properly

Check your college emails daily!

Only use your official college email address (...@tcd.ie)

➤ You cannot expect response to private email accounts!

Be polite and respectful when writing emails to college staff

Write concise emails that state clearly your concern

➤ Always provide your course and student ID in emails!

➤ Configure a signature including your course name and student ID.

Important BESS Rules (3)

What to do if ...

... you are ill for tests and/or examinations?

- Absences are excused only with a medical certificate or equivalent (communicate with/via your College Tutor), need to do this immediately.
- Absence is not the same as getting zero. If you fail to turn up to an exam you need to explain it formally to the college through your tutor.
- The assumption is that if you sit an exam then you were healthy. Typically it is not possible to claim illness after an exam.

Important BESS Rules (4)

What to do if ...

... you are unable to submit an assignment on schedule?

- Contact your tutor and the lecturer concerned, preferably before the deadline.

... you are unable to attend a mandatory class?

- Contact your tutor and the lecturer concerned, preferably before the class is taking place.

Next week

- Two hours of lectures in each of the modules.
- In the first lecture the requirements and rules of the module will be explained, so make sure you attend.
- Usually, no seminars or tutorials in week 1 (but check module descriptions)
 - Seminar/tutorial groups assigned via SITS.
 - Only in exceptional cases, you can request a change of tutorial group by contacting the relevant departmental office (not the Course Office).

Your college timetable

- Your lectures and tutorials/seminars will be available on my.tcd.ie
- Along with your module choices, it also contains information on where the lectures and seminars will take place
- It may include optional courses that are available on learning about plagiarism and academic integrity; navigating the library; engaging with student development



Soon / near future

- Get in contact with your **College Tutor**.
- Get in contact with **Student 2 Student (S2S)**.
- Maintain **steady progress** with your modules.
- Check your **college email regularly** (communication from the Course Office will be via your TCD email address only).
- Get to know your **classmates**.
Be inclusive and have different friends.

Making your voices heard

- **BESS:** student representative on the programme committee.
- **Students' Union:** class reps who meet with individual Department Heads on a regular basis.
- **Module evaluations by students:** at the end of Hilary and Michaelmas terms.
(http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/student-evaluations/YouSaid_WeDid.php)
- Each year is invited to partake in a **Course Evaluation Survey**.
- **Problems with a module?** – in general, if possible bring it up with the module lecturer in the first instance.
- **Individual/personal problems?** – discuss with your **College Tutor** and there's also the **counselling service** and peer-support offered by **Student 2 Student (S2S)**.

The Trinity Experience

<https://www.tcd.ie/students/clubs-societies/>

Wider student life is important, and BESS provides plenty of scope for engagement in a wide range of activities.

50 sports clubs, 120 societies.

Some societies seem particularly suited to BESS Students

**DUBES – Dublin
University Business &
Economic Society**

AIIESEC

Upstart

**Political Science
Society**

Foresight

**Mature Students
Society**

Social Studies Society

Enterprise Trinity





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And Finally....

**Enjoy your studies on the BESS Programme
at Trinity College Dublin!**

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