The School of History & Geography offers modules to develop research skills, an in-depth knowledge of historiography and transferable skills that may be applied to various careers within disciplines to students pursuing a 4-year PhD programme.

While the PhD will be examined solely on the basis of the thesis produced, students may take the following modules to enhance their knowledge in the disciplines of History & Geography and to develop writing and other academic skills. Students can take:

- Up to 20 credits of core discipline-specific modules
- 10 credits of core generic and transferable skills
- Up to 20 additional credits for selected elective modules

Mandatory modules
The policy of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences requires that during their first year of registration all students complete the relevant stream of the self-directed ‘Research Integrity Online Training Module’. This is available online through the Graduate Studies Office’s Loop page. All students who are assigned teaching-related responsibilities are strongly encouraged to complete module GS602 Postgraduate Tutoring Principles and Practice.

Registration
Students complete a pre-registration form with their Supervisor to agree their work plan and submit this to the Faculty Research Administrator. Once approved, they register for modules on their portal page and through the Faculty’s GTE programmes.

Along with level 9 modules, appropriate level 8 modules may be taken following discussion with the Supervisor and module coordinator. GTE modules taken should be noted in the student’s annual progress report (PGR2), which should also include confirmation that mandatory courses have been taken.
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Core Discipline-Specific Skills

- Interpretation and Argument in History Writing (HY509)
- Research Methods (HY510)
- Ireland in the Twentieth Century: Crisis, Continuity and Change (HY511)
- Ireland’s landscapes: from Plantation to Celtic Tiger (GY501)
- The Irish Revolution in a Revolutionary World (HY512)
- Gender and Society in Ireland since 1867 (HY513)

Core Transferable Skills

- Research Integrity Online Training Module (non-credit)
- Postgraduate Tutoring Principles & Practice (GS602)
- Strategies for Academic Writing (GS608)
- Personal & Professional Planning & Development (HR610)

Elective Modules and Training

- Philosophy Reading Group (non-credit)
- Uaneen Non-Contributing Module

Students are also encouraged to engage with centrally-offered workshops and seminars, external conferences and summer schools which align with their development needs at a given time.