Programme Regulations 2022-2023

Programme Title:	**BA in Humanities**
Programme Code	**BA**
Offered on a full-time or part-time basis	**Online Distance Education**

Note: *Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards, which can be found at https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/Policies-and-Regulations.shtml,and the Course Handbook.*

**1.	Programme Specific Rules and Requirements**

*1.1	Calculation for the Award Classification*

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For BA in Humanities students who have completed at least one post-foundation in or before the 2015-2016 academic year:
- The BA in Humanities degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed twelve modules (180 ECTS credits):
  - of which at least two modules and not more than four should be at foundation level;
  - four post-foundation modules should be in one subject passed at foundation level;
  - other post-foundation modules may be in another subject, or in a combination of subjects passed at foundation level (exemption from a module is the equivalent of successful completion of a module, non-specific foundation module exemption is the equivalent of having completed a foundation module);
- The classification of award will be based on module marks obtained at the first attempt in the four highest post-foundation modules, of which no more than three may be in one subject. These post-foundation modules are known as the reckonable modules.
- The average of the module marks obtained at the first attempt in the post-foundation reckonable modules is known as the precision mark.

- Where the original precision mark is less than 40%, and the student subsequently successfully completes the requisite credits, the student will be awarded a Third Class Honours degree irrespective of the final marks achieved

To obtain an award at a specific classification, students must achieve the following:

1st Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 70
Second Class Honours, Grade I	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 60
Second Class Honours, Grade II	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 50
Third Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 40

For BA in Humanities students who have not completed a post-foundation module in or before the 2015-2016 academic year:
- The BA in Humanities degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed twelve modules (180 ECTS credits):
  - of which at least two modules and not more than four should be at foundation level;
  - four post-foundation modules should be in one subject passed at foundation level;
  - other post-foundation modules may be in another subject, or in a combination of subjects passed at foundation level (exemption from a module is the equivalent of successful completion of a module, non-specific foundation module exemption is the equivalent of having completed a foundation module);
  - two modules must be at advanced level.
- The classification of award will be based on module marks obtained at the first attempt in the eight highest post-foundation modules. These post-foundation modules are known as the reckonable modules.
- The average of the module marks obtained at the first attempt in the post-foundation reckonable modules is known as the precision mark.
- Where the original precision mark is less than 40%, and the student subsequently successfully completes the requisite credits, the student will be awarded a Third Class Honours degree irrespective of the final marks achieved

To obtain an award at a specific classification, students must achieve the following:

1st Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 70
Second Class Honours, Grade I	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 60
Second Class Honours, Grade II	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 50
Third Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 40

1.1.2 Calculation for the Award Classification: Diploma in Humanities

- Students may exit the programme with a Diploma in Humanities after successful completion of eight modules (120 ECTS credits), of which at least two modules and not more than four should be at foundation level;
- The Diploma will be awarded only to those students who wish to terminate their studies on the programme and who apply to be conferred with the award.
- The classification of award will be based on module marks obtained at the first attempt in the four highest post-foundation modules. These post-foundation modules are known as the reckonable modules.
- The average of the module marks obtained at the first attempt in the post-foundation reckonable modules is known as the precision mark.
- Where the original precision mark is less than 40%, and the student subsequently successfully completes the requisite credits, the student will be awarded a Third Class Honours Diploma irrespective of the final marks achieved.

To obtain an award at a specific classification, students must achieve the following:

1st Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 70
Second Class Honours, Grade I	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 60
Second Class Honours, Grade II	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 50
Third Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 40

1.2 Monitored Attendance

Attendance at tutorials is not usually compulsory but some modules do involve mandatory tutorials/workshops. Non-attendance at a mandatory tutorial/workshop will result in a student being unable to pass the associated module. Mandatory tutorials/workshops, and/or related assessments, cannot be postponed or submitted as late assignments.

2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

3. Progression

3.1 Credits for Progression

As the programme is continuous, there is no annual progression. The maximum number of modules a student may register for in one academic year is 4 modules.

Particular modules cannot be taken in combination, and certain modules cannot be taken without another module/other modules having previously been successfully completed (please see the relevant guide for module selection/registration schedule for full details).

3.1 *Exit Awards*

Upon the successful completion of 120 credits, students may choose to exit with a Diploma in Humanities.

Upon the successful completion of 180 credits, students may choose to exit with a BA in Humanities.

See item 1.1 for information on the calculation of the award classification.

4. Compensation

Compensation is not permitted on any modules on this programme.

5. Resit Categories

The resits offered for the August examinations diet vary depending on the module to be re-taken. The following is an explanation of the resit categories. All modules fall into category 1.

Resit category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module.

Resit category 2: No resit is available where the module is 100% assessed by Continuous Assessment.

Resit category 3: No resit is available for the continuous assessment component and the examination must be re-taken.