

# Module Selection Guidelines

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1. Select modules open to your stream (**HMSAO, BSSAO, ECSAO and SHSAO**) and ensure it runs in your chosen Semester of Study (e.g. 'fall' or autumn is Semester 1 and spring is Semester 2)
2. Always check suitability of modules with your home university
3. Please choose modules suited to your own situation e.g. if a student wishes to study at DCU for the FALL and does not wish to travel back to DCU for January exams, select all 100% CA Modules
4. Look at the academic structure heading on the module lists – this is the breakdown of exams and assessments. Some modules are 100% CA (continuous assessment) which means no end of term exam and you will be assessed on an ongoing basis through essay, project work or another assignment. Some modules may have a 50% exam and 50% CA structure
5. Some modules are examined by 100% Continuous Assessment – hence there is no examination element
6. Ensure you submit or consider at least 8-10 modules when making your choices. As timetables are only available on arrival, two subjects may clash and on occasion. In this event, you can draw from your alternative choices
7. Modules at level 5 or above are for Masters Level Students only – e.g. MM503, CM510 or CA642 etc
8. Some modules may require a pre-requisite – particularly in Science or Engineering. Students should check with the teacher at the first lecture if unsure. Details will be available on the Module Descriptors which can be found on the Website or through your module lists
9. Some modules beginning with EN or FC may be suitable for non-native English Speakers only eg. EN115 and FC002, thus unsuitable for English Speaking students – choose carefully and read the module descriptor
10. **Students may only select up to 30 ECTS credits per semester or 60 ECTS credits over the full academic year – (5 ECTS credits is equivalent to 3 USA credits). If students are over this, they will be asked to deregister so make sure you are not over registered**
11. Students may change modules to other available modules within the allowed timeframe by submitting the Orange Form to the International Office Support Desk in the Henry Grattan Building on the ground floor. There is a two week window at the beginning of each semester for change however we advise that you have your modules selected as soon as possible so that you do not miss lectures
12. Students will be examined in January or May (depending on the semester) if the chosen module has an exam element
13. Students should check the modules they are registered for by logging into their portal page using the User Name and Password provided on the initial registration slip. ***Students should always check to ensure they are registered correctly, particularly before examinations.***