Humanities and Social Sciences (HMSAO) at DCU – Study Abroad

The HMSAO Stream offers a wide range of modules for students majoring in the following areas:

- Communications and Journalism
- History and Geography
- English
- Law and Government
- Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies
- Theology
- Philosophy
- Music

HMSAO offers a limited choice of classes in the following classes:

- Business
- STEM subjects
- General Education
- STEM Education and Global Studies
- Policy and Professional Practice in Education
- Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education
- Human Development

See 2019 / 2020 Academic Year Listings for HMSAO

When choosing modules, it is important to note the following:

1. Students must choose modules from one stream.
2. Modules in Green on the list are 100% Continuous Assessment (CA).
3. Examinations take place in January for those modules with an exam element (example 50% CA and 50% Exam will mean an exam in January). If a student plans to go home for Christmas in Semester 1 and does not plan to return to DCU for exams, they should choose 100% CA only.
4. Repeat examinations take place in August at DCU.
5. Select Semester 1 modules from list if coming in Semester 1.
6. If planning to come for the full academic year, modules ‘0’ open for selection as well as ‘1’ and ‘2’ (Year long, Semester 1 and Semester 2).
7. Module timetables are never finalised until the beginning of Semester. For this reason, students should have extra modules pre-approved (in addition to the modules listed on application form). Modules on the application form are registered in advance of student arrival if available.
8. Always check the module lists prior to arrival to ensure modules are still available. (Lists updated from year to year (you may have selected from a previous list)).
9. Caution: Module timetables for many Year 3 modules will be front-loaded (particularly in STEM areas) and so they may not suit overall timetables. When choosing STEM, aim for years 1, 2 and 4.
10. Always read module descriptors carefully and check module with lecturer at first lecture if you are unsure of your suitability. (Students can submit a ‘change your mind’ on arrival).