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 from one stream only meaning you cannot choose from both HMSAO and BSSAO for example.
2. Classes in Green on the list are 100% Continuous Assessment (CA).
3. Examinations take place in January for those classes with an exam element (example 50% CA and 50% Exam will mean an exam in January). If you plan to go home for Christmas in Semester 1 and do not plan to return to DCU for exams, you should choose 100% CA only.
4. Repeat examinations take place in August at DCU.
5. Ensure you are looking at Semester 1 classes if you are coming in Semester 1.
6. If you are planning to come for the full academic year, modules ‘0’ are open to you as well as ‘1’ and ‘2’ (Year long, Semester 1 and Semester 2).
7. Class timetables are never finalised until the beginning of Semester. For this reason, students should have extra modules pre-approved (in addition to the classes listed on application form). Classes on the application form registered in advance of your 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: Class 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 class with lecturer at first lecture if you are unsure of your suitability. (You can always ‘change your mind’).