Science and Health Sciences at DCU (SHSAO) – Study Abroad

Choose Science and Health Sciences at DCU. DCU’s Faculty of Science and Health (DCU’s largest faculty) is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in scientific innovation and health transformation. The team are committed to delivering an education that will equip students with a skill set appropriate to a successful and rewarding career that is of global significance and has direct social, environmental and economic benefit. The SHSAO stream offers an array of modules from a number of Degree Programmes from the Faculty. Students may still attend modules in other areas aside from Science and Health Sciences. The SHSAO Stream offers a wide range of modules for students majoring in the following areas:

- Health and Human Performance
- Biotechnology
- Chemical Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Health Sciences (Nursing, Psychology and Community Health)
- Mathematical Sciences

Limited choices of modules are available from the following areas in other disciplines

- Communications and Journalism
- Business
- Law and Government
- Applied Languages
- Intercultural Studies

See 2019 / 2020 Academic Year Listings for SHSAO

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).