



Dublin City University
National Institute for Digital Learning
Open Education Unit

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (Psychology Major)

Programme Regulations 2015-2016

1. Programme-specific rules and requirements¹

The Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (Psychology Major) degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed twelve modules (180 ECTS credits). The classification of the award will be based on post-foundation module marks obtained at the first attempt, based on the following weighting:

- One third from the average of the six intermediate level module marks
- Two thirds from the average of the three advanced level module marks

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 (Ref.: DCU M&S 8.1.1.)

Exit Award

Students may exit the programme with a Diploma after successful completion of eight modules (120 ECTS credits), of which at least six must be psychology modules.

Assessments

- Some forms of continuous assessment cannot be postponed, even for Category 1² modules, for example online activities that occur during specific times of the

¹ As this is an online distance education programme, students require a high degree of specification on programme regulations and procedures (as they do not have access to many of the informal channels available to full-time on-campus students). Therefore, in common with all other Open Education programmes, students are provided with a detailed Course Handbook which contains the programme's regulations and procedures.

academic year, where students work in groups (discussions, debates, peer review, group project work etc.). This type of continuous assessment cannot be postponed as its essential element, communication/collaboration/producing work with others, cannot be simulated outside of the original designated time-frame.

- In PY320 the only assessment that can be postponed is the research project. The research project can only be postponed where a student has: received ethical approval for their project; completed data-collection; and has received sufficient guidance from their supervisor such that they can complete the project without further supervisor support. This facility to postpone the research project is only in place so that students who are significantly affected by extenuating circumstances at the latter stages of their project can gain access to further time to complete their research project.
- In PY320 no resit is available for the research project, or the assessments that are part of the preparation of the research project, as it is not feasible for a student to produce a resit research project.
- PY110, PY220 and PY320 involve mandatory tutorials/workshops/research schools.
- The completion of the PY320 independent research project involves a successful application for ethical approval of the project. If ethical approval is not granted for a project a student cannot proceed with the module.

2. Derogations from Marks & Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

3. Progression

A student can only register for an intermediate module in Psychology if they have successfully passed PY100: Psychology Foundation module and PY110: Exploring Psychological Research. A student can only register for an intermediate module in Sociology if you have successfully passed Soc1: Sociology Foundation. The maximum number of

² Category 1 modules have resit opportunities for the continuous assessment and examination (where the module has an examination) elements. Students take resit assessments where they fail a module following the summer Progression and Awards Board.



modules that can be registered for in an academic year is four (however, please note that there are a limited number of possible module combinations where four modules can be taken at one time. Also, please note that, in a student's first year, they can take a maximum of the three foundation level 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).

See [here](#) for guides to module selection (registration schedules). These contain the full list of progression rules and guidelines.

4. Compensation

All modules on this programme are non-compensatable.