



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programme Regulations 2019-2020¹

Programme Title: BA in Communication Studies

Programme Code CS

Offered on a full-time or part-time basis Full-time

Note: *Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards which can be found at <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/examinations/index.shtml>*

1. Programme-specific rules and requirements

1.1 Calculation for the Award Classification

Update, May 2020:

Please note that due to alternative arrangements put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been agreed that Year 1 and Year 2 marks achieved in the **2019-2020 academic year** will not be included in the degree award classification of final-year students in future years. For final-year students in 2019-2020, the Year 1 and Year 2 contributions will be included as normal and as outlined below.²

The calculation of the final year award classification includes contributions from previous years' results as follows:

<i>Year/ contribution</i>	<i>Contribution to the award classification</i>
Year 1	10%
Year 2	45%

2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

¹ Updated May 2020: see Section 1.1

² Approved by DCU Registrar / Vice-President for Academic Affairs, 27th March 2020.

3. Progression

3.1 Credits for Progression

Students must have successfully completed a minimum of 60 credits in a study period in order to progress to the next study period.

3.2 Carrying modules into the next academic session

Under exceptional circumstances³, and subject to the approval of the Progression and Award Board, students may be permitted to progress to the next year of study carrying 10 credits, where the following criteria are met:

- 3.2.1 Should constraints prevent a student's participation in a carried module, the Programme Chair may allocate an alternative module or restrict the student's choice of optional modules.
- 3.2.2 In line with university regulations, a student will not be permitted to register for more than 75 credits in any one academic session / year.
- 3.2.3 Module(s) that have already been carried forward, cannot be carried forward into a further academic year

4. Compensation

Marks and Standards apply.

5. Resit Categories

The resits offered for the August examinations diet vary depending on the module to be re-taken. The following is an explanation of the resit categories. All modules except those specified below fall into category 1.

Resit category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module.

Resit category 2: No resit is available where the module is 100% assessed by continuous assessment.

Resit category 3: No resit is available for the continuous assessment component and the examination must be re-taken.

³ Where extenuating circumstances are to be taken into account, these must have been submitted by the student in line with normal procedure.