

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL LEARNING  
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## Programme Regulations 2016-2017

Programme Title: BA in English and History

Programme Code BAEH

Offered on a full-time or part-time basis Online Distance Education

**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>, and the Course Handbook.*

### 1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirements

#### 1.1 Calculation for the Award Classification

**For students who have completed at least one post-foundation in or before the 2015-2016 academic year:**

- The BA in English and History degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the twelve modules (180 ECTS credits) in the Literature and History subject streams (exemption of a module is the equivalent of successful completion of a module).
- No compensation is permitted between modules, i.e each module must be passed.
- The classification of the award will be based on the average of the module marks obtained at the first attempt in the four highest post foundation modules, of which two must be from Literature modules and two must be from History modules.
- 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.

To obtain an award at a specific classification, students must achieve the following:

1st Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 70
Second Class Honours, Grade I	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 60
Second Class Honours, Grade II	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 50
Third Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 40

**For students who have not completed a post-foundation module in or before the 2015-2016 academic year:**

- The BA in English and History degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the twelve modules (180 ECTS credits) in the Literature and History subject streams (exemption of a module is the equivalent of successful completion of a module).
- No compensation is permitted between modules, i.e each module must be passed. The classification of the award will be based on 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 four advanced level module marks
- The weighted average of the module marks obtained at the first attempt in post-foundation modules is known as the precision mark. 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.

To obtain an award at a specific classification, students must achieve the following:

1st Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 70
Second Class Honours, Grade I	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 60
Second Class Honours, Grade II	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 50
Third Class Honours	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 40

## 1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

Attendance at tutorials is not usually compulsory but some modules do involve mandatory tutorials/workshops. Non-attendance at a mandatory tutorial/workshop will result in a student being unable to pass the associated module. Mandatory tutorials/workshops, and/or related assessments, cannot be postponed or submitted as late assignments.

- HIS6 involves mandatory tutorials (typically) in September/October and March.
- LIT6 involves mandatory tutorials (typically) in September/October, January and April.

## 2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

## 3. Progression

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.

### 3.1 Exit Awards

- Students may exit the programme with a Diploma in English and History after successful completion of eight modules (120 ECTS credits).
- The Diploma will be awarded only to those students who wish to terminate their studies on the programme and who apply to be conferred with the award.
- The classification of award will be based on module marks obtained at the first attempt in the four highest post-foundation modules. These post-foundation modules are known as the reckonable modules.
- The average of the module marks obtained at the first attempt in the post-foundation reckonable modules is known as the precision mark.
- Where the original precision mark is less than 40%, and the student subsequently successfully completes the requisite credits, the student will be awarded a Pass Diploma irrespective of the final marks achieved.

To obtain an award at a specific classification, students must achieve the following:

Distinction	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 70
Credit	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 60
Pass	Average mark across the post-foundation reckonable modules of at least 40

## 4. Compensation

Compensation is not permitted on any modules on this programme.

## 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.

His5: Women in Irish and European Society	Category 2
His6: Researching Local History - People, Place & Time	Category 2
Lit6: Literatures of the Late Twentieth Century	Category 2

**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.