**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL LEARNING**

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# Programme Regulations 2016-2017

**Programme Title:**          **BA in Humanities (including BA Single Module [BASM])**

**Programme Code**          **BAH**

**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](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 BA in Humanities students who have completed at least one post-foundation in or before the 2015-2016 academic year:**
- The BA in Humanities degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed twelve modules (180 ECTS credits):
  - of which at least two modules and not more than four should be at foundation level;
  - four post-foundation modules should be in one subject passed at foundation level;
  - other post-foundation modules may be in another subject, or in a combination of subjects passed at foundation level (exemption from a module is the equivalent of successful completion of a module, non-specific foundation module exemption is the equivalent of having completed a foundation module);
- The classification of award will be based on module marks obtained at the first attempt in the four highest post-foundation modules, of which no more than three may be in one subject. 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 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 |
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| 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 BA in Humanities students who have not completed a post-foundation module in or before the 2015-2016 academic year:**
- The BA in Humanities degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed twelve modules (180 ECTS credits):
    - of which at least two modules and not more than four should be at foundation level;
    - four post-foundation modules should be in one subject passed at foundation level;
    - other post-foundation modules may be in another subject, or in a combination of subjects passed at foundation level (exemption from a module is the equivalent of successful completion of a module, non-specific foundation module exemption is the equivalent of having completed a foundation module);
    - two modules must be at advanced level.
- The classification of award will be based on module marks obtained at the first attempt in the eight 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 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 |
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| 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 |

**BA Single Module (BASM) Students:** BA Single Module (BASM) students take individual modules for personal enjoyment or continual professional development (CPD) purposes without exiting with an award. Therefore there are no BA Single Module (BASM) awards.

*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.

- SOC6B and PSY6A involve a mandatory introduction day (typically in September/October) and a 2.5 day mandatory research school (typically in January)
- HIS6 involves mandatory tutorials (typically) in September/October and March.
- LIT6 involves mandatory tutorials (typically) in September/October, January and April.
- PHIL6 involves mandatory tutorials (typically) in September/October and March.

## 2.    Derogations from Marks and Standards

The BA in Humanities programme has been granted a derogation from Section 5 of the marks and standards which gave students on a degree programme a maximum registration period of eight years [M&S, 5.1]. Under this derogation students on the BA (Hons) in Humanities have an unlimited registration period.

## 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 Humanities after successful completion of eight modules (120 ECTS credits), of which at least two modules and not more than four should be at foundation level;
- 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:

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| 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 |

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**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.

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| 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 |
| Phil6: Contemporary Philosophy | Category 2 |
| Soc6B: Research Methods and Project | Category 2 |
| Psy6A: Research Methods and Project | Category 2 |
| PY320: Advanced Research Methods and Project | 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.