



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL LEARNING
OPEN EDUCATION UNIT

Programme Regulations 2016-2017

Programme Title: BA in Humanities (Psychology Major)

Programme Code BAPY

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

- The BA 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

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
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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.

- PY110, PY220 and PY320 involve mandatory tutorials/workshops/research schools.

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 after successful completion of eight modules (120 ECTS credits), of which at least six must be psychology modules.

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.

PY320: Advanced Research Methods and Project*	Category 2
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*Please note: 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 research project a student cannot proceed to the data-collection phase.

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.