



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programme Regulations 2019-2020¹

Programme Title:	BA in Social Science and Cultural Innovation
Programme Code	BSSCI
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 2 2019-2020 marks will not be included in the degree award classification of final-year students in future years.² Therefore, the previous-element contribution outlined below will not apply.

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

Year contribution	Contribution to the award classification
Year 2	25%

1.2 Year Abroad

1.2.1 It will not be possible for any internal students to transfer to the BSSCI programme in Year 3 from another programme.

¹ Updated May 2020: see Section 1.1

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

Application Regulations

- 1.3 The Year Abroad option is available after Year 2 only.
- 1.4 Where places are limited, applicants for the Year Abroad are ranked on the basis of academic performance, whereby a weighted combination of precision marks from Year 1 and Semester 1 of year 2 shall be used to determine choice ranking. In certain cases exceptional circumstances may be taken into account when allocating destinations.
- 1.5 Students should have passed (except for extenuating circumstances or postponement) all their Semester 1 modules in Year 2 with a minimum classification of second class honours grade 2 before they apply for Year Abroad in spring 2020.
- 1.6 Students must have passed all Year 2 modules before being allowed to register for Year Abroad. Students carrying modules into Year 3 are not permitted to register for Year Abroad.
- 1.7 Applications are processed by the Year Abroad coordinator and the International Office, and the Programme Board shall be guided by him/her in relation to the number of available places and the ranking of applicants. Decisions of the Programme Board are final and binding.

Registration Regulations

- 1.8 Students taking the Year Abroad are required to sign a Learning Agreement that outlines the modules being taken at the host institution. Students are required to consult their Year Abroad coordinator when preparing their learning agreement and update it as needed during the year abroad.
- 1.9 Students must pass a minimum of 60 credits in order to pass the Year Abroad. These credits should be from modules which relate to the BSSCI programme, and should not be duplicates of modules which the student has already completed in year 1 or 2 of the programme.
- 1.10 Where 60 credits have not been secured, students are required to re-sit failed elements of the Year Abroad coursework at the relevant partner institution.
- 1.11 Where the relevant partner university does not allow for re-sits and where students have accumulated a minimum of 50 of the 60 DCU-equivalent credits required for progression in to Year 4, the relevant Head of School in conjunction with the programme Chair, may set re-sit assessments to be completed at DCU. The deadlines for such re-sit assessments shall be determined by the Programme Board or Standing Committee.
- 1.12 Students who fail the Year Abroad and who do not wish to engage in re-sits, or who do not wish to repeat the Year Abroad, must apply to transfer to the non-international strand of the degree (Year 3 in DCU). As this constitutes a **repeat year**, there are significant fees implications with students being liable for full fees. This issue is not overseen by the Programme Board or Programme Chair, and is dealt with and controlled by the DCU Fee Offices.

Information regarding host institutions students can study at while on Year Abroad

1.13 The Year Abroad is organised through the International Office in conjunction with the Year Abroad Coordinator and the Programme Chairperson. Information sessions will be held in winter 2019 and/or spring 2020, at which the relevant information will be made available to those interested in applying for the Year Abroad.

1.14 While efforts are made to accommodate students with their preferences for host institution, the Year Abroad Coordinator, Programme Chair, and the International Office must operate within specific pre-determined constraints.

2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

3. Progression

3.1 Credits for Progression

Students must successfully have 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 documented 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 up to 10 credits where the following criteria are met:

3.2.1 Should constraints prevent a student's participation in the carried module, the Programme Chair may allocate an alternative module or restrict the student's choice of optional modules.

3.2.2 The student will not be permitted in any circumstances to carry more than 10 credits into the following academic year.

3.2.3 In line with university regulations, a student will not be permitted to register for more than 75 credits in any one academic session / year.

3.2.4 Module(s) that have already been carried forward, cannot be carried forward into a further academic year

4. Compensation

Compensation may apply, within the regulations specified in Marks and Standards, to all modules on the programme of study.

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

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.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>
LC313	Year Abroad

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