

INCOMING STAGE 1 BSOCSC STUDENTS 2017-18

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When should I book a registration start time?

All incoming Stage 1 students must book their registration **Start Time** on **30 August 2017** between **8.00am and 1.00pm**. Check your UCD Connect e-mail account for confirmation of your start time.

When should I start to choose my modules?

Module registration for Stage 1 BSocSc students begins from **31st August 2017**. Check your UCD Connect e-mail account for your **Start Time** for module registration.

Modules have a limited number of places so it is important that you select your modules as early as possible.

Should I wait until Orientation to begin my registration?

No. You must register to your chosen modules as soon as module registration opens for you.

Must I attend Orientation?

Yes. Orientation is compulsory. During Orientation there will be a series of events that prepare you for your time in UCD. The information provided during orientation is crucial in smoothing your transition to university. For further information please see

<http://www.ucd.ie/students/newstudents/index.html>.

Will I receive any information about how to register?

The Registration Guide tells you how to register online. It can be accessed online at <http://www.ucd.ie/students/guides.html> . Detailed information on the Stage 1 structure of your BSocSc is also available [on this page](#). For the list of subjects you can take in the BSocSc Programme you can check the [Course Search](#) facility.

What are my choices for completing Stage 1?

You need **60 credits (12 modules)** to complete Stage 1. When you begin your registration you will find that you are already **pre-registered to 45 credits (9 modules)** in Social Science (4 modules in Social Policy, 4 modules in Sociology and 1 Interdisciplinary module). You will need to pick up another 15 credits (3 modules) to complete your Stage 1. You must choose **one additional subject (your 3rd subject)** and register to **at least 10 credits (2 modules)** in it. You will then have 5 credits (1 module) left. You may register to **another module in your 3rd subject** or register to **1 5-credit elective module**.

If you wish to take Economics as your 3rd subject, please contact the [Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Programme Office](#).

Do I need to think about Stage 2 when I am making my subject choices for Stage 1?

Yes. The subject choices that you make at Stage 1 will determine your pathway choices and subject combinations for Stage 2. If you register to a subject with core modules, you must complete and pass these core modules. This is particularly important if you are taking less than 20 credits in a subject. You can access pathway information [on this page](#).

Where can I find information about my subjects' progression requirements?

You can access progression information by clicking in the section *Students who will be in Stage 2 in 2017-2018 academic year* [on this page](#).

What about studying Psychology in DN550?

The only way to obtain a professional qualification in Psychology is to enter the BA Programme via the special direct entry route for Psychology (DN519). As a DN550 student, you can take Psychology as a subject in Stage 1. However, it is not possible to take Psychology as a Joint Major in Stage 2 Social Science. In Stage 2 Social Science, you may take elective modules in Psychology if you wish (if the modules have places available, fit with your timetable and you meet any pre-requisites).

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What should I do if a module that I wish to select is full?

There are physical limits in places on modules. If a module is full and the lecture theatre has reached its maximum capacity, unfortunately nothing can be done. You may inform the relevant School of your interest in the module so that they are aware that a demand exists, but you cannot ask them to put you into a module. Sometimes places become free but places cannot be reserved on waiting lists. If places become available they will be released from 3.00 pm each Monday to Friday during the online registration period. Details of modules for which places will be released will be updated daily at <http://www.ucd.ie/students/moduleplaces.html>.

Can I change my mind about my 3rd subject/modules?

Online registration remains open for a few weeks. If you wish to change a module, we advise you to use the 'swap' option within the 'drop-swap' menu on the SIS registration screens. This enables you to check if you can take a new module before you drop the old one.

Will I be able to change my mind about Semester 2 modules later?

There will be a change of mind period later in the year for Semester 2 modules.

Must I register to tutorials?

If the module has ***tutorials or other small group classes**, you are required to register and attend tutorials. The vast majority of modules will have associated tutorials. Attendance and participation will contribute towards your grade for the module, so you must register for them.

***You will see the terms, “tutorials”, “seminars”, “small group”, “lab session”, and “practical” for small group classes.**

Why am I unable to register to certain tutorials online?

Some schools wish to allocate students to particular tutorials, which means that you will not be able to select your tutorials in the SIS online registration screens. If this is the case you may see a message ‘Contact School Office’, and you must go to the relevant School to get yourself registered to a tutorial. Alternatively, you may see a message ‘Automatically Registered’ for certain modules. Labs, tutorials and other practical classes are automatically assigned to students during the online registration period.