

BSC (HONS) (GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SCIENCE) - CK122

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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Year 1

Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**45** credits) and **15** credits of elective modules:

GV1202	Politics of the European Union	5
GV1204	Democracy, Ideology and Utopia	5
GV1207	Politics and Government of Ireland	5
GV1215	Local Government and Politics of Ireland	5
GV1217	Introduction to Political Science	5
GV1218	International Politics	5
LW1316	Public Law	5
MG1010	Public and Private Management	5
SS1302	Social Policy Analysis	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **15** credits from the following:

AC1100	Introduction to Accounting (5)	
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)	
EC1203	Macroeconomic Context and Business (5)	
FE1024	Introduction to Development Economics (5)	
FE1400	Local Development and Public Health (5)	
FR0105	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners (5) ¹	
FR1005	French for Near Beginners (5) ²	
FR1105	Threshold French (5)	
FR1107	French for Reading Purposes I (5)	
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt (10)	
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)	
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)	
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (10)	
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)	
HS1009	Spanish Language (Post Leaving Certificate)	10
IS1106	Introduction to Information Systems (5)	
IS1107	Information Systems for the Networked Enterprise (5)	
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (10) ⁴	
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (10) ⁵	
MG1004	Principles of Management and Organization (5)	

Year 2

Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**50** credits) and **10** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

EC1202	Economic Reasoning for Business	5
GV2218	European Government and Politics	5
GV2229	Citizen Participation	5
GV2230	Public Management Concepts	5
GV2231	Public Management in Practice	5

GV2235	Policy Making in the European Union	5
GV2240	International Security	5
GV2241	Elections and Voting	5
PO3005	Issues in Irish Politics	5
LW2002	Public Law II	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **10** credits from the following:

GV3288	Key Global Institutions of the 2020s	5
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)	
CH2000	An Introduction to Business in China (10)	
EH2008	Introduction to Theories and Practices of Health Promotion (5)	
EH2009	Public Health Issues (5)	
FE2203	Food Economics (5)	
LW2100	Constitutional and Institutional Law of the European Union (5)	
LW2102	Economic Law of the European Union (5)	
MG1003	Introduction to Marketing (5)	
SS3011	Youth Policy and Practice (SS3011 replacing SS3009 for 2025-26)	5
SS3019	Science, Technology and Public Controversy (5)	
FR0105 & FR1005	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners and French for Near Beginners ^{1,2}	
FR1105 & FR1107	Threshold French and French for Reading Purposes I	
FR2105 & FR2107	Towards Vantage French and French for our World: Learning Together in Autonomy	
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt (10)	
GA2001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge I (10)	
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)	
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)	
GE2101	Integrated German Language Course (10) ⁷	
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (10)	
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)	
HS1009	Spanish Language (Post Leaving Certificate)	10
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (10) ⁴	
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (10) ⁵	
IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language (10)	

Year 3

Core Modules

Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**40** credits) and **20** credits of elective modules:

GV3210	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	5
GV3212	Global Political Economy - Trade	5
GV3215	Politics of the United States of America	5
GV3217	Global Political Economy - Finance	5
GV3226	Political Science Methods and Methodology	5
GV3408	The Irish Planning System	5

Work Placement

GV3102	Work Placement ⁶	10
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Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **20** credits from the following:

EC3007	Growth and Development in a Global Economy (5)	
FE3010	Gender and Development (5)	
FE3014	Sustainable Development: Environment, Economy and Society (5)	
GV3109	Climate Assemblies (5)	
GV3216	Contemporary Ecological and Anti-Capitalist Politics (5)	
GV3220	Chinese Politics (5)	
MG3012	Enterprise and Innovation (5)	
MG3021	Market Research (5)	
PA3204	Policy Issues in Social Markets (5)	
SC3004	The Sociology of Community (5)	
or 10 credits from the above list of electives and 10 credits of language modules from the following:		
CH3020	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (5)	
GE0104	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)	
GE0105	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)	

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GV3212	Global Political Economy - Trade	5
GV3215	Politics of the United States of America	5
GV3226	Political Science Methods and Methodology	5
GV3401	Government Placement New York State Assembly	10
GV3402	US State Government & Legislative Studies	20

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **15** credits from the following (students can only select elective modules taught in Semester 1): 15

FE3014	Sustainable Development: Environment, Economy and Society (5)	
GV3109	Climate Assemblies (5)	
GV3216	Contemporary Ecological and Anti-Capitalist Politics (5)	
MG3012	Enterprise and Innovation (5)	
MG3021	Market Research (5)	
SC3004	The Sociology of Community (5)	

Year 4

Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**20** credits) and **40** credits of elective modules, which must include at least 20 credits of GV modules:

Core Modules

GV4202	Government Research Dissertation	10
GV4414	Contemporary Debates in Ireland	5
GV4415	Contemporary Debates in the EU	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **40** credits from the following, of which 20 credits must be made up of either GV or PO modules, or a combination of both subjects. 40

EC3127	Economics and the Labour Market (5)	
EC3156	Environmental Economics: The Problem of Climate Change (5)	
EH4005	Health Services (5)	
FE4005	Advanced Programme Planning and Policy Processes (5)	
FE4414	Co-operative Banking (5)	

GV4401	Global Governance (5)	
GV4409	Political Ideologies and Social Change (5)	
GV4410	Democracy: Theories and Innovations	5
GV4412	Public Finance - Theory and Practice (5)	
GV4416	European Security (5)	
GV4102	Women, Gender and Politics (5)	
MG2001	People and Organisation (5)	
MG2008	Business Ethics and Governance (5)	
SC2004	Sociology of Politics, Power, and Ideology (5)	
SC3029	Sociology of the Environment (5)	
LW2211	Principles of Public International Law (5)	
AS1501	Japanese Language Level 1 (10)	
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I (10)	
CH3021	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (10)	
FR0105 & FR1005	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners and French for Near Beginners ^{1,2}	
FR1105 & FR1107	Threshold French and French for Reading Purposes I	
FR2105 & FR2107	Towards Vantage French and French for our World: Learning Together in Autonomy	
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt (10)	
GA2001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge I (10)	
GA3001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge (10)	
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) (5)	
GE0008	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) (5)	
GE2101	Integrated German Language Course (10) ⁷	
GE3101	Advanced Integrated German Language Course (10) ⁸	
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level) (10)	
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)	
HS1009	Spanish Language (Post Leaving Certificate)	10
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian (10) ⁴	
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian (10) ⁵	
IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language (10)	
IT3101	Advanced Italian Language (10)	

¹ FR0105 Introduction to French : Complete Beginners may only be taken by complete beginners.

² FR1005 French for Near Beginners may not be taken by students who have studied French to LC level.

³ GE0003 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1 and GE0004 German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 must be taken together.

⁴ IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian Students wishing to take IT1102 Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian are recommended to have Leaving Certificate or equivalent in Italian or Common European Framework level A1.

⁵ IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian - Students wishing to take IT1109 Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian are recommended to have a minimum of Grade H4 in another modern continental language, or Irish, Latin or Greek in the Leaving Certificate Examination (or equivalent).

⁶ After the Third University Examination, students must also undertake a 12-week period of work placement (GV3102 Work Placement - 10 credits). The Placement module shall be assessed on a pass/fail basis, and must be passed in order to graduate with Honours. Attaining the

requisite competencies standard shall be considered a pass; failure to meet the requisite competencies standard shall be considered a fail. (Full details of the placement are contained in "Placement Policy and Procedures for the BSc (Hons) in Government and Political Science" which is available, on request, from the Department of Government and Politics).

⁷ GE2101 Integrated German Language Course is only available to students who have previously taken GE0005 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1) and GE0008 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2)

⁸ GE3101 Advanced Integrated German Language Course is only available to students who have previously taken GE0005 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1), GE0008 German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) and GE2101 Integrated German Language Course.

Note: The following conditions apply to Language modules:

- ***Students may not select a language module where there is a timetable clash with core modules, or which has already been taken at the same level in a previous year.***
- **GA and Language modules** - the level at which a student is permitted to take a particular GA or language module will be determined by an assessment carried out at the start of the first Semester, by Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge in the case of GA coded modules, and the relevant Department in the case of other language modules.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.