



UCD Social Sciences

BSc Social Sciences:

**Maximising your learning and engagement through
Modules and Other opportunities during stage 3**

Introduction

Stage 3 of the Social Sciences degree is an important year for you as a student. The focus of the year is to broaden your learning experiences to incorporate non-traditional classroom based activities. While some students may undertake a trimester/year exchange or a one trimester internship, there are also a range of exciting experiential learning modules here in UCD that will provide you with an opportunity to diversify your learning, develop wider transferable skills, and enhance your employability.

This document is a guide for students to make the most of the opportunities available to them during stage 3 in UCD. There are separate guides for students who will undertake [exchange programmes](#) or [internships](#) off campus.

Stage 3 Learning Outcomes

The modules available to you are designed to support you enhance the following skills, knowledge and competencies, and are known as learning outcomes:

- Develop personal and professional competencies.
- Develop skills to communicate information to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- Expand and critically evaluate subject-specific knowledge.
- Understand the relevance and application of academic knowledge to the real world.
- Enhance awareness of societal and global issues.

Experiential Modules in your majors:

All social sciences subjects offer modules during stage 3 which are experiential in nature.

Put simply, experiential learning describes the process of learning *through experience*. While there are different forms of experiential learning, reflecting on what you are actually doing plays an important role within this kind of learning. Most generally, students are much more active in this form of learning compared to other more traditional forms of teaching where students are, for example, asked to memorize content and teaching operates mostly through lectures in a non-interactive fashion.

Below is a list of experiential learning modules available to students in the 2020-2021 academic year. The specific choices available to you will depend on your subjects, and you will choose them as part of your normal registration. Subject specific modules will also be available as part of your stage 3 registration.

Major	Module Code	Module	Credits	Trimester
Archaeology	ARCH30770	Environmental Archaeology in Practice	10	Spring
Archaeology	ARCH30780	Archaeological experience	5	Summer
Economics	ECON30490	Experiential Module in Economics	5	Spring
Geography	GEOG30900	Overseas fieldtrip	10	Autumn
Geography	GEOG30890	Multi-media Geographies	5	Spring
ICS	IS30410	Web User experience Evaluation	10	Spring
Maths	MST30090	Skills for Math Sciences	5	Spring
Maths	MATH30340	Peer Assisted Tutoring	5	Autumn
Philosophy	PHIL30790	Animated Philosophy	5	Spring
Philosophy	PHIL30670	Practical Philosophy: work exp	5	Spring
Politics & IR	POL20240	Trump, Brexit & Global Pol	5	Spring
Politics & IR	DSCY10010	Global Development Goals	5	Spring
Social Justice	SSJ38260	Social Justice and the City	10	Autumn
Social Justice	SSJ38250	Social Justice Movements	10	Spring
Sociology	SOC30480	Broadcasting Sociology	10	Autumn
Sociology	SOC30540	Applied Sociology	10	Spring
Statistics	MATH30340	Peer Assisted Tutoring	5	Autumn
Statistics	MST30090	Skills for Math Sciences	5	Spring

Making the most of your electives

[Innovation Academy](#)

UCD Innovation Academy offers four elective modules open to undergraduate students in all schools across University College Dublin. Each class is a community of students from different disciplines and years.

Any three of these four elective modules can now be combined to form a 'Structured Elective' in Innovation for Change. Structured Electives will appear on your official UCD Transcript, and mean future employers will see that you have a block of credits in a specific area; in this case Innovation.

Structured Electives

Details on Structured Electives you may continue in Stage 3 are available [here](#).

Gaining other experience

UCD Careers Network offer a wider range of awards:

- [Advantage Award](#)
- [Funding for a SPARC project](#)
- [Skills for Working Life Programme](#)
- [Career Mentoring Programme](#)

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