Choosing your Courses

As a new undergraduate* student based on campus you are normally required to study 8 courses (each worth 15 credit points) during your first year – 4 in your first half-session (September to December) and 4 in your second half-session (January to May).

Depending on your degree programme, some of your courses will be required for your degree (prescribed) and you may be able to choose some yourself (optional). Before you choose your optional courses, spend some time thinking about your degree programme and the courses you might like to take. Try to keep open as many degree pathways as possible by choosing groups of courses rather than picking single courses at random.

The courses you can take will depend on your entry qualifications, any course entry conditions (pre-requisites), and your timetable. You will use MyCurriculum to make your course choices. MyCurriculum will guide you through the course selection process step-by-step.

You will select Prescribed Courses first followed by any optional courses. Optional courses fall into two categories: Enhanced Study and Other. All Joint Honours and Major-Minor degrees have Enhanced Study already built into them. Single Honours degrees do not and Single Honours students, except those studying Medicine or Dentistry, must choose Enhanced Study Courses.

### 1. Prescribed Courses

Prescribed courses (ie compulsory for your degree)

The University’s Calendar (abdn.ac.uk/registry/calendar) gives details of the courses you must study as part of your degree. The example to the right shows the courses a full-time Single Honours student in Year 1 of the MA Business Management programme must study.

Each course has a code which starts with two letters. These represent the course discipline, eg EC stands for Economics. The letters are followed by 2 digits representing the programme year (eg 1) and then the half-session in which the course is taught (0 means first half-session and 5 second half-session). In the example a student must register for the prescribed courses EC1006 and MS1009 in the first half-session and AC1515 and MS1009 in the second, totalling 60 credit points.

This leaves space for 60 credit points of optional courses to be chosen.

### 2. Enhanced Study Courses

Enhanced Study Courses are those which are not compulsory for your degree and are normally from another discipline.

Enhanced Study allows you to develop an appreciation of disciplines other than your own and broadens your experiences. Single Honours students normally take one Enhanced Study Course each half-session for their first two years of study and 30 credits across years three and four.

There are three types:

1. **Sixth Century Courses** invite you to consider different approaches to knowledge and enquiry as you look at issues affecting the world in which we live today. They are designed to help you develop a deeper critical understanding of your chosen area of study by setting the subject in a wider context.

2. **Sustained Study** allows you to focus on an area of study that is not your core subject for the duration of your first two years. Choosing this will cover your Enhanced Study requirements for both years.

3. **Discipline Breadth Courses** allow you to choose courses outwith your core subject. They might be related to your core subject or entirely unrelated - the choice is yours. You have the whole Catalogue of Courses to choose from.

### 3. Other Courses

Having chosen your Prescribed and, where applicable, Enhanced Study Courses, you should make up your remaining credits from courses of your choice. You should be aware that MA students must take no more than 30 credits from "science" courses, and BSc students no more than 30 credits from "arts" courses.

More information on courses can be found in the University’s Catalogue of Courses abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses

### Taught Postgraduate Students

Taught postgraduates follow a similar process to select their courses and should consult the Taught Postgraduate Guides available from the MyCurriculum website.

The Sir Duncan Rice Library, a 21st century space for learning and research (arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences) which also houses our Special Collections Centre, Taylor Library (law and official publications), and the Medical Library (health & nutrition, medicine and medical sciences). There are two museums on campus – King’s Museum and The Zoology Museum.

Key services and resources include:

- Over a million books, more than 500,000 e-books and over 25,000 e-journals
- Hundreds of study places in silent, quiet and group study areas
- Primo, a tool that searches across our catalogues, online databases and past exam papers
- Free optional lunchtime workshops
- Full IT services throughout the building, from PCs to wireless access
- An excellent support network of staff and resources including subject help, instructional talks, online information guides, vodcast demos on using databases, QR barcodes and social media.

Tours will be running Monday to Friday, from Wednesday 6th September to Friday 15th September at 10am and 2pm, starting from the Ground Floor near The Sir Duncan Rice Library Welcome Desk.

For more information on Library Services please go to abdn.ac.uk/library

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