InterDisciplinary Modules

ID1002  Sustainability: ensuring our common future
Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2
Description: Sustainability and sustainable development have been described as ‘the green narratives of our time’. But what do these much-used terms actually mean? Can they provide frameworks for solving real problems, or are they mere rhetoric? This module explores the diverse interpretations and critiques of sustainability, and discusses its application at local, national and global levels. It uses a wide range of case studies to illustrate sustainable solutions to pressing global issues (e.g. water resources; biodiversity; transport; energy). The module is collaboratively taught by staff from right across the University (Geography & Geosciences, Economics, International Relations, Biology, Chemistry, Divinity, History), reflecting the great breadth and relevance of sustainability concepts in today’s world.
Class Hour: 9.00 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
Teaching: Four lectures each week, two tutorials
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%
Re-Assessment: 2 Hour Examination.

ID2003  Science Methods
Credits: 10.0 Semester: 1
Availability: 2004-05
Description: This module provides an overview of the rationale, methods, history and philosophy of science. We explore the different definitions of science, the distinction between science and non-science, the design of experiments, errors in reasoning, critical thinking, personal experience and science, the process of science, anomalies and ethics and science. Case studies will include homeopathy, continental drift, autism and the MMR vaccination, (first) Gulf War Syndrome and the Loch Ness Monster. The module is collaboratively taught by staff from a number of schools in the University providing a useful methodological background for all science students.
Class Hour: 5.00 pm Monday, 5.00 pm Tuesday, 4.00 pm Thursday.
Teaching: Two lectures and one practical class.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, One-and-a-half hour Examination = 50%
Re-Assessment: 2 Hour Examination.

Music (MU) Modules
MU1003  Understanding Music
Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2
Description: This module provides an introduction to central elements in the philosophy, history and analysis of music, as well as a study of set works. In place of set works instrumentalists may choose an ensemble performance option.
Class Hour: 3.00 pm
Teaching: Four lectures and fortnightly tutorials.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%
Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

MU1004  Music Techniques
Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1
Description: Music Techniques offers student musicians diploma level tuition in harmony, counterpoint score reading and the evolution of orchestral instruments. A solo performance is required.
Class Hour: 3.00 pm
Teaching: Two lectures and one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%
Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%
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MU2002 Scottish Music

Credits: 20.0  Semester: 1
Prerequisites: MU1003 or MU1004

Description: Scotland’s role in European music is explored in this module. The course includes tutorials in either musical composition or Scottish musical issues.

Class Hour: 9.00 am.
Teaching: Two lectures and one tutorial.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%
Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

The details of the Honours modules – that is 3000 and 4000 level modules – which relate to the programmes listed in this section, are available in the Honours Course Catalogue.