



First Year Student Orientation 2009/2010

Welcome to the J.E Cairnes School of Business & Economics

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J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics

Bachelor of Commerce Degree

- Lectures commence on Monday as per timetables
- Traditional Academic Year: Sept. – May
- Semester One: Teaching ends Friday 4th December
- **Exam before Christmas – Introduction to Management**
- Individual Modules: Continuous Assessments
- Semester Two: Teaching ends Thursday 1st April
- Exams begin 23rd April 2010



B. Comm. Degree

Students are required to take **seven** modules:

1. Accounting	10 ECTS
2. Economics	10 ECTS
3. Management Information Systems	10 ECTS
4. Mathematics & Statistics for Business	10 ECTS
5. Introduction to Management	5 ECTS
6. Introduction to Marketing	5 ECTS
7. Business Law <u>or</u> Spanish <u>or</u> Italian <u>or</u> German	10 ECTS
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	Total: 60 ECTS



B. Comm. Degree: Optional subjects

Business Law - important for Accounting Exemptions at the end of your degree

Spanish or Italian or German

- Available as an alternative to Business Law
- Beginners or Advanced Level available. No previous knowledge of these languages is necessary for the Beginners course.
- If demand exceeds supply: selection based on aggregate Leaving Cert points and HC3 in a continental language
- To apply: complete application form in handbook
- End of Year: you *may* be eligible for transfer to 2nd yr. of B. Comm. International (or continue with regular 3-year B. Comm.)



Progression to Second Year

- Must pass ALL subjects in First Year to progress to second year
- Pass = 40% in all subjects
- “The 35% Rule”
Must obtain 35% or more in written exam for year’s work (continuous assessment) to be included
- Expectations



Progression to Second Year (ctd.)

Pass by compensation:

- Possible if it allows you to pass the first year as a whole
- What does pass by compensation mean?

You are allowed to pass by compensation in modules up to 20 ECTS credits at 35%, provided you have marks in other subjects equal to or greater than double the deficiency (between your mark and 40%) and you are passing the year overall.



Example of Student who passes

Exam Results Broadsheet

Course : BC1 Bachelor of Commerce

Assessment Sitting : First Sitting

Code : 1BC1

Academic Year : Unknown - 2008/2009

Module Type	Module	Weight	Marks%	Credits	Score	Result	Status
Core							
Accounting	AY102	10	84	10	840	1st class honours.	
Economics	EC118	10	71	10	710	1st class honours.	
Mathematics & Statistics for Business	MA114	10	89	10	890	Pass.	
Introduction to Management	MG110	5	76	5	380	1st class honours.	
Introduction to Marketing	MK101	5	82	5	410	1st class honours.	
Management Information Systems	MS102	10	75	10	750	1st class honours.	
Optional							
Business Law	LW160	10	53	10	530	2nd class hon grade 2.	
Overall Result:			75.17			Pass.	



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Core							
Accounting	AY102	10	64	10	640	Pass.	
Economics	EC118	10	58	10	580	Pass.	
Mathematics & Statistics for Business	MA114	10	66	10	660	Pass.	
Introduction to Management	MG110	5	64	5	320	Pass.	
Introduction to Marketing	MK101	5	71	5	355	Pass.	
Management Information Systems	MS102	10	35	10	350	Pass by compensation.	
Optional							
Business Law	LW160	10	53	10	530	Pass.	
Overall Result:			57.25			Pass.	



Example of Student who CANNOT pass by compensation

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Academic Year : Unknown - 2008/2009

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Module Type	Module	Weight	Marks%	Credits	Score	Result	Status
Core							
Accounting	AY102	10	41	10	410	Pass.	
Economics	EC118	10	35	0	0	Fail.	
Mathematics & Statistics for Business	MA114	10	22	0	0	Fail.	
Introduction to Management	MG110	5	67	5	335	Pass.	
Introduction to Marketing	MK101	5	24	0	0	Fail.	
Management Information Systems	MS102	10	41	10	410	Pass.	
Optional							
Business Law	LW160	10	25	0	0	Fail.	
Overall Result:			0			Fail.	



Examinations

Honours Classification by Subject Only (except Maths)

- 70% First Class Honours (H1)
- 60% Second Class Honours Grade 1 (H 2.1)
- 50% Second Class Honours Grade 2 (H 2.2)
- 40% Pass

First Year Examinations

- Students must present for the initial exam in a subject
- To defer for serious personal/medical reasons, you must seek permission from the School Office. Supporting documentation required.



Autumn (Repeat Examinations)

- Fail in summer: repeat failed subjects in August
- Fail in autumn: get exemptions in all subjects passed; repeat any failed subjects (40% required) at summer or autumn sessions of next academic year
- Two year rule: maximum 4 attempts to pass First Year.
- Must pass ALL subjects in First Year to progress to second year



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School Office

If you have any queries please contact the School Office, located on the top floor, Cairnes Building.

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Languages as an Option

- German, Italian, Spanish – available at Beginners and Advanced Level
- Continue a language you have already studied or take up a new one
- Why?



IBEC Press Release

- **The business arguments to support improved language skills are obvious. The Irish market for goods and services is extremely small and companies must look further afield for new customers and clients. Irish companies need staff that have the language skills required to develop their markets abroad’.**

The report by the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs, [published 2005], noted that: ‘the availability of an internal supply of foreign language skills will enhance the attractiveness of Ireland for foreign multi-nationals wishing to establish such activities.’

- 24 January 2006



Informal meetings

-  **GERMAN: MON 14th September, 4.00 pm in AM 204**
Ms. Doris Devilly, Arts Millennium Building 318
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-  **ITALIAN: MON 14th September, 12.00 noon in AM 215**
Dr. Laura McLoughlin, Arts Millennium Building 314
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-  **SPANISH: MON 14th September, 11.00 am in AM 109**
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