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INFORMATION & SUPPORT



When combining two subjects in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, you will be able to access the same information and support services as Single Honours students. These include central support services such as disability advice, money guidance, counselling and mental health services.

However, we understand that you may have some questions about the practicalities of studying two subjects. With that in mind, this guide details some of the key features of a combined degree, as well as where you can access assistance and advice relating to your studies.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES STRUCTURE



Degrees that combine two Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences subjects are typically referred to as combined degrees. In some cases (for example, French and German or Criminology and Sociology) your chosen subjects will be based in the same academic department. Other combinations will involve subjects from different academic departments.

Each of these departments will be based in one of the Faculty's four schools: School of the Arts; School of Histories, Languages and Cultures; School of Law and Social Justice; and the University of Liverpool Management School. If your chosen subjects are based in different schools, you will have contact with administrative and support services in both of them. The four schools and the academic departments in them are detailed on the next page.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES STRUCTURE

School of the Arts

- Architecture
- Communication & Media
- English
- Music
- Philosophy

School of Histories, Languages & Cultures

- Archaeology, Classics & Egyptology
- History
- Irish Studies
- Languages, Cultures & Film (Chinese, French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian, Film Studies)
- Politics

School of Law & Social Justice

- Law
- Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology

University of Liverpool Management School

- Business
- Economics

WELCOME WEEK



Throughout Welcome Week, there will be a wide variety of activities to help you with your transition to University, ranging from campus-wide events and online resources to introductory sessions hosted by the departments in which you will be studying. Download the My Liverpool smartphone app for a full list of events.

As someone studying a combined degree, you will need to consult the Welcome Week timetable for both of your chosen subjects. If you have not received your timetables already, you will be able to access them via your departmental welcome pages:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/welcome/welcome-get-ready/departmental-welcome/>

To help organise your time, you may wish to use the planner function of the My Liverpool app. This will help you to see if there are any timetable clashes between your two subjects. If there is a clash, don't worry. Just contact the relevant department using the information in the 'Useful Contacts' section on page 17 of this guide.

The Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences' Student Experience Team will also be on hand to assist with any queries you may have. You can contact us directly on HSSenq@liverpool.ac.uk.



INFORMATION & SUPPORT

STUDENT HANDBOOK



One of your main sources of information during your degree will be your student handbook. Each school produces its own handbook, providing guidance on key aspects of your student experience, such as assessment and feedback and procedures for reporting extenuating circumstances that may have affected your ability to study. If the subjects you are studying are based in different schools (see page 5), you should consult both handbooks. You will be told how and where you can access your handbook(s) during Welcome Week.

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE



Each School in the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences has a dedicated Student Support Centre providing administrative support for the duration of your studies. Staff in the centre will be able to assist you with a wide range of queries, including: registration and module changes; timetabling; coursework submission; examinations; and mitigating circumstances. As a combined degree student, you should direct your query to the support centre it is most relevant to.

LEARNING & TEACHING SUPPORT OFFICERS

If you are struggling with any aspect of University life, there are dedicated Learning and Teaching Support Officers (LTSOs) in each school who can help you. LTSOs can provide pastoral and academic support throughout your studies, as well as signposting you to specialised support if required. The guidance they provide is completely confidential and can be accessed either through pre-booked appointments or regularly scheduled drop-in sessions. If the two subjects you are studying are based in different schools, you are permitted to contact LTSOs from either school.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

All University of Liverpool students are assigned an Academic Advisor at the beginning of their degree. Their role is to provide appropriate support for the duration of your studies, helping you to achieve your academic potential.

You should be informed who your Academic Advisor is during Welcome Week and will have the opportunity to schedule appointments with them to discuss your progress at regular points throughout your degree.

COMBINED DEGREE SUBJECT CONTACTS

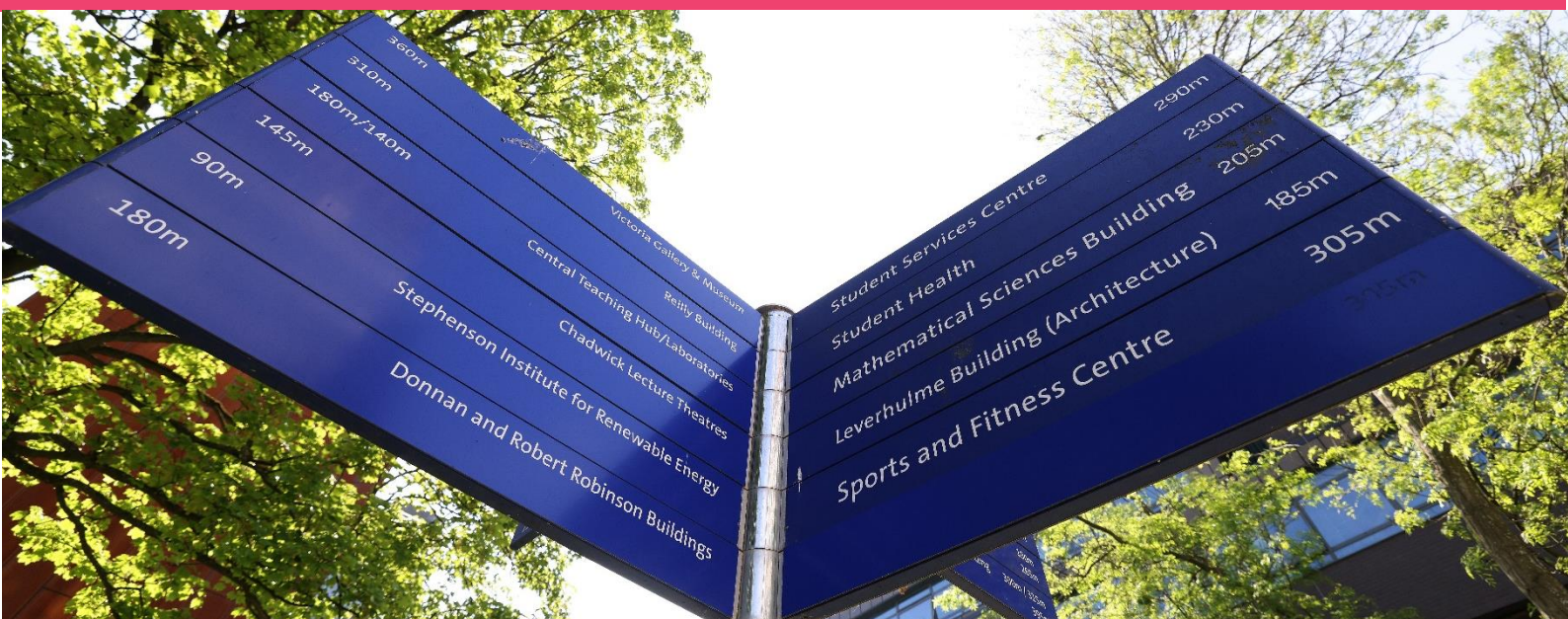
As a combined degree student, your Academic Advisor will be based in the 'owning department' (see pages 23–29) of the subject combination you are studying. However, there may be occasions when you require information or support relating to the other strand of your degree. To this end, there is additional guidance available to you as a student studying two subjects.

In addition to being able to access the Student Support Centre and LTSOs associated with either of your degree subjects, there is a dedicated combined degree subject contact in each department. They will be able to provide subject-specific advice about the options available to you at the end of your first year, along with information about module choices in the subject area they oversee.

Details of who the combined degree subject contact is in each department can be found on pages 18–22.



YOUR DEGREE PATHWAY



CAN I CHANGE THE WEIGHTING OF MY SUBJECTS?

Most combined degrees offer the opportunity to adjust the weighting of your chosen subjects by 25% at the end of your first year. This means that joint (50/50) programmes can be changed to a major/minor combination, whereby you take 75% of your credits in one subject and 25% in the other. Likewise, the weighting of most major/minor programmes can be adjusted to allow you to study either an equal number of credits in both subjects or to drop your minor subject and pursue a Single Honours degree in what had been your major subject.

However, there are some important exceptions that you need to be aware of:

- The weighting of Business or Economics cannot be increased, regardless of whether they constitute 75%, 50% or 25% of your degree.
- For 50/50 combinations involving Law, the Law component cannot be increased, due to mandatory module requirements for Qualifying Law Degrees. To practise Law after you graduate, you need to study the subject as either a single honours degree or as your major in a 75/25 programme.
- Social Policy and Chinese can only be studied at 50% or 25%.
- Basque, Catalan, Portuguese and Spanish can only be studied at 25%. Increasing the weighting of one of these subjects would mean studying 50% Hispanic Studies instead.

If you are unsure about the options that are available to you, please speak to your Academic Advisor or combined degree subject contact.

HOW DO I ADJUST THE WEIGHTING OF MY SUBJECTS?

You will be contacted by email early in the second semester of your first year. The email will include a form on which you can indicate whether and how you wish to adjust your subject weightings. Copies of this form may also be available in the Student Support Centres related to your programme and online.

If you wish to adjust the respective weightings of the subjects you are studying, the form will need to be signed by both your Academic Advisor and the relevant combined degree subject contact for your course. Completed applications should be returned to the email address or office specified on the form, with any changes to your degree coming into effect from the beginning of your second year.

If you do not wish to change the weighting of your subjects, you do not need to complete the form. You will simply continue on your existing pathway for the remainder of your degree.

WHEN WILL I HAVE TO DECIDE ON MY FINAL DEGREE COMBINATION?

Your final degree combination needs to have been agreed by the end of your first year. To allow us to make any necessary timetabling adjustments, however, we usually ask that completed transfer forms are returned by the end of March.

STUDY ABROAD



GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our programmes offer the option to study abroad for part of your degree. The University of Liverpool has partnerships with institutions across the world, with opportunities ranging from a semester or summer abroad to spending a year at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU), our pioneering joint-venture university in Suzhou, China.

As a combined degree student, study abroad opportunities will be available to you, providing at least one of your subjects has a compatible partner institution and you meet any specified entry requirements.

For more information on studying abroad, please visit:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/global-opportunities>

RULES & REGULATIONS



As a combined degree student, you will need to follow the subject-specific regulations for both strands of your degree. These can be found in the programme handbooks you should receive for each subject upon commencing your studies.

More broadly, you must also adhere to the University of Liverpool's general regulations at all times during the course of your studies.

The University of Liverpool has an institution-wide Code of Practice on Assessment which collates key policies and rules pertaining to assessment, as well as the principles that underpin them.

Within the Code of Practice, there are a number of appendices, detailing regulations such as the University's marking scale, degree classification system, examination regulations, and appeals and mitigating circumstances procedures.

To access the Code of Practice on Assessment, please visit:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-on-assessment/>

USEFUL CONTACTS



COMBINED DEGREE SUBJECT CONTACTS

Combined degree subject contacts can provide you with subject-specific advice for the strand of your degree based outside of your Academic Advisor's department. For example, if you are studying English and History and your Academic Advisor is based in the English department, you would speak to the subject contact for History if your query related to that subject. Combined degree subject contacts can also provide guidance on the options available to you at the end of your first year, as well as information about module choices in the subject area they oversee.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Website: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/arts>

Email: SSCArts@liverpool.ac.uk (general)
sotalts@liverpool.ac.uk (LTSOs)

Tel: 0151 795 0500

Locations: 19 Abercromby Square

COMBINED DEGREE SUBJECT CONTACTS

Communication & Media: Peter Goddard (P.Goddard@liverpool.ac.uk)

English: Dr Andrew Duxfield (duxfield@liverpool.ac.uk)

English Language: Dr Karl Simms (knsimms@liverpool.ac.uk)

English Literature: (Semester 1) Dr Esme Miskimmin
(Esmem@liverpool.ac.uk); (Semester 2) Dr Andrew Duxfield
(duxfield@liverpool.ac.uk)

Game Design: : Dr Paul Turowski (pturow@liverpool.ac.uk)

Music: Prof Kenneth Forkert-Smith (kmsmith@liverpool.ac.uk)

Music Technology: Prof Matthew Fairclough (mattf@liverpool.ac.uk)

Philosophy: Dr Nikolaos Gkogkas (Nikolaos.Gkogkas@liverpool.ac.uk)

SCHOOL OF HISTORIES, LANGUAGES & CULTURES

Website: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/histories-languages-and-cultures/>

Email: hlcenq@liverpool.ac.uk (general)

hlcasses@liverpool.ac.uk (assessment)

hlcereg@liverpool.ac.uk (module registration and timetabling)

hlcitso@liverpool.ac.uk (LTSOs)

Tel: 0151 794 2393 / 0151 794 2413

Location: 11 Abercromby Square

COMBINED DEGREE SUBJECT CONTACTS

Ancient History: Professor Colin Adams (cepa@liverpool.ac.uk)

Archaeology: Dr Rachel Pope (rep44@liverpool.ac.uk)

Chinese: Dr Aiqing Wang (Aiqing.Wang@liverpool.ac.uk)

Classics: Professor Colin Adams (cepa@liverpool.ac.uk)

Classical Studies: Professor Colin Adams (cepa@liverpool.ac.uk)

Egyptology: Professor Mark Collier (mcollier@liverpool.ac.uk)

Film Studies: Dr Samar Abdel-Rahman

(Samar.Abdelrahman@liverpool.ac.uk)

French: Dr Emeline Morin (Emeline.Morin@liverpool.ac.uk)

German: (Semester 1) Dr Andrew Plowman (afp0001@liverpool.ac.uk);

(Semester 2) Dr Lyn Marven (Imarven@liverpool.ac.uk)

Hispanic Studies: (Semester 1) Dr Marina Rabadan Gomez

(rabadan@liverpool.ac.uk); (Semester 2) Dr Nicola Bermingham

(N.Bermingham@liverpool.ac.uk)

History: Dr Roland Clark (clarkr@liverpool.ac.uk)

International Relations: (Semester 1) Dr Hannes Baumann (hbaumann@liverpool.ac.uk); (Semester 2) Dr Obert Hodzi (O.Hodzi@liverpool.ac.uk)

Irish Studies: (Semester 1) Prof Clare Downham (downham@liverpool.ac.uk); (Semester 2) TBC

Italian: (Semester 1) Dr Rosalba Biasini (rbiasini@liverpool.ac.uk); (Semester 2) Dr Barbara Spadaro (spadaro@liverpool.ac.uk)

Politics: (Semester 1) Dr Hannes Baumann (hbaumann@liverpool.ac.uk); (Semester 2) Dr Obert Hodzi (O.Hodzi@liverpool.ac.uk)

SCHOOL OF LAW & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Website: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice>

Email: slsjenq@liv.ac.uk (general)

slsjteach@liv.ac.uk (teaching and timetabling)

slsjsupport@liv.ac.uk (LTSOs)

Tel: 0151 795 0582

Location: The School of Law and Social Justice Building

COMBINED DEGREE SUBJECT CONTACTS

Criminology: Dr Leon Moosavi (moosavi@liverpool.ac.uk)

Law: Dr John Tribe (jtribe@liverpool.ac.uk)

Sociology: Dr Leon Moosavi (moosavi@liverpool.ac.uk)

Social Policy: Dr Leon Moosavi (moosavi@liverpool.ac.uk)



UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Website: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/management>

Email: ulmsugenq@liv.ac.uk (general)

ulmsltso@liverpool.ac.uk

Tel: 0151 795 3007

Location: University of Liverpool Management School Building

COMBINED DEGREE SUBJECT CONTACTS

Business: Nick Drape (ndrape@liverpool.ac.uk)

Economics: Nick Drape (ndrape@liverpool.ac.uk)



OWNING DEPARTMENTS



If the two subjects you are studying are based in different academic departments, responsibility for the administration of your degree programme will be overseen by one of them, which is typically referred to as the 'owning department'. The owning department will be where your Academic Advisor is based and will be your first point of contact for general enquiries related to your degree. Owing department details for both joint (50:50) and major/minor (75:25) programmes can be found on pages 24-29.

On joint degrees, you study an equal number of credits in each of your chosen subjects. These programmes will have the conjunction 'and' in the degree title (e.g. English and History). For major/minor programmes, you will study 75% of your credits in your major subject and 25% in your minor subject. Your programme will have the conjunction 'with' in the degree title (e.g. Law with Business) and the major subject will always be listed first.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

OWNING DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT COMBINATION

COMMUNICATION & MEDIA

- Communication and Media and Business
- Communication and Media and English Language
- Communication and Media and English Literature
- Communication and Media and Film Studies
- Communication and Media and Game Design Studies
- Communication and Media and Politics
- Communication and Media and Popular Music
- English and Communication Studies

ENGLISH

- English and Business
- English and Film Studies
- English and History
- English Literature and History
- English Literature and Philosophy

PHILOSOPHY

- Philosophy and English
- Philosophy and Politics

SCHOOL OF HISTORIES, LANGUAGES & CULTURES

OWNING DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT COMBINATION

ARCHAEOLOGY, CLASSICS & EGYPTOLOGY

- Ancient History and Archaeology
- Ancient History and Egyptology
- Archaeology and Classical Studies
- Archaeology and Classics
- Egyptology and Archaeology
- Egyptology and Classics

HISTORY

- History and Politics
- History and Ancient History
- History and Archaeology

LANGUAGES, CULTURES & FILM

- History and Film Studies
- Politics and Film Studies

*The owning department for all joint (50:50) programmes involving a language (e.g. French and Philosophy) will be Languages, Cultures and Film.

POLITICS

- Law and International Relations
- Politics and Economics

SCHOOL OF LAW & SOCIAL JUSTICE

OWNING DEPARTMENT

LAW

SUBJECT COMBINATION

- Law with Business
- Law with Criminology
- Law with Politics
- Law with Philosophy

**SOCIOLOGY,
SOCIAL POLICY &
CRIMINOLOGY**

- Criminology and Sociology
- History and Criminology
- Law and Criminology
- Politics and Criminology
- Social Policy and Criminology
- Sociology and Business
- Sociology and English
- Sociology and History
- Sociology and Politics
- Sociology and Social Policy
- Criminology with Sociology
- Criminology with Social Policy
- Sociology with Criminology
- Sociology with Social Policy

PROGRAMMES WITH A LANGUAGE AS THE MINOR SUBJECT

All combined degree programmes involving a language as a minor subject (i.e. when you study a language as 25% of your overall credits) are owned by the department where your major subject is based. For example, if you are studying Sociology with French, the owning department will be Sociology.



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