

Academic Year 2026/27

Bachelor of Arts in Combined Honours

UCAS Code: Y001 (3 years)

Bachelor of Arts in Combined Honours (with Year Abroad)

Internal Code: 1002U (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts in Combined Honours (with Work Placement)

Internal Code: 1003U (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts in Combined Honours (with Study Abroad)

Internal Code: 1004U (4 years)

Notes

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning*

1. General

- (a) Requirements relating to individual subjects are set out on the Combined Honours website.
- (b) A candidate's combination of subjects and selection of modules must be approved by the Degree Programme Director.
- (c) The following subjects are available in 2026/27 for Stage 1 students:

Archaeology

Art History

Business

Chinese

Classics

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Education

English Literature

Film (Route 1: Film Studies (*pre-2026 entry students only*) or Route 2: Documentary Practice)

French

Geography

German

History

Japanese

Law

Linguistics

Media & Communication

Music

Philosophy

Politics

Portuguese

Sociology

Spanish & Latin American Studies

Urban Studies

Note: Some subject combinations may not be available due to timetable and other restrictions. For some subjects the total number of credits available at each Stage may be limited. Combined Honours students may normally not study exactly the same combinations which are available elsewhere in the University as Joint Honours awards.

2. Stage 1

- (a) Candidates must present themselves for examination in either two subjects or three subjects taking modules to a total credit value of 120 credits with a normal minimum of 40 credits in each subject.
- (b) Students may not take more than two Modern Language subjects, and only one of those may be studied at beginners' level. In addition students are not permitted to study Chinese and

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Japanese together.

- (c) In addition to the subject specific module selection, all students will take the following non-credit bearing module, HSS1111, 'University Culture and Study Support'.

3. Stage 2

- (a) Candidates must present themselves for examination in at least two subjects. These would normally have been studied at Stage 1. If candidates take three subjects they normally take modules to a total credit value of 40 in each. If candidates take two subjects they normally *either* take modules to a total credit value of 60 in each ('joint') *or* take modules to a total credit value of 80 ('major') in one subject and 40 ('minor') in the other.
- (b) Candidates are permitted to take 20 credits of modules from outside their subjects at the discretion of the Degree Programme Director.
- (c) Candidates are permitted to spend a semester of Stage 2 studying abroad. Whilst abroad students shall take one of the following compulsory modules, depending which semester they are studying abroad in:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
HSS2008	Combined Honours Study Abroad Semester 1	60	60		6	
HSS2009	Combined Honours Study Abroad Semester 2	60		60	6	

4. Stage 3

- (a) Candidates must normally take the same subjects and in the same credit weighting per subject as taken at Stage 2. Candidates are permitted to take 20 credits of modules from outside their subjects at the discretion of the Degree Programme Director.
- (b) Candidates must not take more than one Dissertation module; noting that the Combined Honours Final Year Project modules (40 credits HSS3099 or 20 credits HSS3500) are deemed to be a Dissertation for this purpose. Candidates are not required to take a Dissertation or Project module in their Final Year.
- (c) Candidates are permitted to spend semester 1 of Stage 3 studying abroad, providing they have not previously studied abroad in Stage 2. Whilst abroad candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
HSS3001	Combined Honours Study Abroad Semester 1 (Stage 3)	60	60		6	

5. Candidates taking a Modern Language

- (a) Candidates taking a language as a subject beyond stage 1 have the option to complete a Year Abroad between Stage 2 and Final Year. Candidates who opt to undertake this must spend an entire academic year abroad in a country where their chosen language is spoken. These candidates will be transferred to degree programme code 1002U and will graduate with 'With Year Abroad' included in their degree programme title.
- (b) Students who opt not to take a Year Abroad will remain on programme code Y001 and will graduate with the degree programme title 'BA Hons Combined Honours in Subject A and/with Subject B'.
- (c) While abroad candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
SML3004	Year Abroad Tutor Posts	100	50	50	6	

Candidates shall then select one of the following optional modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
SML3006	Study Abroad	20	10	10	6	
SML3007	Year Abroad Work Placement Report	20	20		6	
SML3008	Year Abroad Work Placement Report	20		20	6	

- (d) For students studying German this includes a mandatory internship for a minimum of three months in a German-speaking country.
- (e) If the mark gained during this Intercalating Stage in SML3007/8 or SML3006 (20 credits each) is greater than marks from 20 credits of Modern Language modules taken at Stage 2, then the mark from the former will be substituted for the lower stage 2 mark when calculating the degree average.

6. Work Placement Year / Study Abroad

- a) Candidates may select to spend a year on a work placement with an approved organisation on completion of stage 2 and before entering stage 3. Whilst on a work placement candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
NCL3000	Careers Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6	

Permission to undertake a work placement is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director.

These candidates will be transferred to the internal degree programme code 1003U and the degree title awarded will be BA Combined Honours with Work Placement.

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- b) Candidates may select to spend a year studying abroad on completion of stage 2 and before entering stage 3. Permission to undertake an optional year abroad is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. This year abroad does not substitute for one year of study at Newcastle i.e. it is in addition to the three years spent at Newcastle. Whilst studying abroad under this option candidates shall take the following module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
HSS3011	Combined Honours Study Abroad Year	120	60	60	6	

These candidates will be transferred to the internal degree programme code 1004U and the degree title awarded will be BA Combined Honours (with Study Abroad).

It is the responsibility of individual students to make sure they meet the visa requirements of the country in which they plan to undertake a work placement / study abroad.

The University **will** withdraw UK student (Tier 4) visas for International students spending a year overseas. It will then be the sole responsibility of the student to re-apply, in a timely fashion, for a UK student (Tier 4) visa to return to Newcastle to complete their studies.

Placement opportunities will be guided by national and institutional policy at the time. Travel and study abroad will be guided by institutional policy and governmental guidance at the time.

7. Assessment Methods

- (a) Assessment methods will vary according to individual subjects. Details of the assessment pattern for each module are specified in the module outline form.
- (b) The Combined Honours programme does not include any core modules. However, where the passing of pre-requisites is required for single honours students, Combined Honours students will need to meet similar requirements.

8. Honours Performance

- (a) Candidates will be assessed for Honours performance on the basis of the assessment of all modules taken at Stage 2 and all modules taken at Stage 3.
- (b) In the assessment for Honours performance, modules taken at Stage 2 will be treated as having half the value of those taken at Stage 3.

9. Degrees awarded

- (a) Candidates who have satisfied the examiners in the three subjects X, Y, and Z at Stage 2 and the final Stage are awarded the "Degree of B.A. Combined Honours in X, Y and Z"
- (b) Candidates who have satisfied the examiners in the two subjects X and Y and have taken modules to a total credit value of a normal minimum of 100 in each of the subjects across

Stage 2 and the final Stage shall be awarded the “Degree of B.A. Combined Honours in X and Y”.

- (c) Candidates who have satisfied the examiners in the two subjects X and Y and have taken modules to a total credit value of a normal minimum of 140 in X and a normal minimum of 60 in Y across Stage 2 and the final Stage shall be awarded the “Degree of B.A. Combined Honours in X with Y”.
- (d) Candidates who have not been recommended for the award of an Honours degree but have been awarded a Pass degree, Higher Education Certificate, or Higher Education Diploma, shall be awarded the “Pass degree / Higher Education Certificate / Higher Education Diploma Combining X, Y and Z, X and Y, or X with Y”.
- (e) Subjects studied will appear in a degree title for a candidate as listed in 1. (c) of these regulations and will follow the naming convention as outlined in 9. of these regulations. In certain circumstances the degree title can be altered with the approval of the Degree Programme Director.