



Major: *Free Major*









What is a Free Major?

- › *A personalised study programme which combines two or more disciplines*
- › *Deviates from the regular study programme (specialisations)*
- › *Must be approved of by BoEx*
- › *Awarded degree depends on amount of credits in major disciplines*





The LAS programme

Academic core:

55 ECTS

Major:

95 ECTS

Minor:

30 ECTS

180 ECTS





Major styles		Freedom	Routed	Highlights
A	Free Major	+++	+	Students take advantage of the full breadth of courses offered at UCG, across the three disciplines.
B	Major SC, SS or HU	++	++	Students choose a 'disciplinary home' and elect courses freely from the available choices within a major
C	Specialisation within Major	+	+++	Students develop specific academic profile, e.g. Mind and Behaviour (SS), International Business & Entrepreneurship (SS), Smart Technologies (SC), Health Sciences (SC)



R&M Choice- *YEAR 1, semester 2*

- *Calculus 1*
- *Mathematics*
- *Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis*
- *Statistics 1*



R&M Choice- *YEAR 2, semester 1*

- *Calculus 2*
- *Computational Methods*
- *Interpretive Methods*
- *Logic*
- *Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis*
- *Statistics 1*
- *Statistics 2*
- *Statistics 3*
- *Test Theory*
- *Visual and Arts-based Methods*



Required courses for semester 2

- › Research and Methodology course of your choice
- › Academic Core:
 - *Project*





Tips for course choice:

- › *Consider your field(s) of interest*
- › *Keep in mind how the courses, taken together, make sense to you*
 - › *Interesting topics, broad or, showing similarities, are very different,*
- › *List alternative options*
- › *Check pre-requisites for courses throughout the programme*



Career path: Master programme

Students taking the Free Major can continue their studies in various master programmes

- › *Generally speaking: Your course transcript counts, not the title of a specialisation*
- › *Check entry requirements*
 - › *Broad, e.g. a Bachelor degree in (field)*
 - › *Narrow, e.g. three statistics courses*
- › *Consider 'bulking up' in your Personal Minor (or even extra-curricular) if you see you may miss courses.*



Career path: Society, industry, business etc.

Future jobs for students choosing a Free Major could be in Health e.g. as drama therapist (combining with social sciences and humanities), pharmaceutical industry (combining with entrepreneurship, business, law); Social Justice (combining law/human rights and media and technology, understanding bias, etc); technology sector (see quote by Steve Jobs earlier)



Career path: Society, industry, business etc.

John Mackey, CEO Whole Food Market:

“I actually think that has worked to my advantage in business over the years. As an entrepreneur, I had nothing to unlearn and new possibilities for innovation.”





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Kenneth Chenault, CEO American Express
(one of the first African Americans to lead
a Fortune 500 company):

“To operate in this business environment,
you can’t just be a one trick pony, and I’ll
ask them ‘What are some of the things you
have done that you think were out of your
comfort zone?’ People have a different way
of talking about their comfort zone, but
what you can start to glean is, from an
intellectual standpoint, how open were
they to different ideas and views?”





Conclusion

- › Year 1
 - Sem 1: Figure out what topic(s) you like, what you want.
 - Sem 2: Choose a major or a more structured specialization.

- › Year 2
 - Build up a coherent programme based on your interests in future employment or further studies.



Conclusion

- > Can you change your mind? YES
- > For questions and support: make an appointment with your academic advisor via www.bit.ly/AcademicAdvisorUCG