# **MA Programme - Module Choice Guidance for Level 2 Direct Entry**

## Step 1 – Getting an overview of the MA and the MA Module Choices Booklet

To understand overall what the MA Programme is and how the module system of the MA works, you should look at the [Welcome Pages for your course](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/welcome/courses) . Please watch the video of **The MA Explained** and look at the **MA Module Choices Booklet**. You will realise that the video is designed specifically for students entering at level 1, so to make your Level 2 choices, please follow the guidance below.

## Step 2 – Requirements for Direct Entry to Year 2 credits

You have been accepted as a ‘direct entry to year 2’ student as a result of prior study on another course. This previous study has been accepted as equivalent to the 120 credits all students need to achieve in year 1. You have been accepted as having the equivalent learning to the level 1 modules in your intended area of study – what we call your intended degree pathway. For example, you may have been admitted to Year 2 of MA Environmental Science and Geography. This means we regard your prior study elsewhere as sufficient to cover the year 1 level of study in these two subject areas and to permit you to study year 2 for these subjects.

The credits required in Year 2 are as follows:

Direct Entry Year 2 students require (the same as any year 2 student):

* 120 credits for the whole year, divided into 60 credits in each semester.
* All level 2 modules are worth 20 credits so you take SIX modules in total (3 each semester).
* Year 2 students require AT LEAST 80 of these credits (FOUR MODULES) to be at LEVEL 2 (i.e. the modules in the second half of the MA Module Choice Booklet, starting from page 20 onwards).
* We strongly recommend that at least 100 of your year 2 credits are taken from Level 2 (you can have all 120 at Level 2) because you must pass a minimum of 80 credits at level 2, including the compulsory modules for your degree pathway, in order to be allowed to move into year 3. Taking more than the minimum of 80 of the 120 credits at level 2 gives you a little more of a cushion.
* At least 80 credits must also be within the main MA Programme (i.e. pages 20-28). The other 40 credits MAY be from this selection or, with permission from your Adviser of Studies, you may take up to 40 credits from the modules offered from outside the Level 2 MA Programme, either at level 2, or from the level 1 modules listed.
* PLEASE NOTE - when making your choices direct entry students may NOT take level 1 modules in which they have already had credit for having achieved the equivalent in their prior study.
	+ For example, a student with direct entry to year 2 in Psychology has only been permitted to do so because their prior study is equivalent to covering the required modules in year 1 Psychology. So that student cannot then ask to take the Psychology year 1 modules alongside their year 2 modules (which they are required to take) because that would be a double-counting of prior learning and study in the current year.

## Step 3 – Which modules to choose?

First look at the ‘Compulsory’ **LEVEL 2** modules for your intended degree pathway – these are listed on pages 6-7 of the MA Module Choices Booklet). (Remember you do not take the level 1 modules – your prior study elsewhere has been counted as equivalent to this). (Not all pathways have compulsory modules).

Second look at the Recommended’ **LEVEL 2** modules for your intended degree pathway and add these to your choices if you wish (remember, these are recommended, not compulsory).

Finally consider what **other modules** you wish to take to complete your required 120 credits. Remember:

* 120 credits in total (= 6 modules of 20 credits each), of which 80 must be from pages 20-28 of the booklet.
* 60 credits (3 modules) each semester.
* Make sure that you take AT LEAST 80 credits of level 2 credits, and remember we recommend that you take 100 or 120 credits from level 2 credits, although 40 may be from level 1. But you cannot take the level 1 modules for which you already have the equivalent study already accredited.
* You MUST take the level 2 compulsory modules for your pathway
* You MAY take the level 2 recommended modules for your pathway
* You should then use the ‘optional’ modules you can choose from the booklet to fulfil the other requirements above.

Here are some **examples** to help! Please note, you can decide whether you want to take the ‘recommended’ modules or not. And any optional modules are your choice, within the rules.

Example 1 - Level 2 Direct Entry student for MA Environmental Science and Geography:

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|  | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
| Compulsory modules for Env Science | EV21001 | EV22002 |
| Compulsory modules of Geography | GE21001 | GE22002 |
| Recommended modules |  | GE22003 |
| Optional choices – in this case chosen from semester 1 as the student already has 60 credits in semester 2 | UP21004(but this is really a free choice as the student already has 100 level 2 credits, and more than 80 from the ‘core’ pages of the MA Programme (pp.20-28). |  |

Example 2 - Level 2 Direct Entry for MA English

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|  | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
| Compulsory modules for English level 2 | None | None |
| Recommended modules for English Level 2 | EN22002 | EN21004  |
| Optional choices – Student needs at least 80 credits more, of which at least 40 must be from pages 20-28 of Module Booklet – we recommend 60. The final 20 credits can be from anywhere in the booklet – with adviser approval – but CANNOT repeat year 1 English modules which are the equivalent of previous study.  | HY22006 - HistoryEN11003 – Reading the Screen | HU22001 – American Culture and SocietyEN21003 – Classic Hollywood |

## Step 4 – Submit your module choices to your Adviser of Studies

Once you have made your choices, complete the MA Module Choice Form for Direct Entry Year 2 which you can access via the Welcome Pages and submit it.

***If you are not certain, however, you can email your Adviser of Studies directly to explain which modules you would like to take and if you have any questions about your choices. The name and email address of your Adviser of Studies should be available to you via eVision. If you are not sure, however, you can contact your School who will be able to put you in touch.***

Your Adviser will then arrange to agree your module choices with you by email, or may arrange an online meeting with you to discuss any questions you have.