Breadth modules

Breadth modules offer you the opportunity to understand other subjects outside of your pathway. They will enable you to become a flexible, inter-disciplinary thinker with the ability to understand a range of challenges in issues in the Arts, Sciences and Social Sciences.

Dewan, CEO and Founding Partner, Hassium Asset Management LLP "The multidisciplinary nature of the programme and the wide variety of opportunities it offers in terms of study abroad, internships, mentoring etc will develop graduates that are more well-rounded, robust and ultimately more employable. I believe that increased flexibility and later, more informed, subject specialisation will result in graduates who have a clearer vision of where they want to get to than students who have followed a more traditional UK single-subject disciplinary route"

Your breadth modules will typically be in areas very different to your potential major and will enable you to understand the ways that specialist in other fields think and work.

There are three ways the Liberal Arts & Sciences can add breadth to your degree:

Open all sections

The Core Breadth Modules in each year of the Liberal Arts & Sciences programme

In years one and two there is one 20 credit compulsory module (which makes up one sixth of your programme each year) and a final-year cap-stone research project. These modules are delivered by our leading faculty. In the first-term of your first year, the module is a relatively conventional lecture & seminar module entitled from **The Modern World in the Making: From Big-Bang to Generation Y**. The second semester and second year modules are project based around key themes, where you will work in small teams on aspects of the theme. The theme will vary from year to year, and be chosen in line with the University's key themes, but they include for example, Life and Death; Developing a Sustainable Food Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa; and Responding to Disasters. By their very nature the topics on offer will constantly adapt to reflect the evolving expertise that is required by our graduates and the expertise of our leading researchers, influenced by new technologies, employment patterns and environmental change.

Breadth Modules

These are optional modules and the number you will take will be a matter for you in consultation with your Liberal Arts & Sciences Tutor. Breadth modules are not designed to introduce you to a subject with a view to further study in the area (but of course you may choose to do so after taking one). Rather they are designed as stand-alone modules for non-specialists who may never study the subject again, and are delivered by our leading our leading academics with the objective of identifying the key issues that a well-educated lay-person should be familiar with and understand in the modern world.
The university offers a wide variety of these modules at every level (and more details of both Breadth Modules and Subject Modules available to add breadth are available in the **Modules outside the Main Discipline Booklet (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/momd/index.aspx)**).

Some examples are:

Module Title	Code	Credits	Semester
Making Culture: new ways of reading things (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/culture/news/momd.aspx#Making Culture)	**1125412 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=11&pgCrse=25412#Making Culture)**	20	2
Society, Space and Policy (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=03434#Society, Space and Policy) & **Economy, Space and Policy (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=03133#Economy, Space and Policy)**	**0803434 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=03434&pgTerm=002012#Society, Space and Policy)** & **0803133 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=03133&pgTerm=002012#Economy, Space and Policy)**	10 10	1 2
New migration and super-diversity (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=22830#New migration and super-diversity)	**0822830 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=22830&pgTerm=002012#New migration and super-diversity)**	20	1 + 2
Sociology of Health and Illness (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=25073#Sociology of Health and Illness)	**0221089 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=02&pgCrse=21089#Health Care Systems)**	20	1 + 2
Crime, Victims and Society	**08175545 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-**	20	1

(http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=17545#Crime, Victims and Society)	servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=17545#Crime, Victims and Society)		
Good Brain, Bad Brain (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=02&pgCrse=16009#Good Brain, Bad Brain)	0216009 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=02&pgCrse=16009)	20	1 + 2
The Cosmic Connection (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=00680#Cosmic connection)	0300680 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=00680&pgTerm=002012#Cosmic connection)	10	1
Quarks and Leptons (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=01326#Quarks & Leptons)	0301326 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=01326&pgTerm=002012#Quarks & Leptons)	10	2
Global Environmental Issues (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=23436#Global Enviromental Issues)	0323436 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=23436&pgTerm=002012#Global Enviromental Issues)	20	1 + 2
Natural Hazards (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=20951#Natural Hazards)	0320951 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=20951#Natural Hazards)	10	1
Introduction to Economics for Non-Specialists (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=11093#Introduction to Economics)	0811093/4 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=11093#Introduction to Economics)	20	1 + 2
Sustainable Development: Economy and Environment (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=03457#Sustainable Development)	0809457 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=03457#Sustainable Development)	10	2
New Age and Alternative Spiritualities (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=25128#New Age)	0925128 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=25128#New Age)	20	1 + 2
Impact of Mathematics (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=06&pgCrse=22484#Impact of Mathematics)	0622484 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=06&pgCrse=22484#Impact of Mathematics)	20	1 + 2
Analysing Everyday Texts (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=22836#Analysing Everyday Texts)	0922836 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=22836#Analysing Everyday Texts)	20	1 + 2
LI Hacking the Book: Skills for the Digital Age (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=24815#LI Hacking the Book)	0924815 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=24815#LI Hacking the Book)	20	1 + 2
Story-telling for Page and Screen (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=20854#Story-telling)	0920854 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=20854#Story-telling)	20	1 + 2

Subject Modules available to LAS students to add breadth

The other way that Liberal Arts & Sciences students can add breadth to their knowledge is to take (in first year) an introductory module in a subject. These are modules which are designed to enable you to pursue further study in the subject at a higher level if you so choose, and thus they can form the basis of a minor specialism if you so desire.

However, these modules are genuinely introductory and can be studied as stand-alone module like the Breadth Module above (but of course the objectives of the module and hence the coverage is different to that of a Breadth Modules).

In many cases only one module is necessary to take a range of second year modules in a subject, in other cases you may need to take several. You will discuss this with your

Liberal Arts & Sciences Tutor when you formulate your programme each year.

Examples of some of the modules of this type are:

Module Title	Code	Credits	Semester
History of Philosophy A (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20293#History of Philosophy A) History of Philosophy B (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20294#History of Philosophy B)	08 20293 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20293#History of Philosophy A) & 08 20294 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20294#History of Philosophy B)	10 10	1 2
Knowledge & Reality A (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=21801#Knowledge & Reality A) Knowledge & Reality B (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=21803#Knowledge & Reality B)	08 21801 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=21801#Knowledge & Reality A) & 08 21803 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=21803#Knowledge & Reality B)	10 10	1 2
Contemporary Human Geography (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=23434#Human Geography)	03 23434 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=03&pgCrse=23434#Human Geography)	20	1 & 2
Classical Political Thought (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20889#CPT)	08 20889 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20889#CPT)	20	1 & 2
Foundations of Politics (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20888#Foundations of Politics)	08 20888 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20888#Foundations of Politics)	20	1 & 2
Introduction to International Relations (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20890#International Relations)	08 20890 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20890#International Relations)	20	1 & 2
Introduction to Political Economy (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20891#Political Economy)	08 20891 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=20891)	20	1 & 2
Introduction to Social Policy A (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=11238#Social Policy) Introduction to Social Policy B (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=11239#Social Policy B)	08 11238 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=11238#Social Policy) & 08 11239 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=08&pgCrse=11239#Social Policy B)	10 10	1 2
Social History of Modern Britain since 1870 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=21993#Social History)	0921993 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=21993#Social History)	20	1 & 2
Historical Concepts in the History of Art (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=10&pgCrse=25340#History of Art)	1025340 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=10&pgCrse=25340#History of Art)	20	1 & 2
Reformation, Rebellion and Revolution: the Making of the Modern World, c. 1500-1800 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=22820#Reformation, Rebellion & Revolution)	09 22820 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=22820#Reformation, Rebellion & Revolution)	20	1
The Making of the Contemporary World: Modern History c. 1800-2000 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=22822#Contemporary World)	09 22822 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=22822#Contemporary World)	20	2
Foundations of American Literature to 1890 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?	09 25451 (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-	10	1

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LC Introduction to Greek and Roman History (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet? Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=24046#Greek & Roman History)	**09 24046** (http://cis67.bham.ac.uk:7782/webhandbooks/WebHandbooks-control-servlet?Action=getModuleDetailsList&pgSubj=09&pgCrse=24046#Greek & Roman History)	20	1 & 2

The University offers a wide variety of these sorts of modules at every level in many subjects. In the sciences you will typically need an A-level in tehat subject to take a First Year module. For Second (Intermediate) and Final (Honours) Year modules in a discipline you should check whether they have pre-requisites or not and aim to fulfill them in your first or second year of the programme (for an intermediate level module) or for a Final Year Honours module during your second year or year abroad.

More details of both Subject Modules and Breadth Modules available to add breadth are available in the **Modules outside the Main Discipline Booklets (https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/momd/index.aspx#MOMD booklet)** .

First Year (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/liberal-arts-and-sciences/programme-structure/first-year.aspx#First Year)

Second Year (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/liberal-arts-and-sciences/programme-structure/second-year.aspx#Second Year)

Final Year (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/liberal-arts-and-sciences/programme-structure/final-year.aspx#Final Year)

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