



The Degree of Master in Philosophy (M.Phil.) in the School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin

1. Trinity College is the primary college of the collegiate University of Dublin, Ireland. The College awards degrees at Levels 6-8 of the European Qualifications Framework (ec.europa.eu/eqf) and structures, weights and grades learning activities according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).
2. The degree of Master in Philosophy (M.Phil.) is awarded on successful completion of a taught Master's course with learning outcomes at Level 7 (Master) of the European Qualifications Framework (ec.europa.eu/eqf), corresponding with the Second Cycle of the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (www.ehea.info) and Level 9 of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (www.nfq.ie/nfq).
3. The core entry requirement for M.Phil. courses in Trinity College Dublin is completion of an Honours Bachelor's (B.A.) degree carrying 180–240 ECTS credits with a minimum grade of II.1 (Ireland/UK) or equivalent (see table below).
4. All M.Phil. courses in the School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin, carry 90 ECTS credits, 60 credits being assigned to taught modules and 30 credits to a Master's dissertation. Students in normal circumstances acquire these credits in 1 year (September to September) or 2 years. Taught modules normally include both compulsory (core) modules and electives. The typical length of the Master's dissertation is 15,000-20,000 words.
5. In all M.Phil. courses students' work is assessed not only by internal examiners but also by an external examiner, appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies.
6. Trinity College Dublin follows the grading system followed by most Irish and UK universities, using percentage marks in 5 grade bands, which correspond to ECTS equivalents as follows:

0-39%	40-49%	50-59%	60-69%	70-100%
F	III	II.2	II.1	I
F	D	C	B	A

7. In M.Phil. courses in Histories and Humanities the pass mark in all modules is 50%. To qualify for the award of the M.Phil., a student must achieve a credit-weighted average mark of at least 50% across the taught modules and achieve a mark of at least 50% in the dissertation.
8. The overall degree result is recorded as follows:

0-49%	49-69%	70-100%
Fail	Pass	Distinction
9. According to 2013/14 regulations, in the calculation of the overall M.Phil. result the weighted average mark for the taught components carries 40% and the mark for the dissertation carries 60%; to qualify for the award of the M.Phil. with Distinction students must achieve a final overall mark for the course of at least 70% and a mark of at least 70% in the dissertation. In pre-2013 transcripts, the overall degree result may be a pure credit-weighted average or based solely on the dissertation.
10. For further information, please see <http://histories-humanities.tcd.ie/postgraduate/>, <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/part2/> or contact Prof. Martine Cuypers, Director of Postgraduate Teaching and Learning, School of Histories and Humanities, T +353 1 896 1930 / E cuypersm@tcd.ie.