SUGGESTED MBBS FIRST YEAR OPTION UNITS FOR 2011

Listed below are suggested first year option units for 2011:

PHIL1105 – Introduction to Critical Thinking
In this unit, students acquire the concepts and develop the skills involved in analysing, creating and evaluating arguments for and against beliefs and actions. They learn to apply these skills to real cases from philosophy and other disciplines.

Contact hours—lectures: 2 hrs per week; tutorials: 1 hr per week for 10 weeks from week 2

Assessment: This comprises two take-home tests, a 1000-word essay a 400-word research exercise and a three-hour examination.

HIST1121 – History
Students explore the origins of the memories in Europe's experience during its moment of maximum crisis between 1914 and 1945.

Comprising: tutorial attendance and participation (20 per cent), a 1000-word essay (20 per cent), a major 2000-word essay (30 per cent) and a two-hour examination (30 per cent)

Assessment - All four elements of assessment must be completed (and passed) in order to pass the unit.

FREN1101 - French
This unit offers an introduction to French grammar and vocabulary to allow students to communicate both orally and in writing in simple situations. It develops cultural and linguistic awareness and focuses on contemporary spoken and written French language.

Contact: 4 hrs per week for 13 weeks (lectures: 1 hr; language classes: 3 x 1 hr)

Assessment - This comprises participation, regular homework, in-class tests and an end-of-semester examination

IHST1110 – Humanity in the twenty-first Century
This unit takes a transdisciplinary approach to explore who we are; our biological origins and potentials and the environmental and historical forces that helped shape humanity of the twenty-first century. It examines the reality of the modern world in terms of human wellbeing and environmental sustainability, and the unique challenges and opportunities that we now face.

Assessment - This comprises a portfolio, a group project and contribution to shared activities.

IHST1111 – Human Action for World Futures
This unit surveys the ways in which human actions have shaped the destiny of human civilisations throughout history. It draws on the methodologies of future studies to critically examine a range of future scenarios; explores the influence of cultural, technological, political, economic and other social forces as both agencies for and impediments to change, as well as considering the individual factors in human behaviour. Finally, it explores a range of possibilities for transformational change in the global era, including new technologies, corporate responsibility, active citizenship and leadership, the Internet and social networking. Students gain a transdisciplinary perspective on human action and world futures, as well as learning innovative ways of acting as individuals and collaborating with others.

Assessment - This comprises a portfolio, a group project and contribution to shared activities.

POLS1101 – Political Science
The unit equips students with an understanding of the ideas and institutions comprising liberal democracy today and encourages them to reflect on which institutions best realise its key principles.

Contact: 2 hrs per week; tutorials: 1 hr per week

Supplementary assessment is not available in this unit except in the case of a bachelor's pass degree student who has obtained a mark of 45 to 49 and is currently enrolled in this unit, and it is the only remaining unit that the student must pass in order to complete their course.

ECON1101 – Microeconomics, Prices and Markets
This is an introductory unit in microeconomic theory with some policy applications.

Contact: 2 hrs per week; tutorials: 1 hr per week

Supplementary assessment is not available in this unit except in the case of a bachelor's pass degree student who has obtained a mark of 45 to 49 and is currently enrolled in this unit, and it is the only remaining unit that the student must pass in order to complete their course.

ENGL1111– Ideas of Modernity
Students are able to understand the historical development of modern cultures, and the formation of various discourses that inform our contemporary values, debates and forms of entertainment; understand a range of different reading strategies and their importance in theory and culture

Contact: Two lectures and one tutorial per week. All lectures may be listened to on WebCT

Assessment - comprises an exercise, essay, two-hour examination and tutorial assessment on participation, presentation and attendance.

ENGL1112 – Screen Cultures/Print Cultures
This unit takes as its focus a comparison of diverse narrative forms—print narrative (prose fiction), film narrative (movies) and screen narrative (television and the Web).

Contact: 3 hrs per week

Assessment - comprises an exercise, group website and critical reflection, and a two-hour examination.
GRMN1101 – German
Introducing the German language and culture and consists of four hours of language classes per week providing students with the opportunity to practice both spoken and written language skills.

**Prerequisites:** This unit is designed for students who have no previous knowledge of German or only a slight knowledge of German.

**Contact:** 4 hrs per week for 13 weeks

**Supplementary assessment** - is not available in this unit except in the case of a bachelor's pass degree student who has obtained a mark of 45 to 49 and is currently enrolled in this unit, and it is the only remaining unit that the student must pass in order to complete their course.

CHIN1101 – Chinese
This unit provides an introduction to modern standard Chinese, in both its spoken (Mandarin) and written forms.

**Contact** – 4 hours per week

**Supplementary assessment** - is not available in this unit except in the case of a bachelor's pass degree student who has obtained a mark of 45 to 49 and is currently enrolled in this unit, and it is the only remaining unit that the student must pass in order to complete their course.

ITAL1101 – Italian
This is principally a language acquisition unit intended to introduce students with no (or little) previous knowledge of the language to a level where they can speak, read and write basic Italian.

**Contact**—4 hrs per week for 13 weeks (lectures: 1 hr; language classes: 3 x 1 hr)

**Supplementary assessment** is not available in this unit except in the case of a bachelor's pass degree student who has obtained a mark of 45 to 49 and is currently enrolled in this unit, and it is the only remaining unit that the student must pass in order to complete their course.

LATN1151 – Latin
An introduction to Latin: the language of the ancient Romans, for students who have not studied it previously or who have only a slight knowledge of it.

**Contact**: 2 hrs per week.

**Assessment:** This comprises in-class tests (50 per cent) and a two-hour examination (50 per cent).

ANTH1101 – Being Human: Culture, Identify and Society
We live in a multicultural world where there are many ways of 'being human'. At the same time, all people share some experiences in common—all learn, share and communicate beliefs, create and maintain social relationships, adapt to local environments, and make a living through particular modes of production. This unit explores the world's rich diversity of human experience and practice, looking at cross-cultural examples of it in domains such as religion, identity, subsistence, social inequality and communication. It also considers the variety of ways that anthropologists and sociologists conduct their research.

**Contact:** lectures: 2 hrs per week (over 10 weeks); tutorials: 1 hr per week (over 10 weeks)

**Assessment:** Supplementary assessment is not available in this unit except in the case of a bachelor's pass degree student who has obtained a mark of 45 to 49 and is currently enrolled in this unit, and it is the only remaining unit that the student must pass in order to complete their course.

PSYC1101 – Psychology: Mind and Brain
This unit introduces students to the broad scope of psychology, with a particular emphasis on the brain and how it relates to basic learning processes, memory, thinking and perception. It provides an overview of those central topics and the links between them. The unit is taught through a coordinated series of lectures and laboratory tutorials and makes use of online materials (online laboratories, quizzes and discussion board).

**Contact hours:** lectures: 2 x 1 hr per week; tutorials: 2 hrs per week (over 6 weeks); online labs: 2 hrs per week (over 5 weeks); online quizzes: 30 mins per week (over 10 weeks)

**Assessment:** Marks are allocated as follows: examination (50 per cent), assignment (33 per cent), experimental participation (6 per cent), laboratory participation (6 per cent) and online quizzes (5 per cent).

SSEH1101 – Human Movement 1
This unit covers the following areas of study: (1) human movement—introduction to the biological basis of human movement via a series of lectures concurrently demonstrated by laboratory and field experiences; (2) musculoskeletal anatomy—the principles of gross functional anatomy with special reference to the locomotor system; and (3) human movement laboratories—a practical study of learning and performance requirements that relate to specific human movement situations (details to be found in the School's student handbook).

**Contact hours**—lectures: 2 hrs per week (average); labs: 3 hrs per week (average)

**Assessment:** This comprises anatomy theory examination (50 per cent) and a laboratory examination (50 per cent).