Choosing Your Modules

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Basic module information

WBS offers a diverse and exciting range of modules to choose from across 9 specialist Teaching Groups. While with us you'll be studying alongside our full-time Undergraduate students.

Our subject groups are:

- Accounting
- Behavioural Science
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Finance
- Information Systems Management & Analytics
- Marketing
- Operations Management
- Organisation & Work
- Strategy & International Business

When considering your module choices, you might like to think about the following:

Pre-requisites: Some modules require a pre-requisite because it builds on prior learning. Check out the information on pre-requisites in the '*WBS UG Exchange Student Module Handbook'* for guidance on prior learning requirements.

Size of module and timetable: The challenge of timetabling without clashes is something that we, along with all other departments, aspire to. Seminar timetabling processes attempt to accommodate the maximum number of people on a module, but naturally larger modules will have more seminar options. Although this should not be a key driver of module choice, you should be aware that choosing a larger module can potentially give you more flexibility around seminars to help fit around other commitments.

Taking modules with a different year code: Modules are coded by year, for example 2ⁿᵈ year modules are coded IB**2**XX and final year modules are coded IB**3**XX.

Teaching and Assessment

Teaching methods: WBS is proud of the innovative methods of teaching employed by many of our academic staff. Acting skills, simulation and role play feature in some modules.

Teaching term: You must check the module is running during the period you are studying with us. **Term 1 modules run during Autumn Term** and **Term 2 modules run during Spring Term**. Some modules are only available to study if you are with us for the full academic year. It is important to check whether a module is available for your period of study in the '*WBS UG Exchange Student Module Handbook'*.

Assessment Methods: There may be more than one assessment method listed for some modules. As an exchange student, you are required to register for the assessment method associated with your period of study, as set out in the module information contained in the '*WBS UG Exchange Student Module Handbook'.*

If you are not sure whether you have selected the correct assessment method, ask a member of the Undergraduate Office team to check. Part-Year students must take the assessment method specified for their length of study at Warwick. No exceptions can be made to the type of assessment taken or the credit attached to the module.

Below table may help you to understand what correct assessment method you can or cannot select according to your period of study.

Period of study	Autumn	Autumn + Spring	Spring	Spring + Summer	Full year (Autumn + Spring + Summer)
If a module has only Standard assessment method	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard **At least one of your modules should have an exam in Summer.**	Standard **At least one of your modules should have an exam in Summer.**
If a module has Standard and Exchange Non Summer assessment methods	Exchange Non Summer	Exchange Non Summer	Exchange Non Summer	Standard **At least one of your modules should have an exam in Summer.**	Standard **At least one of your modules should have an exam in Summer**.
Summary: If a module has only **Standard** assessment method, you choose the Standard assessment method. If a module has **Standard** and **Exchange Non Summer** assessment methods, choose Exchange Non Summer if your study period is Autumn, Autumn + Spring or Spring; choose Standard if your study period is Spring + Summer, Full year. If your study period is **Spring + Summer** or **Full year**, you should always choose the Standard assessment method. And you are required to take **at least one module that has an exam** in the summer term.					

Assessment: While this should not be the only thing you consider, you may want to consider the assessment methods (exams, coursework, continuous assessment, group work etc.) of modules and what best supports your preferred learning style.

Yourself and your future

Your interests and your strengths: Which modules have you studied already at your home University, and which did you enjoy most or do well in? Is there a pattern to this? Where you have not met your own expectations, is there a reason which relates to the structure or style of the module and the way you have responded? Is there a module Warwick excels in that is not offered at your home University?

Theme or career: An interest in a particular subject might lead you to choose certain modules along a theme. Module offerings from each WBS Teaching Group can have common interests, for example Behavioural Science or Entrepreneurship.

Balance your time: Do think carefully about when you take modules and how you will balance your workload. When do assessments fall? How much group work is involved? Think about how you will make sure that your workload is manageable across the study period.

The recommended course load for exchange students is the following for each period of study:

Autumn Term only:	Minimum 45 CATS	(3 x 15 CATS modules)
	Maximum 60 CATS	(4 x 15 CATS modules)
Autumn and Spring Terms:	Minimum 90 CATS	(6 x 15 CATS modules, 3 modules per term)
	Maximum 120 CATS	(8 x 15 CATS modules, 4 modules per term)
Spring only:	Minimum 45 CATS	(3 x 15 CATS modules)
	Maximum 60 CATS	(4 x 15 CATS modules)
Spring and Summer Terms:	Minimum 45 CATS	(3 x 15 CATS module)
	Maximum 60 CATS	(4 x 15 CATS modules)
Full Academic Year:	Minimum 90 CATS	(6 x 15 CATS modules)
	Maximum 120 CATS	(8 x 15 CATS modules)

Students must be registered for minimum 3 modules per term (45 CATS) to ensure they meet the requirement to be considered a full-time student at Warwick.

Don't forget …

Have a Plan B: Although we strive to avoid it wherever possible, some modules may be over-subscribed and it may be necessary to select alternative modules. What are your second-choice modules? Which other modules could complement your pattern of study?

Talk it through: Talking things over is useful, and academic help and guidance on building your perfect Learning Plan is available from your Inbound Year Abroad Co-ordinator, Dr Juan Lopez-Cotarelo (Juan.Lopez-Cotarelo@wbs.ac.uk). If you'd like any academic guidance, do contact Juan, who you'll meet at the Welcome Meeting. On arrival, you'll also be allocated a Personal Tutor who can assist you with academic guidance.

Unusual Options – A Brief Guide for WBS Exchange Students

What is an Unusual Option?
An Unusual Option is any module that is taken from a department outside of Warwick Business School.

Can I take Unusual Options? How many?

You can take no more than 50% of your modules from external departments per term.

You will need to contact the Undergraduate Office to discuss your case for wishing to take 50% or more than 50% of your modules from external departments per term. We will need to review your request on a case-by-case basis. You may be permitted to take a higher number of Unusual Options, dependent on your duration of study and home university degree requirements.

How do I request an Unusual Option?
If you would like to choose a module in an external department (outside of WBS) you will need to complete an *'Unusual Option Form'* on your arrival at WBS. This needs to be approved by the other department and it is your responsibility to ensure the assessment method is correct. The form can be obtained online (the link is found in the welcome email you receive from WBS) and the department running the module is required to complete this form.

How do I complete my module application with an Unusual Option?
On your module application on my.wbs **you should select the Unusual Option code** which is listed under your modules. You do not need to enter details of what the Unusual Option is at this stage – this will be completed on your Unusual Option form.

If you apply for an Unusual Option but are then unable to complete the option you had wanted (either because it is no longer available in the other department or because you change your mind) you will be able to choose another WBS module until module registration closes after you arrive at WBS.

However, you still must be registered for minimum 3 modules per term (45 CATS) to ensure you meet the requirement to be considered a full-time student at Warwick.

Can I study anything at all? How do I find out about modules I can study?
Other Warwick departments are able to tell you about the modules they offer to students external to their department so you should contact their Undergraduate teams directly. Some departments that WBS students have studied with before include (but are not limited to):

IATL (Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning): see
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/iatl/activities/modules/ugmodules/

Economics: see http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/contacts

PAIS (Politics and International Studies): see http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/people/

Law: see https://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/aboutus/contacts/

Are there any restrictions to which external departments I can register modules with?
WBS does not have any restrictions, but you must obtain approval from the external department prior to registering for the module. You will want to check:

- The period of study the module is available for, and whether there is an appropriate assessment method for your duration of study;
- whether the external department will permit you to register on a module;
- whether there is space on the module;
- whether you meet any pre-requisite entry requirements of the module;
- what you need to do to register formally on the module.

You will then need to follow the instructions on how to register for an 'Unusual Option' to finalise your course selection.

Is there anything else I should consider in applying for an Unusual Option?
Be aware that by studying in a different department you may experience different teaching styles, different student support and different assessment requirements, which you will need to adapt to. You will submit assignments to other departments through different systems (not my.wbs) so will need to allow time to get up-to-speed with their systems too.

Also be aware that if you are taking modules that are aimed at different year groups (for example if you are a finalist and are taking modules aimed at 2nd year students), if the module has an exam, your exam may be timetabled at different times to the rest of your exams.

Pre-Requisites – A Brief Guide

What is a pre-requisite?
A pre-requisite is a requirement that needs to have been fulfilled before you can register on a module, for example a specific level of prior learning you must have studied in order to successfully follow a module.

Why do some modules have pre-requisites?
Modules that have pre-requisites require that you've studied previous modules/courses as the module builds on the prior learning and the pre-requisites ensure that you will have enough existing knowledge or understanding of the subject to be successful on that module.

How can I find out which modules have pre-requisites?
The WBS Exchange Student Module Handbook provides pre-requisite information for each module.

If you have any questions, please contact the Undergraduate Programme team at
undergraduate@wbs.ac.uk