



UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN
TRINITY COLLEGE
School of Social Sciences and Philosophy
School of Business

Erasmus, International Exchange and Visiting Student Welcome Meeting

Erasmus/Visiting Student Welcome
Dr. Michelle D'Arcy
21st Sept 2016

Structure of meeting

- **Departments and co-ordinators**
- **Structure of academic year**
- **Choosing modules and module load**
- **ECTS credits at Trinity College**



Departments and co-ordinators

- School of Business, James White (business.exchange@tcd.ie)

Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 09:30 – 12:30 .

Room: Undergraduate Office, 3rd Floor, School of Business, Aras an Phiarsaigh

- Department of Economics, Dr. Eleanor Denny (dennye@tcd.ie)

Office hours: Monday 10.00 – 12.00 Room 3030, Arts Building

- Department of Political Science, Dr. Shane MacGiollabhui

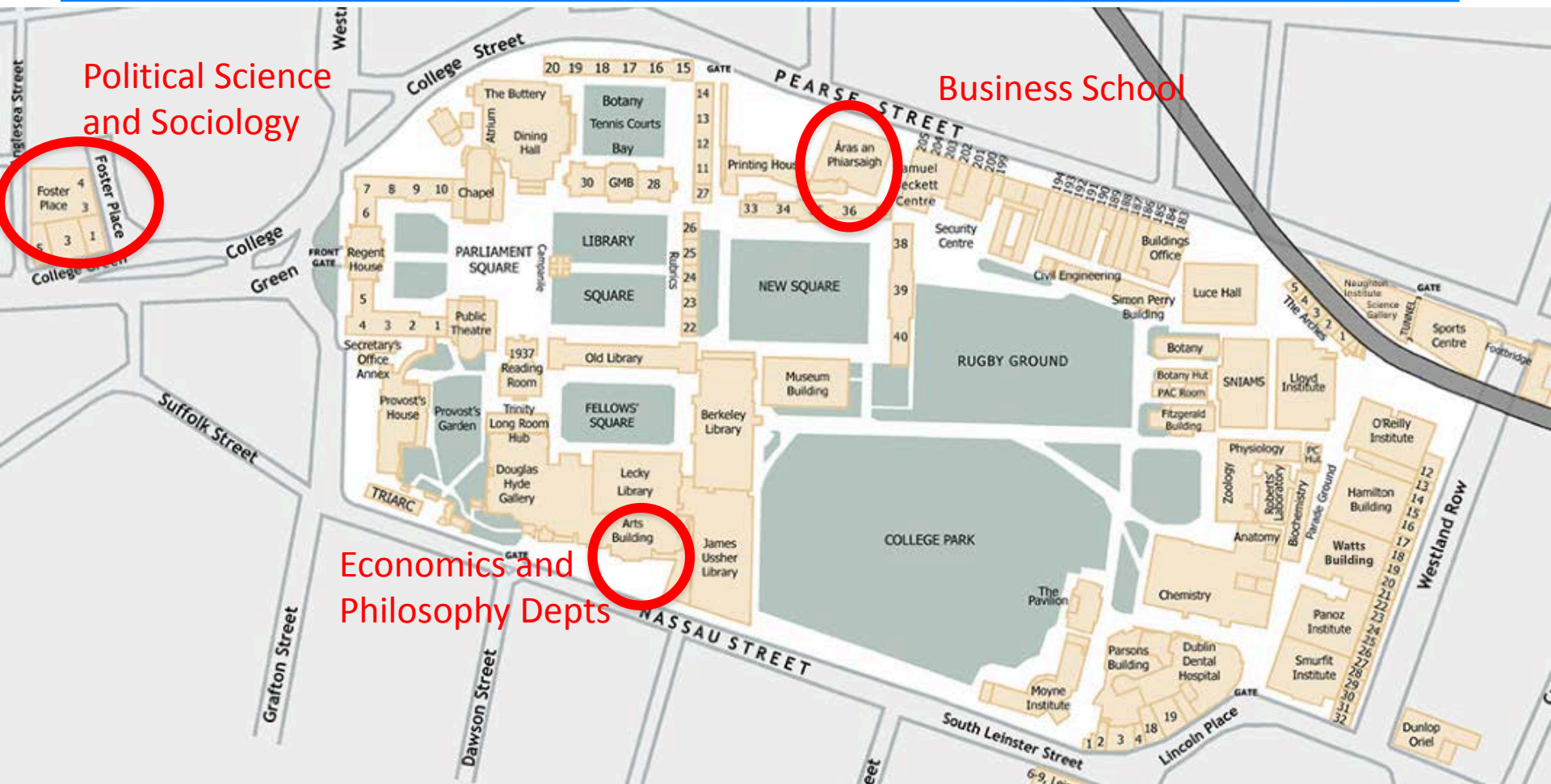
(smacgiol@tcd.ie) Office hours: Tuesday 14.00 – 16.00; Room 4.03, 4.06, 2-3 College Green

- Department of Sociology, Dr Laura Graham (lagraham@tcd.ie)

Office Hours: Tuesday 11.00 – 13.00, Wednesday 15.00 – 16.00 and Thursday 14.00 – 15.00 Room 2.04 , 3 College Green

- Department of Philosophy, Thursday 22nd, 2.30-4pm





Political Science and Sociology

Business School

Economics and Philosophy Depts



Structure of academic year

- **Term 1 (Michaelmas Term, MT): Teaching Starts 26th September**
Reading Week – Week 7 (November 7th) No lectures and tutorials during this week
Teaching ends – 16th December
- **Term 2 (Hilary Term, HT): 16 January to 8 April**
Reading Week- Week 7 (27th February)
- **Term 3 (Trinity Term, TT): 10 April to 26 May**
First three weeks: Study and revision (no classes)
Examination period: 1 – 26 May



Public holidays in Ireland

- 31 October 2016 (Halloween)
- 17th March 2017 (St. Patrick's Day)
- 14th – 17th April 2017 (Easter)
- 1st May 2017 (May Bank Holiday)



Some important websites

- Regularly check your @tcd.ie account!
- Many lecturers in Trinity College Dublin use Blackboard Learn and Turnitin.com
 - **Blackboard Learn:** Lecture notes, readings etc are posted here (you will be registered automatically after your module registration form is processed. Lecturers can also add you manually)
 - **Turnitin.com:** some modules require submission of assignments via this channel (plagiarism check), you receive further information in the relevant assignment guidelines.
 - Plagiarism Policy; <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/calendar>



Some general advice

- Keep us informed of your progress or difficulties during your time at Trinity College. Your Erasmus coordinator is also your tutor while you are here
- Other sources of support: Student Counselling Service – student-counselling@tcd.ie; Chaplaincy service – chaplaincy@tcd.ie; Student2Student – student2student@tcd.ie; Student Health Centre; Student Union



How to pick your modules?

- Take about 80% - 100% of a Trinity student's module load (but meet the requirements of your home university); visit some modules in first week to help you decide
- Take a good mix of modules subject to schedule and restrictions: you cannot take modules that clash on the timetable



What is the right module load?

One Term Students (Michaelmas Term or Hilary and Trinity Term)	Between 25 and 30 ECTS
Full Year Students	Between 50 and 60 ECTS

- We do not recommend taking more than 30 credits per term. If your home institution asks you to do more, please contact your TCD Coordinator for assistance.
- Equally, we will not sign a module registration form that is too light (e.g. just one or two modules)



ECTS credits at Trinity

Year	1 Term	Full Year
2nd Year (Senior Freshman, SF)	5 credits	10
3rd Year (Junior Sophister, JS)	5 credits	10
4th Year (Senior Sophister, SS)**	7.5/10 credits***	15

** The Department of Political Science does not accept Visiting and Erasmus students in SS (4th year) modules.

*** Exchange students do an additional assignment



Registering for modules

- Module registration form (included in Welcome Pack)
- Get this form signed by relevant coordinator for all modules
- Submit to **Academic Registry Service Desk** with all signatures complete. They will register you officially on the system. Ensure module codes are correct. If there are clashes you will not be able to register
- Ensure you have signatures from coordinators outside Business and Social Sciences and Philosophy (SSSP) if needed before submitting!



Signing Session

Wednesday 28th September

6-7pm

Edmund Burke Theatre,

Arts Block

**Submit forms on Thursday 29th to
Academic Registry**



Choosing Modules

<https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Incoming/>



Sociology modules (www.tcd.ie/sociology)

Module name	MT module code	HT module code
Second year		
SO2310 Introduction to Social Research	SO231B	SO231C
SO2340 Gender, Work and Family	SO234B	SO234C
SO2350 Power, State and Social Movements	SO235B	SO235C
Third year		
SO3240 Researching Society	SO324B	SO324C
SO3230 Globalisation and Development	SO323B	SO323C
SO3200 Social Theory	SO320B	SO320C
SO3250 Race, Ethnicity and Identity	SO325B	SO325C
SO3260 Social Inequality	SO326B	SO326C

Final-year modules are available – please consult with coordinator



Business Modules

One Semester Michaelmas Term (Semester 1)

Exchange/Visiting students enrolling in **any module** should drop the last digit of the module code and replace it with a B for e.g. BU352**0** becomes BU352**B**



Change of Mind Form

- If you want to drop or add a module you need to fill out a change of mind form, have it signed by your coordinator and submit to Academic Registry
- **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 12TH**



Time spent in the classroom

- Most modules involve 2-3 hours per week in the classroom in lectures, seminars and tutorials, and about 5 hours per week reading and preparation (emphasis on independent study).

Tutorials:

Note that many modules will offer several tutorials that cover the same topic – usually students are assigned to a tutorial group. If in doubt ask your lecturer.

Assessment:

Almost all modules award a proportion of the final mark to essays, assignments, tests etc and a proportion to an exam



Buddy System

- Run by Trinity students to help you feel at home and to make your stay in Ireland more enjoyable.
- Incoming students are assigned a Trinity Student Buddy - many who have studied abroad themselves
- Buddies organise events throughout the year such as nights out in Dublin, cultural trips to the cinema, museums and theatre and at least one weekend trip each term.
- Open to visiting and exchange students studying business, economics, philosophy, political science and sociology.

