

# INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

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Congratulations on your successful application to study at Trinity! Here is some important information before you begin your course.

The Department of Germanic Studies office is located in room **5065**, fifth level, Arts Building (off Nassau Street). The opening times are

**Monday to Wednesday: 11.00-12.00**  
**Mondays only: 14.30-15.30**

We request that you keep to these hours unless your query is urgent, but you can always reach us by email ([germanic@tcd.ie](mailto:germanic@tcd.ie)) or by phone (896 1373).

### Departmental Registration

Please fill in a JF admissions form as soon possible. This can either be downloaded at [www.tcd.ie/Germanic\\_Studies/undergraduate](http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies/undergraduate), or found on the Junior Freshman noticeboard. Please bring this completed form, together with a passport photo and your photocopying fee to the Executive Officer, in the Germanic Studies Office, **by the second week of term**. You will not be able to register without payment of the photocopying fee.

The photocopying fee covers all materials provided by the Department, including language readers, for all four years. This is a once-off charge, based on the course you take:

TSM: €80    CSLG: €50    LG: €70    ES: €70    BSG: €80

The fee can be paid **EITHER**

- by **PayPal** ([www.tcd.ie/Germanic\\_Studies/undergraduate](http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies/undergraduate); please note that the fees displayed will include a PayPal administration charge) **OR**
- by cheque, bank draft or postal money order payable to **TCD No 1 Account**.

**The Department cannot accept cash.**

### Modules for All Students

**1. German Language:** All Junior Freshman students take German Language  
- 3 contact hours per week + 1 hour of spoken German + 1 grammar lecture (see timetable);  
- 1 weekly homework + private study.

**2. German Area Studies:** All Junior Freshman students also take the module German Area Studies: study of the modern society of the German-speaking countries (2 lectures per week in Michaelmas Term).

## Course-Specific Modules

**Business Studies and German (BSG)**: Specialist language module Business German 1 (2 hours per week in Hilary Term) and the optional module Introduction to German Literature (1 hour per week, all year).

**Law and German (LG)**: Textual Analysis (2 hours per week in Hilary Term).

**Two Subject Moderatorship (TSM)**: Textual Analysis (2 hours per week in Hilary Term) and Introduction to German Literature (1 lecture + 1 tutorial per week, all year).

**Computer Science, Linguistics and German (CSL)**: German Language and Area Studies only.

**European Studies (ES)**: German Language and Area Studies only.

For full course and assessment details, please see the **Course Handbooks**, which you will soon be able to download from the departmental website ([www.tcd.ie/Germanic\\_Studies/language-resources](http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies/language-resources)).

**Attendance of all classes is compulsory.**

## Books and Course Materials

Required for all courses:

- *Essential German Grammar*, by Martin Durrell et al. (London: Arnold, 2002).
- A hardback German-English/English-German dictionary, such as Langenscheidt, Collins, Oxford or Pons.

For other courses you will receive either a reading list or course materials in the first week of term.

Books can be purchased either online (from Amazon or Buchhandel.de) or locally from Hodges Figgis (Dawson Street), International Books (South Frederick St) and Modern Languages (Westland Row). Secondhand copies may be available through the Students' Union shop.

## Timetable

Once you are registered you will be able to view your personal timetable online at [mytcd.ie](http://mytcd.ie). A timetable guide and classlists will be displayed on the Junior Freshman noticeboard. It is important to check the noticeboard and [mytcd](http://mytcd.ie) regularly for updates and changes.

## Communication with the Department

- Email: Please make sure to check your [@tcd.ie](mailto:@tcd.ie) email address regularly for updates and information.
- Noticeboard: The noticeboards are the corridor outside the departmental office. It is essential that you check them regularly for important notices regarding class lists, timetable updates, tests and exams, and events taking place in the Department. It is **your** responsibility to keep yourself informed about these matters.
- Website: [www.tcd.ie/Germanic\\_Studies](http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies). Check under the heading of Language Resources for handbooks and further information.

**Herzlich Willkommen!**