Dear Students,

The next academic year 2018/19 will see a substantial change in rules regarding academic progression as part of the Trinity Education Project.

Attached you will find a fact sheet on the new progression and awards regulations. Please read it carefully as it will impact on how you progress academically from 2018/19 onwards.

Key information includes:

1. The regulations governing academic progression including compensation, reassessment and repeating a year are changing.

2. These new regulations will apply from 2018/19 for all undergraduate students.

3. In order to accommodate requirements from external and accrediting bodies, some variation may be appropriate in relation to the new regulations on compensation, reassessment and repetition of year. Your programme of study’s office will advise you directly regarding these variations.

If you have any questions in relation to these regulations or the Trinity Education Project please contact the Project Team via email Trinityeducationproject@tcd.ie.

For more information on the Trinity Education Project please check out our website.

With best wishes,
Chris

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5 Facts for Students about the New Academic Progression Regulations from 2018/19

1. When will the new academic progression regulations start?
The regulations outlined below will apply to all undergraduate students from 2018/19.

2. How will these new regulations benefit me?
They will be more transparent, consistent and meaningful to all students and staff.

3. What are the new compensation regulations?
All modules and components within modules will be “compensatable”.

In order to rise with their year students:
- Will be required to accumulate 60 ECTS and obtain an overall pass mark;
- Will be permitted to compensate a maximum of 10 ECTS at qualified pass.

Students will have to present for reassessment when:
- They obtain more than 10 ECTS at qualified pass;
- They obtain a fail grade for any module;
- They do not obtain an overall pass.

Reassessment:
- If a student fails the year, they will have to present for reassessment at the reassessment session in all modules for which they obtained a fail grade or a qualified pass.
- The same compensation regulations will apply for reassessment as for semester 1 & 2 assessment.
What are the new reassessment regulations?

- Reassessment will be available in all years.
- The right to reassessment will be automatic for those students who achieve a fail grade in any of their modules.
- Students may not present for reassessment in a module they have passed.
- Capping of marks will not be applied for reassessment.
- Special Examinations will not be available from the academic year 2018/19.

What are the new repeat year regulations?

- Students will be allowed to repeat any academic year;
- Students will not be allowed to repeat the same academic year more than once within a degree programme;
- Students will not be allowed to repeat more than two different academic years within a degree programme;
- Students will be required to repeat the year on a module-by-module basis;
- There will no longer be an option to repeat a year on an ‘off-books’ basis.

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Any questions?

For further information please check out the TEP website www.tcd.ie/TEP
email your query to the TEP team at trinityeducationproject@tcd.ie or SU Education Officer at education@tcdsu.org.