

Admission Requirements

I ADMISSION FOR PRIMARY DEGREES

1 Applications for admission are classified as E.U. applications or non-E.U. applications. An E.U. application is one made by a person:

- (a) who is ordinarily resident in the E.U. *and* who will have received full-time post primary education in the E.U. for three of the five years immediately preceding admission;
or
- (b) who is ordinarily resident in the E.U. *and* has worked full-time in the E.U. for three of the five years immediately preceding admission;
or
- (c) who holds a passport from an E.U. State *and* has received all his/her full-time post primary education within the E.U.;
or
- (d) who has official refugee status, or has been granted humanitarian leave to remain in the State.

Applications from children of (a) E.U. Government officials living abroad, (b) semi-State officials who are on assignment in countries outside the E.U., (c) volunteer development workers, and (d) certain U.N. officials as approved by the Department of Foreign Affairs, are treated as E.U. applications. All other applications are considered to be non-E.U. applications. A student's registered status (E.U./non-E.U.) cannot be changed during a programme for which he/she is registered.

2 For prizes awarded to rising Junior Freshmen, see PRIZES AND OTHER AWARDS.

Applications for admission

3 Applications for admission from E.U. applicants should be made to the Central Applications Office (C.A.O.), Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway. Applicants are referred to the C.A.O. handbook for details of application dates and procedures. Applications for admission from non-E.U. applicants should be made to the Office of International Student Affairs, Trinity College, Dublin 2 by 1 February of year of proposed entry. For evening course see SECTION II, §10.

4 Entry is possible only at the beginning of the academic year, in October. No person will be admitted as a matriculated student of the University who will be under the age of 17 years on 15 January following the proposed date of entry.

5 The following will be the admission requirements to Trinity College for the academic year 2008-09.

General admission requirements

6 To qualify for admission to the University applicants must:

- (i) attain the standard of general education prescribed for matriculation (see §7);
- (ii) where applicable, satisfy specific requirements for the courses to which admission is sought (see Table A);
- (iii) where there is competition for places, obtain a sufficiently high standard of examination results to ensure inclusion among the number to whom offers are made.

Matriculation requirements

7 To be considered for admission to the University applicants must have the following qualifications in (a) Leaving Certificate examination terms or (b) General Certificate of

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Education/General Certificate of Secondary Education examination terms or (c) equivalent second level examination.

Subjects acceptable for matriculation requirements are listed below in §8.

(a) Leaving Certificate examination

- (i) A pass in English
- (ii) A pass in mathematics and a pass in a language other than English
or
A pass in Latin and a pass in a subject other than a language
- (iii) A pass in three further subjects
- (iv) Six subjects must be presented in all and three of these must be of a standard of at least grade C3 on higher Leaving Certificate papers or at least grade C3 in the University Matriculation examination.

A pass for requirements (i), (ii), and (iii) means grade D3 or above on higher and ordinary papers in the Leaving Certificate, grade D3 or above in the University Matriculation examination.

Applicants may combine grades achieved in different sittings of their Leaving Certificate/University Matriculation examinations for the purpose of satisfying matriculation requirements.

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme Link Modules are accepted for points purposes **only** and are awarded the following points: distinction – 70, merit – 50, pass – 30.

(b) General Certificate of Education/General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations

- (i) A pass in English language
- (ii) A pass in mathematics and a pass in a language other than English
or
A pass in Latin and a pass in a subject other than a language
- (iii) A pass in three further subjects
- (iv) Six subjects must be presented in all and two of these must be of a standard of at least grade C on 'A' level papers.

A pass for requirements (i), (ii), and (iii) means grade C or above on G.C.S.E. or Advanced Subsidiary level papers.

Applicants may combine grades achieved in different sittings of General Certificate of Education/General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations for the purpose of satisfying matriculation requirements.

'AS' level grades will not be accepted for the purpose of satisfying specific course requirements.

Acceptable subjects

8 All subjects of the Leaving Certificate examination are acceptable with the following exceptions: Irish at foundation level is not acceptable; mathematics at foundation level is acceptable for matriculation purposes only (excluding courses in the School of Nursing and Midwifery). In addition G.C.E./G.C.S.E. subjects set by recognised examination boards, including modular 'A' levels, are, in principle, acceptable for consideration with the following exceptions: physical education; general studies; media and communication studies. Applied A level, Vocational Advanced Subsidiary, Vocational A level, National Vocational and Key Skills qualifications are not accepted for either matriculation or scoring purposes. Applicants who require advice about subject eligibility should contact the Admissions Officer.

There are restrictions on subject combinations as follows:

Art may not be presented with history of art

Biology may not be presented with agricultural science, botany or zoology

Economic and political studies may not be presented with economics or political studies

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English literature may not be presented with English language
 Environmental studies may not be presented with biology or geography
 Physics/chemistry may not be presented with physics, applied physics or chemistry
 Science may not be presented with chemistry, physics or biology
 Not more than one specialised endorsed programme in art may be presented
 Art and music may not be offered as two of the three higher Leaving Certificate or as the two 'A' level grades required for matriculation.

Specific course requirements

9 Admission to courses may require more specific, and sometimes higher, minimal qualifications than those prescribed for matriculation. Specific course requirements are set out in the following table.

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Table A

Course code	Name	Specific requirements (reference is to higher level grades)
TR001	Two-subject moderatorship courses	
	Ancient history and archaeology	none
	Classical civilisation	none
	Drama studies	see note 12
	Early Irish	C in Irish
	Economics	see note 1
	English literature	C in English
	Film studies	none
	French	C1 in French
	Geography	none
	German	C1 in German
	Greek	C in Greek or C in a language excluding English
	History	none
	History of art and architecture	none
	Italian	C in Italian or C in a language excluding English
	Latin	C in Latin or C in a language excluding English
	Mathematics	B in mathematics
	Modern Irish	C in Irish
	Music	see note 5
	Near Eastern and Jewish studies	none
	Philosophy	none
	Psychology	none
	Religions and theology	none
	Russian	C in a language excluding English
	Sociology	none
	Spanish	C in a language excluding English
TR002	Music	see note 5
TR003	History	none
TR004	Law	none
TR005	Philosophy	none

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Table A (cont.)

Course code	Name	Specific requirements (reference is to higher level grades)
TR006	Psychology	none
TR007	Clinical speech and language studies	see note 4
TR008	Religions and theology	none
TR009	Music education	see note 5
TR010	Computer science, linguistics and a language (German)	C in mathematics and C1 in German
TR011	Computer science, linguistics and a language (French)	C in mathematics and C1 in French
TR012	History and political science	none
TR013	Computer science, linguistics and a language (Irish)	C in mathematics and B in Irish
TR014	Philosophy and political science	none
TR015	Philosophy, political science, economics and sociology	see note 1
TR018	Law and French	C1 in French
TR019	Law and German	C1 in German
TR021	Classics	C in Greek or Latin
TR022	Early and modern Irish	C in Irish
TR023	English studies	C in English
TR024	European studies	C in two of French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish (C1 in the case of French and German and C2 in the case of Spanish if non-beginners) and see note 8
TR025	Drama and theatre studies	see note 12
TR026	Germanic languages	C1 in German
TR027	Irish studies	C in a language excluding English
TR031	Mathematics	B in mathematics
TR032	Engineering	C in mathematics
TR033	Computer science	C in mathematics
TR034	Management science and information systems studies	C in mathematics
TR035	Theoretical physics	B in mathematics and B in physics
TR038	Engineering with management	C in mathematics
TR051	Medicine	see note 3
TR052	Dental science	see note 3
TR053	Physiotherapy	see notes 1 and 6
TR054	Occupational therapy	see note 7
TR055	Radiation therapy	see note 17
TR071	Science	see notes 1 and 2
TR072	Pharmacy	see notes 1 and 9
TR073	Human genetics	see notes 1 and 10
TR074	Chemistry with molecular modelling	see note 11
TR075	Medicinal chemistry	see notes 1 and 2
TR076	Physics and chemistry of advanced materials	see notes 1 and 13
TR081	Business, economic and social studies	see note 1
TR083	Sociology and social policy	none

Table A (cont.)

Course code	Name	Specific requirements (reference is to higher level grades)
TR084	Social studies	none
TR085	Business studies and French	C1 in French and see note 1
TR086	Business studies and German	C1 in German and see note 1
TR087	Business studies and Russian	C in a language excluding English and see note 1
TR089	Business studies and Polish	C in a language excluding English and see note 1
TR090	Business studies and Spanish	C1 in Spanish and see note 1
TR091	General nursing	see note 14
TR092	Mature applicant general nursing	see note 16
TR093	General nursing – Adelaide School of Nursing	see notes 14 and 15
TR094	Mature applicant general nursing – Adelaide School of Nursing	see notes 15 and 16
TR095	Psychiatric nursing	see note 14
TR096	Mature applicant psychiatric nursing	see note 16
TR097	Intellectual disability nursing	see note 14
TR098	Mature applicant intellectual disability nursing	see note 16
TR911	Integrated general and children's nursing	see note 14
TR912	Mature applicant integrated general and children's nursing	see note 16
TR913	Midwifery	see note 14
TR914	Mature applicant midwifery	see note 16

Notes to table A

- 1 A mathematics requirement of grade C3 on the ordinary or grade D3 on the higher Leaving Certificate paper *or* grade B at G.C.S.E. level.
- 2 Two higher level grade Cs from the following subjects: physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry, mathematics, geology, geography, applied mathematics, agricultural science. Physics/chemistry may not be presented with physics or chemistry. Agricultural science may not be presented with biology. Mathematics may not be presented with applied mathematics.
- 3 At least a higher level grade B and a higher level grade C in two of physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry, agricultural science. Physics/chemistry may not be presented with physics or chemistry. Agricultural science may not be presented with biology. An applicant who does not have some qualification in physics must present mathematics at grade C3 on the ordinary Leaving Certificate paper, grade D3 on the higher Leaving Certificate paper, *or* grade B at G.C.S.E. level.
- 4 A mathematics requirement of grade D3 on the ordinary or higher Leaving Certificate paper *or* grade C at G.C.S.E. level. A grade C at higher level in one of English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Spanish **and** a grade C at higher level in one of applied mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry, mathematics, agricultural science. Applicants presenting advanced G.C.E. ('A' levels) are required to have a grade C in one of English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Russian, Spanish *or* physics, chemistry, biology,

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- mathematics. Applicants presenting an 'A' level grade C from the group English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Russian, Spanish must also present at least grade B at G.C.S.E. level in one of the following: physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics. Applicants presenting an 'A' level grade C from the group physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics must also present at least grade B at G.C.S.E. level in one of the following: English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Russian, Spanish.
- 5 Applicants who indicate music or music education as a choice of subject will be called for an entrance test in March. This will include a simple harmony paper, an ear test, a paper on general musical knowledge and background, and an essay paper. Some applicants will be called for interview (and in the case of TR009 applicants, further tests) in early May when the final selections will be made.
 - 6 Two higher level grade Cs from the following subjects: physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry, mathematics, agricultural science. Physics/chemistry may not be presented with physics or chemistry. Agricultural science may not be presented with biology.
 - 7 One higher level grade C from the following subjects: physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry, agricultural science.
 - 8 Students entering this programme will study two languages from French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian and Spanish. Italian, Polish, Russian and Spanish are available from beginner level. No student may study more than one language as a beginner. Students accepted into this programme, subject to the above regulations, will normally have at least a higher level grade C in the Leaving Certificate or equivalent, in two languages other than English and Irish (C1 in the case of French and German and C2 in the case of Spanish if non-beginners). Students who have only one language (other than English or Irish) may also be admitted, subject to the above regulations, if they achieve a higher level grade B in the language in the Leaving Certificate, or equivalent.
 - 9 A higher level grade C in chemistry and a higher level grade C in one of physics, biology, mathematics, geology, geography, applied mathematics, agricultural science.
 - 10 Two higher level grade Cs from the following subjects: biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, applied mathematics, physics/chemistry. Physics/chemistry may not be presented with physics or chemistry. Mathematics may not be presented with applied mathematics.
 - 11 A higher level grade C in mathematics and a higher level grade C in one of chemistry, physics, physics/chemistry, biology.
 - 12 Applicants who indicate drama studies or drama and theatre studies as a choice of subject will be sent a questionnaire to complete in March. On the basis of the completed questionnaire some applicants will be called to attend a workshop and interview (during April/May) before final selections are made.
 - 13 Two higher level grade Cs from the following subjects: physics, chemistry, physics/chemistry, biology, applied mathematics or a higher level grade C in mathematics and a higher level grade C in one of physics, chemistry, physics/chemistry, biology, applied mathematics.
 - 14 A grade D at ordinary or higher level in mathematics and in one of biology, physics, chemistry, physics/chemistry or agricultural science.
 - 15 The Adelaide Hospital Society, which is a voluntary charitable organisation, nominates suitable applicants each year to the Adelaide School of Nursing. In selecting applicants, the

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Society has regard to its particular obligation to applicants from the Protestant community and also to members of inter-church families. Applicants may be called to interview before final selections are made.

- 16 Mature applicants to nursing or midwifery are NOT required to submit a mature student application form to Trinity College. An applicant who indicates nursing or midwifery as a mature student will be called to a written assessment by the Nursing Career Centre. Those applicants who achieve a specific standard at the assessment will be called to interview.
- 17 One higher level grade C from the following subjects: physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry.

Entrance standards

11 Reaching the minimum standard, either as prescribed for matriculation or in specific course requirements, does not guarantee admission to the University. Where there is competition for places on a given course, applicants who (i) have attained the standard prescribed for matriculation and (ii) have fulfilled the specific requirements for the course in question, are ranked on the basis of their best six University Matriculation/Leaving Certificate subjects, their best four G.C.E. Advanced level (A2) subjects or their best three G.C.E. Advanced level subjects and one G.C.E. Advanced Subsidiary level (AS) in a subject not presented at Advanced level (A2). An applicant's results from one sitting of the Leaving Certificate will be counted for scoring purposes. The best four G.C.E. Advanced level subjects from one academic year will be counted for scoring purposes. Where three G.C.E. Advanced level and one AS level subjects are being presented, the three G.C.E. Advanced level subjects must be taken in one academic year and the AS subject in the same or the preceding year. Applicants may combine results from the Leaving Certificate and the University Matriculation examination of the same year.

- 12 Students are admitted on the basis of their being proficient in the English language.

Acceptance of places – E.U. applicants

13 Students who accept an offer of a place in the College through the C.A.O. must comply in full with the instructions set out in the offer notice. The offer will lapse unless accepted within the specified time period. The right is reserved to cancel the offer despite any part performance of acceptance or payment. Students will be contacted by the College Fees Office with regard to payment of fees due. Students eligible for the Government's tuition fee remission scheme will be liable for the student charge of €825, the student Sports Centre charge of €70 and the U.S.I. levy of €8. Students in receipt of local authority grants will be liable for the student Sports Centre charge and the U.S.I. levy only. Students will be required to provide bank receipted evidence of payment of all relevant amounts before registration can take place. Students entering College for the first time, other than through the C.A.O. or as one-term students, must pay €903¹ (deductible if they subsequently pay an annual fee) as soon as they receive an offer of a place.

Students not qualifying for a local authority grant or the Government's tuition fee remission scheme will be billed for the balance of any fees due. Such fees must be paid by 1 September, or if offered a place after 25 August, within seven days of being informed of admission. Students liable for a full annual fee, if E.U., may exercise the option of paying the balance of their fees in two instalments. Local authority grant-holders will have the student charge of €825 paid on their behalf by the local authority on completion of form GF1. All grant-holders must certify that the fees will be paid by a recognised grant authority. If for any reason the relevant authority does not pay the annual tuition fees or the student charge in the case of local authority grant-holders the student will become liable for the fees due.

¹This payment includes the student Sports Centre charge of €70 and the U.S.I. levy of €8.

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In cases where students are admitted after the beginning of the academic year no reduction of fees will be granted.

Where a student advises the College before 1 October that the place offered is not being taken up the fee of €903 will be refunded subject to a deduction of €206 (no refunds will be made after 1 October).

See also COLLEGE CHARGES, section II.

Acceptance of places – non-E.U. applicants

14 Students who wish to accept an offer of a place in the College will be required to return an acceptance fee to secure their place. Details of the due date and method of payment will be included in the offer letter.

Deferred entry

15 Students seeking admission to full-time undergraduate courses may apply to defer entry to College for one year. The procedure for E.U. students applying for deferred entry is as follows:

On receipt of a C.A.O. offer notice:

- (i) Do not accept the offer in the manner shown on the offer notice.
- (ii) Write immediately to the Admissions Office, setting out the reason(s) for the request.
- (iii) The appropriate part of the offer notice must be attached to the letter.
- (iv) The letter must arrive in the Admissions Office at least two days before the 'reply date' shown on the offer notice.
- (v) The Admissions Office will communicate the decision to the applicant.

In order to take up the deferred place, the applicant, must re-apply through the C.A.O. by 1 February of the succeeding year, placing the deferred course as the first and only choice.

Non-E.U. students applying for deferred entry should contact the Admissions Officer in writing prior to the deadline for acceptance of their offer.

Professional course in theology

16 Application for admission to the professional course in theology should be made to the Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College, Braemor Park, Dublin 14.

Bachelor in Dental Technology

17 Application for admission to the three-year Bachelor in Dental Technology degree from E.U. applicants should be made to the Central Applications Office (C.A.O.), Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway by 1 February.

Applicants are required to present a pass in English, mathematics and in four other subjects, one of which must be physics, chemistry, biology, agricultural science or physics/chemistry. Of the six subjects presented two must be of a standard of at least grade C on ordinary Leaving Certificate papers. The remaining four subjects must be presented to a standard of at least grade D on ordinary Leaving Certificate papers.

Applications may be considered from mature applicants who do not satisfy the academic entry requirements but can demonstrate appropriate experience relevant to the course.

II ADMISSION FOR DIPLOMAS AND OTHER PURPOSES

ONE-YEAR AND PART-YEAR STUDENTS

1 Visiting undergraduate students, whether applying for one year, or one or two terms, must apply directly to the Office of International Student Affairs, Trinity College, East Theatre, Dublin 2 and not to the Central Applications Office. Applicants for postgraduate entry for one year or one or two terms must apply directly to the Graduate Studies Office, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

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2 Visiting students normally attend for a full academic year, but students may be accepted for one or two terms.

3 Admission for one year, or one or two terms, cannot be considered for dental science or medicine.

Admission for one year

4 Entry is usually at the beginning of the academic year, in October. Completed application forms, obtainable from the Office of International Student Affairs, must be received by 1 March of the year of proposed entry. Application forms for admission in January must be received by 1 September.

Applications must be supported by a letter of recommendation from a senior official of the university to which the applicants belong, and by an official statement of their academic record. Approved candidates are assigned to a tutor and are required to attend lectures and take examinations, if available, on the same conditions as full-time students. For the fees payable by one-year, one-term and two-term students, see COLLEGE CHARGES.

5 Students must communicate details of their programme of study to the Office of International Student Affairs for approval within the first two weeks of teaching term. Students who fail to do this are likely to have difficulties in obtaining full credit at the end of the year. Any proposed change in their programme of study during the year must be approved by the Office of International Student Affairs, as advised by the relevant heads of school or department.

6 Students initially admitted to the University to take a one-year course may apply to the Senior Lecturer for permission to study in the College for a longer period up to and including the taking of a degree. In these circumstances students must make application through the Admissions Office before 1 September. Their application will be competitive with other applicants for the course(s) to which they apply. The Senior Lecturer will rule on the acceptability of earlier course work for abridgement of course.

Admission for one or two terms

7 Applications are also accepted from students of other universities, or other sufficiently qualified students, for admission for one or two terms. (Applicants from Canada and the U.S.A. should note that the College academic year is divided into three terms and not into semesters.) Approved candidates are entitled to attend lectures on the same conditions as full-time students, but students attending for the Michaelmas term only will not be able to take examinations.

Admission for specific courses

8 The Senior Lecturer may also admit suitably qualified applicants to attend specific courses of lectures.

9 For the fees payable, see COLLEGE CHARGES.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO EVENING DEGREE COURSE

10 Applications for admission to the evening Bachelor in Science in Information Systems degree course should be made to the Admissions Office, West Theatre, Trinity College, Dublin 2, by 30 June.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO DIPLOMA COURSES

11 Unless otherwise stated below application for admission to diploma courses should be made to the Registrar of the appropriate school. For further particulars of the various diplomas, see the regulations of the respective schools.

12 Applications for admission to the following diploma courses should be made to the

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Admissions Office, West Theatre, Trinity College, Dublin 2, by the appropriate closing date: Diploma in the History of European Painting (1 June); Diploma in Information Systems (30 June); Diploma in Information Studies (1 September).

13 Applications for admission to the Diploma in Irish Sign Language Teaching should be made to the Director, Centre for Deaf Studies, 40 Lower Drumcondra Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, by 31 May.

14 Applications for admission from E.U. applicants to the following diploma courses should be made to the Central Applications Office (C.A.O.), Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway: Diploma in Dental Hygiene; Diploma in Dental Nursing; Diploma in Deaf Studies; Diploma in Irish Sign Language/English Interpreting. The closing date for applications is 1 February.

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Table B

Course code	Name	Special requirements
TR801	Diploma in Dental Nursing	see notes A and C
TR802	Diploma in Dental Hygiene	see notes B and C
TR804	Diploma in Deaf Studies	see note D
TR805	Diploma in Irish Sign Language/ English Interpreting	see note E

Notes to table B

- A A pass in English, mathematics and in four other subjects, one of which must be physics, chemistry, biology, agricultural science or physics/chemistry. Of the six subjects presented two must be of a standard of at least grade C on ordinary Leaving Certificate papers. The remaining four subjects must be presented to a standard of at least grade D on ordinary Leaving Certificate papers.
- B A pass in English, mathematics and in four other subjects, one of which must be physics, chemistry, biology, agricultural science or physics/chemistry. Of the six subjects presented two must be of a standard of at least grade C on higher Leaving Certificate papers. The remaining four subjects must be presented to a standard of at least grade D on ordinary Leaving Certificate papers.
- C Applications may be considered from mature applicants who do not satisfy the academic entry requirements but can demonstrate appropriate experience relevant to the course.
- D Applicants are required to present six passes in the Leaving Certificate including English at grade C on ordinary level or grade D on higher level papers (or grade B at G.C.S.E. level). Applicants should also have a grade C on ordinary level or grade D on higher level Leaving Certificate papers (or grade B at G.C.S.E. level) in a language other than English.
- E Applicants should have a minimum of six passes in the Leaving Certificate including English at higher level grade C or above (or grade C at 'A' level) and a pass in a language other than English at ordinary level. Applicants should also have completed at least one year of ISL tuition or have the language as a 'mother tongue'. Applicants will also be required to attend an interview.

ADMISSION FOR HIGHER DEGREES

16 Candidates for all higher degrees must apply for admission to the Graduate Admissions Office, Trinity College, Dublin 2. (See PART 2 OF THE CALENDAR — GRADUATE STUDIES AND HIGHER DEGREES.)

RE-ADMISSION

17 E.U. Junior Freshman students who withdraw from College before 1 February (having been admitted the previous October) must re-apply through the C.A.O. for admission in a subsequent year. Non-E.U. Junior Freshman students withdrawing before 1 February must re-apply through the Office of International Student Affairs. E.U. or non-E.U. students who withdraw from College after 1 February may apply for re-admission through the Admissions Office by 1 July of the proposed year of entry.

18 Students who have been permitted to go off the books may return to College in accordance with GENERAL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION, section II, §§55-56.

19 Students who are off the books without permission may be re-admitted to the College only at the discretion of the Senior Lecturer. They pay a replacement fee of €349 and the Junior Dean must certify that they are in good standing in respect of the general regulations for students. In cases of ill-health the replacement fee may be waived by the Senior Lecturer, but students will be required to produce a satisfactory certificate from a nominated medical referee. A special application form for re-admission must be obtained from the Admissions Office, Trinity College.

20 Students who have completed a course of study or who have been off the books for a number of years may be re-admitted to College subject to the student satisfying the general admission requirements.

MATURE STUDENTS

21 At the discretion of the Senior Lecturer, E.U. applicants who will be twenty-three years on 1 January of the year of admission may be admitted as mature students without having the normal matriculation qualifications. Intending applicants must obtain a supplementary application form from the Admissions Office, Trinity College. This application form must be completed and returned to the Admissions Office not later than 1 February 2008. All candidates of twenty-three years or over, who are applying solely on the grounds of mature age and not on the basis of Leaving Certificate points, must complete this application process to be eligible for consideration. When completing this application form to Trinity College applicants are advised to give a relatively full statement of their education experience, work experience and general interests. Interviews, where required for the applicants' chosen subjects, will be arranged by the Admissions Office. Owing to the high demand for places in certain areas not all applicants may be called for interview. In addition applicants may be required to satisfy other assessment criteria. Additional information for mature students should be obtained from the Admissions Office. Applicants must also make a submission through the C.A.O. by 1 February 2008.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

22 Trinity College Dublin has an agreed policy on students with disabilities, and as far as possible will assist students with disabilities to complete their chosen course of study within the College. In some cases the entry requirements may be varied to assist students with disabilities to gain admission.

III TRINITY ACCESS PROGRAMMES (TAP)

1 Trinity College is strongly committed to ensuring a significant increase in participation at third level of those whose social, economic and educational experiences have prevented them from realising their full educational potential.

The College has established a number of Trinity Access Programmes (commonly known as TAP) including the primary and second level programmes, pre-university courses for young adults and mature students, in Trinity College and in partnership with CDVEC Colleges.

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The Foundation Courses for Higher Education – Mature Students

2 Established in 1997, this one-year course prepares mature students (E.U. applicants who are over twenty-three years of age on 1 January of the year of application) for entry to undergraduate studies at Trinity College and other third level institutions. Up to twenty-five students are admitted each year. There are no standard educational entry requirements but evidence of a particular interest in education and strong motivation is essential. Pre-university courses for mature students are also available in partnership with TAP through CDVEC Pearse College, Crumlin and Plunket College, Whitehall. Up to twenty-five students are admitted to each of these two courses per year.

The Foundation Courses for Higher Education – Young Adults

3 Established in 1999, this year-long course is open to Leaving Certificate students from TAP affiliated schools and schools affiliated to other higher education access programmes. Applicants should have taken the Leaving Certificate examination in the year of application or up to two years prior to that. Minimum entry requirements are a grade D in five subjects on ordinary level Leaving Certificate papers and a grade C in one subject on a higher level Leaving Certificate paper. Up to twenty-five students are admitted each year. A pre-university course for young adults is also available in partnership with TAP through CDVEC Liberties College. Up to twenty-five students are admitted to this course per year.

The Primary and Second Level Programme

4 This programme involves developmental work with nineteen primary schools and twenty second level schools, all of which are designated disadvantaged or part of the DES Schools Completion Programme. It is designed to increase the number of students staying in education and ultimately, progressing to third level. These programmes work in partnership with communities, schools, parents, pupils, other higher education institutions and relevant statutory bodies to design and develop appropriate activities. The range of opportunities currently available includes summer schools, student shadowing days, an introduction to university programme, educational achievement awards, a mentoring scheme and academic workshops. There are thirty activities annually involving about 4,000 students and over thirty schools and departments from Trinity College.

The Post-Entry Support Programme (PSP)

5 The PSP aims to ease the transition from second to third level for young adult students, and to help mature students adjust to a return to education. TAP, together with other College services, schools and departments, has developed a range of post-entry supports for students from non-traditional backgrounds. These supports have been developed in response to student and staff evaluations. Supports are divided into four main headings: academic supports, financial supports, personal supports, social supports and include facilities such as a Writing Resource Centre, a Learning Resource Centre (The Studio), end-of-term workshops, fund-raising activities, personal support and advice, extra tuition and supported accommodation.

6 Information on all of the above TAP initiatives may be obtained from the secretary, Trinity Access Programmes, Goldsmith Hall, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

IV THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

1 In a limited range of subjects a matriculation examination is held in Trinity College every year usually in April/May. A detailed timetable is sent to candidates a fortnight before the examination.

2 The subjects of the matriculation examination are biblical studies and geology. Candidates may take one or both subjects.

3 The examination is graded in terms equivalent to the grades used in the higher Leaving Certificate examination papers.

Admission requirements

4 Intending candidates must complete and send to the Admissions Office a matriculation examination application form, and the non-returnable fee of €96, together with the completed fee-payment form, not later than 1 March. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that the completed forms and fee payment reach the Admissions Office by the prescribed closing date. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances. All candidates are notified of their results by post.

5 One 3-hour paper is set in each subject.

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Biblical studies

The paper comprises two sections. Candidates should attempt both sections as outlined below.

SECTION A. OLD TESTAMENT

Either

- I The history of Israel up to and including the Babylonian exile. Particular attention should be given to the origins of Israel, the rise of the monarchy, the fall of Samaria and the impact of the exile.

or

- II Old Testament literature:
 - (a) Narrative: the Joseph story (*Genesis* 37-48)
 - (b) Poetry: the Book of Amos
 - (c) Wisdom: the Book of Job

SECTION B. NEW TESTAMENT

Either

- I The history of early Christianity in the first century. Particular attention should be given to the Jewish and Hellenistic environment, Jesus and his movement in Palestine and developments up to the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D.

or

- II Early Christian literature:
 - (a) Narrative: Acts of the Apostles
 - (b) Gospels: Mark's Gospel
 - (c) Letters: First Corinthians

The biblical text used will be the *Revised Standard Version*. Further details may be obtained from the departmental office.

Geology

The paper will offer a choice of about ten questions from which five must be answered. Candidates will be given credit for citing examples, where relevant, of geological features they have observed in the field. Credit will also be given for appropriate, clear illustrations.

GENERAL GEOLOGY

The concept of, and evidence for, the layered structure of the Earth. The theory of plate tectonics and its bearing on the origin of earthquakes, volcanoes, mountain belts, and rift valleys.

SURFACE PROCESSES

Weathering and its dependence on climate and rock type. Erosion, transport and deposition in fluvial, marine, aeolian, and glacial environments, with emphasis on the development of the Irish landscape. The features of ancient sedimentary rocks from which their depositional environment and way-up can be inferred. The hydrological cycle

Admission requirements

EARTH MATERIALS

The composition and occurrence of the following minerals, and the diagnostic features sufficient to distinguish between them (without use of a microscope): quartz, feldspar, augite, hornblende, mica, olivine, garnet, calcite, galena, sphalerite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, magnetite, hematite, limonite, malachite, fluorspar, barytes, gypsum, halite

The characteristic features, occurrence and origin of the following common rocks: gabbro, dolerite, basalt, andesite, granite, rhyolite, obsidian, pumice, tuff, agglomerate; gneiss, schist, slate, quartzite, marble, mylonite, hornfels; conglomerate, breccia, sandstone, greywacke, shale, mudstone, limestone, coal, chert. Irish mineral resources. Energy resources

THE GEOMETRY OF ROCK BODIES

Folds and faults. Cleavage and its relationship to folding. Joints

Candidates should be able to draw and interpret simple block diagrams and maps showing unconformities, dipping strata, folded strata, faulted strata, batholiths, dykes and sills.

EARTH HISTORY

The principles of radiometric dating of minerals. The subdivision of geological time. The origin and age of the Earth. The law of superposition and the principles of stratigraphic correlation. An outline of the geological history of Ireland and Britain, including periods of orogenesis, major unconformities, and changing environments of sedimentary deposition.

ANCIENT LIFE

The origin, evolution and extinction of organisms. A broad outline of vertebrate evolution including the appearance of man. Modes of preservation and fossilisation potential of different organisms. Fossils as rock builders and environmental indicators. Corals, brachiopods, molluscs (bivalves, gastropods, cephalopods), echinoderms (echinoids, crinoids), trilobites and graptolites:—those morphological features characterising their taxonomic class and approximate geological age. The use of microfossils in oil exploration.