MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation
A guide to the application process

About Us
The Irish School of Ecumenics (ISE) is a cross-border department in the Confederal School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, Trinity College Dublin. Taught MPhil courses and PhD study are offered at its two centres, on the main TCD campus in Dublin and in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation is taught at the Belfast campus, in the University Quarter in the south of the city.

Resources for prospective students applying to this course are available on the Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation section of the ISE website.

Please note that as Belfast is in the UK, non-EU students applying for the MPhil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation will need to obtain a UK student visa. Please refer to the Guide for International Students at the above link for further information.

The Application Process
Applications open in November for the following year. Once you have begun an application you will have an account on the my.tcd.ie portal. If you proceed to accepting an offer of a place this is where you will register online and pay fees, and the ID number assigned to you will become your student number.

Advice on the application process is available on the student portal and if you experience difficulties an ‘Ask TCD’ button is available on every screen. You can contact Academic Registry with any technical questions about applications or fee payment. This department can also help with US Federal Aid and student finance enquires.

Acceptance of an offer entails payment of a deposit of 500 Euros. The time frame to accept a place is 3 weeks but can be extended. Please contact the CRR office at reconsec@tcd.ie to request this. You can also contact the CRR office with any queries about the progress of your application and questions about the course.
Keeping in Touch
Central college services such as Academic Registry will update you on the status of your application and course registration matters.

The CRR office will send you information about the course, orientation, and the timetable. It is also the contact point for international student queries.

Those wishing to get in touch with other students on the course can join a class Facebook group closer to the start of term – this is useful for incoming students interested in sharing accommodation.

Course Registration
Online registration begins around late August. This includes payment of any fees due. Non EU students should note that all fees are payable at the beginning of the year and cannot be paid in instalments. It is important to bear this in mind when applying for loans or other funding.

Student ID Card
Once registration is completed you can collect your student ID card from the main campus in Dublin. Academic Registry will notify you of the dates when your card is ready for collection. Students often opt to travel from Belfast as a group to collect their cards and attend the ISE Dublin orientation. This is an ideal opportunity to meet students on the school's other MPhil courses however you can collect your card anytime within the dates notified to you. You will need your ID card to borrow books from the ISE Belfast library.

Module Registration
Module registration is separate to course registration and takes place in advance of the start of term. The CRR office will contact you about this. Once module registration has been completed you will be able to access module materials via Blackboard using your TCD user name and password.

User Name and Password
After you complete online registration at my.tcd.ie you will get a unique Trinity username. You will need this username to check your email, and access Library services and Blackboard online.

To get this username and your initial network login password, check your Intray Messages at my.tcd.ie after you have completed online registration for a message
with the subject ‘Your Trinity Computer Account’. If you cannot see this message, please click the ‘All Messages’ link.

For password issues or to see an overview of IT services for students, visit the IT Services website. Belfast-based students can have use of an office phone to call college services.

**Course Structure**
Teaching takes place over two terms and ends in early April. Students take the core module, Research Skills, plus five optional modules and submit a dissertation. Up to two modules can be taken from the school’s Dublin-based MPhil courses. May to mid-August is the dissertation writing period.

**Preparatory Reading**
Preparatory reading suggestions for each module are provided in the Course Overview available on the course section of the ISE website.

**Arrival Dates**
You will find it helpful if you can plan to arrive a couple of weeks before the start of term, to ensure you have time to find accommodation and settle in before classes begin. Teaching normally begins in the last week of September with orientation events the week before (week beginning Monday 18 September 2017 – to be confirmed). Information on accommodation is provided in the International Student Handbook.

**Orientation**
As part of the registration process you will receive details about postgraduate orientation events at TCD which are optional. Attendance at the MPhil Orientation at ISE Belfast is required. This takes place the week before the start of the teaching term and details will be distributed to incoming students nearer the time.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries you may have. We will be happy to assist you! Email the Executive Officer, Caroline Clarke at reconsec@tcd.ie or call +44(0)28 9077 0087.

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