

Student Profile

Grainne McAnaney

"If I am honest, I chose to study Law at Trinity College on a bit of a whim. Coming from Northern Ireland, most of my school friends were going to college there or in England and I very nearly did the same. I am now in my final year of Law here and I can honestly say I am so glad that I decided to go against the grain and come to Trinity College.

The Law School is relatively small compared with other leading universities and it allows for a friendly close-knit environment between the staff and students. The four-year degree allows students not only to study the core legal subjects but also to delve into more specific areas of the law that they are particularly interested in. Law students are also given the invaluable opportunity of studying abroad for the third year of the degree in other world class universities. Studying in the United States gave me the chance to broaden my perspectives on legal issues and also to set up connections and friendships in another country that will last a lifetime.

The teaching in the Law School here is second to none. Aside from the fact that most of the lecturers have written the book on what they are teaching, they are friendly and always willing to help. The lectures, especially in the third and fourth years, are not just aimed at making you pass an exam, but to have a wide and practical knowledge of the subject and to have an inquisitorial approach to what you are learning.

Trinity College is an internationally recognised university of world class standards and the Law School is a testament to that. If you are looking to have a great four years, learn about the law from outstanding teachers, and make a lot of friends in the process, then Trinity College is the place to be."

Graduate Profile

Garrett Simons

Garrett Simons, S.C. graduated from the School of Law with a first class honours degree in 1992. Garrett is a Senior Counsel specialising in planning and environmental law, and the author of "Planning and Development Law" (Thomson Round Hall, Dublin).

"My reasons for choosing Trinity College were, first, the excellent reputation of the School, and, secondly, the fact that it offered a four-year honours degree course. A four-year course not only allows for a greater choice of subjects, but also affords an opportunity to study those subjects in depth. Your degree is awarded on the basis of your performance in third and fourth year, which is a much fairer basis of assessment than in most colleges. The Law School is relatively small, and thus has a very friendly atmosphere. My lecturers were excellent, and in many cases were the leaders in their field. I particularly enjoyed the Environmental Law course taught by Professor Yvonne Scannell, and subsequently decided to specialise in planning and environmental law. I have no doubt but that the questioning approach which Yvonne and other lecturers encouraged us to take to legal issues has been of great benefit to me in my practice at the bar."

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