

# Erasmus, International Exchange and Visiting Student Welcome Meeting

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#### **Structure of the Meeting**

- Departments and co-ordinators
- Structure of academic year
- Choosing modules and module load
- ECTS credits at Trinity College
- Useful websites and general advice

#### Departments and Coordinators \*

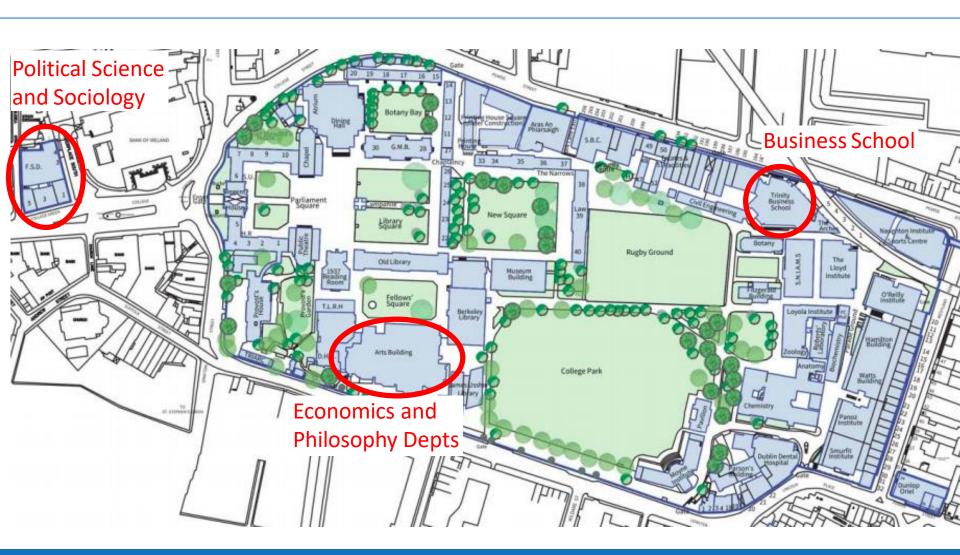
- Business School, Mr James White (business.exchange@tcd.ie)
  - Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 09:30 12:30
  - Room: 4001, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Trinity Business School
- Department of Economics, Dr Nicola Mastrorocco (ecnvisit@tcd.ie)
  - Office hours: Thursday 16.00 18.00
    - For week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> September office hours will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>
      September from 14.00 -16.00
  - Room: 3018, 3<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arts Building
- Department of Philosophy, Dr <u>Lilian Alweiss</u> (alweissl@tcd.ie)
  - Office Hours: Monday 10.30 11.30
    - MT Signing session: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 − 12.30
  - Room: 5007, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arts Building
- $^ullet$  The Department coordinators are the key figures who will sign your Module Enrolment Form.

#### Departments and Coordinators \*

- Department of Political Science, Mr <u>Liam Kneafsey</u> (kneafsel@tcd.ie)
  - Office hours:
    - Monday 15.00 17.00 (September 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>)
    - TBC for remainder of term
  - Room: 4.09, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2-3 College Green
- Department of Sociology, Dr Pablo Gracia (graciap@tcd.ie)
  - Office Hours: Monday 14.00 16.00
    - **Signing session:** Erasmus Students, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 14.30 15.30 (Room: 3.02)
    - Signing session: College-wide & Visiting, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 16.00 17.00 (Room: 3.02)
  - Room: 2.02, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 2-3 College Green

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## **Locate your Coordinators**



#### Structure of the Academic Year

Term 1 (Michaelmas Term, MT)

Teaching Starts: 9<sup>th</sup> September

Study Week: 21<sup>st</sup> October

» No lectures and tutorials during this week

Teaching ends: 29<sup>th</sup> November

Revision week: 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Assessment starts: 9<sup>th</sup> December \*

\* Please do not book any flight before the end of the Assessment week, as exams might take place any day during that week.

#### Structure of the Academic Year

#### Term 2 (Hilary Term, HT)

Teaching Starts: 20<sup>th</sup> January

Study Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> March

» No lectures and tutorials during this week

Teaching ends: 10<sup>th</sup> April

Revision week: 13<sup>rd</sup> April

Assessment starts: 27<sup>th</sup> April

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## How to pick your modules

- Take about 80% 100% of a Trinity student's module load (but meet the requirements of your home university); visit some modules in first week to help you decide
- Take a good mix of modules subject to schedule and restrictions: you cannot take modules that clash on the timetable
- The timetable for modules is on your mytcd.ie portal

#### What is the right module load?

One Term Students (Michaelmas Term or Hilary Term)	Between 25 and 30 ECTS
Full Year Students	Between 50 and 60 ECTS

- We do not recommend taking more than 30 credits per term. If your home institution asks you to do more, please contact your TCD Coordinator for assistance.
- Equally, we will not sign a module registration form that is too light (e.g. just one or two modules)

## **ECTS Credits at Trinity**

Year	1 Term	Full Year
2nd Year (Senior Fresh, SF)	5 credits	10 credits
3rd Year (Junior Sophister, JS)	5 credits	10 credits
4th Year (Senior Sophister, SS)**	7.5/10 credits***	10/15

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Department of Political Science does not accept Visiting and Erasmus students in SS (4<sup>th</sup> year) modules

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Exchange students do an additional assignment

#### Registering for modules

- Module registration form available at:
  <a href="https://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/visiting-exchange/module-enrolment.php">https://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/visiting-exchange/module-enrolment.php</a>
- Come to your coordinators office during office hours to have your module choices approved by the coordinator
- Submit to Academic Registry Service Desk with all signatures complete. They will register you officially on the system. Ensure module codes are correct. If there are clashes you will not be able to register
- Ensure you have signatures from coordinators outside Business and Social Sciences and Philosophy (SSSP) if needed before submitting!

## **Choosing Modules**

https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/incoming/module-outlines.php

Some modules have quotas: see website

You can only get your form signed during office hours

#### Time spent in classroom

• Most modules involve 2-3 hours per week in the classroom in lectures, seminars and tutorials, and about 5 hours per week reading and preparation (emphasis on independent study).

#### Tutorials:

 Note that many modules will offer several tutorials that cover the same topic – <u>usually students are assigned to a tutorial group. If in</u> <u>doubt ask your lecturer</u>.

#### Assessment:

- Variety of assessment methods essays, assignments, tests etc and a proportion to an exam
- Students may not have to do an exam in some departments, but may have a lot of essays due around the same time

## **Some Important Websites**

- Regularly check your @tcd.ie account!
- Many lecturers in Trinity College Dublin use Blackboard Learn and Turnitin.com
  - Blackboard Learn: Lecture notes, readings etc are posted here (you will be registered automatically after your module registration form is processed. Lecturers can also add you manually)
  - **Turnitin.com**: some modules require submission of assignments via this channel (plagiarism check), you receive further information in the relevant assignment guidelines.
  - Plagiarism Policy; <a href="http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/calendar">http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/calendar</a>

#### **Some General Advice**

- Keep your coordinator(s) informed of your progress or difficulties during your time at Trinity College.
- While you are at Trinity College, you well be assigned to a Tutor (the Department coordinator for Erasmus students)
- Other sources of support:
  - Student Counselling Service <u>student-counselling@tcd.ie</u>
  - Chaplaincy Service <u>chaplaincy@tcd.ie</u>
  - Student-2-Student <u>student2student@tcd.ie</u>
  - Student Health Centre
  - Student Union

#### Are you Lost?



Call Colette in the School Office on

+353 1 896 1840

and she will assist



## **Thank You**

