Erasmus and International Exchange Information Meeting

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Agenda

Structure of the Evening

– 18.00 – 18.20: General Session
– 18.20 – 19.00: Departmental Sessions
Departments and Coordinators

Business – Jimmy White

- Email: business.exchange@tcd.ie
- Office Hours: Undergraduate Office, 3rd Floor, School of Business, Aras an Phairsaigh – Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 – 12.30

Economics – Davide Romelli

- Email: Econ.Exchange@tcd.ie
- Office Hours: Room 3010, Arts Building – Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00

Political Science – Emanuel Coman

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- Office Hours: Room 5.08, 3 College Green – Thursday 10.00 – 12.00
Departments and Coordinators

Philosophy – Lilian Alweiss

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- Office Hours: Room 5007, Arts Building – Tuesday 15.00 - 16.00

Sociology – David Ralph

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• Office hours: Room 2.03, 2-3 College Green - Monday 16.00 - 18.00, Tuesday 16.00 – 18.00
Before Applying

Think about:

• Where to go

• How long to go for – half year or full year?

• Is Erasmus/exchange for you?
Where to go

Over 150 places in 50 universities in 22 different countries: https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Outgoing/destinations/index.php
Scandanavia: Uppsala Sweden, Hanken Finland
Where to go

France: Paris, Remmes, Strasbourg, Grenoble
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Spain: Barcelona
Where to go

Germany: Trier, Mannheim, Heidelberg
Where to Go

Asia: Japan, China, South Korea, Hong Kong
North America: Babson, Queens, Emory,
Which Exchanges can I go on?

- You are eligible to apply in either Department/School you are studying with.

- Check the exchanges available for each department you are studying with on website: [http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Outgoing/destinations/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Outgoing/destinations/index.php)

- If you study two subjects, it's important that you make sure that you can take both subjects in the university you select before applying – look at eligibility notes and talk to your coordinator.
Half a Year or a Full Year?

- If you spend half a year abroad, you will be examined on the basis of work completed in Trinity and abroad.
- If your second subject is not offered in a university you are interested in, you may consider going on a half year exchange, provided you are able to frontload your modules - please check with coordinator!
- There is a section to indicate your preference on the application form.
Applying for Erasmus

- Application form available on: http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Apply/
- Applications to be submitted via surveymonkey. Practice form in Word available on website. Only fully completed applications submitted via survey monkey will be accepted.
- Applications open on Friday 19th October
- Deadline: Friday 23rd November, 2018
- Places will be allocated on basis of grades, availability and suitability of exchanges
Applying for Erasmus

– When giving your JF grades please enter **NUMERICAL PERCENTAGE** grade

– You will be asked to list five top preferences – **please use university names exactly as they appear on the Study Abroad website** (link in the form)

– Please do your homework on which exchanges are **suitable for your subject combination** before you list them on the form
After you Apply

– First round offers will be made in mid January

– **Provisional:** If you are applying for a College wide exchange as well, we will aim to make Erasmus offers at the same time so that you can choose and you will have 1-2 days to accept/decline Erasmus offer

– You will have roughly a week accept or decline the offer
  • Please note: before you accept consider financial implications etc. as **withdrawals are only permitted in exceptional circumstances**

– Remaining places will be offered on a second round
Who is responsible for what?

– We expect you to:
  • Research exchange programmes thoroughly before you apply/accept an offer
  • Be able to act independently on a day to day basis
  • Investigate courses in advance, and expect to be flexible
  • Inform us promptly if you encounter difficulties

– Although we will give you all assistance we can to support you academically, we cannot:
  • Help with finding accommodation
  • Control the courses that other universities offer
  • Review or intervene in the decisions of partner universities
Things to consider before applying

– Can be challenging:

  • ‘I hadn't fully considered the implications of moving away from family and friends for 7 months and at times found this harder than I had expected. However overall it was a great experience and I would definitely do it again.’

  Part of the experience is taking responsibility, being comfortable in a new and different environment, developing resilience and independence.

– Erasmus is a wonderful opportunity:

  • ‘An absolute must. best decision I ever made & I wasn’t even too excited about it when I went. Tell students to Beg borrow or steal to fund it, it's worth it! Doesn’t matter where you go either, its just about the friends you make.’

  • ‘By far the best year of my life overall.’
Disciplinary Meetings

Business – Ed Burke Theatre

Economics – Robert Emmet Theatre (2037)

Political Science – 4050B

Sociology – 5052

Philosophy – 3020
Thank You