Erasmus and International Exchange Information Meeting

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Exchange Information Evening
1st November, 2017
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: Room 3.14, School of Business, Aras an Phairsaigh – Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 – 12.30

Economics – Agustin Benetrix
- Email: Econ.Exchange@tcd.ie
- Office Hours: Room 3016, Arts Building – Monday 10.00 – 12.00

Political Science – Emanuel Coman
- Email: comane@tcd.ie
- Office Hours: Room 5.08, 3 College Green – Thursday 10.00 – 12.00

Philosophy – Ben Bramble
- Email: brambleb@tcd.ie
- Office Hours: Room 5003, Arts Building – Tuesday 14.00 – 16.00
Who is Responsible for What?

Academic Advice and Approval
– Departmental Erasmus Coordinators

Administrative Support
– Programme Administrators

Grant Administration
– Academic Registry

• For further details please consult the website, http://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/outbound/. Email queries to Erasmus@tcd.ie
Before Applying

Think about:

• Where to go

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

Over 150 places in 50 universities in 22 different countries
Scandanavia: Uppsala Sweden, Hanken Finland
Where to go

France: Paris, Remmes, Strasbourg, Grenoble
Where to go
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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?

- 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)

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

- 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.**

- **Deadline: 12th December, 2017**

- Places will be allocated on basis of grades, availability and suitability of exchanges
Applying for Erasmus

- When giving your JF grades please enter **NUMERICAL** 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
- Those who have been offered non-EU places and are also offered Erasmus place 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

- But part of the experience 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

- Burke: Business
- Synge (2039): Economics
- 5033: Sociology
- 5012: Philosophy
- Thomas Davis (2043): Political Science
Thank You