THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR STRUCTURE

When will the new Academic Year Structure start? 2018/2019.
The new Academic Year Structure will apply to all students from 2018/19. This means that a long-term ambition of the Students' Union, Michaelmas exams, will be a reality next year.

What are the important dates I need to know for planning for the summer of 2018?
- **Freshers’ Week:** Monday 3rd September 2018
- **Teaching begins:** Monday 10th September 2018
- **Supplemental Exams Period:** 18 - 25 August 2018

How will the new Academic Year Structure benefit me? It should facilitate the spread of different forms of assessment across the academic year resulting in fewer students sitting a large number of exams at the end of each year. It should allow for more student mobility/exchange opportunities with easier transition for both incoming and outgoing students.

What are the main elements of the new Academic Year Structure?
There will be two Semesters, Semester 1 and Semester 2, and each will include:

a) **One Study/Review Week**
b) **One Formal Assessment Week at the end of the semester:** start dates for assessment will be confirmed by the Academic Registry.
c) **One Revision Week:** this week may also be used for assessment when it is not possible to accommodate all formal examinations within one week.

Reassessment for Semester 1 and Semester 2 will take place at the start of Semester 1 of the next academic year. It is expected that students will be issued with provisional grades for Semester 1 towards the end of January/early February in Semester 2. In the 2018/19 academic year the Scholarship examinations will take place during the week commencing 7th January 2019.

The 2018 Summer Session will be shorter due to transitioning from the current academic year structure to the new structure.

What does a semester-based system (semesterisation) mean?
A semester-based system is where modules can be wholly taught and assessed in a single teaching block or semester. This will be a departure from our previous academic year structure where normally the two teaching terms of 11 weeks were followed by one annual assessment period of four weeks. From 2018/19 there will be an assessment period after each 11-week teaching block.

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