










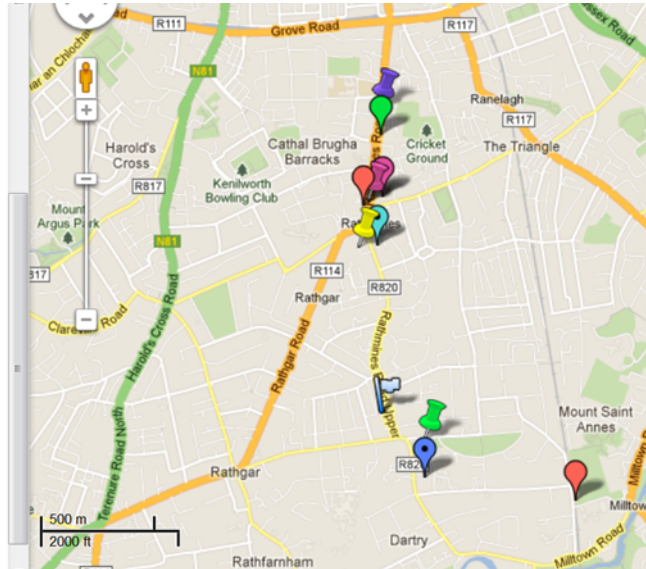


LOCAL AMENITIES

The following is a number of FAQ's that relate to life and living at Trinity Hall, especially in relation to local amenities. It has been compiled by the SCR in conjunction with the JCR and was correct as of August 2015.

Map of facilities near Hall

-  Trinity Hall
-  LUAS
-  140 Bus stop
-  Local Shops
 - Tesco
 - Late Shopper
 - Chemist
 - Off Licence
 - Butchers
 - Cafe
-  Tesco
-  Post Office
-  Swan Centre
 - Dunnes Stores
 - Cinema
-  Aldi + Lidl
-  Bike Shop
-  ATM's
-  Carphone Warehouse

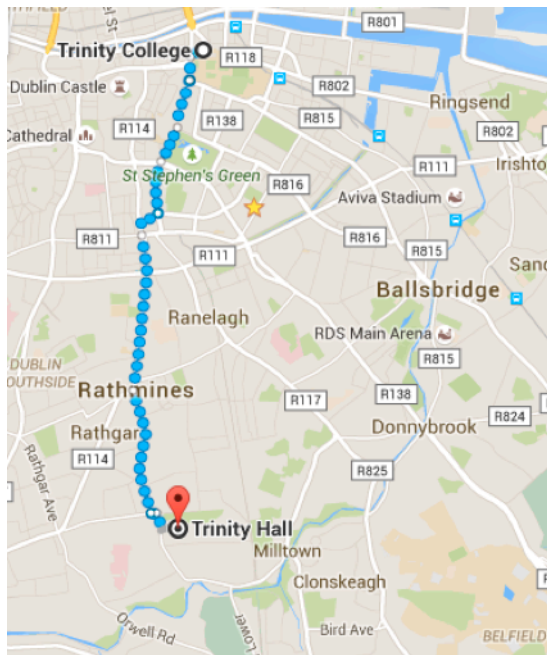


Maps of the TCD campus can be found at www.tcd.ie/Maps

TRANSPORT

How do I get to College?

Walking: It's environmentally friendly, it's free and it's good for you. You arrive in College full of energy and in the evening, you can relax and clear your head while walking back to Hall. The easiest way to walk to the main TCD campus is through Rathmines. A map of the walking route between Trinity College and Trinity Hall is shown below. It takes approximately 52 minutes to walk this route.



Be cautious while walking after dark as you would anywhere. And please remember: never walk on your own when coming back from a night out. Take a **TAXI** - It's cheap, fast and safe.

BUS/Tram: Here in Hall, we're great fans of public transport. It's good for the planet and stress-free. You get on, sit down with a book or your favourite music on your iPod (just don't crank the volume too high - others might want to travel without your music choices) and enjoy the views. And you're in College in no time (usually around 20-30 minutes). Please exercise a normal level of caution when travelling to and from Halls in the evenings.

Dublin Bus: 140

The 140 stop is located right beside Trinity Hall - go outside the main gate, turn right and at the traffic lights, turn right again. You will see the bus stop approximately 100m on your left-hand side. The 140 service is quite regular and you can usually depend on its' timetable.

The 140 bus is a great service, so please remember to behave in a civil way at the bus stop and on the bus too (especially in the evening). Bus inspectors regularly patrol the stops so please keep your ticket on you at all times of the journey

How much is the bus?

Tickets are €2.55 one way (remember, that you have to have the exact change - NO CHANGE IS GIVEN. For example, if you have a €3 in coins you will receive a refund stub for 65 cent, which you can then take to the main Dublin Bus office on O'Connell Street and exchange it for money).

But you do not need to worry about coins and change – if you want to you can get a pre-paid smart card (Leap Card)! There are several different ones to choose from to suit your lifestyle. The best thing is to go to www.dublinbus.ie and read all the info there.

What about student discounts?

Oh yes - you can save money. To avail of discounted Dublin Bus and Luas tickets, you need to buy a **Student Leap Card**. You can get this from the Student Union Shop in Trinity. Details can be found at <http://www.studentleapcard.ie/#about>

I heard that there is a tram nearby too.

Yes, it's true. It's called LUAS and detailed information can be located at www.LUAS.ie

It goes direct to the city centre (St. Stephen's Green) and then you have a short walk to college (but you might get distracted by all the shop windows on Grafton Street).

The walk to the Milltown stop takes 7-10 minutes (you can count it as part of your daily workout), but the tram is great and very reliable. However, it's also very popular and it might be difficult to get on it in the morning (between 8 and 10am). Sometimes you might have to let two or three trams go before you can squeeze yourself in among all the other commuters.

To reach the LUAS stop go out the small white side gate and turn left onto Temple Road - at the end of Temple Road, turn right and you will see the Milltown LUAS stop on your left-hand side. Please be quiet if you are walking this route at night as there are children and elderly people living in the houses on this street who may be trying to sleep. You can buy tickets at the machine located at the stop (€2.20 one way without the leap card, or a variety of weekly/monthly cards).

Do not attempt to travel on the LUAS without a valid ticket. It may appear tempting to hop on without a valid ticket, however, ticket inspectors are everywhere. An immediate penalty of €45 is issued to anyone without a valid ticket or ID.

I want to cycle.

Dublin is great for cycling (it doesn't really rain all that much). You need to stay safe though, so always wear a helmet and a high visibility vest. Choose a safe route and stick to the cycle lanes where provided. There is a cycle route from Rathmines into town. Watch out for the buses - sometimes they can't see you!

There is a bike shop in Rathmines (main road, past ALDI supermarket) – a 20 min walk from Trinity Hall. There are also several bike shops in the city centre, although prices vary greatly, so shop around.

You can lock your bike to the bike stands in Trinity Hall, but you cannot keep your bike in your room/kitchen or hallway. Please use a solid D-lock to lock your bike when you are not using it, even inside the gates of Trinity Hall. Other locks can be tampered with and result in your bike being stolen. D-Locks are stronger and will help ensure your bike is not stolen.

Avoid fines! Cyclists in Ireland can get on the spot fines. Please cycle with care to avoid these fines. More information is available at <https://cyclist.ie>

How do I get back to Hall?

Bus: Leave main campus through the ARTS BLOCK exit - turn left - the bus stops are situated along Nassau St.

LUAS: Leave main campus either through Front Gate or the ARTS BLOCK exit. If you leave through Front Gate, turn left and continue up along Grafton Street until you reach St. Stephen's Green and the LUAS stop. If you take the ARTS BLOCK exit, continue up along Dawson Street and then turn right at St. Stephen's Green, you will see the LUAS stop on your left-hand side.

What about taxis?

Taxis can be very convenient and not that expensive. A taxi to and from the city centre should cost you around €12 (depending on traffic and time of day). The HALO App on smartphones is a great way to find a taxi in a hurry and is also cheaper than flagging one down on the street.

Always take a taxi when coming back from a club/pub at night. It will cost you a couple of euro if you're sharing.

Taxi to the airport is at around €25-35 one way – depending upon traffic. Another way to get to the airport is by hopping on the AirCoach (www.aircoach.ie). To get to the airport the coach departs from Dawson St. and from the airport to town it will drop you at Front Arch of College. It is €7 each way and very reliable.

Map would be handy, do you have one?

If you wish to purchase maps of the city centre or surrounding areas, Reads of Nassau St. is an excellent place to go as it is significantly cheaper than many other bookstores in the city. It is also a good place for all your stationary requirements for college.

THE ESSENTIALS

FOOD

Where do I buy my food?

There's a great little shop right in the middle of Trinity Hall - just behind the reception in the Canteen. It's run by Rehab and you can get all your essentials there. Look out for some great promotions. For bigger shopping trips you will have to venture outside.

There are several shops located just 7 minutes from Trinity Hall (Tesco Express, Late Shopper, off-licence, delicatessen, butchers). Go out of the main gate, turn right and then continue walking up past the traffic lights towards Rathmines. You will see the shops on your left hand side. If you continue walking for another 10 minutes you will reach Rathmines. You will find a larger Tesco and Dunnes Stores there (Dunnes is inside the Swan Shopping Centre). In Rathmines you will also find a whole variety of shops, cinemas, cafes, restaurants, etc. Aldi and Lidl are also located on the main street and are great for those looking for groceries on a budget.

Remember in Ireland there is a 22 cent charge for every plastic bag you need, so it's a great idea to get a few of the more durable and environmentally friendly type of bags to save you money throughout the year.

MONEY

Where do I get my money from?

You will have to walk up to Rathmines, where there are plenty of ATMs (Bank of Ireland, AIB). There are also ATM machines in college (beside the Dining Hall and in the Hamilton).

CLOTHING & LINEN

I need bed linen/towels and lots of other things!!

It's amazing how many things we need and take for granted when we live in our family homes, bed linen, towels, mugs, pots, pans. Don't fret - you can get all of this (and more) very close to Trinity Hall.

Store	Locations	What it sells
Dunnes Stores	Swan Shopping Centre Rathmines. Stephen's Green Shopping Centre. Nutgrove Shopping Centre.	Crockery/Cutlery/Kitchenware Bed linen/Towels
Argos	Dundrum Shopping Centre.	Crockery/Cutlery/Kitchenware

	Stephen's Green Shopping Centre. Nutgrove Shopping Centre.	Bed linen/Towels
Penny's	Dundrum Shopping Centre. O'Connell Street – City Centre	Bed linen/Towels

You can take the LUAS to the Dundrum Shopping Centre (don't get off at Dundrum LUAS stop – get off at the **Ballaly** stop instead then follow the signs to the centre as it is much closer). There you will find plenty of shops with varying prices where you can purchase your necessities. Dundrum has a great cinema with student discounts, restaurants, theatre, and hundreds of shops and can be found at www.dundrum.ie

Argos is a shop which stocks almost everything. You choose things from their catalogue, go to the store and pick them up there. There will be a number of Argos catalogues located in Oldham House at the start of the term. You can also view their website www.argos.ie

Where can I wash my clothes?

There is a launderette on site with washing machines and dryers. It costs €4 per wash and approximately €1.20 to dry clothes. Machines take 20, 50, 1 and 2 euro coins. You will be able to buy washing powder etc. from the shop on site.

INTERNET, COMPUTERS & PHONES

How do I connect to the Internet?

You will be able to connect to the Internet in Hall, but first you need to register as a student in Trinity College. This means you need to get your student card and your network username and password.

Can I connect my private computer?

Yes, but you will need to check whether your computer is compatible with the college network.

How do I know whether my computer is compatible?

There is wired and wireless internet options in Trinity Hall. You need to check what operating system is installed on your computer (see more info below). You will also need:

- Network card (to connect to the Internet in Hall)
- Wi-Fi card (WPA Enterprise compatible) if you want to use wireless.
- Network/Ethernet cable for the wired network. You will be able to buy one in the Student Union shop in College.

If computers are not your thing and you need more support please check the IS Services web site: www.isservices.tcd.ie

We know computers are important and not being set up on them on time could lead to fretting parents and disconnected friends. Therefore we have an added level of support specifically for the residents of Trinity Hall. There will be network clinics running on site in Hall to help students set up their computers. Your JCR technical officer will be able to tell you about these clinics and help you and your computer connect to the world wide web!

Which operating systems are supported?

Remember that in Trinity Hall you will be connecting through NAC –the [network admission control \(NAC\) system](#)

More information is available at the link above and the IS Services web site: www.isservices.tcd.ie

Further support will be available at network clinics in Hall.

Will I be able to use Skype/MSN?

Yes, once you're connected to the college network, you will be able to use Skype and MSN. You will need to change a few settings, but it's not difficult. You will find detailed instructions on the IS Services web site.

I don't have a mobile phone - How do I get one?

If your phone from home is unlocked (can work with any SIM card), you can purchase a prepaid SIM card from any of the operators (Vodafone, Meteor and Three (3)) at a small cost. If you need a new phone (phones from North America/Asia might not work in Ireland) you should shop around for good offers. There is a Carphone Warehouse shop located in Rathmines - they sell phones from all the operators working in Ireland and could offer you advice on price plans/models. You might even find a good offer with cheap phone calls to your home country.