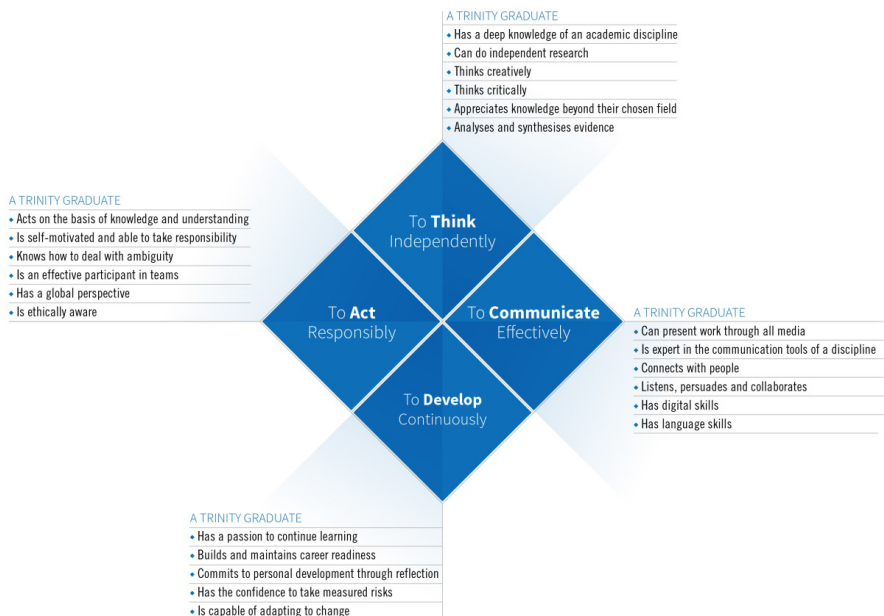


# General Regulations and Information

## THE EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE MODERATORSHIP

Throughout an undergraduate degree programme students are provided with opportunities to develop and achieve the Trinity Graduate Attributes supporting their academic growth and shaping the contribution they will make to their field of study, profession and to society. The Trinity Graduate Attributes may be achieved through academic and co- and extra-curricular activities.



1 All moderatorship degree courses entail a broad base of knowledge of both a general and particular nature, and the intellectual skills that must be mastered are broadly similar in all areas.

All moderatorship degree courses seek to impart the following:

- a strong broad base of knowledge that introduces the student to all the main aspects of the discipline or disciplines concerned, and to relevant aspects of closely related disciplines;
- advanced expertise in the major subject that provides the student with a thorough understanding of the basic principles and methodology of the discipline and of the means by which the frontiers of the discipline can be expanded and new knowledge discovered;
- a range of intellectual skills that develop as fully as possible the complete range of mental abilities, i.e. the enlargement and proficiency of mind that has long been a fundamental goal of university education;

These skills may be divided into two categories:

(i) *Thinking skills*

These include the capacity:

- A — to make sense of what one learns, to analyse and sort data and solve problems
- B — to extend what one has learned, to generate new ideas and concepts, to apply what one has learned to new contexts
- C — to deal with knowledge in a critical way and to evaluate information and ideas
- D — to act on the basis of knowledge and understanding.

(ii) *Communication skills*

These involve the capacity to organise information, arguments and conclusions, and to present them in a clear and well-reasoned manner.

- (d) a foundation, on which to continue developing professionally and personally beyond completion of the moderatorship;
- (e) a capacity to act in a responsible, informed and aware manner.

*Structure of undergraduate degree courses*

2 All undergraduate degree courses are designed to support students in achieving Trinity Graduate Attributes together with the objectives described above. In the first two years there is an emphasis on acquiring a broad base of knowledge in the major subject(s) and in related areas that complement the major subject(s) and increase the student's understanding of them. In the third year there is a gradual shift to in-depth study with a greater emphasis on small group learning and on independent work and on the development of a critical and analytical approach to the subject matter.

In the fourth year, students, having acquired a solid grasp of the fundamental elements and methodology of the particular subject(s) and a broad base of knowledge, are in a position to undertake advanced, intellectually demanding work, such as the capstone project, requiring extensive independent research, the ability to critically evaluate knowledge and data, the search for new interpretations, and the rigour, discipline and independence of effort that are designed to develop the students' mental capacities and creative skills.

Students typically do much of their formal work in this fourth year in tutorials, in seminars or in the laboratory, where they are required to present reports on particular problems and have to deal with the criticism of their peers and lecturers. Their assessments require them not merely to reproduce facts, but to show understanding and to make sense of what they have learned.

The object of this fourth year is to ensure that students emerge with a high level of expertise in a chosen field and with versatile skills of a high order that equip them to proceed at once to advanced research or to bring to bear, in whatever employment they enter, the capacity to master quickly new areas of expertise, to solve problems, to generate ideas and to communicate well.

3 Trinity electives and approved open modules provide students with the opportunity to study outside of their principal subject(s). The availability and timing of these modules depends on the student's programme of study.

*Ordinary Bachelor's degrees (Level 7, National Framework of Qualifications)*

4 Qualifications which signify completion of the first cycle at ordinary Bachelor's level are awarded to students who have completed a course of study which enables them to show:

- (a) a comprehension (that builds on and supersedes their general secondary education) of the theory, concepts and processes pertaining to a field or (in the case of joint degrees) fields of learning;
- (b) a knowledge, supported by the use of advanced textbooks, of one or more specialised areas;
- (c) that they can apply this knowledge and comprehension in a manner that indicates a thorough and informed approach to their work or vocation, and have competences typically demonstrated through devising and sustaining arguments, and formulating and solving problems within their field or fields of study;
- (d) that they have a mastery of a number of specialised skills and tools which they can use selectively to address complex problems, including design problems;

- (e) that they have the ability to devise data gathering experiments, and to gather and interpret relevant data to inform independent judgements which include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues;
- (f) that they can act effectively, under the guidance of qualified practitioners, in a peer relationship within multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups;
- (g) that they can communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences;
- (h) that they have developed those learning skills which are necessary for them to continue to undertake further study at an honours Bachelor or a Higher Diploma level.

*Honours Bachelor's degrees (Level 8, National Framework of Qualifications)*

5 Qualifications which signify completion of the first cycle at honours Bachelor's level are awarded to students who have completed a course of study which enables them to show:

- (a) a comprehension (that builds on and supersedes their general secondary education) of the theory, concepts, methods and processes pertaining to a field or (in the case of joint degrees) fields of learning;
- (b) a detailed knowledge, supported by the use of advanced textbooks, of one or more specialised areas, some of it at the current boundaries of the subjects;
- (c) that they can apply this knowledge and comprehension in a manner that indicates a thorough and informed approach to their work or vocation, and have competences typically demonstrated through devising and sustaining arguments, and formulating and solving problems within their field or fields of study;
- (d) that they have a mastery of a number of specialised skills and tools which they can use selectively to address complex problems, including design problems, or to conduct closely guided research;
- (e) that they have the ability to devise data gathering experiments, and to gather and interpret relevant data to inform independent judgements which include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues;
- (f) that they can act effectively, under the guidance of qualified practitioners, in a peer relationship within multiple, complex and heterogeneous groups;
- (g) that they can communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences;
- (h) that they have developed those learning skills that are necessary for them to continue to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

## II **ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

### *Terminology defined*

1 During the first year of their undergraduate course students are normally called Junior Freshmen, during the second year Senior Freshmen, during the third Junior Sophisters, and during the fourth Senior Sophisters. Students become Candidate Bachelors on successful completion of their degree course. When they have received their undergraduate degree they become Bachelors. Bachelors of the University of at least three years' standing may proceed to the degree of Master in Arts (see DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS section).

The expression 'rising Junior Freshman' is used to describe a student who has been granted admission to the Junior Freshman class of the coming Michaelmas term, and whose name has been placed on the College books. A rising Senior Freshman is a student who has credit for the Junior Freshman year but has not entered upon the Senior Freshman year; and similarly in the Sophister years.

### *Academic year and terms 2021-22*

2 The academic year begins on 30 August 2021. It is divided into three terms, Michaelmas term (30 August-19 December), Hilary term (17 January-24 April), Trinity term (25 April-5 June). Undergraduate programmes are delivered over two semesters. Semester one corresponds with

Michaelmas term and runs from 30 August-19 December. Semester two encompasses Hilary and Trinity terms and runs from 17 January-5 June. The period in Michaelmas term and Hilary term during which instruction is given is called teaching term. There are two teaching terms of twelve weeks' duration both of which contain a designated study period falling on the seventh week. The dates of teaching terms are given in the *Calendar*, PART I – ALMANACK and at [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry). Undergraduate teaching should be confined to these two teaching terms, however, if and when approved by the University Council, certain courses, normally professional, are permitted to hold teaching and/or placements outside of the standard academic year structure, and in particular outside of the two twelve-week teaching terms.

#### *Public and other holidays within academic terms*

3 On the following days (which may fall within the academic terms) no lectures, demonstrations or examinations are held: St Patrick's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, May Monday, June Monday, October Monday, and where possible the Monday and the afternoon of the Wednesday of Trinity Week.

4 All offices and libraries remain open on Trinity Monday.

#### *Registration*

5 The registration process for students will commence from 1 August 2021 for the academic year 2021-22. Students will be invited to register in a structured and scheduled order depending on the programme.

6 A charge of €212 will be imposed for late registration (i.e. levied on students who fail to register during their allotted registration period). September students who do not register by 12 October 2021 will be deemed to be withdrawn. January students who do not register by 15 February 2022 will be deemed to be withdrawn and services such as library and e-mail accounts may be suspended. In such circumstances undergraduate students must apply through the [Academic Registry](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry) to the [Senior Lecturer](#) for re-admission and pay a replacement fee of €358 (€212 late registration fee and €146 re-admission fee).

All students who are deemed eligible for the Government's tuition fee remission scheme will be considered registered for the full academic year 2021-22 (and fee claimed by the College for a full year) unless the College is formally notified in writing of their intention to withdraw from College prior to 31 January 2022. For further information, see COLLEGE CHARGES section.

Note that the above dates may be subject to change. Please see [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments) for more information.

7 It should be noted that registration cannot be completed until any outstanding debts owing to the College have been paid in full and until at least half fees for the forthcoming year have been paid, or pledged as payable by an education authority. Students who establish that they are eligible for the Government's fee remission scheme for full-time undergraduate courses will qualify to have all or part of their tuition fees claimed from the Higher Education Authority by the College on their behalf. See COLLEGE CHARGES for further information. Also see [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments) for information concerning unpaid charges.

8 All students admitted as non-E.U. students are required to take out health insurance prior to registration and must maintain this cover throughout their studies.

9 The name and/or gender under which a student registers in College is that given on the relevant application form. A student's name and/or gender may only be changed on presentation of official documentation (i.e. passport, birth certificate, marriage certificate, certificate of name-change by deed poll, or other documentation deemed acceptable by the Academic Registry). Relevant forms and further procedures are available from [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/service-desk/documents-and-forms](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/service-desk/documents-and-forms). A student's name and/or gender may not be changed later than the end of the Hilary term before he/she is due to graduate from his/her course.

10 A student may not normally be registered on the undergraduate and postgraduate registers of the University at the same time.

11 During the registration process each newly entering student is provided with a username and password to access his/her individual Trinity College network and e-mail account. All students are required to check their Trinity College e-mail account on a regular basis as official College e-mails will be sent to this account.

### *Regulations*

12 During the registration process all students will confirm, among other things, that they have been provided with a link to the Board's general regulations for students and that they are applying for registration in accordance with the provisions of such regulations. Students must ensure that they are familiar with both the general regulations and the more detailed school or department regulations.

In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the general regulations and school, department or course handbooks, the provisions of the general regulations shall prevail.

All students will have access to a hard or soft copy of a handbook relating to their programme of study. Handbooks will be available in advance of the start of each academic year and will comply with the content requirements as set out in the College Handbook Policy [www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies/hb-policy.php](http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies/hb-policy.php).

### *Tutors*

13 Undergraduate students are assigned a [tutor](#) when they are admitted to College. The tutor, who is a member of the teaching staff, takes a personal interest in the students' progress, represents the students before the College authorities, and will give confidential advice on courses, discipline, assessments, fees, and other matters. The tutor is not a supervisor of studies. Students may change their tutor with the approval of the [Senior Tutor](#). For the list of tutors, see *Calendar* PART I - TUTORS.

### *Student Counsellor*

14 Confidential help with personal problems is available for all students through the [Student Counselling Service](#).

### *Students with disabilities*

15 College is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in education and to ensuring that students with disabilities have as complete and equitable access to all facets of College life as can reasonably be provided. College has adopted a reasonable accommodation policy for students with disabilities and an associate code of practice which is applicable to all students with disabilities studying in College who are registered with the [Disability Service](#). This is in accordance with the [Disability Act 2005](#), the [Equal Status Act 2000](#) (as amended) and the [Universities Act 1997](#). Students with disabilities are encouraged to register with the Disability Service early in their course of study to seek supports where the disability could affect their ability to participate fully in all aspects of the course.

### *Student parents, student carers and students who experience pregnancy*

16 The policy on supports for student parents, student carers and students who experience pregnancy lays down guidelines for good practice in the College's provision for, and commitment to, those students who have parental or caring responsibilities or experience pregnancy during their time as students in College. It seeks to ensure that there should be no academic or financial penalty for a student taking maternity, paternity, adoptive, or carer's leave and aims to lay out a clear set of protocols and a range of flexible arrangements that will assist students in these situations. College will endeavour to support such students by taking as flexible an approach as possible to attendance and assignment deadlines, while ensuring that academic and professional standards are not compromised. Students who have caring responsibilities are encouraged to discuss these with their tutor or course co-ordinator, as relevant. Together they may develop a plan for flexibility around attendance and/or assessments to be discussed and agreed with the relevant school(s). Certain arrangements will also require the approval of the [Senior Lecturer](#).

Once in place, the agreement should be regularly monitored and adjusted as necessary. The full policy document may be viewed on the College website at [www.tcd.ie/about/policies/assets/pdf/student-parent-carer-and-pregnancy-policy.pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/assets/pdf/student-parent-carer-and-pregnancy-policy.pdf).

#### *Attendance*

17 All students should enter into residence in or near Dublin and must begin attendance at the College not later than the first day of teaching term, and may not go out of residence before the last day of teaching term, unless they have previously obtained permission from the [Senior Lecturer](#) through their tutor.

18 Students must attend College during the teaching term. They must take part fully in the academic work of their class throughout the period of their course. Lecture timetables are published through [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) and on school or department notice-boards before the beginning of Michaelmas teaching term. The onus lies on students to inform themselves of the dates, times and venues of their lectures and other forms of teaching by consulting these timetables.

19 The requirements for attendance at lectures and tutorials vary between the different faculties, schools and departments. Attendance is compulsory for Junior Freshmen in all subjects. The school, department or course office, whichever is relevant, publishes its requirements for attendance at lectures and tutorials on notice-boards, and/or in handbooks and elsewhere, as appropriate. For professional reasons lecture and tutorial attendance in all years is compulsory in the School of Engineering, the School of Dental Science, the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing and Midwifery, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, for the B.S.S. in the School of Social Work and Social Policy, and for the B.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language Studies. Attendance at practical classes is compulsory for students in all years of the moderatorship in drama and theatre studies and drama studies two-subject moderatorship/Trinity joint honours.

20 In special circumstances exemption from attendance at lectures for one or more terms may be granted by the Senior Lecturer; application for such exemption must be made in advance through the tutor. Students granted exemption from attendance at lectures are liable for the same annual fee as they would pay if attending lectures. Students thus exempted must perform such exercises as the Senior Lecturer may require. If these exercises are specially provided, an additional fee is usually charged.

21 Students who in any term have been unable, through illness or other unavoidable cause, to attend the prescribed lectures satisfactorily, may be granted credit for the term by the Senior Lecturer and must perform such supplementary exercises as the Senior Lecturer may require. The onus for informing the Senior Lecturer of illness rests with individual students who should make themselves familiar with the general and more detailed school or course regulations regarding absence from lectures or examinations through illness.

22 Students who are unable to attend lectures (or other forms of teaching) due to disability should immediately contact the [Disability Service](#) to discuss the matter of a reasonable accommodation. Exceptions to attendance requirements for a student, on disability grounds, may be granted by the [Senior Lecturer](#) following consultation with the student's school, department or course office, and the Disability Service.

23 Students who find themselves incapacitated by illness from attending lectures (or other forms of teaching) should immediately see their medical advisor and request a medical certificate for an appropriate period. Such medical certificates should be copied to the school, department or course office, as appropriate, by the student's tutor.

#### *Non-satisfactory attendance*

24 All students must fulfil the course requirements of the school or department, as appropriate, with regard to attendance. Where specific requirements are not stated, students may be deemed non-satisfactory if they miss more than a third of their course of study in any term.

25 At the end of the teaching term, students who have not satisfied the school or department requirements, as set out in §§19 and 24 above, may be reported as non-satisfactory for that term. Students reported as non-satisfactory for the Michaelmas and Hilary terms of a given year may be refused permission to take their semester two assessment/examinations and may be required by the [Senior Lecturer](#) to repeat their year. Further details of procedures for reporting a student as non-satisfactory are given on the College website at [www.tcd.ie/academic\\_registry/student-cases](http://www.tcd.ie/academic_registry/student-cases).

#### *Fitness to study*

26 Issues may arise from time to time, which affect a student's ability or suitability to participate in his or her course and/or to participate in activities associated with attending College. A policy on fitness to study has been approved to implement aspects of the chapter on *Student Conduct and Capacity*, and its schedules, in the 2010 Consolidated Statutes. The primary purpose of the policy is to support students by identifying concerns and putting in place actions and supports, where possible, to help the student to continue with their programme of study. In serious cases, a student may be required to withdraw until they are fit to resume their studies or may be excluded from the College. Full details of the Fitness to Study Policy, related procedures, decision making responsibilities, possible decisions, student representation and appeals mechanisms are found at [www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies](http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies).

#### *Garda/police vetting*

27 Students on courses with clinical or other professional placements or on courses that will bring them into professional contact with children and/or vulnerable adults will be required to undergo vetting by the Garda Síochána, through the [National Vetting Bureau](#), or other relevant police force prior to commencing placements. If, as a result of the outcome of these vetting procedures, a student is deemed unsuitable to attend clinical or other professional placements, he/she may be required to withdraw from his/her course of study.

#### *Fitness to practise*

28 Situations may arise where there are concerns regarding a student's fitness to participate in clinical or other placements, which are an essential component of the student's course. Such concerns should be addressed to the student's head of department or school (in the case of single discipline schools) so that he/she may consult with the Junior Dean or Director of the Disability Service, if relevant, in order to determine the appropriate mechanism to deal with the situation. Cases, not falling within the remit of Garda/police vetting or College disciplinary procedures may be referred to a school's Fitness to Practise Committee. Where an alleged disciplinary offence or matter of student mental health comes before the Junior Dean, the Junior Dean may decide to refer the case to the Fitness to Practise Committee of the relevant school if the Junior Dean considers this to be a more appropriate way of dealing with the case. Where a fitness to practise issue arises in the context of an academic appeal, whether through a Court of First Appeal or the Academic Appeals Committee, the relevant body hearing the appeal may decide to refer the case to the Fitness to Practise Committee of the relevant school if it is considered to be a more appropriate way of dealing with the case.

Refusal on the part of the student to engage with the procedure set out in relation to fitness to practise cases shall be regarded as misconduct for the purposes of S.1(1), Schedule 2 of the 2010 [Consolidated Statutes](#).

Where the school's Fitness to Practise Committee decides that the concern is well founded, it may take one of the following actions:

- (i) Caution the student in relation to the matter.
- (ii) Recommend that the student be required to undergo testing, at College's expense, in respect of suspected drug or alcohol addiction. A student failing to comply with this requirement or whose tests confirm continued drug or alcohol use may be required to

withdraw from his/her course or to go off-books until such time as he/she is certified by an appropriately qualified person to be fit to proceed with his/her course of studies.

- (iii) Recommend that the student be required to undergo a medical examination or assessment, which may include psychiatric assessment, by a doctor or specialist nominated by the committee at the expense of College for the purpose of obtaining an opinion as to the student's medical fitness to continue with his/her studies or as to his/her ability or suitability to participate in his/her course to the standards required by College. Where a student fails to comply with this requirement, or where he/she is assessed to be unfit to continue with his/her studies or unable or unsuitable to participate in his/her course to the standard required by College, he/she may be required by the committee to withdraw from his/her course or to go off books until such time as he/she is certified by an appropriately qualified person, nominated by College, to be fit to proceed with his/her course of studies.
- (iv) Recommend that the student be suspended until such time as he/she is certified by an appropriately qualified person, nominated by College, to be fit to proceed with his/her course of study.
- (v) Recommend that the student complete such additional academic exercises, which may include placements, as prescribed by the committee. Prior consultation with the Senior Lecturer may be necessary.
- (vi) Recommend that the student be required to withdraw from his/her course.

Decisions of the school's Fitness to Practise Committee shall be referred to the Senior Lecturer for approval.

A decision of the school's Fitness to Practise Committee may be appealed to the College Fitness to Practise Committee, which is vested with the same powers as a school Fitness to Practise Committee and will hear the case as new. A student appearing before either committee is entitled to representation by their tutor, by the [Students' Unions](#), or by any other person of their choice. Decisions of the College Fitness to Practise Committee shall be referred to the University Council and the Board of the College for approval. An appeal against a decision of Board in such cases shall be made to the Visitors of the College.

Where a student's behaviour threatens the well-being of patients, students or staff, the head of school, head of department or other appropriate member of the work-based placement staff shall have the power to suspend the student from the placement with immediate effect, provided the case shall then be referred immediately to the [Junior Dean](#), if misconduct is alleged, or, in all other cases, to the relevant school's Fitness to Practise Committee. This is without prejudice to the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean, as provided under the 2010 [Consolidated Statutes](#), or the powers of the Senior Lecturer to require a student to withdraw from his/her course until such time as he/she is deemed fit to resume his/her studies.

A student with a disability undertaking a professional course may apply for, and be provided with, such reasonable accommodation as is necessary to enable the student to participate in all aspects of the course unless the provision of such accommodation entails more than a nominal cost. If concerns are raised in relation to a student who is known to have a disability, consideration must first be given, in conjunction with the College's [Disability Service](#), to the level and types of support that had been put in place to allow the student to participate as fully as possible in his/her chosen course. If the supports are deemed to be appropriate or if the student does not engage with the reasonable accommodations process to provide appropriate supports, and concerns remain in relation to the student's fitness to participate in professional placements, the case shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedures outlined above.

### *Credit weighting of courses*

29 The College has adopted the [European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System](#) (ECTS), under which each year of full-time undergraduate study carries 60 credits. There should be a balanced credit load across each teaching semester in each course year. In exceptional instances, courses may be permitted to have an excess of credits above 60 and/or an imbalance



in credits across semesters in certain years.

#### *Institutional marking scale*

30 The following institutional marking scale has been adopted for undergraduate degree and diploma courses: I = 70-100 per cent, II<sub>1</sub> = 60-69 per cent, II<sub>2</sub> = 50-59 per cent, III = 40-49 per cent, F<sub>1</sub> = 30-39 per cent, F<sub>2</sub> = 0-29 per cent.

Courses where this scale is not in use are those in dental science, dental technology, human nutrition and dietetics, medicine, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and radiation therapy.

Results for undergraduate diploma courses are published as either distinction (70-100 per cent), pass (40-69 per cent), or fail (0-39 per cent).

#### *Gold medals and prizes*

31 Gold medals are awarded by the Board to candidates of the first class who have shown exceptional merit at the degree examination in honour or professional courses (see [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams)).

32 Various studentships, scholarships, exhibitions, and other prizes are awarded to students on the results of honour and other examinations, provided that sufficient merit is shown. Monetary awards are sent directly to prizewinners unless otherwise stated under the regulations for the particular prize. For details see PRIZES AND OTHER AWARDS (see also MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS).

33 A book prize is awarded to each candidate obtaining an annual result of an overall first class honours grade in an honour course. These prizes are not awarded in the Senior Sophister or final year. Book prizes may be collected from the Academic Registry by the award holder in person.

#### *Conduct of examinations and submission of assessed work*

34 Programmes have discretion to utilise a broad range of assessment practices that are programme-focussed, equip students to apply their learning in contexts beyond the University and assess the graduate attributes appropriately throughout the programme. An assessment component is a discrete unit of assessment, e.g. an examination paper, an essay, an oral/aural examination, practical, field trip, professional placement, or performance which contributes a defined weighting to the overall assessment for a module. Programmes must make available to students details of the assessment components, together with their weightings, for each module, including details of penalties applying for late submission.

35 Students are entitled to receive feedback on submitted coursework in line with the *Return of Coursework Policy*. See [www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies](http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies).

36 There are formal University assessment sessions following the end of teaching term in semester one (in Michaelmas term) and following the end of teaching term in semester two (in Trinity term). Students are assessed at the end of semester one in all modules that are taught only in semester one and at the end of semester two in all year-long modules and all modules that are taught only in semester two. There is one reassessment session which is held at the beginning of Michaelmas term. Students are assessed in all failed modules from both semesters during the reassessment session.

The University reserves the right to amend assessment methods and the timetable for assessments for any reason and at any stage during the academic year. All teaching and assessments are subject to public health advice and guidance as and when issued.

37 The dates of these formal assessment sessions are given in the *Calendar* PART I - ALMANACK. Examinations should be confined to these sessions. However, if and when approved by the University Council, certain courses, normally professional, are permitted to hold examinations outside of the standard academic year structure. The University Council may also

approve additional contingency dates on which to hold examinations outside of the standard academic year structure.

38 Examination timetables are published four weeks in advance of the formal start date of each assessment period on the [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) portal. The College reserves the right to alter the published time and date of an examination in exceptional circumstances. Students should ensure that they are available for examinations for the duration of the relevant formal assessment session and approved contingency dates as stated in the *Calendar* PART I - ALMANACK.

39 No notice is required of intention to take an end-of-semester examination or to sit for reassessment in the course for which students have registered.<sup>1</sup> The onus lies on each student to establish the dates, times, mode and venue of examinations by consulting the relevant timetable on the [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) portal. No timetable or reminder will be sent to individual students by any office.

40 Except as provided for below, candidates for examination are forbidden during an examination to do or to attempt to do, any of the following: to have in their possession or consult or use any books, papers, notes, memoranda, mobile phones, electronic devices, or written or electronic material of any nature, or to copy from or exchange information with other persons, or in any way to make use of any information improperly obtained.

41 Where the examination is of such a nature that materials are provided to the candidates, or where the candidates are allowed by the rules of that examination to have materials in their possession, then candidates may only make use of such materials, and the general prohibition above continues to apply in respect of any and all other materials.

42 Where candidates have the prior written permission of the examiner(s), of the Senior Lecturer, or of the Disability Officer, to have materials in their possession during an examination, then candidates may only make use of such materials, and the general prohibition above continues to apply in respect of any and all other materials.

43 Candidates may be allowed to bring personal belongings to examination venues upon condition that such belongings are stored in designated areas. Candidates must ensure that they store their belongings accordingly and must not return to them until they have finished their examinations and are leaving the venue.

44 Any breach of this regulation is regarded as a major offence for which a student may be expelled from the University (see §4 under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS).

45 Students must not leave the examination before the time specified for the examination has elapsed, except by leave of the invigilator.

46 The College has approved the practice of anonymous marking for undergraduate examinations at the formal assessment and reassessment sessions.

47 All undergraduate results are published by student number. The results for assessments completed in semester one are provisional until moderated by the court of examiners in Trinity term. The end of year or degree result moderated by the court of examiners must be returned and recorded on the student record.

48 Students are required to complete the assessment components for each module as prescribed by the programme regulations. See *Assessment: procedures for the non-submission of course work and absence from examinations* at [www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies](http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies).

49 Students are not permitted to repeat successfully completed assessments or examinations in order to improve their performance.

50 The Board of the College reserves the right to exclude from the College, on the recommendation of the University Council, students whose academic progress is unsatisfactory

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<sup>1</sup>Notice is required for Foundation Scholarship examinations.

51 Students who are unable to complete such assessment components necessary to complete a module or modules at the end of the appropriate semester due to certified illness, disability<sup>2</sup>, or other grave cause beyond their control may seek, through their tutor, permission from the Senior Lecturer to present at the reassessment session. Where certified illness, disability, or other grave cause beyond their control prevents a student from completing at the reassessment session they may seek, through their tutor, permission from the Senior Lecturer to repeat the year.

52 Students who may be prevented from sitting an examination or examinations (or any part thereof) due to illness should seek, through their tutor, permission from the Senior Lecturer in advance of the assessment session to defer the examination(s) to the reassessment session. Students who have commenced the assessment session, and are prevented from completing the session due to illness should seek, through their tutor, permission to defer the outstanding examination(s)/assessment(s) to the reassessment session. In cases where the assessment session has commenced, requests to defer the outstanding examination(s) on medical grounds, should be submitted by the tutor to the relevant school/departmental/course office. If non-medical grounds are stated, such deferral requests should be made to the Senior Lecturer, as normal.

53 Where such permission is sought, it must be appropriately evidenced:

(a) For illness: medical certificates must state that the student is unfit to sit examinations/complete assessments and specify the date(s) of the illness and the date(s) on which the student is not fit to sit examinations/complete assessments. Medical certificates must be submitted to the student's tutor within three days of the beginning of the period of absence from the assessment/examination.

(b) For other grave cause: appropriate evidence must be submitted to the student's tutor within three days of the beginning of the period of absence from the assessment/examination.

54 Where illness occurs during the writing of an examination paper, it should be reported immediately to the chief invigilator. The student will then be escorted to the College Health Centre. Every effort will be made to assist the student to complete the writing of the examination paper.

55 Where an examination/assessment has been completed, retrospective withdrawal will not be granted by the Senior Lecturer nor will medical certificates be accepted in explanation for poor performance.

56 If protracted illness prevents a student from taking the prescribed assessment components, so that they cannot rise into the next class, they may withdraw from College for a period of convalescence, provided that appropriate medical certificates are submitted to the Senior Lecturer. If the student returns to College in the succeeding academic year they must normally register for the year in full in order to fulfil the requirements of their class. See §26 on fitness to study and §28 fitness to practise, if relevant.

57 Where the effects of a disability prevent a student from taking the prescribed assessment components, so that they cannot rise into the next class, the Senior Lecturer may permit the student to withdraw from College for a period of time provided that appropriate evidence has been submitted to the Disability Service. If they return to College in the succeeding academic year they must normally register for the year in full in order to fulfil the requirements of their class.

58 The nature of non-standard examination accommodations, and their appropriateness for individual students, will be approved by the Senior Lecturer in line with the Council-approved policy on reasonable accommodations. Any reports provided by the College's Disability Service, Health Service or Student Counselling Service will be strictly confidential.

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<sup>2</sup>Full details of examination procedures for students with disabilities can be found at [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/student-guide](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/student-guide).

### *Progression regulations: Bachelor programmes<sup>3</sup>*

59 Some programmes with professional accreditation have received a derogation from specific regulations on progression by the University Council. The relevant programme entry provides these details.

In order to rise with their class, students must obtain credit for the academic year by satisfactory attendance at lectures and tutorials and by carrying out, submitting and sitting the required assessment components. In addition, students must pass the year by achieving, at a minimum, an overall credit-weighted average pass mark for the year (40 per cent or 50 per cent, as per programme regulations) and either:

(a) accumulate 60 credits by achieving at least the pass mark in all modules  
or

(b) pass by compensation. All modules and components within modules are compensatable (except in particular professional programmes where compensation does not apply).

To pass a year by compensation, in programmes that locate the pass mark at 40 per cent, a student must achieve the pass mark in modules carrying a minimum of 50 credits and obtain a module mark of at least 35 per cent in any remaining module(s). A student may accumulate a maximum of 10 credits at qualified pass where the mark lies between 35-39 per cent.

To pass a year by compensation, in programmes that locate the pass mark at 50 per cent, a student must achieve the pass mark in modules carrying a minimum of 50 credits and obtain a module mark of at least 45 per cent in any remaining module(s). A student may accumulate a maximum of 10 credits at qualified pass where the mark lies between 45-49 per cent.

60 Progression is on an annual basis. Within a year students may carry failed modules from one semester to the next but not from one academic year to another; that is, they will not be able to rise to the next year of their programme until they have successfully completed the preceding year(s). Students who have not passed their year are required to present for reassessment when:

- (a) they obtain in excess of 10 credits at qualified pass (i.e. marks between 35-39 per cent where the pass mark is 40 per cent; or 45-49 per cent where the pass mark is 50 per cent);
- (b) they fail any module (i.e. achieving marks below 35 per cent where the pass mark is 40 per cent; or below 45 per cent where the pass mark is 50 per cent);
- (c) they do not obtain an overall pass mark for the year;
- (d) any combination of (a) - (c) occurs.

61 If a student has achieved both fail and qualified pass grades at the first sitting or has exceeded the 10 credit limit allowed for compensation and is not permitted to rise with their year, they must present for reassessment in all failed components of all modules for which they obtained a fail and/or a qualified pass.

62 Different modalities of assessment to the first sitting are permitted in the reassessment session as determined by the programme.

63 The same progression and compensation regulations as outlined above apply at the reassessment session. The overall credit-weighted average for the academic year will be calculated using the most recent marks achieved.

64 Students who fail to satisfy the requirements of their year at the reassessment session are required to repeat the year in full (i.e. all modules and all assessment components).

65 Students are permitted to repeat any year of an undergraduate programme subject to not repeating the same year more than once and not repeating more than two academic years within a degree course, except by special permission of the University Council.

66 The maximum number of years to complete an undergraduate degree is six years for a standard four-year programme and seven years for a five-year programme.

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<sup>3</sup>See individual entries for applicable certificate and diploma course progression regulations.

67 *Access to scripts and other assessed work and discussion of performance*

- (i) All students have a right to discuss their examination and assessment performance with the appropriate members of staff. This right is basic to the educational process. Students are entitled to view their scripts and other assessments when discussing their performance. For work completed during semester one students should note that all results are provisional until moderated by the court of examiners in Trinity term. In Trinity term, students' performance cannot be discussed with them until after the publication of the end-year results.<sup>4</sup>
- (ii) Written assessment components and assessment components which are recorded by various means (e.g. video, audio) are retained by schools and departments for thirteen months from the date of the meeting of the court of examiners which moderates the results in question and may not be available for consultation after this time period.

68 *Re-check/re-mark of examination scripts and other assessed work*

- (i) Having received information about their final results at the court of examiners in Trinity term and having discussed these and their performance with the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) or the head of discipline and/or the appropriate staff, students may ask that their results be reconsidered if they have reason to believe:
  - (a) that the grade is incorrect because of an error in calculation of results;
  - (b) that the examination paper or other assessment specific to the student's course contained questions on subjects which were not part of the course prescribed for the examination or other assessment; or
  - (c) that bias was shown by an examiner in marking.
- (ii) In the case of (a) above, the request should be made through the student's tutor to the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) or course director as appropriate.
- (iii) In the case of (b) and/or (c) above, the request should be made through the student's tutor to the Senior Lecturer. In submitting such a case for reconsideration of results, students should state under which of (b) and/or (c) the request is being made.<sup>5</sup>
- (iv) Requests for re-check or re-mark should be made as soon as possible after discussion of results and performance and no later than twelve months from the date of the meeting of the court of examiners which moderated the marks in question.
- (v) Once a result has been formally published following the court of examiners it cannot be amended without the permission of the Senior Lecturer.
- (vi) Any student who makes a request for re-check or re-mark that could have implications for their degree result is advised not to proceed with degree conferral until the outcome of the request has been confirmed.

*Courts of First Appeal*

69 A student may appeal a decision of the court of examiners relating to academic progress to a Court of First Appeal.<sup>6</sup> Appeals should be made in writing by a student's tutor or, if the tutor is unwilling or unable to act, by the Senior Tutor or his/her nominee who shall be another tutor. Students may request a representative of the [Students' Union](#) to represent them as an alternative to their tutor or the Senior Tutor. Tutors or Students' Union representatives who are filing an appeal must use the procedural form, must indicate the precise grounds upon which the appeal is being made (see Academic Appeals Committee §70 below for applicable grounds) and what the appeal is attempting to achieve on the student's behalf. The attention of those bringing an appeal is directed to the assistance offered by the school or course administrators and staff in the

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<sup>4</sup>Students may also receive feedback as per the *Return of Coursework Policy*. See §35.

<sup>5</sup>Details of the procedures relating to the re-check/re-mark of examination scripts and other assessed work are available on the College website at [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams).

<sup>6</sup>Details of procedures relating to Courts of First Appeal are available on the College website at [www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/UG\\_regulations/Appeals.php](http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/UG_regulations/Appeals.php) and from relevant course offices.

Academic Registry in helping them to complete their records and provide copies of medical certificates and other appropriate documents. The Court of First Appeal shall not hear requests for re-checking/re-marking of examinations and assessments which should be processed according to the regulations as set out in §68 above. The recommendations of the Court of First Appeal are forwarded to the Senior Lecturer who may approve, reject or vary any such recommendations. As a consequence, recommendations of a Court of First Appeal are not binding and shall not have a formal effect unless and until they have been considered and approved by the Senior Lecturer. A student may appeal such decisions of the Senior Lecturer, whether approved, rejected or varied, to the Academic Appeals Committee.

#### *Academic Appeals Committee*

70 The Academic Appeals Committee meets to consider appeals arising out of examinations or other academic circumstances where a student case (i) is not adequately covered by the ordinary regulations of the College, or (ii) is based on a claim that the regulations of the College were not properly applied in the applicant's case, or (iii) represents an *ad misericordiam* appeal. An appeal other than an *ad misericordiam* appeal, cannot be made against the normal application of College academic regulations approved by the University Council. Decisions of the Academic Appeals Committee are forwarded to the University Council. The Academic Appeals Committee will consider appeals concerning events occurring more than eighteen months previously only in the most exceptional circumstances. Appellants must have exhausted the appropriate appeals mechanism in the first instance through the relevant Court of First Appeal prior to coming before the Academic Appeals Committee. The Academic Appeals Committee reserves the right to refuse to hear a case that has not previously been brought to the relevant Court of First Appeal without justification. Appeals should be made in writing by a student's tutor or, if the tutor is unwilling or unable to act, by the Senior Tutor or his/her nominee who shall be another tutor. Students may request a representative of the Students' Union to represent them as an alternative to their tutor or the Senior Tutor. Tutors or Students' Union representatives who are filing an appeal must use the procedural form, must indicate the precise grounds upon which the appeal is being made and what the appeal is attempting to achieve on the student's behalf. They should also ensure that appropriate and full information and evidence are included. This information must include all results achieved by the student to date in mark format, and must indicate if course work has been completed. If possible, an attendance record should be provided. The attention of those bringing an appeal is directed to the assistance offered by the school or course administrators and staff in the Academic Registry in helping them to complete their records and provide copies of medical certificates and other appropriate documents. Appeal forms not completed properly will not be considered by the committee.

The Senior Tutor acts as secretary to the Academic Appeals Committee and attends the committee as a non-voting member. The Senior Lecturer attends for the presentation of the case and may provide comment if required. In cases concerning clinical placements (and in particular where the student is considered to be an employee of the institution providing the placement) the committee will be joined by an appropriate professional, nominated by the chair of the Academic Appeals Committee, who shall be drawn from the discipline of the student.

Any student who has an appeal underway that could have implications for their degree result is advised not to proceed with degree conferral until the outcome of the appeal has been confirmed.

#### *Interruption of studies*

71 Students must pursue their undergraduate course continuously unless they are permitted by the Senior Lecturer to interrupt it, normally for a period of one year, either by going 'off-books' or by intermitting their studies for extra-curricular reasons.

72 Students wishing to interrupt their course and go 'off-books' should apply through their tutor to the Senior Lecturer. Such permission will only be granted to students who have completed the academic exercises of their class, i.e. are already entitled to join the class above on their return to College. In exceptional circumstances the Senior Lecturer, after consultation with the head(s) of

school(s) or department(s) or course director as appropriate, may permit students who are not in good standing to go 'off-books', where to do so in the judgement of the Senior Lecturer is in the best interests of the students. During the period of interruption students are not required to keep their names on the College books, and do not pay an annual fee or a replacement fee. Junior Freshman students who seek to discontinue their course before 1 February will normally be required to withdraw.

73 Students who have been permitted to go off-books may return to College as detailed below, depending on the circumstance of their going off-books.

- (a) Junior Freshman students with permission from the Senior Lecturer to go off-books after 1 February and be re-admitted to the same course of study at a specified date must apply for re-admission before 1 August by completing a special application form, obtainable from the Study at Trinity website at [www.tcd.ie/study/undergraduate](http://www.tcd.ie/study/undergraduate) or directly from the Academic Registry.
- (b) Students who for reasons of ill-health have allowed their names to go off-books can only be re-admitted, even in the current academic year, at the discretion of the Senior Lecturer. Such students will be required to submit to the Senior Lecturer before 1 August a certificate of fitness from a medical referee, nominated by the Senior Lecturer, as evidence that they can continue their studies.
- (c) Students with permission from the Senior Lecturer to go off-books for an academic year and take assessments in that year must pay an assessment fee of €382. Off-books students with permission to take assessments are advised to consult with their school, department or course office before the end of Michaelmas term to confirm their examination and/or assessment requirements while off-books. Such students are not required to apply for re-admission and should register for the following academic year as set out in the general regulations concerning registration.
- (d) Students with permission from the Senior Lecturer to go off-books for one or more academic year(s) for reasons other than medical are not required to apply for re-admission and are expected to register for the academic year that they are due to return to College as set out in the general regulations concerning registration.

74 A requirement to undertake a period of professional re-orientation may apply in the case of certain undergraduate courses which have clinical or practice components and which are subject to accreditation by external professional bodies. Students who have been off-books, with the permission of the Senior Lecturer, may be required to complete a course of professional re-orientation before proceeding to the next year of their course. Such professional re-orientation courses may not be repeated in the event of non-satisfactory completion, and the student will be required to withdraw from their course.

Students must register for the academic year and pay a professional re-orientation fee but will not be liable for the student contribution and related levies.

75 Arrangements for the intermission of studies for extra-curricular reasons are governed by the regulations below.

- (a) Applications from students to intermit studies for extra-curricular reasons shall be submitted to the Dean of Students by the end of Trinity term of the academic year preceding the proposed year of intermission. The application must be accompanied by a letter of support from the relevant director of undergraduate teaching and learning.
- (b) An applicant must be a registered student in good academic standing, not subject to any disciplinary process, and must have discharged any financial obligation to College.
- (c) Applications shall be reviewed by a panel which will forward its recommendations to the Senior Lecturer for final decision.
- (d) In making its recommendation, the panel shall, in particular, have regard to the applicant's proposed work plan and whether he/she could achieve this work plan if he/she was not permitted to intermit studies for the year.

- (e) A student who is permitted to intermit studies shall be entitled to be issued with a student card and to retain his/her e-mail account on condition that he/she signs a bond whereby he/she agrees to pay any financial debts incurred to College and to be bound by College's conduct and regulations, see section III below (CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS).
- (f) Students permitted to intermit their studies for extra-curricular reasons are not required to apply for re-admission and are expected to register for the academic year that they are due to return to College as set out in the general regulations concerning registration.

76 Should a student become pregnant, whilst under no obligation to disclose their pregnancy, they are strongly advised to contact their academic department or school at the earliest opportunity to discuss reasonable flexible arrangements, as appropriate, and, depending on the course of study, any health and safety considerations. Information and guidance are also available from tutors and the Students' Union. Where necessary, the Senior Lecturer may grant permission for a range of measures to support the student, as provided for in the general regulations.

77 E.U. Junior Freshman students who withdraw from College before 1 February (having been admitted the previous September) must re-apply through the C.A.O. for admission in a subsequent year. Non-E.U. Junior Freshman students withdrawing before 1 February must re-apply through the Academic Registry. E.U. or non-E.U. students who withdraw from College after 1 February may apply for re-admission through the Academic Registry by 1 August of the proposed year of entry.

#### *Transfer of course*

78 Students may apply, through their tutor, to the [Senior Lecturer](#) for permission to transfer to another course. Transfer applications, which must be made using a standard form, should be submitted to the Academic Registry, who will process the applications on behalf of the Senior Lecturer. The form may be obtained by the student's tutor from the Senior Tutor's Office website at [www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor) or from the [Academic Registry](#) directly.

While every effort will be made to allow adequately qualified students to change course, it will not be possible to permit a transfer into a course which already has a full complement of students. Students who are being considered for a transfer to the first year of another course should register for and attend the course to which they were admitted. In no case may students register for a course until their application to transfer has been formally approved by the Senior Lecturer.

79 The categories of transfer applicants are as follows:

- (i) Newly entered Junior Freshman students who in their first term seek to transfer into the Junior Freshman year of a different course.
- (ii) Continuing Junior Freshman students and non Junior Freshman students seeking to transfer into the Junior Freshman year of a different course.
- (iii) Continuing Junior Freshman students and non Junior Freshman students seeking to transfer into a year other than the Junior Freshman year of a different course.

Where a transfer results in the repetition of a year, students will not qualify for the fee remission scheme, see COLLEGE CHARGES, section II.

80 The specific procedures and timetables for each category are as follows:

(i) *Newly entered Junior Freshman students who in their first term seek to transfer into the Junior Freshman year of a different course.* The closing date for students to apply for transfer is the end of the third week of Michaelmas teaching term (15 October 2021). All such applications will be held until the closing date (except in the case of applications from students failing to satisfy the requirements for the course into which entry is sought). Decisions on applications received by the closing date will be made on the basis of the following criteria: (a) availability of places, (b) entry qualifications and (c) timetabling constraints.



Applicants will be notified of the result of their transfer request as soon as possible after the closing date.

(ii) *Continuing Junior Freshman students and non Junior Freshman students seeking to transfer into the Junior Freshman year of a different course.* Students in this category should apply before 1 August and will be assessed on the basis of their original entry qualifications. With the sole exception of mature students, College assessment results will not be taken into consideration. Students who miss this cut-off date may apply in the same way as newly entered Junior Freshman students (see category (i) above), i.e. by the end of the third week of Michaelmas teaching term (15 October 2021).

(iii) *Continuing Junior Freshman students and non Junior Freshman students seeking to transfer into a year other than the Junior Freshman year of a different course.* Students in this category should apply no later than the end of the third week of Michaelmas teaching term (15 October 2021), and will be assessed, after consultation with the school(s) or department(s) concerned, on the basis of the total qualifications presented, i.e. original entry qualifications and results of College assessments.

In categories (i) and (ii) above, schools and departments will be consulted by the Academic Registry only in the case of mature students. Schools and departments must not enter into individual arrangements with transfer applicants. Transfers will not be permitted at a level lower than the cut-off point at which admissions were originally made.

#### *Advanced entry*

81 Under certain conditions approved by the University Council, on the recommendation of the Senior Lecturer in consultation with the appropriate head(s) of school(s), director(s) of undergraduate teaching and learning, head(s) of department(s), Associate Dean for Undergraduate Science Education or course director, the University regards attendance at courses and the passing of approved examinations in other colleges as fulfilling or partially fulfilling the exercises required for certain degrees of the University.

Where places are available, students may be permitted advanced entry to their course if they are deemed qualified by their knowledge and attainment to do so, or by passing specified examinations.

Applicants must pay a fee before presenting themselves for these examinations (see COLLEGE CHARGES). Applications for advanced entry to any course should be made through the Academic Registry in the first instance.

#### *ERASMUS and study abroad*

82 To facilitate student mobility, students may be permitted to satisfy the requirements of their year, in whole or in part, by study abroad under an approved ERASMUS exchange or other exchange programme approved by the Vice-President for Global Relations with the assessment at the host university counting as part of the student's academic record in College. The maximum period for such study is one academic year and the minimum period is three months. Arrangements governing specific exchange programmes are made by the school, department or course office concerned, subject to the following regulations of the University Council:

- (a) work examined abroad will not be examined in Trinity College;
- (b) students studying abroad will not be expected to be examined in work taught in Trinity College during their absence; candidates for moderatorship in modern languages may however be required to submit to assessment in language competence;
- (c) students studying abroad for a full academic year must obtain not less than 45 ECTS credits, or equivalent, from the host university in order to rise with their year;

- (d) study abroad in the Senior Sophister/final degree year should not extend beyond Michaelmas term of that year;<sup>7</sup>
- (e) assessment of modules taken in the overseas university should be weighted in the calculation of the final degree result as if the modules had been taken in this university.

83 Students who achieve a first class honours grade in their overall results on an ERASMUS year abroad may be awarded a book prize (value under review). These prizes are not awarded in the Senior Sophister or final year.

Book prizes may be collected from the Academic Registry by the award holder in person.

84 Students who, with the approval of their school(s) and department(s) and while remaining 'on books', spend a year or part-year of study at an ERASMUS partner university, continue to be liable to pay to College the full annual fee for their course, at E.U. or non-E.U. rates according to their status at the point of admission to College. No fees are payable by students to the partner institution.

85 Students who, with the approval of their school(s) or department(s) and while remaining 'on books', spend a year of study at a foreign university with which there is a formal exchange agreement, must register at Trinity College in the normal way and shall continue to be liable to pay full annual fees to the College.<sup>8</sup> Where a student is also required to pay fees at the foreign university, the College will reimburse the student up to a maximum of half the tuition fees paid to Trinity College. The College has made special provision for students following approved programmes at Russian universities whereby the College will reimburse the student for (E.U.) fees paid at the foreign university up to a maximum of the annual fee paid to Trinity College less the student contribution and the student Sports Centre charge. In the case of students participating in the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (H.E.C.) programme Trinity College will transfer to the foreign university a maximum of the annual (E.U.) fee less the student contribution and the student Sports Centre charge<sup>9</sup>. Students participating in an exchange approved by the Irish National Agency are eligible for a grant to offset some of the travel and living costs.

86 The University of Dublin has an agreement of co-operation with the Universities of [Edinburgh](#), [Strathclyde](#) and [Aberdeen](#) and the [Queen's University](#), Belfast. The academic disciplines involved include Irish history, Scottish history, Anglo-Irish and Scots literature, Irish and Gaelic languages and literature.

The agreement provides for collaboration in relation to both staff and student activities.

87 Students in good academic standing who, with the approval of their school(s) or department(s), wish to study abroad at an institution with which Trinity College has not entered into an agreement providing for student mobility, may apply through their tutor to the Senior Lecturer for permission to go off-books, normally for a period of one year.

#### *Degree of ordinary B.A.*

88 In the majority of undergraduate degree courses, students who have passed the Junior Sophister year may have the degree of ordinary B.A. conferred if they do not proceed to the Senior Sophister year or if they do not pass the Senior Sophister year/final degree assessments. Except by special permission of the University Council, on the recommendation of the court of

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<sup>7</sup>Students who study abroad for their Junior Sophister year under these regulations may nevertheless be eligible for the award of an ordinary B.A. on successful completion of that year according to the specific regulations for their course.

<sup>8</sup>Where students are eligible for the free fees initiative or qualify for a higher education grant they will not be required to pay the tuition fee element of the amount due to the College as this will be claimed on their behalf from the Higher Education Authority or local authority or SUSI as appropriate.

<sup>9</sup>For further information on the H.E.C. programme see the course entry for the Moderatorship in Economic and Social Studies/Bachelor in Business Studies provided under the School of Social Science and Philosophy in FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

examiners and, in some cases, of school executive committees, the ordinary degree of B.A. may normally be conferred only on candidates who have spent at least three years in the University. In the case of advanced entry into the Senior Freshman or Junior Sophister year of a student's degree course, the degree of ordinary B.A. may be conferred only on candidates who have spent at least two years in the University subject always to the successful completion of the Junior Sophister year.

#### *Aegrotat degree*

89 In exceptional circumstances, students who are prevented by illness or other grave cause beyond their control from writing the whole or part of the honour examination in their final year may apply to the Senior Lecturer, through their tutor, for the award of an aegrotat degree. Such application must be made as soon as the extent of the illness or grave cause becomes evident and must be accompanied by a full explanation of the illness or grave cause.

If the Senior Lecturer is satisfied that a case for the award of an aegrotat degree has been made successfully, the Senior Lecturer will advise the appropriate court of examiners accordingly and request that they proceed in the course of their regular meeting to make arrangements for the publication and award of an aegrotat degree, the level of which, either unclassified honour or ordinary degree, is to be determined by reference to the previous appropriate academic record of the candidate. Persons to whom an unclassified honour aegrotat award is being made will be included on the customary moderatorship examination result sheets in a section at the end of the lists headed 'aegrotat unclassified honour award'. Persons to whom an ordinary degree award is being made will be included on the customary ordinary degree examination result sheet in a section at the end of the list headed 'aegrotat ordinary degree award'.

As an alternative, a student who has been awarded but not conferred with an aegrotat degree of unclassified honour or ordinary level may, within one year of the award and with the permission of the Senior Lecturer, elect to write the next moderatorship examination in the appropriate discipline with the prospect of proceeding to the award of a classified honour degree.

This provision applies to students reading undergraduate degree courses in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Aegrotat degrees are not available in certain professional courses where the award of the degree confers a right to practise. Such courses are the B.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language Studies, Bachelor in Music Education (B.Mus.Ed.), Bachelor in Social Studies (B.S.S.) and Bachelor in Engineering (B.A.I.), and all courses in the Faculty of Health Sciences with the exception of the B.Sc. in Human Health and Disease.

#### *Conferring of degrees at Commencements*

90 Degrees are publicly conferred under a student's registered name within degree class by the Chancellor, or a Pro-Chancellor in the Senate or Congregation of the University, at the ceremony known as Commencements. Candidates for a particular Commencements will receive an invite via the [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) portal. Conditional notice may be lodged at any time. The Commencements fee is included in the Student Levies and Charges (SLC) invoiced to students annually prior to the beginning of their studies/the academic year.

The Commencements fee is fully refundable to all students who become ineligible to proceed with conferral. Any student who has an appeal underway that could have implications for their degree result is advised not to proceed with degree conferral until the outcome of the appeal has been confirmed. See [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments) for information concerning charges.

#### *Diploma and certificate award ceremonies*

91 Those who have successfully completed a diploma or certificate course are awarded the qualification at the next available award ceremony for that course. All such candidates are written to by the Academic Registry at their contact address as provided, inviting them to attend the

ceremony. Those that cannot attend shall have the qualification awarded *in absentia*. All candidates are presented for the award under a student's registered name within class, where appropriate. See [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments) for information concerning charges.

### *Library*

92 Readers, including all undergraduates, are admitted to the Library reading rooms on production of a current Identity Card or Trinity authorised identity and are required to observe the terms of the Library declaration and the general Library regulations.

The Library declaration is:

'Ego,....., solemniter promitto, me, quoties in Bibliothecam hujus Collegii venire contigerit, libros ceteramque Bibliothecae supellectilem sic tractaturum, ut superesse quam diutissime possint. Promitto etiam quod neque ipse librum aliquem asportabo, sponte corrumpam, interscribam, aut alio quovis modo abutar, nec ab aliis haec fieri (quantum in me est) permittam. Quae omnia et singula, et omnia Bibliothecae statuta (quantum ad me attinet), me fideliter observaturum promitto, et spondeo.'

The following is a translation of the declaration:

'I,....., do solemnly promise that, whenever I enter the Library, I will treat the books and other furniture of the Library in such fashion that they may last as long as possible. I further promise that neither will I myself take away any book nor designedly damage or write in or badly treat in any way whatever any book, nor so far as in me lies will I suffer such things to be done by others. All and each of which things and all the Statutes of the Library, in as far as they concern me, I promise and vow faithfully to observe.'

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### *Library regulations*

- (a) It is a breach of the Library regulations to attempt to enter any Library building by use of another reader's Identity Card or Trinity authorised identity, or permitting others to use your Identity Card or Trinity authorised identity. Readers must show their Identity Card or Library Card on request to any member of the Library staff when within the Library.
- (b) Before leaving the Library buildings, readers may be required to present all books, bags and briefcases to the guards for inspection. No Library book may be taken out of a Library building except a book the loan of which is permitted and which has been recorded by the Library staff as being on loan to the reader.
- (c) Mutilation or defacement of any book or article of Library property is regarded as a major offence.
- (d) Readers may not use bottles of ink or correction fluid in the Library, nor may such substances be left on desks or in reading rooms.
- (e) Silence must be observed as far as possible in all Library reading rooms. Quiet conversation is permitted in group areas, with due consideration for other readers. The use, in a manner causing noise or disturbance, of electrical equipment such as computers, and mobile phones is prohibited. Users of computers in the Library are reminded that they must also comply with the College's IT and network code of conduct and other regulations for the time being in force.
- (f) Smoking and the consumption of food and drink are forbidden in all parts of the Library open to readers, and no items of food or drink may be left on desks or in reading rooms. Note: water in sealed refillable containers is permitted in the Library.
- (g) Readers are not permitted to bring visitors into the reading rooms.
- (h) Readers are not permitted to reserve seats by leaving their belongings or books on seats and desks. The Library staff may move any property left at unoccupied desks or seats for more than 60 minutes, except for officially reserved seats and carrels.
- (i) Readers are at all times responsible for their own property.

- (j) Readers are required to comply with the provisions of the [Copyright and Related Rights Acts, 2000 to 2007](#) and the [Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019](#) when making photocopies from material which enjoys copyright protection. Failure to comply may expose the person to potential civil liability and, in the case of a student or staff member of College, to College disciplinary procedures. The attention of readers is drawn to the notices on display beside all photocopying machines in the Library.
- (k) Under Decree No. 1 of 2012, amending the [Consolidated Statutes](#), Trinity College and the University of Dublin, has bound the Library to comply with the conditions of the [Legal Deposit Libraries Act, 2003 \[UK\]](#) and [The Legal Deposit Libraries \(Non-Print Works\) Regulations 2013 \[UK\]](#). Readers are required to comply with the provisions of this legislation.

#### *Sanctions for breach of Library regulations*

94 Breach of the Library regulations will result in sanction by the Librarian, the Junior Dean or the Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity, as appropriate. Appeal against a Library penalty or decision of the Junior Dean is to the Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity. The Librarian operates a system of penalties (as approved from time to time by the Board) for breaches of the Library regulations. Penalties may include fines, administrative and other charges, ejection and temporary or permanent exclusion from the Library and/or the College and/or the University, and the confiscation of any personal property brought into or used within the Library in breach of Library and/or any other applicable College regulations. The Library shall not be responsible, in any way whatsoever, for any property so confiscated.

Senior Sophisters and other final year students who have passed their final examinations are required to return all books to the Library within one month following their examinations. The Library will return records of books and fines outstanding to the Academic Registry, for the purpose of alerting students to their obligation to clear their Library records so that they may proceed to Commencements. See [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments) for information concerning unpaid charges.

#### *Student partnership*

95 The University Council has approved a student partnership agreement which reinforces the joint commitment of the University, the Students' Union, and the Graduate Students' Union, to develop and support student partnership, engagement and representation. The policy on student partnership may be viewed on the College website at [www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies](http://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/academic-policies).

#### *Plagiarism*

##### *96 General*

It is clearly understood that all members of the academic community use and build on the work and ideas of others. It is commonly accepted also, however, that we build on the work and ideas of others in an open and explicit manner, and with due acknowledgement.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work or ideas of others as one's own, without due acknowledgement.

Plagiarism can arise from deliberate actions and also through careless thinking and/or methodology. The offence lies not in the attitude or intention of the perpetrator, but in the action and in its consequences.

It is the responsibility of the author of any work to ensure that he/she does not commit plagiarism.

Plagiarism is considered to be academically fraudulent, and an offence against academic integrity that is subject to the disciplinary procedures of the University.

##### *97 Examples of Plagiarism*

Plagiarism can arise from actions such as:

- (a) copying another student's work;
- (b) enlisting another person or persons to complete an assignment on the student's behalf;
- (c) procuring, whether with payment or otherwise, the work or ideas of another;
- (d) quoting directly, without acknowledgement, from books, articles or other sources, either in printed, recorded or electronic format, including websites and social media;
- (e) paraphrasing, without acknowledgement, the writings of other authors.

Examples (d) and (e) in particular can arise through careless thinking and/or methodology where students:

- (i) fail to distinguish between their own ideas and those of others;
- (ii) fail to take proper notes during preliminary research and therefore lose track of the sources from which the notes were drawn;
- (iii) fail to distinguish between information which needs no acknowledgement because it is firmly in the public domain, and information which might be widely known, but which nevertheless requires some sort of acknowledgement;
- (iv) come across a distinctive methodology or idea and fail to record its source.

All the above serve only as examples and are not exhaustive.

### 98 *Plagiarism in the context of group work*

Students should normally submit work done in co-operation with other students only when it is done with the full knowledge and permission of the lecturer concerned. Without this, submitting work which is the product of collaboration with other students may be considered to be plagiarism.

When work is submitted as the result of a group project, it is the responsibility of all students in the group to ensure, so far as is possible, that no work submitted by the group is plagiarised. In order to avoid plagiarism in the context of collaboration and group work, it is particularly important to ensure that each student appropriately attributes work that is not their own.

### 99 *Self plagiarism*

No work can normally be submitted for more than one assessment for credit. Resubmitting the same work for more than one assessment for credit is normally considered self-plagiarism.

### 100 *Avoiding plagiarism*

Students should ensure the integrity of their work by seeking advice from their lecturers, tutor or supervisor on avoiding plagiarism. All schools and departments must include, in their handbooks or other literature given to students, guidelines on the appropriate methodology for the kind of work that students will be expected to undertake. In addition, a general set of guidelines for students on avoiding plagiarism is available on <http://libguides.tcd.ie/plagiarism>.

101 If plagiarism as referred to in §96 above is suspected, in the first instance, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or their designate, will write to the student, and the student's tutor advising them of the concerns raised. The student and tutor (as an alternative to the tutor, students may nominate a representative from the Students' Union) will be invited to attend an informal meeting with the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or their designate, and the lecturer concerned, in order to put their suspicions to the student and give the student the opportunity to respond. The student will be requested to respond in writing stating his/her agreement to attend such a meeting and confirming on which of the suggested dates and times it will be possible for them to attend. If the student does not in this manner agree to attend such a meeting, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, may refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2.

102 If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, forms the view that plagiarism has taken place, he/she must decide if the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure set out below. In order for this summary procedure to be followed, all parties attending the informal meeting as noted in §101 above must state their agreement in writing to

the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate. If one of the parties to the informal meeting withholds his/her written agreement to the application of the summary procedure, or if the facts of the case are in dispute, or if the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, feels that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure below are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she will refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2.

103 If the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, will recommend one of the following penalties:

- (a) Level 1: Student receives an informal verbal warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will be assessed and marked without penalty;
- (b) Level 2: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will receive a reduced or capped mark depending on the seriousness/extent of plagiarism;
- (c) Level 3: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. There is no opportunity for resubmission with corrections. Instead, the student is required to submit a new piece of work as a reassessment during the next available session. Provided the work is of a passing standard, both the assessment mark and the overall module mark will be capped at the pass mark. Discretion lies with the Senior Lecturer in cases where there is no standard opportunity for a reassessment under applicable course regulations.

104 Provided that the appropriate procedure has been followed and all parties in §101 above are in agreement with the proposed penalty, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) should in the case of a Level 1 offence, inform the course director and where appropriate the course office. In the case of a Level 2 or Level 3 offence, the Senior Lecturer must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The Senior Lecturer may approve, reject, or vary the recommended penalty, or seek further information before making a decision. If the Senior Lecturer considers that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she may also refer the matter directly to the Junior Dean who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2. Notwithstanding his/her decision, the Senior Lecturer will inform the Junior Dean of all notified cases of Level 2 and Level 3 offences accordingly. The Junior Dean may nevertheless implement the procedures as referred to under CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS §2.

105 If the case cannot normally be dealt with under the summary procedures, it is deemed to be a Level 4 offence and will be referred directly to the Junior Dean. Nothing provided for under the summary procedure diminishes or prejudices the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean under the 2010 [Consolidated Statutes](#).

### *III CONDUCT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS*

1 All students are required to observe, in addition to the laws of the State, the regulations laid down by the Board of the College from time to time. Disciplinary offences therefore include breaches or attempted breaches of the criminal law and of College regulations, whether committed inside or outside the College, including but not limited to

- (a) activity which brings the College into disrepute,
- (b) misconduct in relation to examinations, libraries, and the use of other College facilities, services, and accommodation,
- (c) disruption of the normal operation of activities within the College, and

(d) harassment or misbehaviour on College property or in dealings with others.

However, this does not preclude the legitimate right of students to assemble and express grievances.

2 The Junior Dean shall maintain discipline and good order among the students, and enquire into and otherwise deal with the alleged commission of a disciplinary offence by a student. The relevant procedures and penalties are set out in the [College Statutes](#); they are available on the College website or from the [Registrar's Office](#), but a non-binding summary is provided below. At all stages of the disciplinary process, students are entitled to representation by their tutor, by the [Students' Unions](#), or by any other person of their choice.

3 The Junior Dean (or a person exercising the powers of the Junior Dean, e.g. the Warden of Trinity Hall, the Librarian or the Director of IT Services) will usually interview a student suspected of having committed a disciplinary offence. If it relates to a minor offence, the Junior Dean can deal with the matter quickly (summarily), and the decision can be appealed to the Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity. If it relates to a major offence, the Junior Dean can deal with the matter summarily only if the student agrees; otherwise the matter is heard by the Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity.

4 It shall be for the Junior Dean in the first instance to decide whether an offence is major, but he or she shall have regard to factors such as the potential for criminal or professional misconduct proceedings arising out of the offence, the impact of the offence on others, the disruption of the normal functioning of the College and/or its facilities and/or members, plagiarism, falsification or serious misuse of official College or University documents or false pretences in connection with academic attainments, or refusal to comply with any final penalty. Without prejudice to the general power of the Junior Dean to decide whether an alleged offence is major or minor, the following examples would normally be regarded as major offences:

- (a) Conduct which does, or is liable to cause, violence to person or damage to property.
- (b) Conduct which does, or is liable to obstruct, the holding of, or frustrates the purpose in holding, any lecture, class or other instruction given by the College or any laboratory work or any research in the College, or any meeting, hearing or other function (including administrative and sporting activities) authorised to take place within the College.
- (c) Seriously interfering with, or unreasonably impeding members of the College in carrying out their duties.
- (d) Theft, fraud or misapplication in connection with funds or property of any kind in College.
- (e) Offences in connection with degrees or diplomas or examinations or tests conducted by the College.
- (f) Falsification or serious misuse of University records, including degree or diploma parchments.
- (g) False pretences or personation of others, within or without the College, in connection with academic attainments or financial awards.
- (h) Refusal or failure to pay a fine or comply with any penalty (subject to any right of appeal applicable) imposed by the Junior Dean or Librarian.
- (i) Refusal to produce a College I.D. card or other acceptable means of identification at the request of the Senior Dean, Junior Dean or any of his/her assistants or any College security officer. (Other members of the College have the right to call for identification of any person found in areas properly under their control.)
- (j) Failure to comply with any reasonable instruction of a fire warden.
- (k) All forms of bullying and harassment, including sexual and racial harassment, in all College locations and situations where students are participating in formal College activities or are representing the College or are present at events, social or otherwise, organised in association with the College.
- (l) Misuse of e-mail, computer facilities, or any aspects of College communications networks.
- (m) Dishonesty in relation to academic work.



- (n) Any action by a student on a professional course which would constitute professional misconduct.
- (o) Actions of students responsible for, or contributing to, the activities of student publications and/or student societies and/or sports clubs which may be injurious to the health, safety and welfare of any person.

5 The Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity consists of members of the academic staff and of the technical, administrative and support staff, and students; and it hears appeals from decisions of the Junior Dean as well as matters referred to it.

6 There may also be a Panel of Enquiry. It can hear appeals from decisions of the Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity, or conduct initial hearings into the most serious offences.

#### *Not in good standing*

7 A student may be deemed to be 'not in good standing' with the College as a result of disciplinary sanctions arising out of decisions of the Junior Dean, the Committee on Student Conduct and Capacity or the Panel of Enquiry under the College Statutes. Students who are not in good standing for disciplinary reasons cannot proceed to graduation and cannot be re-admitted to College.

#### *Recording of lectures*

8 To facilitate the delivery of online teaching and learning, lectures, tutorials, seminars and other class types may be recorded by the University. These recordings will be available to be viewed on Blackboard, and other University approved IT systems, by students and staff. Personal data contained in such recordings will be processed in accordance with the Privacy Notice of the University ([www.tcd.ie/privacy](http://www.tcd.ie/privacy)).

9 Students with disabilities may be permitted to record lectures and tutorials if as part of the needs assessment it is deemed a reasonable adjustment by the Disability Service. Students are advised that all recordings remain the property of the University and are for personal use only. As in the case of provision of lecture notes, the student will sign a 'permission to record' form with the Disability Service which states that the recordings made are for their own personal use and will not be shared. Where the recording of a lecture is not permitted, it will be necessary for the lecturer to provide a suitable alternative (i.e. a transcript of the lecture). See also DATA PROTECTION (section VIII) and COPYRIGHT (section IX).

#### *Misconduct and noise in rooms*

10 All occupants of rooms in College will be held responsible for any misconduct in the rooms under their control. This will include the making of noise deemed to be excessive.

#### *Posters and notices*

11 (a) Only recognised societies and clubs, the Students' Unions, College publications and other bona fide College organisations may advertise in College. It is the responsibility of all the officers and staff of the capitated bodies and of all the committee members of all societies, clubs, publications and other bona fide College organisations to be aware of the regulations and guidelines covering poster and advertising material in College.

(b) In the interest of creating an inclusive and safe College environment care should be taken to ensure that any images or content comply with the College dignity and respect policy and do not create an offensive or hostile environment for an individual or group in College, particularly in relation to any of the nine protected equality grounds. Attention is drawn to the relevant legislation, the [Equal Status Acts](#) (2000-2012), the [Employment Equality Acts](#) (1998-2011) and the [Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act](#) (1989). It is the College's policy to protect freedom of expression and intellectual enquiry and to ensure that they are exercised in such a way as to not interfere with the rights of others, or breach the laws of the State.

(c) Posters advertising specific events organised by recognised societies and clubs, the Students' Unions, College publications and other bona fide College organisations should not

identify, explicitly or implicitly access to free or cheap alcohol as a primary incentive to attendance. Posters produced by or on behalf of these aforementioned bodies should not display alcoholic beverages or products either specifically or generically.

(d) Notices may not exceed 42 x 29.7 cm (A3) and must be placed on the student noticeboards provided. Chalked notices, stickers and (except in special cases with the permission of the [Junior Dean](#)) unattended free standing notices are forbidden. Not more than one copy of a notice may be displayed on the same board or within 15 m of a similar notice. Advertisements for a particular event must be removed not later than 48 hours after the event. All notices must identify their origin. Posters and notices advertising events or activities in College may not be fixed to the walls of buildings, lamp posts, litter bins or benches.

#### *Sale or distribution of printed matter*

12 (a) Printed matter may be sold or distributed by members of the College provided that it is either a recognised student newspaper or material issued by the Students' Unions or material issued by an authorised society or club of the College including tickets for any function organised by those societies.

(b) Provided that no obstruction or unnecessary noise is caused, such printed matter may be sold or distributed in all the open areas of College and within and approaching the Front Gate precinct, at the Pearse Street and Lincoln Place Gates, in the hallways of the Museum and Chemistry Buildings, in the Buttery foyer, in the concourses of the Arts and Social Sciences Building, the Hamilton Building and the Smurfit and Panoz Institutes and outside the entrances to the catering areas. Printed matter may be sold but not distributed *gratis* in any of the catering areas except the Buttery foyer. All printed matter must identify its origin, and in the case of a student newspaper, its editor.

(c) Notwithstanding 11 (a) and (b) above promotional material in the form of flyers or leaflets may not be freely distributed by the Students' Unions or by any authorised society or club of the College with the exception of the period of Freshers' Week and the respective election campaign periods of the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Union. At all other times promotional material in the form of flyers or leaflets must be confined to the stands available to Students' Unions and all authorised societies and clubs of the College, in the concourses of the Arts and Social Sciences Building, the Hamilton Building and the Smurfit and Panoz Institutes. It is absolutely prohibited to distribute promotional material on campus on behalf of external outlets.

(d) It is forbidden to leave printed matter such as student newspapers or magazines in bundles in any external area of College.

#### *Erection of stalls in College*

13 Stalls may **NOT** be erected in College except in the foyer of the Arts and Social Sciences Building and the Hamilton Building by arrangement with the Head of Facilities Attendant Services and the Senior Dean.

No society, club or person may normally have a stall more than one day per week.

#### *Banners*

14 Banners may only be erected with the approval of the Senior Dean, and in accordance with the Banners Protocol, at the following locations: the Arts and Social Sciences Building ramp (north) and the North East Gate (viaduct, Pearse Street). Banners may not be erected at Front Gate. The Protocol is circulated each September by the College Secretary's Office.

#### *Collecting boxes*

15 Collecting boxes can only be used with the prior permission of the Senior Dean.

#### *Sale of goods*

16 The sale or distribution of goods other than printed matter is not allowed in the open within the College precincts.

### *Booking of rooms for events*

17 Individuals or groups wishing to hold events on College property (indoor or outdoor) on or off the main campus are required to make an application, normally five working days in advance, at the [Enquiries Office](#). Permission to host such events is sought from the [Junior Dean](#). Permission to hold an event likely to give rise to a need for additional security must be sought from the Junior Dean two weeks in advance, through the Enquiries Office, and the cost of extra security and other special arrangements must be borne by the organisers. The cost of any damage caused as a result of such an event will also be charged to the organisers, who may be required to lodge a deposit beforehand. Failure to apply in time for permission to hold an event, the plans for which turn out to require special security, will be grounds for refusing permission for that event.

Bookings for meetings in the O'Reilly Institute must be made in advance with the Director of the [Office of Trinity Research and Innovation](#).

### *Access to buildings*

18 Those sitting on the steps of public buildings must allow free access to the building by leaving an unobstructed pathway to the door. On the Dining Hall steps painted lines indicate the area to be kept free. Sunbathing is permitted only in College Park.

### *Universal access pathways*

19 The universal access pathways in the cobbled areas in College are primarily intended to accommodate pedestrians, particularly those with disabilities. Vehicles are prohibited from parking on these pathways and cyclists must give way to pedestrians using the pathways. Impeding access to or on the pathways through the positioning of vehicles or fixtures (such as signs) is also prohibited.

### *Outdoor eating*

20 Food and drink may **NOT** be consumed out of doors except in the College Park. Alcoholic drink may not be consumed out of doors.

### *Walking on lawns*

21 No persons are permitted to walk on the lawns, or to cross the playing fields unless they are participating in games or in training authorised by D.U.C.A.C.

### *Skateboarding*

22 'Skateboarding' and 'roller blading' are prohibited on campus for reasons related to safety and noise reduction. Individuals who use skateboards and roller blades off campus are required when, transporting these items on campus, to carry them in a bag or haversack. Carrying skateboards or roller blades openly on campus may result in an individual being challenged by the security staff.

### *Amplifying equipment*

23 Radios, loudspeakers and other amplifying equipment may **NOT** be used in public areas within the College precincts without the permission of the Junior Dean. Permission for the use of megaphones must be sought at least twenty-four hours prior to the event. This will normally be granted only to the officers of the Students' Union.

### *Traffic regulations*

24 Persons who drive cars or motor-cycles must acquaint themselves with the current traffic regulations, which are strictly enforced. The Director of Buildings is responsible for these regulations.

### *Bicycles*

25 Bicycles may not be parked on the centre walk in Parliament Square. It is forbidden to park bicycles in hallways, staircases, or landings of houses. Bicycles must not be ridden either through the Front Gate, the Arts Building entrance or the entrance at Pearse Street East. Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle racks provided.

### *Derelict vehicles*

26 Any derelict or unlicensed motor-car, motor-cycle or bicycle will be removed by the College authorities after fourteen days' notice has been placed thereon.

### *Concerts, dances and parties*

27 The Students' Union and any College society or club planning to hold a concert or gig in College must apply for permission to do so at least eight days in advance of the function. Permission is granted by the [Junior Dean](#), to whom written application should be made through the [Enquiries Office](#). Societies or clubs wishing to hold dances outside the College must apply to the Senior Dean at least three weeks before the proposed date.

Permission to hold a party in College must be obtained from the Junior Dean at least five working days in advance. Application form available from the Junior Dean's website at [www.tcd.ie/Junior\\_Dean/events/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/Junior_Dean/events/index.php).

### *Pets*

28 No animal, fish, bird or other livestock may be kept in College residences (except for guide dogs) without the prior consent, in writing, of the [Registrar of Chambers](#).

### *Activities outside College*

29 The [Junior Dean](#) must be consulted in advance if College organisations propose to arrange parades, collections, demonstrations or any other activities of this kind, using the name of Trinity College. Approval is given on the understanding that relevant by-laws are understood and will be observed. Notice to the appropriate public authorities, where required, should be arranged well in advance. Individual students participating in any activity outside College remain subject to the general regulation that students' conduct shall not bring the College into disrepute.

### *Outside activities in College*

30 As there is no general right for members of the public to enter the College precincts, the [Junior Dean](#) must be consulted fourteen clear days in advance if any individuals or groups within College propose to participate with individuals or organisations from outside College in holding parades, demonstrations, meetings or other activities of this kind in the open within the College precincts.

Approval for such activities may be given on conditions which include the observance of the relevant College by-laws by those attending or organising the activity. Such approval may be withdrawn at any time by the Junior Dean, or those acting under his/her authority, in the event of a breach of any condition of such approval.

### *Gowns*

31 Students are entitled to wear gowns appropriate to their standing within the College precincts. They are required to do so when attending Commencements.

### *Sports clothing*

32 Appropriate sports clothing must be worn while playing games or training in College Park.

### *Roofs and attics*

33 College roofs and attic spaces are out of bounds.

### *Waste management and recycling*

34 It is a College offence to deposit litter or other waste in any location within the College perimeter other than in the designated litter bins or other waste disposal units provided on campus. It is also an offence to use College waste management or recycling facilities to dispose of personal, domestic waste of any kind – whether recyclable or not. All staff and students are requested to co-operate and support the College waste management and recycling policy by reducing the volumes of waste produced on campus, re-using products and using the facilities provided to segregate waste at source to facilitate recycling.

### *Residential campus*

35 Students and academic staff occupy rooms in a number of locations across the campus. Out of consideration for the residents living on campus, events and activities which are liable to generate noise and disruption must be scheduled between the hours of 08:00 hrs and 22:00 hrs. Where an event or activity likely to cause disruption to residents is planned for the period before 08:00 hrs or after 22:00 hrs specific approval must be requested from the [Junior Dean](#) in the case of student activity, and the [Chief Operating Officer](#) in all other circumstances.

Persons entering and leaving campus before 08:00 hrs and after 22:00 hrs and those using the campus between those hours are requested to respect the residential nature of the campus.

Activities associated with an emergency on campus are exempt from these restrictions.

## *IV RESIDENCE — GENERAL*

1 The following types of accommodation are provided by the College:

- (a) rooms on the main [College](#) campus;
- (b) rooms in [Trinity Hall](#), about 4 km (2½ miles) from the main College campus.

Residence on the main College campus is arranged by the Provost through the [Registrar of Chambers](#) for whom administrative services are provided at and through the [Accommodation Office](#). Residence at Trinity Hall is arranged by the Provost through the [Warden of Trinity Hall](#) for whom administrative services are provided at and through the office at [Trinity Hall](#). Rules governing students in residence are obtainable from the offices concerned and are overseen by the Junior Dean and the Warden of Trinity Hall.

Trinity also has nomination rights for a privately operated purpose built student accommodation development, [Kavanagh Court](#). Further details are available on the Accommodation Office's website at [www.tcd.ie/accommodation](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation).

2 Students looking for other accommodation are advised to contact the [Students' Union](#) who will provide advice on accommodation in Dublin. Generally, private rented accommodation is in short supply. An accommodation advisory service usually operates from early August to the end of Freshers' Week to assist students seeking private accommodation.

3 Comprehensive information is available on the College website at [www.tcd.ie/accommodation](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation).

### *Accommodation in the College*

4 Single bedrooms and bedrooms within 2 to 7 person apartments are available. These are fully-furnished and all have access to cooking facilities. There are approximately 650 places.

5 Applications for residential rooms will be accepted during a four week period in February/March (see the *Calendar* PART I - ALMANACK).

Applications for rooms in College will be accepted from full-time students registered for undergraduate or postgraduate degree courses. Ordinarily, applications will not be accepted from students registered for diploma courses. Where a degree course is jointly delivered with another institution, applications will be accepted from students in those years that the course is delivered by Trinity College. There is normally a considerable demand for rooms.

6 Most of the allocations of College rooms for the coming academic year are made in May. Students are notified electronically. Vacancies may occur during the year and applicants interested in taking up these rooms should keep in touch with the Accommodation Office.

#### *Accommodation in Trinity Hall*

7 **Trinity Hall** at Dartry near Rathmines is 4 km (2½ miles) from the centre of Dublin. It is on a direct bus route, the LUAS green tramline (Milltown stop), and is within easy cycling distance of the College. Part of the Hall grounds form the University of Dublin **Botanic Garden**.

New entrants and particularly students entering their first year are advised to apply to Trinity Hall. A limited number of undergraduates in all years and visiting students will also be considered for accommodation at Trinity Hall. Those applying for a place in Trinity through the C.A.O. system should make an application in advance of receiving an offer of a place on a Trinity course. Provisional room allocations will be made in advance of the C.A.O. offers and these allocations will be confirmed after Trinity course offers are made. In all other cases applications should be made by students after they have received an unconditional firm offer of a place on a course and have been issued with a student ID number. Please see the Accommodation Office [website](#) for more details.

There are 940 places in modern accommodation arranged within apartments with four or six ensuite bedrooms sharing a kitchen/dining room. Room types available in the modern accommodation are ensuite single or ensuite twin rooms. There are a number of modern rooms available at Trinity Hall for those with mobility impediments and special needs. Students wishing to apply for these rooms should apply on the grounds of special circumstances. These rooms are designed for students who are capable of independent living and are not suitable for students requiring assisted care. These are ensuite rooms within apartments and share kitchen/living rooms with other students.

Residents have access to a library, computer room and common rooms, and have the use of the indoor sports facilities. All residents at Trinity Hall pay a small annual subscription which covers membership of the Junior Common Room.

8 Vacancies may occur during the year and interested students should keep in touch with the office at Trinity Hall.

#### *Tenure*

9 Foundation (and non-foundation) scholars are entitled to remain in residence as provided for in the [Statutes](#).

10 Students who are the sons or daughters of Fellows of the College are granted priority in the allocation of rooms. They receive a discount. In all other respects they must conform to the regulations regarding tenure which are binding on students in general.

11 Students seeking leave to retain rooms for longer than one period of tenure should re-apply to the [Registrar of Chambers](#), or the [Warden of Trinity Hall](#), during the period indicated in §5 above. On the main College campus, such an extension of the normal period of residence is sparingly granted.

12 Residents are liable for the residential charges for each billing period. Notice to vacate may be given as detailed below.

A. Four weeks' written notice is given to the [Accommodation Office](#) which is received on or before the first working day of December, with the room vacated by 1 January.

In this case the licensee will also be liable for licence and utility charges for a further period of four weeks after the expiry of the initial notice period.

In the event that the licensee vacates before the expiry of the required period of notice, the licensee still remains liable for the licence and utility charges for the full notice period. After the expiry of the period of notice, the licensee is liable for the licence and utility charges for a further period of four weeks.

The four week liability may be reduced to the length of time the place remains vacant during that period in the following circumstances:

- (a) Where the departing resident introduces in a new applicant who is acceptable to the relevant College Officer to take up occupancy.
- (b) Where the place is filled by another applicant. In such cases where there is more than one vacancy, vacancies will be filled in rotation in the order in which they arise.

B. Where the room is to be vacated on or after 1 January, four weeks' written notice must be given to the [Accommodation Office](#). In this case the licensee remains liable for the full cost of all licence and utility charges to the end of the licence.

In the event that the room is re-let as described above, credit may be allowed for the period the room is re-let.

#### *Sub-letting*

13 Sub-letting is not allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances and prior permission is sought from the [Registrar of Chambers](#) or the [Warden of Trinity Hall](#).

#### *Offer of rooms and advance payment of residential charges*

14 Any room offer made must be accepted within at least 14 days or sooner if the arrival date is less than 14 days from the date the offer is made. In any event, the offer must be accepted before the room may be occupied.

#### *Residential charges*

15 For rooms in College students pay a fixed charge for two rental periods i.e. early September to 31 December, and 1 January to early May. In Trinity Hall the periods are late August to 31 December, and 1 January to early May. Residents wishing to extend the occupancy of their rooms for academic reasons only, beyond the end of the second billing period, may do so up to the day following their last semester two examination. Residents will be liable for the payment of a daily extension charge. Requests for extensions must be made within two weeks (ten working days) of the publication of examination timetables, using the student online system. Any requests for extensions that are received after the publication of the examination time tables are released may be refused.

Subject to availability, short-term occupancy is available to students from outside the greater Dublin area who are sitting examinations at the reassessment session. Rooms are available from early August and must be requested before 1 July and they must be paid for in advance of arrival.

16 Students wishing to reside in rooms in College or Trinity Hall can obtain details of the residential charges on the Accommodation Office's web page during the February/May application period ([www.tcd.ie/accommodation](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation)).

17 Staff wishing to reside in College may obtain details of rent and availability from the Accommodation Office. Details of accommodation at the Trinity Hall residences for both staff and students with partners are available from the office at [Trinity Hall](#).

#### *Accounts*

18 Accounts include residential charges and utility charges and are payable in advance. Where dilapidation charges or fines are incurred these will be included on a resident's account.

Utility charges include heating, hot water, consumed energy and other services such as data connection and piped TV where supplied. In all residential areas an inclusive charge is made for utilities. Information on utility charges is published on the [Accommodation Office's web pages](#).

19 For rooms in College there are two account periods, early September to 31 December, and 1 January to early May. Payment must be made in advance for all periods. Most residential charges are now payable online using a secure web based payments service that debits charges against selected credit and charge cards. Students will be notified by either letter or e-mail about

payment arrangements. The first period payment must be made by early September. If the account and any fine are outstanding by the end of a rental period, the account will remain outstanding but the rooms become automatically forfeit upon notice from the [Registrar of Chambers](#).

In [Trinity Hall](#) the account periods are late August to 31 December, and 1 January to early May. For the first period, payment must be made before residence is taken up. For the second period payment must be made before the first day of the period. If the account and any fine are outstanding by the end of a rental period, the account will remain outstanding but the rooms become automatically forfeit upon notice from the [Warden of Trinity Hall](#).

Residential charges are subject to the College approved student payment policy and the sanctions for non-payment included in this policy apply fully to unpaid residential charges. Under College regulations access to exam results, commencements ceremonies and registration for the next academic year is restricted until overdue debts are cleared.

20 Students in whose names rooms stand registered at the beginning of any billing period are liable for all charges in respect of their rooms, unless they have given due notice to the Accommodation Office or to the office at Trinity Hall respectively, and surrendered their keys.

21 Students who fail to vacate their rooms fully and remove all their belongings on or before the date appointed are liable to incur ongoing charges at the prevailing rates until such time as they surrender their room.

#### *Transfers*

22 If students wish to change their rooms between September and May inclusive they must apply to the [Registrar of Chambers](#) or to the [Warden of Trinity Hall](#) respectively for permission to do so. If permission is granted the residential charge and the utility charge will be adjusted according to the date on which they exchange their keys. An administration charge may be levied where a room transfer takes place.

#### *Discipline*

23 All resident students are required to abide by the conditions of occupancy in force for residences on campus and at [Trinity Hall](#).

24 Permission to hold parties in students' rooms in College must be obtained from the Junior Dean five working days in advance. Application form available from the Junior Dean's website at [www.tcd.ie/Junior\\_Dean/events/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/Junior_Dean/events/index.php). Permission to hold parties in students' rooms in Trinity Hall or in other Trinity Hall rooms must be obtained from the Warden five working days in advance. All such party requests for Trinity Hall should be notified to the Warden on forms available from the office at [Trinity Hall](#).

#### *V COMMONS<sup>10</sup>*

1 Commons is served in the evening on week-days (Monday to Thursday inclusive) and on Friday at 1.05 p.m. in the East Dining Hall unless otherwise advised. There is no service on any week-end or Bank Holiday. During the summer vacation Commons is served at 1.05 p.m. on week-days. Precise details of the days and times of service are published in advance.

2 Commons bookings are made by means of a full and valid departmental charge code or vouchers distinguished by date and valid only for the day of issue. These vouchers can be purchased at least one day in advance at the Catering Office.

3 Exchange of Commons vouchers for future days will be possible at the [Catering Office](#) during office hours, but no retrospective exchanges nor refunds for any unused vouchers will be made.

4 Commons vouchers are on sale at €20.50 per voucher (subject to VAT when applicable). Each voucher will be date stamped for the Commons meal required. Vouchers can be purchased no later than 2 p.m. on the day prior to the day the voucher is to be used.

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<sup>10</sup>The price of Commons is subject to change.



Vouchers may be redated, if required, provided they are surrendered in good time, i.e. prior to the original date of use.

5 Fellows, scholars and sizars receive their Commons free of charge.

Scholars wishing to attend Commons must sign on by 3 p.m. daily at [www.tcdlife.ie/scholars/scholar/commons.php](http://www.tcdlife.ie/scholars/scholar/commons.php). During the summer vacation Commons is served at 1.05 p.m. on week-days and scholars must sign on by 11 a.m.

Fellows wishing to attend Commons must sign on by 3 p.m. daily at [www.tcdlife.ie/scholars/fellow/commons.php](http://www.tcdlife.ie/scholars/fellow/commons.php) or via email to [commons@tcd.ie](mailto:commons@tcd.ie). During the summer vacation Commons is served at 1.05 p.m. on week-days and fellows must sign on by 11 a.m.

6 The wearing of gowns at Commons is optional.

7 Any member of the College may dine on Commons. Guests (i.e. non-members of the College) will be admitted to Commons but their hosts will have to provide pre-paid vouchers or a full and valid departmental charge code for them.

8 All Commons regulations are subject to revision at short notice should the Board consider it necessary.

## *VI INSURANCE*

1 The Board cannot accept responsibility for the personal property of individuals in College; they are strongly recommended to insure their belongings under an 'all risks' policy. A scheme is available for the benefit of residents in College and at Trinity Hall. Details are available at the [Accommodation Office](#).

## *VII SAFETY*

1 The Board of the College maintains a working environment in which the physical and mental well-being of the College community is maintained at the highest levels practicable, and provides a basis whereby the College is able to solve problems that arise in the working environment in co-operation with staff and students and their representative organisations.

2 The Board has appointed a University Safety Committee and a [Head of Safety](#) to advise it on general matters of policy relating to safety; to supervise, develop and integrate the College safety system; to foster co-operation with staff and student representatives on safety matters; and to assist in ensuring compliance with health and safety legislation and regulation.

3 Ultimate responsibility for safety in College rests with the Board of the College.

4 A copy of the comprehensive College safety statement is available from the Head of Safety at [safetyoffice@tcd.ie](mailto:safetyoffice@tcd.ie) or on the Safety Office [website](#). Individual school or department safety statements are available from school or department heads.

## *VIII DATA PROTECTION*

Data protection legislation safeguards the privacy of individuals in relation to the processing of their personal data. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on 25 May 2018, replacing the existing data protection framework under the [E.U. Data Protection Directive](#). The GDPR was transposed into Irish Law by the [Data Protection Act 2018](#). The existing [Data Protection Acts](#) have not been completely repealed therefore the Data Protection Act 2018 should be read in conjunction with the relevant sections of the preceding Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003. The GDPR provides a legal framework for the collection and processing of personal data within the E.U. and of E.U. residents outside the E.U. The GDPR places an emphasis on transparency, security and accountability by data controllers and processors, while standardising and strengthening the right of European citizens to data privacy. All members of staff are required, in addition to observing their obligations under the legislation, to comply with the terms of the College's [data protection policy](#) and any regulations which may from time to time be laid down by the Board of the College. Further information is available from the College website at [www.tcd.ie/dataprotection](http://www.tcd.ie/dataprotection).

## IX COPYRIGHT

The use of copyright materials is governed by the [Copyright and Related Rights Acts 2000 to 2007](#) and the [Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019](#). Those copying material which enjoys copyright protection are required to comply with the provisions of the legislation. This applies to the use of College and other photocopying equipment and to copying by other means, including digital copying. Failure to comply may expose the person to potential civil and criminal liability and, in the case of a student or staff member of College, to College disciplinary procedures. It is also an offence under the legislation to distribute or make available copyright material in any format without authorisation, e.g. by way of computer networks, including publishing it on a website. Those who distribute or make available such material without authorisation are not only in breach of the legislation but also contravene the College's [code of conduct](#) for the use of computer resources. Further information is available from the College website at [www.tcd.ie/info\\_compliance/copyright](http://www.tcd.ie/info_compliance/copyright).

The copyright in all material submitted as an exercise in full or partial fulfilment of the requirements for the award of a qualification from the College and the University vests in the author unless otherwise determined under the College's [intellectual property policy](#).

## X CHILD TRAFFICKING AND PORNOGRAPHY ACTS

All staff and students should be aware that the terms of the [Child Trafficking and Pornography Acts 1998 to 2017](#) are applicable to College. These Acts make it an offence to knowingly:

- (a) produce, distribute, print or publish child pornography and to knowingly import, export, sell, show or advertise child pornography;
- (b) cause or facilitate, or encourage, any of these activities;
- (c) be in possession of any child pornography.

The provisions of these Acts cover the storing, viewing or distribution of child pornography on any computer system and persons found guilty of any of the above offences are liable to a fine and/or prison sentence. (A child for the purposes of the [Acts](#) is a person under the age of 18 years.)

## XI FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The University of Dublin, Trinity College is designated as a 'public body' under the terms of the [Freedom of Information Act, 2014](#). The Act established three main statutory rights: (a) a legal right for each person to access information held by public bodies; (b) a legal right for each person to have official information relating to him/herself amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading; (c) a legal right to obtain reasons for decisions affecting oneself.

The College's Freedom of Information website [www.tcd.ie/info\\_compliance/foi](http://www.tcd.ie/info_compliance/foi) includes further information about the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and how it applies to Trinity College. Enquiries and formal requests under the terms of these Acts should be addressed to the [Information Compliance Officer](#), Secretary's Office, West Theatre, Trinity College.

## XII SMOKING IN COLLEGE

College is required to comply with the requirements of the [Tobacco Smoking \(Prohibition\) Regulations, 2003](#). Trinity is a tobacco free campus with three exceptions: (i) outside the Pavilion to the perimeter of the cricket pitch, (ii) on the Kinsella podium opposite the 24 hour reading room, and (iii) wall mounted at the rear of the Dining Hall.

For further information on the policy on Smoking in College see [www.tcd.ie/healthytrinity/smoking/Tobacco%20Policy.php](http://www.tcd.ie/healthytrinity/smoking/Tobacco%20Policy.php).

## XIII DIGNITY AND RESPECT

The University promotes and is committed to supporting a collegiate environment for its staff, students and other community members which is free from bullying, sexual harassment and other forms of harassment and discrimination on any of the nine equality grounds as laid out in the [Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015](#) and [Equal Status Acts 2000-2015](#) (gender, religion, age,

civil status, family status, disability, sexual orientation, race or ethnicity, membership of the Traveller community), and free from discrimination in relation to housing assistance as provided for under the [Equal Status Acts 2000-2015](#).

All members of the University are expected to work to develop and maintain a high degree of respect and civility in our diverse community and to participate in creating a positive environment. This does not affect academic freedom, the values of free open enquiry and discussion of ideas, or humour.

The dignity and respect policy sets out a framework for the resolution of any dignity and respect matters that may arise from time to time and details the sources of help available to staff and students. The University promotes and encourages the resolution of dignity and respect complaints through informal means in so far as possible. A panel of contact people has been appointed by the Board and members are available to provide confidential advice. The policy and sources of help are available at [www.tcd.ie/hr/assets/pdf/dignity-and-respect.pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/hr/assets/pdf/dignity-and-respect.pdf).