



Guide for Applicants

International Byzantine Greek Summer School

Trinity College Dublin, July–August 2020

The Department of Classics at Trinity College Dublin is delighted to welcome back the International Byzantine Greek Summer School (IBGSS). This well-established course, directed by Dr Anthony Hirst, has been running in Dublin since 2016, after many years of success in Belfast (2002-11) and Birmingham (2012-15). The course teaches late antique and medieval Greek at Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced level and allows early learners to engage with original texts from the start (www.tcd.ie/classics/byzantine/).

Course details:

Level 1 18 July – 1 August 2020	Levels 2, 2.5 and 3 1–15 August 2020
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Level 1 Beginners

(arrival Saturday 18 July, teaching Monday 20–Friday 31 July, departure Saturday 1 August)

The Level 1 course is for absolute beginners in Byzantine Greek. It starts with the Greek alphabet and takes students through the basic grammar of Greek to the point where they can begin to translate simple Greek texts with the aid of a dictionary.

Level 2 and 2.5

(arrival Saturday 1 August, teaching Monday 3–Friday 14 August, departure Saturday 15 August)

Levels 2 and 2.5 complete the coverage of basic Greek grammar and introduce students to a variety of Greek texts. Each year a number of Level 1 students continue to Level 2 (Intermediate). Level 2.5 (Higher Intermediate) covers the same ground more rapidly with additional texts.

Level 3 Advanced Reading

(arrival Saturday 1 August, teaching Monday 3–Friday 14 August, departure Saturday 15 August)

Level 3 is for those who have a thorough grasp of Greek grammar and who wish to sharpen their reading skills on a variety of texts (some chosen by them) with no limit on the level of difficulty.

Course Staff

Mr Sean McCrum (Course Administrator), smccrum.1949@gmail.com

Dr Anthony Hirst (Course Director), anthony.hirst@btinternet.com

Dr Martine Cuypers (Trinity College Dublin Coordinator), cuyperism@tcd.ie

For further details about Levels and Staff see www.tcd.ie/classics/byzantine/



Fees

The course fee for two weeks (Level 1 or Level 2/2.5 or Level 3) is €450.

The course fee for all four weeks (Level 1 + Level 2) is €900.

(Rates for TCD/CITI students: contact Martine Cuypers at cuypersm@tcd.ie)

Accommodation

1. Accommodation will be in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI), Braemor Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14, D14 KX24, at a cost of €420 per 2-week course, in single rooms (most of them ensuite). Bed-linen and towels are provided and breakfast is included. There are kitchens for self-catering.
2. Applicants who opt to make their own accommodation arrangements should keep in mind that Dublin is a popular tourist destination and hotel rooms are very expensive in July and August.
3. Students staying in CITI should budget €6/day for bus travel between the accommodation and Trinity College Dublin.

Applications

1. To apply to the course, please download and complete the Application Form available at www.tcd.ie/classics/byzantine/ and return it as an email attachment to Mr Seán McCrum, smccrum.1949@gmail.com, by **14 April 2020**. Late applications may be considered if places are still available.
2. If your application is accepted, you will be asked to pay a €100 deposit through the online portal of Trinity College Dublin's School of Histories and Humanities to secure your place on the course. This deposit is non-refundable.
3. You will receive a message confirming your payment, your place on the course, and the balance of your tuition fee. The balance for two weeks (Level 1 or 2/2.5 or 3) is €350. The balance for four weeks (Levels 1 + 2) is €800. Please make an online payment of the balance through the online portal of Trinity College Dublin's School of Histories and Humanities before the start of the course.
4. If you require a bursary to attend this Summer School, please contact the Course Director, Dr Anthony Hirst, at anthony.hirst@btinternet.com. Bursaries can provide assistance for fees and accommodation costs but not the €100 deposit or travel costs. If you wish to be considered for funding, you must submit your application by the deadline of **14 April 2020**.
5. If you indicate in the Application Form (Question 15) that you want accommodation at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI), Braemore Avenue, Dublin 14 (€420 for 2 weeks), CITI will send you an invoice and payment information (unless you have been awarded a bursary to cover accommodation). CITI prefers payment in advance by bank transfer.
6. Early application is advised in the case of non-EU citizens, who may have to obtain a visa. If you require a visa to attend the Summer School, please indicate this on the application form and follow the instructions in the Visas section below.
7. If you have questions, please contact Mr Seán McCrum at smccrum.1949@gmail.com.



Bursaries

1. If you have indicated under Question 16 on the application form that you are unable to attend the Summer School without financial support, please contact the Course Director, Dr Anthony Hirst, at anthony.hirst@btinternet.com to request a funding application form and send him your funding application no later than **14 April 2020**.
2. Because our funding for bursaries is limited, it is important that you apply for funding only if your attendance is absolutely dependent on it, and that you apply only for the amount that you really need.
3. If you are a university student or a member of academic staff, you will be asked to show that you have investigated the possibility of obtaining funding from your own university before we can confirm the award of a bursary.
4. In awarding bursaries, priority will be given to applicants to Level 1, and then Level 2/2-5. It is unlikely that bursaries will be available to Level 3 applicants.
5. You must fund the course deposit of €100 and your travel to and from Dublin yourself. We do not provide funding for these costs.
6. The maximum amount for any bursary is the course fee (€450) plus accommodation costs (€420) less the deposit (€100), total €770 for those requiring accommodation in CITI, and €350 for those not requiring accommodation.
7. If you receive funding from your own university, the maximum bursary available will be reduced by the amount awarded by your university.
8. If you plan to attend Level 1 *and* Level 2, you can only apply for funding for Level 1.
9. If you have any questions about bursaries, please contact Dr Anthony Hirst at anthony.hirst@btinternet.com.

Visas

1. If you are not a citizen of the European Union, you may require a visa for Ireland. To find out if you do, please go to the Irish Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INIS) website, choose *Visas* (<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa>).
2. If you need a visa, you must indicate this on the application form or separately inform Mr Seán McCrum (smccrum.1949@gmail.com).
3. Please start the visa application process as soon as possible, as the process from application to receipt of a visa can take several months.
4. For a visa application to be approved, you will usually be asked to provide:
 - a letter from Trinity College Dublin confirming that you have been accepted on the course. You will receive this by email from Dr Martine Cuypers (cuypersm@tcd.ie).
 - proof that you have paid for the course and your accommodation. If your fee and accommodation are (partially) covered by a bursary, the bursary information will be included in the letter from Trinity College Dublin.
5. The majority of visa applications are successful. A small minority may be refused. We will appeal these. We do not guarantee success in this process. When you apply for a visa first, please send a **paper** letter authorising Seán McCrum to act on your behalf. Without your paper authorisation, we cannot appeal. We have included the



text for this letter below. You must use this precise text, inserting only your name and visa application number, and signing with your name and the date, and send this letter to: Mr Seán McCrum, 6 Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7, Ireland.

Visa letter text:

I, (INSERT YOUR NAME), hereby authorize Seán McCrum to act on my behalf, as required, in all matters relating to my visa application (INSERT APPLICATION NUMBER GIVEN ON VISA FORM) to the Irish National Immigration Service.

Signed:

Date: