Getting to Know the Disability Supports at Trinity College Dublin

An Orientation Event hosted by Student Ambassadors & Disability Service Staff

30th August 2019
Dargan Theatre, Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin.
Outline of the Afternoon

13:00 - 13:05: Welcome from Laura Beston

13:05 – 13:20: Address from Declan Treanor, Director of the Disability Service

13:20 – 13:25: Introduction to the staff of the Disability Service


13:30 - 13:40: Applying for Reasonable Accommodations


14:00 – 14:30: Tea & Coffee break

14:30 – 16:00: Students: Workshops / Parents: Information Session and Q & A
Welcome from Director of Trinity Disability Service
Declan Treanor
The Student Journey

Pre-entry, admission and the first year experience.

Building and maintaining a university career.

Progressing through university to employment.

Transactional to transformational
Supports and Services for Students

- Peer Mentor
- Student Union
- Tutor
- Trinity Health Centre
- Disability Service
- Unilink
- Services & Supports for Students
- Parents/Guardians
- Counselling Service
Disability Service

To empower students with disabilities to achieve their potential and, in collaboration with students, engage the University community in creating an inclusive transformational environment and provide a platform for innovation and inclusion.
Getting to know the Disability Service
Where is the Disability Service located?

• The Disability Service is based in the Arts Building in Room 2054.

• The Disability Service was set up in Trinity in 2000.

• 1,629 students applied for reasonable accommodations with the service in 2018/2019.

• There are eight full-time staff working in the Disability Service.
Disability Support System

Most students
including students with a disability, benefit from an environment designed to be inclusive from the get-go

Some students
can benefit from a range of supports and shared accommodations

Few students
require very individualised supports
Students Registered with the Disability Service

[Bar chart showing the number of students registered with the Disability Service from 2007/08 to 2018/19]
Students Receiving Supports in 2018-19

Students Registered with DS by Category of Disability 2018-2019

- Specific Learning Difficulty: 381 (23%)
- Autistic Spectrum: 115 (8%)
- ADHD or ADD: 132 (8%)
- Deaf / HoH: 34 (2%)
- DCD / Dyspraxia: 95 (6%)
- Intellectual Disability: 9 (1%)
- Blind / Visual: 31 (2%)
- Mental Health: 396 (24%)
- Physical Disability: 100 (6%)
- Neurological: 72 (5%)
- Significant Ongoing Illness: 251 (15%)
- Speech Language & Communication Disorders: 13 (1%)
Top 10 Courses in 2018-19

- Social Studies: 30 (4%)
- English Studies: 25 (4%)
- Occupational Therapy: 25 (4%)
- Pharmacy: 33 (5%)
- Law: 49 (7%)
- Engineering: 62 (9%)
- Nursing: 88 (13%)
- Medicine: 80 (12%)
- Science: 144 (21%)
- Economic and Social Studies: 142 (21%)
## Trinity accepted offers 2019

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Academic Year Structure

- 2 September 2019 Freshers’ Week
- 9 September Teaching starts
- 20 October Reading week
- 29 November Teaching finishes
- 9 December Winter Exams start
- 15 December Winter Exams finish
- 20 January 2020 Teaching starts
- 2 March Reading Week
- 11 April Teaching finishes
- 20 April Trinity Week
- 27 April Summer Exams start
- 2 May Summer Exams finish
Check Your Emails

Once the online application for reasonable accommodations is complete a member of the Disability Service staff will be in contact with you using your Trinity @tcd.ie email address
Questions about the **DS reasonable accommodation application process**.

Queries about appropriate **evidence of disability**.

Queries about **exam accommodations** or exam **venues**.

Queries about what steps to follow if the student’s accommodation needs have changed but the **deadline** for applying for exam accommodations has passed.

*Extended drop-in available throughout September from 10am – 4pm*
Assistive Technology Information Centres – ATIC areas

Where are the Assistive Technology (AT) area’s in Trinity?

Trinity has invested in a number of modern assistive technology resource rooms called ‘Assistive Technology Information Centres’, or ATIC for short. There are two ATIC areas on campus and a smaller area in St James hospital campus.

To access the ATIC room and resources you must complete your application for reasonable accommodation with the Disability Service upon which the student will gain automatic access to this area.

For a virtual map of the Library areas within Trinity please click on this link:


ATIC Room - Code of Conduct

The below set of regulations are to ensure the resources provided in these areas are available to students who have applied for reasonable accommodation with the DS service only:

- You must not leave the desk you are working on unattended over lunch periods.
- Food and drink is completely prohibited for use in the ATIC & Library areas.
- Students are forbidden to login friends or classmates who have not applied for reasonable accommodation with the DS service onto any ATIC area machine.
- Please respect other students working in the area and soak away.

Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin
Who makes the Disability Service run so smoothly?
If a student is granted exam accommodations, such as additional time, the college will, in consultation with the student,
Student Experiences of Reasonable Accommodation
What Happens after I Apply for Reasonable Accommodations?

1. Apply for RAs online - my.tcd.ie
2. Member of DS will contact student
3. Needs Assessment
4. Decision on Supports
5. LENS Report devised & Disseminated to Departments

- One-to-One Disability Officer Meeting
- Reasonable Accommodation Group Session
- Drop-In Meeting
Exam Accommodation Deadlines

**Semester 1 and Foundation Scholarship Assessment:** the last Friday in September (27\textsuperscript{th} September 2019)

**Semester 2 Assessments:** the last Friday in January (24\textsuperscript{th} January 2020)

**Reassessments:** Friday May 29\textsuperscript{th} 2020

Students applying for RAs with the Disability Service after these deadline dates will be accommodated in subsequent examinations.
Welcome to your home page, Deirdre.

In the event of receiving and formally accepting a course offer, additional functionality will be displayed in your portal account. Please note that when you have read any messages in your 'New Inray Messages' box, they can be found at the 'All Inray Messages' link below.

**New Inray Messages**

View 1 messages in full screen mode

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Your Learning Educational Needs Summary (LENS) requires your input and approval

Your Learning Educational Needs Summary (LENS) is now ready for approval. Your contact from the Disability Support team, has indicated that there are notes for you to update as part of your approval.

Click on "Action" below to access your online task
Disability Service Professional Learning Educational Needs Summary (PLENS)

Business AdministrationARTHURS DEIRDRE 02164922 LENS

To: Disability Liaison Officer, School Administrator & College Tutor

Student: Deirdre Arthurs
Student No: 02164922/1
Support Document Status: Awaiting Student Approval
Email contact: sitsdev@tcd.ie
Course: Business Administration
Disability: Autistic Spectrum Disorder
Secondary Disability: Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (Dyspraxia)
Adaptations to Teaching and Learning Situations

- Allow student to record lectures - This text is viewable on the LENS report
- This additional text on the support that is required

Full details on suggested requested Adaptations to Teaching and Learning Situations can be found at: http://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-info/reasonable-accommodations.php

Inclusive teaching and learning strategies: http://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/TIC/guidelines

Placement planning and disability-related issues

Impact of disability on placement

- Report writing - This is a test note that will appear on the LENS report
- This is additional information on the supports required

Reasonable Accommodation while on placement

- Arrange a Pre-placement visit - This text will now be available on a LENS note and viewable in the report
- Enter any additional text if required that will appear on the lens

LENS report written by Andrew Costello
Disability Service contact person: Andrew Costello

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Activating Supports

https://www.tcd.ie/disability/current/Student-SITS.php#approve
What’s Next: Starting Your Student Journey
Term Events... www.tcd.ie/disability

To empower students with disabilities to achieve their potential and, in collaboration with students, engage the University community in creating an inclusive transformational environment and provide a platform for innovation and inclusion.

Disability Service Calendar of Events
Thursday, 15 August

Friday, 30 August
13:00 'Getting to Know the Disability Supports at Trinity College Dublin'

Monday, 2 September
Freshers' Week

Tuesday, 3 September
Freshers' Week

Wednesday, 4 September
Freshers' Week
13:00 Standard Disability Supports Introduction Session

Thursday, 5 September
Freshers' Week

Friday, 6 September
Freshers' Week
12:00 Standard Disability Supports Introduction Session

Events shown in time zone: Ireland Time
Disability Service Support Sessions

Standard Disability Supports Introduction Sessions

Assistive Technology Academic & Note-Taking Support Sessions

Getting Help to Succeed in College Group Sessions

Weekly throughout Semester 1

Wednesday 1-2pm

Friday 12-1pm
• Your Trinity Toolkit
• Making the Most of College – Getting Involved
• Study Skills
• Healthy Body
• Healthy Mind
• Healthy Relationships
• Managing Your Money
• Exam Skills
• Looking Ahead
Timetables for 2019-20 Orientation

Your personalised orientation timetable is available for you to view on my.tcd.ie

• General and course specific orientation events
• Lunchtime talks
• S2S mentor tours
• Students' Union themed weeks
TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
STUDENTS’ UNION

What is TCDSU?
We work for YOU

- **TCSDU** is a Union which represents *every* student of Trinity College
- The Union exists to:
  - REPRESENT YOUR VIEWS
  - SERVE YOUR INTERESTS
  - FOSTER COMMUNITY
  - PROVIDE SERVICES
Sabbatical Officers

- Sabbatical Officers are elected each February.
- We work **full-time** to make sure your Union is catering to you.
- We hold weekly office hours in locations on and off-campus.
The President speaks on your behalf to College, and to outside organisations.

They oversee all Union Activity.

They organise the campaigns the Union runs.

They listen to your opinions and make sure college listens to you.
The Education Officer can assist you with any academic queries you may have. Whether you want to transfer course, are struggling with an assignment, or think you may have failed, you can get in touch with Niamh for support and guidance! They also provides support with emotional concerns, so stop by if you ever need a chat. They represent students on relevant academic committees. They also organise the Class Rep system to ensure you and your class are represented.
WELFARE OFFICER
Aisling Leen

- The welfare officer works to ensure that things are going well for you in college - you can call into Aisling to talk about any issues that you may be having!
- They provide practical support such as welfare loans, condoms, tampons, pads
- They organise welfare campaigns such as Mental Health Week, Rainbow Week, and Body and Soul Week
- They represent student issues on relevant college welfare and equality committees
COMMS & MARKETING
Muireann Kane

- Weekly Email
  - Deal of the Week
  - Competition of the Week

- Sponsorship
  - Keeps the SU funded
  - Extremely important
  - Try to remain ethically sourced

- Design
  - Branding
  - Publications
  - Campaigns

- Signposting
- Social Media
ENTS OFFICER
Judith Robinson

- In charge of the main entertainments body in the college.
- From Freshers’ Week to Trinity Ball they organise and make sure everything runs smoothly.
- They look to make the most innovative engaging events that only college students can get away with.
- They organise events to raise money for causes like RAG Week and college campaigns.
- Acts as a service to any class rep or society to help with their nights out.
DISABILITY OFFICER
Courtney McGrath

- The Disability Officer is one of the part-time officers that is elected annually.
- A part time officer is still a full time student!
- Member of Union Forum and Council.
- This year they will be running disability awareness week which will be taking place in Week 8 of Michaelmas Term.
- The Disability Officer elects a Disability Committee, make sure to sign up!
- disability@tcdsu.org
Campaigns for the year

- Higher Education Funding & Access
- Accommodation & Housing
- Environmental Issues
- Accessibility
- Consent & Sexual Health
- Student Spaces
- You decide!
Any Questions?
Student Groups for Workshops

Orange Group: Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Green Group: Faculty of Engineering, Maths and Science
Yellow Group: Faculty of Health Sciences
Wishing you all the best of luck in your university career AND remember we are here to support you!
Thank You!

Contact details

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