Trinity College Dublin
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The University of Dublin

STUDY ABROAD

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WHY STUDY ABROAD AT TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

History
Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, is one of Europe's most prestigious universities and one of the oldest in the English-speaking world. Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, Trinity is Ireland’s premier university and is a centre of teaching and research excellence. Study Abroad at Trinity and become part of a distinguished history and an exciting future.

Location
Trinity’s stunning campus is located in the heart of Dublin, Ireland’s capital and one of Europe’s most exciting cities. Home to both historic buildings and cutting-edge facilities, Trinity’s campus is both the centre of a vibrant college community and at the very centre of the city, with music, theatre, cafes, restaurants, and lively nightlife on your doorstep. Just a short walk from Trinity will take you to bus and train stations, making it easy to explore the rest of Ireland. Dublin airport, which is just a short bus ride away, offers excellent links to Europe and beyond. Trinity is the perfect place for exploring Europe when Studying Abroad!

International
Trinity’s student body is diverse and multicultural – our 17,000 students come from over 120 countries and around 40% of our faculty and staff are also international. You’ll feel right at home here!

Student Life
Trinity’s extracurricular life is in a league of its own. Trinity is home to more than 200 societies, sports clubs and student publications. Getting involved in student-run organisations is a key part of Trinity life and is a great way for Study Abroad students to meet new people and develop new skills. Try out for the oldest rugby club in continuous existence anywhere, write for one of the award-winning student papers, or go to hear world-class invited speakers like Joe Biden, Angela Merkel, Martin Scorcese or Whoopi Goldberg at ‘The Phil’ or ‘The Hist’, the first university debating societies established in the English-speaking world!

Research
Trinity is internationally recognized for its world-leading research across the Arts and Sciences. Trinity has a world-class library with a collection of more 6 million books and electronic access to over 30,000 journals, and is always adding to its collection!

“[Studying at Trinity] was the best decision I’ve ever made.”
– Céline Brandstötter, Maastricht University
Ranked **No. 1 in Ireland** by the 2018 QS World University Rankings, Trinity sits at the cutting edge of research, technology and innovation and offers students **unparalleled academic, professional, and social opportunities**.

Classes at Trinity are research-led and taught by faculty who are **research leaders in their fields**. A Trinity education features small group tutorials, seminars, and **experiential learning opportunities** as well.

Trinity’s **international reputation for academic excellence** is just one of the many reasons why Study Abroad students **choose Ireland’s premier university** as their first choice destination overseas.

**Academic Support**

Trinity provides all undergraduate students with access to a personal tutor who provides personal and academic advice and support throughout a student’s time in College. Tutors assist students with any difficulties they may experience, listen to their concerns, and help them to make the most out of their time at Trinity.
Modules are available to students in all of the following Departments:

**Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science**
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry and Immunology
- Botany
- Chemistry
- Computer Science and Statistics
- *Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering*
- *Electronic & Electrical Engineering*
- Genetics and Microbiology
- Geography
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- Physics
- Theoretical Physics
- Zoology

**Faculty of Health Sciences**
- Nursing and Midwifery

For more information on course options please visit: [www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/](http://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/)

**Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**
- Business
- Classics
- *Drama*
- Economics
- Education
- *English*
- European Studies
- *Film*
- French
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- Germanic Studies
- *History*
- History of Art and Architecture
- Hispanic Studies
- Irish and Celtic Languages
- Italian
- *Law*
- Linguistic, Speech and Communications Science
- Music
- Near and Middle Eastern Studies
- *Psychology*
- *Philosophy*
- *Political Science*
- Sociology
- Social Work and Social Policy
- Religions, Theology and Ecumenics
- Russian and Slavonic Studies

**Credit Transfer**
Study Abroad students can choose classes on offer in all three Trinity faculties. All Trinity modules (courses) carry ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). Students normally take 25 to 30 ECTS per semester, and a total of 60 ECTS per year. Students should check with their home institution’s Study Abroad policy to ensure that credit transfer is as smooth as possible. Departments marked with an asterisk (*) are particularly in demand from Study Abroad students and applicants to these courses should apply early.
**Understanding Ireland: Semester Start-Up Programme**

Understanding Ireland offers an introduction to Dublin, Ireland and Trinity’s academic life before teaching term begins for semester or year study abroad students. The programme has three strands: Irish History; Archaeology, Art and Architecture; and Irish Writers through the Ages. Featuring excursions, small group teaching and engaging lectures, Understanding Ireland is a wonderful way to get to know Trinity and settle in before the beginning of the academic term. For Autumn-entry students, the programme runs for three weeks and is worth 5 ECTS. For January-entry students, the course runs for one week and is not credit-bearing. The programme is optional and incurs additional charges. For more information, see: [http://histories-humanities.tcd.ie/visiting/understandingireland/](http://histories-humanities.tcd.ie/visiting/understandingireland/)

**Conflict, Religion, Peace-building in International Affairs: Spring Semester**

Drawing on Ireland’s complex political social history, Trinity offers this unique multi-disciplinary study abroad semester programme in an increasingly important field. Combining Dublin-based coursework with fieldwork alongside trips to Northern Ireland and the rest of Europe, students will develop a critical grasp of the interplay of conflict, peace and religion. For more information, see: [https://www.tcd.ie/ise/international/semester-abroad.php](https://www.tcd.ie/ise/international/semester-abroad.php)

**Modern Irish Writing: January Term Programme**

Trinity’s Department of English offers a study abroad programme called Modern Irish Writing for international undergraduate students during the month of January. The programme introduces students to the best of Irish literary tradition and culture from 1900 to the present day. (Please note, this programme cannot be completed in addition to a spring term abroad at Trinity because of overlap in dates). For more information, see: [www.tcd.ie/English/international/january-term/](http://www.tcd.ie/English/international/january-term/)
Beyond a Great Education
Trinity offers a uniquely sociable and friendly community of students and faculty in the heart of Dublin city. Exceptional professors encourage students to engage fully in College life and to maximise on their Study Abroad experience by exploring the city outside the campus gates.

Student Life
Trinity brings together a diverse, curious and supportive community and culture. With 17,000 students from 122 countries, Trinity offers a multicultural and colourful environment and student experience.

Student Societies
A Trinity education also looks beyond the classroom walls. Trinity’s extracurricular life features over 200 societies, sports clubs and publications, and we encourage all our students to participate in social, creative, and entrepreneurial pursuits within the university and throughout Dublin.

Sport
Sport plays an important role in the University, promoting health and physical activity as well as intercultural dialogue. With over 60 sports clubs, open to all levels of participation, Trinity students have the opportunity to get involved in clubs as diverse as kayaking and climbing! For a full list of sports see: www.tcd.ie/sport.

Sports Centre
In addition to private pitches and sports ground off-campus, Trinity’s city centre on-campus sports facilities for students include a state-of-the-art Sports Centre, a fitness theatre, a 25m swimming pool, climbing wall, cycling studios, multiple playing pitches and more.
www.tcd.ie/Sport/facilities/sports-centre/

Trinity Global Room
Trinity’s Global Room provides a unique social and event space for international students at Trinity. The Global Room acts as a platform to celebrate cultural diversity within Trinity and is a dedicated space for students to relax, chat, and learn about different customs.
Trained student advisors work with professional staff to help students get the most out of their time at Trinity and in Dublin.

There are more than 300 international television channels available to students and a full calendar of internationally themed events takes place in the room.

www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/global-room/

**Trinity Ball**

Trinity's packed social calendar culminates in the iconic Trinity Ball – Europe’s largest private party! Held in April every year, around 8,000 students, staff and alumni gather inside the College grounds for a black-tie outdoor party featuring a huge array of the latest musical acts. Previous headline acts have included Ellie Goulding, Calvin Harris, The Kooks, and Imagine Dragons! [www.trinityball.ie](http://www.trinityball.ie)

**International Activities**

Trinity’s diverse student body means that events celebrating holidays from around the world are a regular feature of campus life. Every year students participate in the Indian festival of Holi, in celebrating Chinese New Year, and even come together to mark Thanksgiving!

**Support Services**

Trinity provides extensive academic and personal supports to all students, such as offering peer-to-peer mentoring, access to a professional Counselling Service, a personal Tutor, Careers Guidance, and on-campus access to College Health Services, to name just a few!

Many academic schools also have Global Officers who assist with module enrolment organise social events and act as points of contact for all international students. Peer mentors also run a ‘New 2 Dublin’ series to help those new to the city find their way around, from using public transport to getting the best deals on groceries.

[www.tcd.ie/study/why-trinity/student-services/](http://www.tcd.ie/study/why-trinity/student-services/)
Study Abroad at Trinity and discover the best of Dublin, one of Europe’s youngest and liveliest cities. Ireland is world-famous for its friendly citizens and warm welcomes, and Dublin is the perfect base to explore the island. Hike the peaks of Kerry. Surf the waves off Sligo. Dance to a traditional band in Galway. Stroll West Cork’s beaches. Gallery-hop around Dublin. Explore centuries-old castles and millennia-old passage tombs.

Blending a high-energy, multinational professional culture with traditional Irish warmth and hospitality, Dublin itself offers sprawling parks, cosy cafés, and quirky restaurants for daytime, and classic pubs, fashionable clubs, and a fantastic music and theatre after dark. Dublin has grown around Trinity’s campus for the last 425 years and Trinity’s mix of campus atmosphere and city vibe is completely unique. Dublin is not just a vibrant capital city, it is an international centre for excellence for business culture and the arts.

Dublin is…

**Connected:** Low cost airlines connect Dublin to hundreds of European destinations cheaply and quickly. London, Paris, Madrid and Vienna are all within easy striking distance!

**Cultural:** An official UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin is famous for its musical cultural heritage and lively theatre scene. Check out Dublin’s Creative Quarter or explore the traditional Irish music scene in one of the city’s many pubs.

**Entrepreneurial:** Dublin is a hotbed of global innovation and the home of EMEA headquarters for global tech companies such as Google, Facebook and Twitter.

**Friendly:** Dublin was voted in the world’s top 10 friendliest cities in 2017 by readers of Condé Nast Traveler, the prestigious US travel magazine.

**International:** Dublin was ranked in the world’s top twenty student cities in 2017 in the ‘student mix’ category, reflecting its high concentration of students and high ratio of international students.

**Historic:** Dublin is more than a thousand years old and there is living history to discover all over the city. You’ll find reminders of Victorian, Georgian, Mediaeval, and even Viking Dublin in the city’s layout and architecture!
Orientation
Trinity provides dedicated Orientation Support to introduce students to life at Trinity. This includes everything from information about academic course registration to tours of campus, breakout sessions, film nights in the Global Room, sessions focused on life in Dublin, opportunities to meet your new classmates and much more!

Airport Meet & Greet
International students have the option of signing up to be met by a student greeter at Dublin airport and escorted to campus.

Visas
Students from many countries, including the US and Canada, do not require a visa to enter the Republic of Ireland. For more information on visa required countries, visit www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa. All non-EU students must register with the Irish National Immigration Service (INIS) soon after arrival in Ireland. For more information about visas and INIS registration, please see: www.tcd.ie/study/

Accommodation
Study Abroad and visiting students can access limited on-campus housing and have access to purpose-built student accommodation in Dublin’s city centre.

Working In Ireland
Non-EU students registered on a degree course for at least one academic year can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term and up to 40 hours per week during University holidays.
One of the factors that must contribute to the great thinkers and writers that this university has produced, is the vast amount of independent learning that one has to do. This emphasis on self-teaching and independent research permeates every area of academic life.

– Anna McAlpine, University of St. Andrews

Even though I’m only here for the one term, all of the societies still wanted me to join them and take part in their activities. I didn’t know before getting here if it would be easy or difficult to get involved since I am only here for such a short time, but so far it’s been really easy to feel like a member of the student body.

– Madison Tucky, University of Southern California

I am so grateful to have made so many friends who mean a great deal to me, and to have studied at Trinity. I will also miss Trinity’s knowledgeable lecturers who teach so well, Dublin’s breathtaking architecture, and Ireland’s amazing history and marvelous natural landscapes.

– Viviana Lletget, University of California Berkeley

One of the major benefits of living in a city like Dublin is the abundance of cultural activities and events. Particularly, there is a plethora of diverse and fascinating museums.

– Jessica Murphy, Brown University

Everyone should study abroad for a full year if given the opportunity. If you study abroad for a semester, you’ll just be getting comfortable and familiar when it’s time to pack up and leave.

– Miles Morgan, University of Chicago

Trinity College is known for its literary history, with accomplished writers Anne Enright, Samuel Beckett, Bram Stoker, Jonathan Swift, and Oscar Wilde counted among the university’s alumni. With Dublin named a UNESCO City of Literature, visiting & international students would be remiss to miss out on some of the amazing independent writing and arts happening in the city during your time here. I love heading out to the events recommended to me by LitSoc & my English professors.

– Clodagh Schofield, University of Sydney

If one thing has struck me about Trinity College Dublin, it is how incredibly different the university is from what I imagined it would be. I got some things right: sweeping lawns, beautiful buildings and incredibly interesting professors. However, I definitely did not anticipate this school’s incredible knack for engaging students, for making them feel welcome and at home in a prestigious place that has welcomed so many great minds and could have easily become standoffish and exclusive.

– Sydne Tursky, University of Arkansas
NOTABLE ALUMNI

Samuel Beckett
Nobel Prize for Literature, 1969

Oscar Wilde
Playwright

Jonathan Swift
Satirist and Poet

Mary McAleese
Former President of Ireland

Professors Luke O’Neill and Jonathan Coleman
2014 World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds

Bram Stoker
Novelist

Mary Robinson
Former President of Ireland & UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

George Berkeley
Philosopher

Eavan Boland
Irish Poet

Ernest Walton
Nobel Prize for Physics, 1951

Edmund Burke
Philosopher and Political Theorist

D.B. Weiss and David Benioff
Emmy award-winning writers of HBO’s ‘Game of Thrones
We welcome applications from students currently enrolled full-time in university who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.3 (B+) or better. You can choose classes across a range of subject areas and are not restricted to courses in your major.

Visit here to Apply: www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/

For more information about the opportunities available for visiting students or if you have questions about making Trinity work for your academic programme, please email study.abroad@tcd.ie