

Law School Erasmus and Exchange Programmes 2021/2022
Rules and Requirements

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Section A

Helpful Information about the Programmes and Studying Abroad

This document outlines the rules and requirements for the Junior Sophister exchange programme 2021/22. It is not applicable to students currently on exchange in 2020/21.

Participation in the Law School European Erasmus or Non-EU Exchange Programme is an ideal way of broadening your horizons, improving your language skills, learning about the culture and legal system of another country and developing transferable skills which will stand to you in the future. While living and studying abroad is an inherently challenging experience, at both personal and academic levels, the Trinity students who are selected to go abroad tend to adjust to their new environments and acquit themselves well. The students who have participated in the scheme since its inception have attested as to its value and how delighted they were at the opportunities it afforded them.

The essential premise of the programme is that a student travels abroad usually for the full academic year, but also possible for one semester, in the Junior Sophister year. College regulations do not permit us to offer exchange participation in any other year. The rules of the Law School will apply to those exchanges; however, additional rules may apply. Law students may apply to other universities (for example Australian National University, National University of Singapore) via non-EU College-Wide exchange procedures through Academic Registry. Please, refer to <https://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/outbound/apply/> regarding non-EU College-Wide Exchanges.

We understand that you cannot yet make a firm commitment, but we need indications of serious interest on the part of applicant students. Thus, unless you are reasonably committed to taking up a place, if offered one, do not fill out the Law School Exchange Programme application form. The deadline to apply is **Friday 18th December at 5pm.**

Think carefully about your list of preferences and **do some research** into all the options you are considering. All of our partner universities are very distinguished and highly reputable. You can find a great deal of useful information on their websites: see <http://www.tcd.ie/law/programmes/undergraduate/year-abroad>. Use this information both in deciding the order of your preferences and to find out all you need to know before travelling to the university to embark on a year of studies. There are limited places for each university; we must send the same number of students that we receive. There are quotas

agreed in our exchange agreements, and we cannot amend the quotas unless the other university is also willing. We will do our best to accommodate your first preference, or at least a choice you will be happy with, but this cannot be guaranteed. In particular, we expect there to be high competition for places at universities where English is the language of instruction. Therefore, if you are putting these universities first, please also consider whether, in the event you were not offered a place in your preferred universities, you would prefer to study next year in Trinity or in a different partner university.

The student going abroad continues to pay Trinity fees, in so far as these are required, but pays **no registration fees** to the host university. In exceptional cases host universities may require administration fees or other charges. Participation in the Erasmus programme (this does not include non-EU exchanges) is usually assisted by a grant from the European Commission, but this is not guaranteed. Students can apply for the grant through Academic Registry. The Law School has no say in the allocation or distribution of the grant. You can contact erasmus@tcd.ie for more information. There is no financial support for non-EU exchanges, with the exception of the Provost Asian Travel Bursary. It may support an exchange to Fudan University, and possibly Hong Kong University, but it is not guaranteed.

The Law School can only provide you with limited assistance with regard to information on **accommodation** and **modules abroad**. You are advised to get in touch with the contact person at the host university for information regarding modules and accommodation. You should also check the host university's website to learn as much as possible about your destination and avail of any advice offered there to visiting students. You may find it useful to make contact with other Law School students who have been there before. You can obtain student contact details from the Law School International Student Office law.exchange@tcd.ie.

Bear in mind that many universities report an accommodation shortage. If your host university offers student accommodation, please carefully note and respect the deadline to apply. If you do not secure student accommodation, you are advised to arrive a few weeks in advance of the term to ensure that you get settled and find accommodation before lectures begin. It is advisable to investigate accommodation in your new destination as early as possible, even at the beginning of the summer vacation. In any case, there is often a certain amount of bureaucracy to deal with on arrival in a new country and you should allow plenty of time for

this before classes start.

The Erasmus/Exchange Academic Coordinator (Dr. Caoimhin MacMaolain law.exchange@tcd.ie) is available to answer academic queries but any such advice is likely to be very general in nature. For information on accommodation, modules etc., **students should take guidance first and foremost from the host university.**

Section B - Exchange Opportunities on Each Degree Programme

Please note that the information is provisional and for information purposes only. The number of places available may increase or decrease depending on exchange agreements with our partner universities and the language of instruction may change depending on modules available in each university for 2021/22.

LL.B. Study Abroad Options 2021/22

Partner university	Country	Teaching Language	Places	Places**
			Full Year	One semester
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	Belgium	English	2	HT option available
Université Catholique de Louvain	Belgium	English	1	HT option available
Rijksuniversiteit Leiden	Netherlands	English	3	HT option available
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen	Netherlands	English	2	HT option available
University of Helsinki	Finland	English	2	MT option available
University of Copenhagen	Denmark	English	3	MT exchange available
Universidad de Granada	Spain	Spanish	2	HT option available
ESADE Law School, Ramon Llull University (Barcelona)	Spain	English	No full year options	2 MT places only. <i>Note exams may be in January</i>
University of Zurich	Switzerland	English	2	
Università de Bologna	Italy	English*	1	HT option available
Università de Padova	Italy	English*	2	HT option available
Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II	France	French	1	
Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne	France	French	2	HT option available
Science Po, Paris	France	English	2	MT option available
Université Paris Sud (Paris-Saclay)	France	English*	2	HT option available

Non EU Exchange Partner University	Country	Language of Instruction	Places Full Year	Places One semester
Osgoode Hall, York University, Toronto	Canada	English	No full year place available	2 MT option only
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario	Canada	English	1	MT option available
University of Toronto	Canada	English	2	
Washington & Lee, Virginia	USA	English	2	
Indiana University, Bloomington	USA	English	3	
University of Notre Dame	USA	English	2	MT option available
Boston College	USA	English	2	
Hong Kong University ^o	Hong Kong	English	1	HT option available
University of Sydney	Australia	English	2	MT & HT available
Fudan University	China	English	1	HT option available

**While students have been able to study all modules through English in Bologna, Padova and Paris-Saclay, there can be limited number of English taught modules.*

*** Where universities have the option to do full year and one semester places– the number of places available for full year and one semester are not fixed. It depends on how much demand there is for full year and one semester places. On an exchange agreement - one full year place is equivalent to two one semester places.*

^o To apply for an exchange in HKU, students need a min of 65% in their JF results.

Law and Business – Study Abroad Options 2020/21

Partner university	Country	Teaching Language	Places Full year	Places** One semester
Uppsala Universitet	Sweden	English	2	HT option (study Law only)
Université de Strasbourg	France	French & English*	1 ^º	MT option (Study Business only through English)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin [^]	Germany	German & English*	1	
Carlos III Madrid #	Spain	English	2	
Ohio, Fisher College of Business #	USA	English	No full year places	1 MT (Study Business only)
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (Toronto)	Canada	English	No full year places	2 HT (Study Law only)

**Where it states that the language of instruction is a foreign language and English, students are expected to take modules taught through both languages.*

[^]While it is possible to study most modules through English in Humboldt University Berlin, there is a chance that you have to take a small number of German-taught modules as English-taught modules are very popular with limited spots available. English-taught Business modules are usually provided at Masters level and can have a strong focus on Economics and Mathematics.

You will be competing with Business students for a place in Madrid and Ohio.

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º In the University of Strasbourg Law and Business students would study Business, through English, in first semester and Law, through French, in the second semester.

Law and Political Science – Study Abroad Options 2020/21

Partner university	Country	Teaching Language	Places Full year	Places** One semester
University of Helsinki	Finland	English	3	MT option available (<i>would need to major in either Law or Political Science during semester abroad</i>) ~
Università de Bologna [^]	Italy	Italian & English*	1	
IEP - Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris	France	English	2	MT option available (<i>Study both Law & Political Science</i>)
Université de Strasbourg	France	French	1	
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin [^]	Germany	German & English*	1	
Esade Law School, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona	Spain	English	No full year places	2 MT (Study mostly Law modules) <i>Note exams may be in January</i>
School of Law, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario	Canada	English	No full year places	2 HT (Study Law only)
University of Hong Kong ^º	Hong Kong	English	No full year places	2 HT (Study Law modules)

**Where it states that the language of instruction is a foreign language and English, students are expected to take modules taught through both languages.*

~If you opt for MT exchange, you need to write your preference if you want to major in Law or Political Science in Helsinki on the application form.

^While it has been possible to study all modules through English in Humboldt University Berlin and University of Bologna, there is a chance that you have to take a small number of modules taught through German / Italian as English-taught modules are highly prescribed.

*** Where universities have the option to do full year and one semester places– the number of places available for full year and one semester are not fixed. It depends on how much demand there is for full year and one semester place*

º To apply for and study in Hong Kong University, students need a minimum of 65% in their JF results.

Section C

Regulations for Erasmus and Exchange Programmes

1. Application

In order to apply to study abroad in your Junior Sophister year on an Erasmus or Exchange programme, you must do the following:

Visit the Law School 'Year Abroad' webpage

(<http://www.tcd.ie/law/programmes/undergraduate/year-abroad/>) and carefully read the Erasmus and Exchange Rules and Requirements (this document) and Personal Declaration for Study Abroad. If you agree to abide by the rules and personal declaration for study abroad, you can complete and send the following documents electronically to law.exchange@tcd.ie by 5pm

Friday 18th December 2020:

- ☐ Law School Exchange Programme application form
- ☐ Signed Personal Declaration for Study Abroad
- ☐ Submit a motivational letter and CV

Provisional offers will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- ☐ Grades received in Junior Freshman year;
- ☐ Proficiency in the language of instruction at any institution where you are applying for a place;
- ☐ Level of interest in and suitability for the particular place, as evidenced in motivational letter and CV.

Interviews will also be conducted in respect of Indiana University, Bloomington in January 2021.

A final offer is strictly dependent on you achieving a II.1 in your Senior Freshman examinations in your first attempt. If a student fails an exam in the May examination period, he cannot resit it in August and go abroad based on results obtained in the second attempt.

The provisional and final offers will be notified to your TCD email address. You must accept each offer within the time specified in the email; otherwise, it will lapse.

2. Workload requirements

As in Trinity, you will be required to complete a certain number of credits in your Junior Sophister year abroad. Trinity, along with all universities in Europe, applies the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). An ECTS is a measure of student learning input. This allows for a standardised comparison of workload across universities. For Non-EU universities, not using the ECTS credit system, you will be required to study what is considered a standard workload in that university (see page 13). Whichever applies, your workload abroad will be broadly equivalent to the Junior Sophister workload in Trinity. You must then satisfy the following requirements:

Single Honours Law Degree:

- If studying within Europe, you are required to complete a minimum of 50 ECTS in law modules.
- You are permitted to complete 10 ECTS of modules outside the Law discipline, similar to the 10 ECTS you would do for Open Modules or Trinity Electives if you stayed in Trinity for your JS year. However, you are not required to complete 10 ECTS outside of Law during your year abroad. The Exchange/Erasmus Programme meets the requirement for breadth of learning as it provides a diverse experience in education. So you are permitted to do all 60 ECTS in Law modules if you wish.
- If studying outside of Europe, the table on page 13 outlines the number of credits students must complete to meet the course requirements abroad.
- You are encouraged to study **EU Law**, if available, in a partner university. This is a compulsory module for the Professional Legal Bodies which is taught in JS year in TCD. If EU Law is unavailable during your year abroad, you have the option to take EU Law in your SS year in TCD. Please refer to Section 3 for more information.

Law and Business Degree:

- The academic requirements of your JS year will depend on the pathway you wish to follow. If you would like to apply to the Professional Legal Bodies after graduation, you must follow the Law Major, Business Minor pathway. This pathway will be examined in detail here as there are strict academic requirements when applying for the Professional Legal Bodies.
- For the Law Major, Business Minor pathway you should follow this ECTS credit split in the Sophister years:

1. 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Business – JS Year
 2. 60 ECTS Law – SS Year
- For the Erasmus/Exchange Programme what modules you study abroad will depend on the type of exchange you are enrolled in. For example, you could take part in a one semester Business exchange and study 30 ECTS Business modules abroad, in either MT or HT. You can then study 30 ECTS Law in TCD in the opposite semester. This would assist you in completing required modules for the Professional Legal Bodies e.g. Administrative Law, EU Law. You could also take part in a semester abroad where you complete Law modules only, or a combination of Law and Business modules. What is most important is that you meet the 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Business split over the full academic year.
 - If you study abroad for full academic year and study both Business and Law modules, it is strongly recommended that you **study EU Law and Legal Philosophy** in your host university. Please refer to Section 3 for more information.
 - If studying outside of Europe, the table on page 13 outlines the number of credits students must complete to meet the course requirements abroad.
 - In your SS year, you will need to focus on required law modules for the Professional Legal Bodies and complete the 20 ECTS Capstone Project. This means that you will be limited in what optional law modules you can take.
 - If you wish to follow the Law Major, Business Minor pathway where you complete 40 ECTS Law and 20 ECTS Business split in JS and SS year, it would be extremely difficult to complete the required law modules for the Professional Legal Bodies over the two years. Therefore, we recommend that students focus on 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Business in JS Year and 60 ECTS Law in SS year.
 - If you wish to follow a different pathway e.g. Joint Law and Business or Business Major, Law Minor, please refer to the Law and Business handbook for the ECTS credit split for the JS and SS year, when planning for your studies abroad.

Law and Political Science Degree:

- The academic requirements of your JS year will depend on the pathway you wish to follow. If you would like to apply to the Professional Legal Bodies after graduation, you must follow Law Major, Political Science Minor pathway. This pathway will be examined in detail here as there are strict academic requirements when applying for the Professional Legal Bodies.

- For the Law Major, Political Science Minor pathway, you should follow this ECTS split in the Sophister years:
 1. 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Political Science – JS Year
 2. 60 ECTS Law only – SS year
- If you take part in a one semester exchange (MT or HT), you must study 30 ECTS. What modules you study abroad will depend on the type of exchange you are enrolled in. For example, if it's a Law only exchange in Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, you will study 30 ECTS in Law in your host university and in Trinity you can take 30 ECTS in Political Science in the opposite semester. You could also take part in a semester abroad where you complete Political Science modules only (e.g. University of Helsinki), or a combination of Law and Political Science modules (Sciences Po, Paris). What is most important is that you meet the 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Political Science split over the full academic year.
- If you study abroad for full academic year and study both Law and Political Science modules, it is strongly recommended that you **study EU Law and Legal Philosophy** in your host university. Please refer to Section 3 for more information.
- If studying outside of Europe, the table on page 13 outlines the number of credits students must complete to meet the course requirements abroad.
- In your SS year, you will need to focus on required law modules for the Professional Legal Bodies and also complete the 20 ECTS Capstone project. This means that you will be limited in what optional law modules you can take.
- If you wish to follow the Law Major, Political Science Minor pathway where you complete 40 ECTS Law and 20 ECTS Political Science in JS and SS year, it would be extremely difficult to complete the required law modules for the Professional Legal Bodies over the two years. Therefore we recommend that students focus on 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Political Science in JS Year and 60 ECTS Law in SS year.
- If you wish to follow a different pathway e.g. Joint Law and Political Science or Political Science Major, Law Minor, please refer to the Law and Political Science handbook for the ECTS credit split for the JS and SS year.

Pass/fail Modules:

- You are permitted to count up to 10 ECTS in pass/fail modules within your required 60 ECTS for the full academic year. For a one semester abroad, you are permitted to count up to 5 ECTS in pass/fail modules within your required 30 ECTS.

Credit Requirements for non-EU Exchanges:

- If studying outside of Europe, the table outlines the minimum number of credits students must complete to meet the course requirements abroad (please note the information is subject to change):

Australia: University of Sydney Australian National University University of Queensland	6 units = 7.5 ECTS 24 units = 30 ECTS 2 units = 7.5 ECTS 8 units = 30 ECTS
Hong Kong: Hong Kong University	6 credit module = 6 ECTS 30 credits = 30 ECTS
Singapore: National University of Singapore	1 MC = 1.5 ECTS 20 MC = 30 ECTS
China: Fudan University, Shanghai	1 credit = 2 ECTS 15 credits = 30 ECTS
Canada: Osgoode Hall Law School, York University Queen's University Kingston University of Toronto	1 credit = 2 ECTS 15 credits = 30 ECTS
USA: Indiana University, Bloomington University of Notre Dame Washington and Lee University Boston College	1 credit = 2 ECTS 15 credits = 30 ECTS

This information is taken from the Trinity College Study Abroad website:

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/outbound/apply/> Refer to Conversion Table link.

If you do not satisfy any of these requirements, you will fail the year. The onus is on you to select modules that will allow you to meet these requirements. If you are taking part in a European Erasmus exchange you must fill in a Learning Agreement Form that will be provided to you. This Form will be reviewed by the Erasmus/Exchange Academic Coordinator. The Coordinator will approve your choice of modules and countersign the agreement only if the

overall requirements and discipline-specific requirements in terms of ECTS credits are met.

You should consult by email with the Erasmus/Exchange Academic Coordinator in relation to your module choices. You must submit your Learning Agreement by **1 November for the first term and 1 April for the second term**. Joint degree students should also consult the Erasmus/Exchange Co-ordinator in the Political Science Department and Business School to ensure their Political Science/Business modules can be approved and learning agreement signed.

3. Choosing Modules

You are permitted to study most law or law-related modules provided by the Law School in your host university, subject to the approval of the Erasmus/Exchange Academic Coordinator. If a module is taught in a Department outside of the Law School, you must show how the module includes legal material for it to be approved. You are not permitted to take a module abroad which you have already studied in Trinity College. The Erasmus/Exchange Coordinator may make an exception if the content of the module is substantially different. The same principle applies when you return to Trinity College in Senior Sophister year. You are not permitted to study a module in TCD which you have already studied abroad unless you have the approval of the Erasmus Coordinator and the lecturer in Trinity College Dublin.

Requirements for the Professional Legal Bodies

Students are encouraged to carefully plan their studies for their year abroad and take into consideration the modules they will need to study in SS year to meet professional legal bodies requirements. Students are recommended to study **EU Law** and **Legal Philosophy** abroad to cover the compulsory law modules required for the professional legal bodies.

The Law School provides a list of EU Law and Legal Philosophy modules taught in our partner universities which have been approved in the past as equivalent to EU Law and Legal Philosophy studied in Trinity for the purpose of gaining entry into the professional legal bodies. This list is circulated via email to students.

Please note that the Law School cannot guarantee that the same modules will be available during your year/semester abroad. You will need to check with your host university if the same modules are on offer during your year/semester abroad.

If there are no pre-approved modules listed for a partner university, you need to find a module on offer in the university and send a module description to the Erasmus/Exchange Coordinator to law.exchange@tcd.ie for approval.

Therefore the list of pre-approved modules offered is non-exhaustive. Modules will be added on a rolling basis, as new modules may be offered by partner universities that might also satisfy the relevant requirements.

Please note that that if a module has been approved on this list, it is not a guarantee that the module will always be approved in the future as approvals are subject to review, for example, there could be significant changes to module content in a pre-approved module.

If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), in consultation with the Erasmus Coordinator (and, where appropriate, module lecturers), deems a module taken abroad to be a satisfactory equivalent to the module in Trinity, the Law School can certify this to the King's Inns. Students must note, however, that the Law School cannot give any commitment to students that outside professional or other bodies will necessarily regard modules studied abroad as meeting those bodies' particular requirements. Students are therefore advised to check the requirements of particular professional bodies directly with those bodies.

4. Grade Conversion

The Court of Examiners will first consider whether you have satisfied all the workload requirements. If you studied abroad for the full academic year, your grade will be calculated on the basis of your best 45 ECTS (or equivalent if studying outside Europe) of modules completed. If you are studying for one semester abroad, your grade will be calculated on the basis of your best 20 ECTS (or equivalent) of modules completed.

For students on Major/Minor pathways, your best 45 ECTS (full year) / 20 ECTS (one semester) will be counted the following way,

Full year exchange:

Student completes 30 ECTS Law – count best 22.5 ECTS Law

Student completes 30 ECTS Other Discipline – count best 22.5 ECTS in Other Discipline

One semester exchange:

How we count the best 20 out of 30 ECTS will depend on the type of exchange you

pursue. If you study Law only, we count the best 20 ECTS in law modules. If you study a mixture of Law and modules from your other discipline, we count 10 ECTS equally from each subject.

This document covers the Major/Minor pathway where students complete 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS in another discipline in JS year and focus on 60 ECTS Law in SS year. If students wish to follow a different pathway, please contact law.exchange@tcd.ie and we can discuss how your best 45 ECTS (for full year) and best 20 ECTS (for one semester) will be counted.

Pass/fail modules, up to a limit of 10 ECTS (or equivalent if studying outside Europe) will be excluded when calculating your best 45 ECTS. Therefore, your grade conversion will be calculated on the basis of the marks received in the best 45 ECTS (or equivalent) of your graded modules.

If you study abroad for one semester, pass/fail modules up to 5 ECTS will be excluded when calculating your best 20 ECTS in graded modules.

The Court of Examiners converts the grades from your host university to their equivalent in the Trinity marking scale. The scales applied by the Law School are available on the Law School Year Abroad website. The scales applied by the School of Business and Political Science Department are available from those School's Coordinators. Please note the current conversion scales may change under new TEP regulations for 2021/22.

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