

**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 **draft** document outlines the rules and requirements for the Junior Sophister exchange programme 2021/22. The final version will be circulated once a decision is made on how the ECTS are counted for the year/semester abroad. These rules and requirements are **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 or 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 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 12). 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 50 ECTS in law modules and 10 ECTS modules outside of the Law School.
- If studying outside of Europe, the table on page 12 (currently under review) 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 more strict academic requirements when applying for the Professional Legal Bodies.
- For the Law Major, Business Minor pathway you will 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 your JS Year, you can study abroad for one semester and complete 30 ECTS. You have the option to choose an exchange which focuses only on Law or Business modules. For example, you could choose a one semester Business only exchange and study 30 ECTS Business modules abroad, in either MT or HT. You can then study 30 ECTS Law in

TCD in the other semester. This would assist you in completing required modules for the Professional Legal Bodies in TCD e.g. Administrative Law, EU Law.

- 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.
- 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 very limited in what optional law modules you can take.
- 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.

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 more strict academic requirements when applying for the Professional Legal Bodies.
- For the Law Major, Political Science Minor pathway, you have two options for your ECTS credit split in the Sophister years:
 1. 40 ECTS Law and 20 ECTS Political Science— JS Year
40 ECTS Law and 20 ECTS Political Science – SS Year
 2. 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Political Science – JS Year
60 ECTS Law only – SS year
- In your JS Year, if you study abroad for the full academic year or one semester, 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 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, if following option 2 above.
- Please note that 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 very limited in what optional law modules you can take.

- 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:

- **Rules around pass/fail modules under review. Once a decision has been made, the updated Rules will be circulated.**

Credit Conversion for Non-EU Exchanges

- **If studying outside of Europe, the number of credits which are equivalent to 60 ECTS varies from country to country. The Law School is currently reviewing this information. Once a decision has been made, the updated Rules will be circulated.**

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 process by which we count the ECTS taken abroad and convert your results is under review at present. Once a decision has been made, the updated Rules will be circulated.

5. Contact Details in Trinity College Dublin

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