

Law School Erasmus and Exchange Programme 2026/27
Rules and Requirements

Single Honors Law

Joint Honours Law
with
Business
Political Science
History

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1. Section 1: Helpful Information about the Student Exchange Programme

This document outlines the rules and requirements for Junior Sophister students applying for the student exchange programme in 2026/27. It can also be used as a reference for students currently studying abroad in 2025/26.

Please note these rules and requirements are subject to change, including during the course of the academic year.

The Law School has over 35 student exchange agreements with prestigious Law Schools in Europe, North America, Asia, and Australia. Every year over 100 Trinity Law students take part in the study exchange programme and study abroad for the full year or for one semester. 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 very 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, both in terms of academic and personal development.

Students should be prepared for the fact that in certain respects, the workload can be heavier when studying abroad in another institution. In particular, it is common for our partner universities to have more class time and additional course work / homework, compared to TCD School of Law, where there is a greater focus on independent learning. In this, and other ways, students studying abroad need to be flexible and engaged in adapting to new academic environments and practices. Students should also remember to engage with their host institution if they are experiencing any difficulties during their studies, whether academic or personal.

For Law and French and Law and German Students, the year abroad is a compulsory part of the degree programme. For more details, please carefully read the 'Law and Language Year Abroad Requirements 2026/27' PDF available [here](#).

The essential premise of the programme is that a student travels abroad for the full academic year or 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 also apply to other universities (for example Australian National University or City University of Hong Kong) via the College-wide International Exchange Programme. Please, refer [here](#) for more information regarding International Exchanges. Deadline to apply is 14th November 2025.

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 via the [Partner Universities](#) section of the Law School website. Please also refer to the 'Student Advice and Living Cost' document that the Law School will circulate to all students. These are testimonies from previous students passing on useful tips and recommendations on each institution. Use all 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 tuition fees** to the host university. In exceptional cases host universities may require administration fees or other charges. Participation in the Erasmus programme (applies to European exchanges only) is usually assisted by an Erasmus mobility grant from the European Commission, but this is not guaranteed and the amount of the grant can vary from year to year depending on demand. Students can apply for the grant through Academic Registry. The Law School has no say in the allocation or distribution of the grant. For more information, please visit [here](#). All grant queries should be directed to erasmus.outgoing@tcd.ie.

There is usually a Global Mobility Bursary for non-EU exchanges, which is administered by the

Global Mobility Office, but not guaranteed. More information on the Global Mobility Bursaries for non-EU exchanges is available [here](#).

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 exchange 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 via 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. Roisin Costello at 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.**

2. Section 2: 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 2026/27.

Please note that 1 full year place is the equivalent of 2 one semester places. If there is high demand for a particular university, one semester places will be prioritized over full year spots. In recent years, there has been huge demand for the Law School Exchange Programme, so students are offered more one semester places, than full year offers.

Note additional options are available through College's International exchange programme (listed on page 11), at institutions approved by the Law School. The links listed here are the Law School's European Erasmus and Non-EU links.

2.1 Single Honors Law – Law School Study Abroad Options

ERASMUS EUROPEAN OPTIONS

Country	University	Teaching Language	Duration Full year = FY Michaelmas term = MT Hilary term = HT	Number of spots 5 months = 1 semester 10 months = full year
Belgium	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	English	FY, HT	20 months
Denmark	University of Copenhagen	English	FY, MT, HT	30 months
Finland	University of Helsinki	English	FY, MT, HT	30 months
France	Sciences Po, Reims/Paris Campus*	English	MT, HT	20 months
France	University of Paris Saclay	English	FY, MT, HT	10 months
Germany	University of Heidelberg	English	FY	10 months
Hungary	Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest (ELTE)	English	FY, MT, HT	10 months
Italy	University of Bocconi	English	MT, HT	10 months
Italy	University of Naples Federico II	English	FY, MT, HT	10 months

Italy	University of Padova**	English	FY, HT	20 months
Lithuania	University of Vilnius	English	FY, MT, HT	20 months
The Netherlands	Leiden University	English	FY, HT	15 months
The Netherlands	Groningen University	English	FY, HT	30 months
The Netherlands	Tilburg University	English	FY, MT, HT	5 months
Spain	University Pontifica Comillas	English	FY, MT	20 months
Spain	Esade Law School, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona	English	MT	10 months
Sweden	Lund University	English	FY, HT	20 months
Sweden	Copenhagen University	English	FY, HT	20 months
Switzerland***	University of Zurich	English	FY, HT	20 months
<p>SHL students can also apply to the following universities, but teaching is through French/German/Spanish, with a small number of English taught modules available: University of Strasbourg, Freiburg, Hamburg, Tuebingen, Wuerzburg, Humboldt (Berlin), Marburg, University Carlos III Madrid.</p>				

NON-EU LAW SCHOOL OPTIONS

Country	University	Teaching Language	Duration Full year = FY Michaelmas term = MT Hilary term = HT	Number of spots 5 months = 1 semester 10 months = full year
Australia	University of Sydney	English	FY, HT	20 months
China	Fudan University, Shanghai	English	FY, MT, HT	10 months
China	Hong Kong University^	English	FY, MT, HT	10 months
Canada	Osgoode Hall, York University, Toronto	English	FY, MT	20 months
Canada	Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario	English	FY, MT	20 months

Canada	University of Toronto	English	FY, MT	15 months
USA	Boston College	English	MT	10 months
USA	Chicago-Kent College of Law	English	MT, HT	10 months
USA	Indiana University, Bloomington	English	FY, MT	30 months
USA	University of Notre Dame Option to apply for the Notre Dame London Programme~	English	FY, MT	20 months
USA	Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia	English	FY, MT	20 months

Sciences Po struggle to accommodate all the exchange students in the Paris campus. Students must be spread evenly across MT and HT for the Paris campus. Students must be willing also to attend the campus in Reims. If too many students apply to the Paris campus, Sciences Po **may direct students to the Reims campus. Reims is a town located less than 2 hours from Paris city centre– more details can be found [here](#).*

***While students have been able to study all modules through English in Padova there can be limited number of English taught modules.*

****To apply for an exchange in the University of Zurich and North America, students need a minimum 60% in their JF results. This is because students are taking modules at Masters/Graduate level.*

^To apply for an exchange in Hong Kong University, students need a minimum of 65% in their JF results.

~If students wish to study in the London Programme of Notre Dame, they must first apply to the University of Notre Dame. After TCD nominate students to Notre Dame, you must follow their instructions to apply for the London programme. It is a competitive internal process within Notre Dame. So if you wish to apply for the Notre Dame London Programme at this stage of application, you must be willing to study on the Indiana campus in the US if your application is unsuccessful for London.

2.2 Trinity Joint Honors – Law School Study Abroad Options

Law and Business

Country	University	Teaching Language	Duration Full year = FY Michaelmas term = MT Hilary term = HT	Number of spots 5 months = 1 semester 10 months = full year
Italy	University of Siena	English	MT, HT	10 months
France	University of Strasbourg*	English	MT, HT	10 months
The Netherlands	Tilburg University	English	FY, MT, HT	15 months
Spain	University of Carlos III Madrid**	English	FY, MT, HT	20 months
Spain	Esade Law School, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona	English	MT	10 months

**Note students study in the Law Faculty in the University of Strasbourg for this exchange. Law and Business Students must pick Business-related law modules to meet their Business requirements i.e. Transnational Business Law. Students cannot access Business modules in the Business School in Strasbourg through this exchange.*

***In Universidad Carlos III Madrid, students can take their Business modules through English. It can be difficult however to find English-taught Law modules, so students must be flexible in what law modules they take, or they may have to take Spanish-taught law modules.*

Law and Political Science

Country	University	Teaching Language	Duration Full year = FY Michaelmas term = MT Hilary term = HT	Number of spots 5 months = 1 semester 10 months = full year
France	Sciences Po Paris / Reims Campus	English	MT, HT	15 months
Hungary	Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest	English	MT, HT	5 – 10 months
Italy	University of Bologna	English	FY, HT	3 places*
Italy	University Naples Federico II	English	MT, HT	10 months
Italy	University of Boconi	English	MT, HT	10 months

**Bologna does not operate in months – one place is either full year or one semester – 3 places*

are available in Bologna.

Law and History

Country	University	Teaching Language	Duration Full year = FY Michaelmas term = MT Hilary term = HT	Number of spots 5 months = 1 semester 10 months = full year
France	Sciences Po Paris / Reims Campus	English	MT, HT	15 months
Hungary	Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest	English	MT, HT	5 – 10 months
Italy	University of Bologna	English	FY, HT	3 places*
Italy	University Siena	English	HT	5 months
Netherlands	Leiden University	English	HT	10 months

*Bologna does not operate in *months* – one place is either full year or one semester – 3 places are available in Bologna.

2.3 College-Wide International Exchange Programme Options

Trinity College Dublin have exchange agreements at university-level which Law and TJH Law students can apply to. We have approved a list of suitable universities for your degree programme. Please refer to the table below to see what universities you may apply to. If you are applying to these universities, you must submit a separate application form i.e. one form for College-wide Exchange Programme and one form for the Law School Exchange Programme (includes Law Erasmus European links and non-EU links). Please note for the College-wide Exchange offers, you are competing with students for places across the university, so it is a competitive process.

University	Approved for SHL	Approved for Law and Business	Approved for Law and History	Approved for Law and Political Science
Australian National University	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
University of Queensland	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
University of Melbourne	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
University of New South Wales	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
University of Stellenbosch	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Hong Kong University	No <i>(but you apply through Law School Exchange)</i>	No	Yes	Yes
City University of Hong Kong	Yes	Yes	No	No
National University of Singapore	Yes	No	No	No
Singapore Management University	Yes	Yes	No	No
George Washington University*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
University of Chicago*	No	No	No	Yes**
Georgetown University*	No	No	Yes	Yes

*For American universities listed, TJH students are studying in an undergraduate Law-related programme. For example in George Washington University, you could take modules in the [Criminal Justice degree](#), which is part of the Sociology Department. In the University of Chicago you could take modules in the [Law, Letters and Society \(LLSO\)](#) interdisciplinary major in the Social Sciences Collegiate Division. In Georgetown University, you could take Law modules from

a Sociological Perspective in the Sociology Department or from the Justice and Peace Studies Degree. As Law is studied at Postgraduate level in North America in separate Graduate Law Schools, it is not possible to study in a Graduate Law School through an UG College-wide International Exchange Agreement. As you are a TJH student, you need to study your second discipline abroad also, which is taught at UG level.

****Only applicable for full academic year, due to their quarterly term times in the University of Chicago.**

For more information on the College-wide International Exchange Programme, you can visit the website [here](#).

3. Section 3: Regulations and Requirements for the Law School Exchange Programme

3.1 How to Apply

In order to apply to study abroad in your Junior Sophister year on an Erasmus or non-EU Exchange, you must carefully read the Erasmus and Exchange Rules and Requirements (this document).

If you agree to abide by the rules, you can complete the online form **by 5pm on Friday 14th November 2025**. This form is available on the [TCD Global Mobility Website](#):

If you wish to apply to universities on the Law School Exchange Programme AND College-wide International Exchange Programme, you must submit two separate application forms.

For TJH students applying to Political Science / Business School/History Department exchanges you also need to send in a separate application form. Please note you must make sure that you can study both Law and your second subject in the universities that you apply to. For example, the Business School may have a link with the Ecole de Management in the University of Strasbourg. However, you cannot study Law modules in the Ecole de Management so you cannot apply for a semester exchange there as a TJH Law and Business student.

Provisional offers will be made for Law School links on the basis of the

following criteria:

- ② Grades received in Junior Freshman year;
- ② Proficiency in the language of instruction at any institution where you are applying for a place;

If you wish to apply for a place in a North American Law School or Zurich University, you need to have a minimum of 60% in your JF results. For Hong Kong University, you must have minimum 65% in your JF results.

The provisional 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. If you apply to the Law School Exchange Programme and the College-wide International Exchange Programme, you may get a Law offer before the College-wide International Exchange offer. You are

permitted to accept the Law offer first. Once you receive the College-wide offer and you prefer the College-wide offer, you must withdraw from the Law offer (notify law.exchange@tcd.ie) and accept the College-wide offer.

Please note it is not permitted to accept two different offers across two separate semesters. For example, a Semester 1 Erasmus exchange to Sciences Po Paris through the Law School Exchange and a Semester 2 exchange to the University of New South Wales through the College-wide International Exchange Programme. Taking up two different exchange opportunities in two separate institutions carries a huge administrative burden. So, it is only possible to engage in one type of exchange, either for one semester or the full academic year, in the **same** institution.

A final offer to study abroad is strictly dependent on you achieving a **II.2** in your Senior Freshman examinations, ideally in your first attempt. It is strongly recommended that students complete their Senior Freshman examinations in the first sitting of the examination period in December / May. If students need to repeat or defer exams in the supplemental period in late August, it will delay starting the study abroad period in Michaelmas term. Supplemental results are released in mid-September. After this date, once it is confirmed that a **II.2** has been achieved, students have permission to study abroad. With this delay, it is difficult to participate in a Michaelmas term exchange and students should look to postpone their exchange period to Hilary term (depending on the agreement with the host university). Please note that a **II.1** is required in Senior Freshman exams for North American Law Schools and the University of Zurich. 65% is required for Hong Kong University.

3.2 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). **You must satisfy the following requirements:**

Single Honors Law Degree:

- If studying within Europe for the full year, you are required to complete 60 ECTS in law modules. To pass the year abroad, SHL students must pass a minimum of 45 ECTS and students are assessed on the best 45 ECTS.
- For the year abroad, you are permitted to complete up to 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.
- For the semester abroad, you are required to complete 30 ECTS in law modules. To pass the semester abroad, you must pass a minimum 22.5 ECTS. For the purpose of assessment, you are assessed on the best returned marks worth 20 ECTS.
- During the semester abroad, you can take up to 5 ECTS of a module outside of the Law similar, similar to Open Module or Trinity Elective. This means that you can study 25 ECTS Law modules and 5 ECTS Open Module / Trinity Elective for a semester abroad. You are also welcome to study all law modules worth 30 ECTS, if you prefer to focus only on your law studies.
- In some institutions it is difficult to find a module that is worth 5 ECTS for an Open Module / Trinity Elective. It may be worth 8 ECTS and students are permitted to take it within their 30 ECTS. However when we count your best 20 ECTS for the semester abroad, we can only count 5 ECTS of this module (if it is one of your highest grades) within the best 20 ECTS for the semester abroad. This is similar to studying abroad for full academic year with Open Modules/Trinity Elective worth 10 ECTS.
- If studying outside of Europe, the table on page 18 outlines the number of credits students must complete to meet the course requirements abroad.

- EU Law is a compulsory module to obtain the LL.B. degree. SHL students will have studied EU Law in SF year in 2025/26, so SHL students have met the EU Law requirement. If a student transfers to SHL from a TJH or Law and Language degree in their JS year, they need to study EU Law in JS or SS year. The module is taught in Hilary term in JS and SS year. If you are studying abroad in Hilary term, you are encouraged to study an approved **EU Law**, if available, in a partner university. If EU Law is unavailable during your year/HT abroad, you have the option to take EU Law in your SS year in TCD. Please refer to Section 3 for more information. If you are studying abroad in Michaelmas term only, you must study EU Law in Hilary term in TCD. You should not study an approved EU Law module in your host university in MT.

Joint Honors Law with Business / Political Science / History

- The study abroad options in your JS year will depend on the pathway you wish to follow. **If you would like to graduate with an LL.B. degree, apply to the Professional Legal Bodies after graduation and also take part in the student exchange programme, you must follow the Law Major with Subject 2 (S2) Minor, Option B 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 with S2 Minor Option B pathway you need to follow this ECTS credit split in the Sophister years:
 1. 30 ECTS Law and 30 ECTS Subject 2 – Junior Sophister (JS) Year
 2. 60 ECTS Law – Senior Sophister (SS) Year
- You can apply for a semester abroad, either in Michaelmas term or Hilary term, where you should study both disciplines equally - Law (15 ECTS) and Subject 2 (15 ECTS). In the opposite semester in TCD, you would also study Law (15 ECTS) and Subject 2 (15 ECTS).
- To pass the semester abroad, you must pass a minimum of 10 ECTS in Law and 10 ECTS in Subject 2. For the purpose of assessment, you are assessed in your best returned marks worth 20 ECTS, across either discipline.
- You can also apply for a full year exchange where you should study both disciplines equally - Law (30 ECTS) and Subject 2 (30 ECTS).
- To pass the year abroad, you must pass a minimum of 22.5 ECTS in Law and 22.5 ECTS in Subject 2. For the purpose of assessment, you are assessed on your best returned marks worth 45 ECTS, across either discipline.
- Please note that if you switched from Joint Honors pathway to Single Honors Law for your JS year, you would follow the workload requirements highlighted in the Single Honors Law section above.

- During your Michaelmas term semester abroad, it is strongly recommended that you study an approved **Legal Philosophy** module to meet the requirements of the Professional Legal Bodies. Please refer to Section 3 for more information.
- If you study abroad for full academic year or in Hilary term, it is strongly recommended that you study **EU Law**, to meet the requirements of the Professional Legal Bodies. Please refer to Section 3 for more information. If you are studying abroad in Michaelmas term only, you must study EU Law in Trinity College Dublin in Hilary term, rather than in your host university. You should **not** study an approved EU Law module in your host university.
- If studying outside of Europe, the table on page 18 outlines the number of credits students must complete to meet the course requirements abroad.
- In your Senior Sophister 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. **Depending on what you have covered abroad, you may need to take a wraparound Capstone option, and/or audit Evidence.**
- If you wish to follow a different pathway e.g. Joint Honours Law and S2 or S2 Major with Law Minor, please refer to the Joint Honors handbook for the ECTS credit split for your JS and SS year. Your host university still needs to offer both Law and your Subject 2 for your semester/year abroad.
- Full details on studying abroad on the various pathways can be found on the [Trinity Joint Honors website](#). If students have any doubts, they should run their queries by the UCAO TJH Study Abroad Office at tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie.

Pass/fail Modules:

- You are permitted to complete pass/fail modules abroad, where you do not obtain a grade from the module, rather a confirmation that you have passed or failed the module. We can include 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 City University Hong Kong	6 credit module = 6 ECTS 30 credits = 30 ECTS 3 credits = 6 ECTS 15 credits = 30 ECTS
Singapore: National University of Singapore Singapore Management University	1 MC = 1.5 ECTS 20 MC = 30 ECTS 1 SMU = 7.5 ECTS 4 SMU = 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 1 weight = 8 ECTS
South Africa: University of Stellenbosch	1 credit = 0.5 ECTS 60 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 SHL students are permitted to take a minimum of 12 local credits per semester based on academic recommendations from Postgraduate US Law Schools.

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 (Coordinators from both disciplines for JH students). The Coordinator(s) 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. Joint Honours Law students should also consult the Erasmus/Exchange Coordinator in the Political Science Department, History Department or Business School to ensure their Subject 2 modules can be approved and learning agreement signed. The Learning Agreement must also be sent to the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office at tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie for approval, to ensure that you are meeting the academic requirements of your degree pathway.

3.3 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 as a Law module. You are **not** permitted to take a module abroad which you have already studied in Trinity College Dublin e.g. *Introduction to the Common Law System*. The Erasmus/Exchange Coordinator may make an exception if the content of the module is substantially different to what you have covered in your Freshman years. 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, which will only be given exceptionally where substantially different content is shown.

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 Senior Sophister year to meet professional legal bodies requirements. The onus is on students to keep up to date with the requirements of the Professional Legal Bodies, details of which are available on the relevant websites. The requirements are not the same for all professional bodies.

Students, who wish to pursue professional qualifications, are recommended to study **EU Law** and **Legal Philosophy** abroad to cover the compulsory law modules required for the professional legal bodies. **Please note Singles Honors Law students have met the Legal Philosophy requirement by studying Jurisprudence in Junior Freshman year, and have studied EU Law in SF year.** If you study abroad in Michaelmas term ONLY, you should **not** study EU Law abroad. You must take it in Hilary term in TCD.

If you cannot access EU Law in your Junior Sophister year abroad, it is possible to take EU Law in Senior Sophister year. This would limit your options, however, to take other professional or elective Law modules in the Senior Sophister year.

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.

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.

The Law School is reviewing this list, and does so regularly, so please contact law.exchange@tcd.ie for confirmation that the modules you are taking can be approved.

If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), in consultation with the 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.

In France, students taking an approved Legal Philosophy or EU Law module must get the French passing grade of 10/20. Currently the TCD grade conversions scales converts 8/20 as a pass

grade. For the Professional Legal Modules, students must get a 10/20 to pass the module abroad.

3.4 Grade Conversion

The grade obtained from your Junior Sophister year counts 30% towards your final degree grade, so studying abroad needs to be taken seriously.

The Court of Examiners will first consider whether you have satisfied all the workload requirements, as highlighted in Section 2. If you have met the workload requirements during the year abroad, your grade will be calculated on the basis of your best 45 ECTS (or equivalent if studying outside Europe) of modules. 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 TJH students, you can also refer to the [Trinity Joint Honors website](#) for more information on meeting the workload requirements and how your grade is calculated.

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.

For SHL students taking an Open module abroad, it is only possible to count 5 ECTS of this module within the best 20 ECTS for the semester abroad. For example, if the Open Module is worth 7 ECTS and you obtain a high grade in this module, only 5 ECTS can be counted towards your best 20 ECTS. This is because Open Modules taken in Trinity are only worth 5 ECTS.

Studying abroad can be challenging at times and students may fail an exam abroad. If you fail a module, you can still pass the year abroad, as long as you pass 45 ECTS (or equivalent) of your modules. For a one semester exchange, SHL students need to get a passing grade in a minimum of 22.25 ECTS (or equivalent). However, the best 20 ECTS (or equivalent) is counted to calculate the overall grade. TJH students need to get a passing grade in a minimum of 20 ECTS (or equivalent). This is broken down into 10 ECTS (or equivalent) in Law and 10 ECTS (or equivalent) in Subject 2 for students on the Law Major, Subject 2 Minor Option B pathway.

If students have completed a pass/fail module, and also fail a graded module, the Court of Examiners will need to decide how to count the best 45 ECTS for the year abroad and best 20 ECTS for the semester abroad.

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 made available during the year/semester abroad. The Court of Examiners can and does revise Law conversion scales in light of continuous review, so these may change.

3.5 Encountering Difficulties during the Study Abroad Period

During the year/semester abroad students can sometimes feel home sick, experience health issues or find it difficult to adapt to the different teaching methods in the host institution. We encourage you to be proactive in dealing with any issues arising, by engaging with all of the services available. Where we find out later about such difficulties, we cannot assist you in addressing them, particularly once you finish your exams and return home. You need to make contact with the relevant offices in Trinity (outlined below) and reach out to supports in your host institution such as the Exchange Student Office / Student Counselling to ensure that you get the right help you need at the right time. Also remember that just like in Trinity, you can always consult module lecturers for academic advice in your host institution. And your Trinity tutor remains available as a point of contact and advice during your year abroad. For students with any additional needs or disabilities, we encourage you to engage with your Disability Services Team at TCD for support and advice in advance of travelling to study abroad.

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