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# School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies (RTPS)

## BA Religion Undergraduate Introduction

# Theological Society

**Maisie**

**&**

**Seanie**

**introducing “The Theo”**





# The Theo

The College Theological Society.



- Founded in 1830, The Theo, along with The Phil and The Hist, is one of the three oldest societies in Trinity - and we are the oldest student-led theology society in the world!
- Every **Monday evening at 6:30pm in the GMB**, we host scholarly speakers from various academic institutions around Ireland and abroad. These events are followed by chats and refreshments (and sometimes a pub!), and they are a great way to meet other students and professors, especially from the school of religion.
- Every **Wednesday between 12-2pm** we hold **Library Lunchtimes** in the **Bram Stoker room** in the GMB. During this time Theo members can pop in to take books out from our library and chat to other members.
- This year we are hoping to use Library Lunchtimes as a way to keep Religion students connected. We will always have at least one 4th year religion student at the Library Lunchtimes, whose frame of reference may be helpful to you if you have any questions or need a few tips!



# Student Voices!



This year we want to hear as many student voices and ideas as we can!

- GASTA CHARITY FUNDRAISING COMPETITION: [On October 20th](#) we are hosting a charity fundraising Gasta in collaboration with the Metafizz. A Gasta is a format for giving short and concise academic presentations. Any paper given can be a maximum of 5 minutes long. Once the speaker is nearing the end of their presentation, the audience starts counting backwards from 5 seconds, and the speaker must attempt to conclude their thesis in that time. Once everyone has spoken, the audience will vote for the best three presentations. (fine details being finalized).
- ANNUAL PAPER COMPETITION: This competition takes place just after Christmas, and it is a FANTASTIC way to get comfortable with longer form public speaking. Submit an academic essay - no longer than 3,000 words - on any topic related to the study of religion and theology. If you submit a paper, you will get to read it up on the podium in the GMB!
- CHAMBER DEBATES: [On Wednesday the 12th of November](#) we are collaborating with The Hist and The Muslim Students Association to debate the motion [This House Believes Heaven is a Place on Earth](#). We will need 1-2 student speakers - if you are interested, you may have a chance to speak! We also have a debate planned with The Eliz during the Hilary Semester.

# Publications:

- We hope to publish an online [Zine](#) before Christmas break, featuring photography; creative writing; opinion pieces; and the winning pieces delivered at the Gasta competition.
- At the end of the year, we hope to publish a [hard copy academic journal](#) featuring the winners of the annual paper competition, including winners from the last few years.



# Contact Us:

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On Email: [theo@csc.tcd.ie](mailto:theo@csc.tcd.ie)

OR FIND US IN THE HALLS OF  
THE RELIGION BUILDING!



Maisie



Seanie



Ann




Elsa



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# Student Support: S2S and more



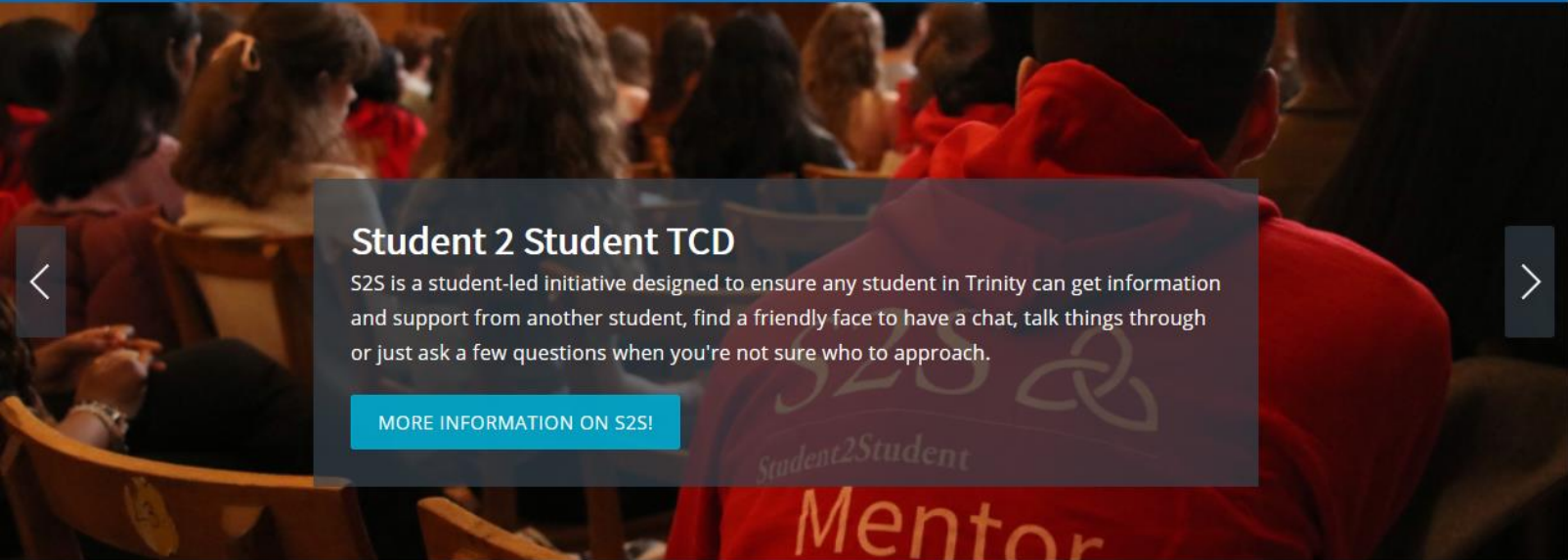
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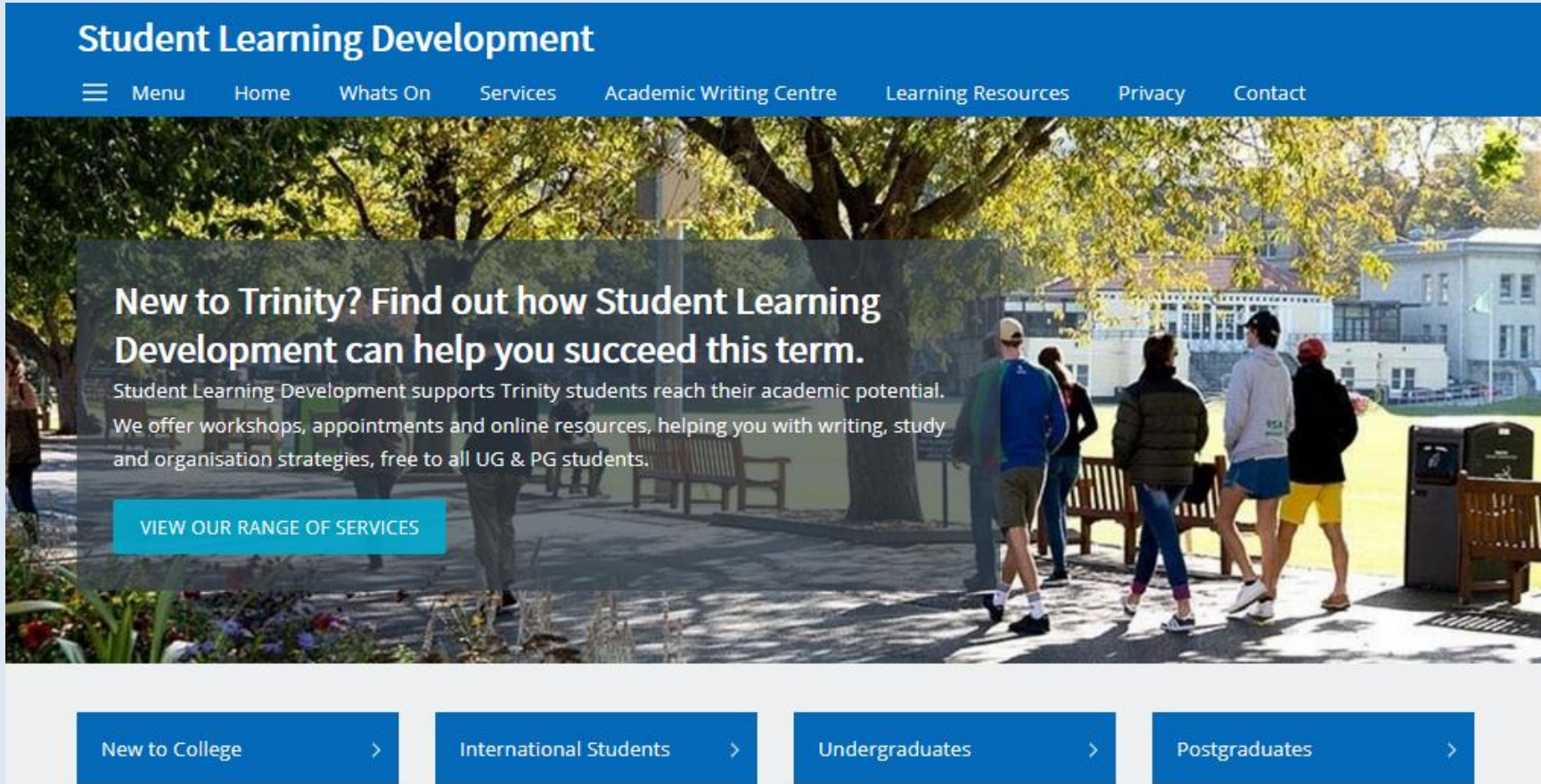
### Student 2 Student TCD

S2S is a student-led initiative designed to ensure any student in Trinity can get information and support from another student, find a friendly face to have a chat, talk things through or just ask a few questions when you're not sure who to approach.

[MORE INFORMATION ON S2S!](#)

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# Student Support: building skills



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Student Learning Development supports Trinity students reach their academic potential. We offer workshops, appointments and online resources, helping you with writing, study and organisation strategies, free to all UG & PG students.

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# Welcome to the Buildings in TCD

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**Entry to the RTPS Building  
is by  
Swipe Card (TCD ID Card)  
Please check: is it activated!**



# People you'll meet:

## RTPS Professional Staff



**Mr. Martin Humphreys**  
School Manager, School of Religion



**Ms. Dominique Plant**  
Executive Officer, School of Religion



**Ms. Helen Mc Mahon**  
Administrative Officer, Loyola Institute



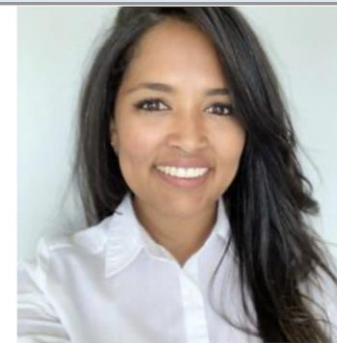
**Ms. Brid O'Brien**  
Assistant Library Part-time,  
School of Religion



**Miss Romana Ashraf**  
Marketing & Communications  
Officer, School of Religion



**Ms. Caroline Clarke**  
Senior Executive Officer, School  
of Religion



**Ms. Amanda Dos Santos Antunes**  
Administrative Officer, School of Religion

# Communication

We only use your **tcd.ie** e-mail account to communicate.



Please **check daily** – and around exam time/over the summer!




For WiFi instructions see [tcd.ie/itservices](https://tcd.ie/itservices)  
Possible: use “forward function”

# RTPS Website: Resources

[tcd.ie/religion/current-students](http://tcd.ie/religion/current-students)

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# Undergraduate Handbooks: The rules of the game

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### Handbooks and Academic Resources

[BA Religion Handbook 2025-26](#) >

[BA Religion Module Descriptors 2025-26](#) >

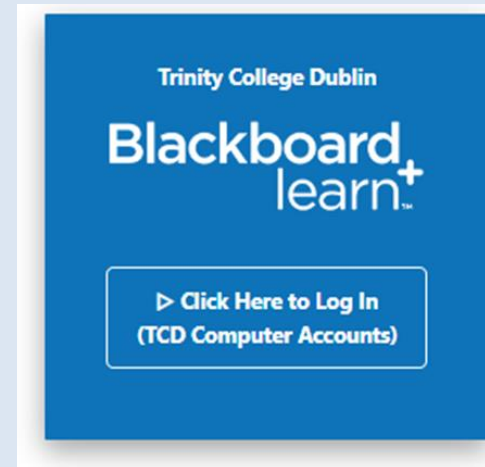
[Visiting Student Descriptor BA Religion Undergraduate Modules 2025-26](#) >

[Foundation Scholarship Presentation 2025](#) >



# Things to look out for ...

- the Handbooks
- your Timetable
- Blackboard: your learning platform
- Module Enrolment & pathway choice
- deadlines & late submission policy
- your tutor
- Library: do the intro sessions!
- Health and Safety / College Services
- Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI)



**Enjoy getting to know each other and us!**

# Contact us!

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## We can help you if you let us know! Queries:

- about your module: the Module Coordinator: [your lecturer](#)
- programme-related: the Course Coordinator: Prof. David Shepherd [shepherd@tcd.ie](mailto:shepherd@tcd.ie)
- For general queries: the UG Executive Officer: Dominique Plant at [srundergrad@tcd.ie](mailto:srundergrad@tcd.ie)

# Your Programme

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**Meet your lecturers!**

# Your Programme: the structure

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**1st Year:**      **set modules** - a foundation of knowledge in various perspectives

**2nd Year:**      **Pathway Choice** – specialize; take on a language, a New Minor;  
broaden through **Open Modules** and **Trinity Electives**

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**3rd Year:**      **Study Abroad; broaden and specialize**

**4th Year:**      **Capstone Project; 10 credit modules**



# Your Programme: Year One ...

... provides you with an overview and foundational knowledge in these areas:

**Biblical Studies,  
Religions in the  
Ancient  
Mediterranean**

**Theology; historical  
and contemporary**

**Ethics and Politics  
of Religion**

**Study of Religion &  
the World's  
Religions**

# Passing First Year

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**1st & 2nd Year:** marks do not count for the final degree → try out, find out, experiment, learn ... **BUT:** get to **know the rules!** → not submitting work or missing exams will get you into trouble; “study abroad” requires good marks

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- Contact your tutor if you struggle; if you miss an exam: *immediately*
- Get in touch with your Course Coordinator or the DUTL
- Be part of the Learning Community and let us know what you need

# And if you want a challenge ...

**Foundation Scholarship** – an exam after three semester to be granted five years of privileges

<https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/scholarship/>

**Prizes** for your coursework, exams and capstone projects



The poster is titled "UG Religion Prizes 2024-25" in white and yellow text on a dark blue background. It features a large yellow circle in the top left and white line art of a person in the top right. The prizes are organized into three columns: Junior Fresh, Junior Sophister, and Senior Fresh. Each prize is listed in a yellow rounded rectangle. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a URL for more information.

Junior Fresh	Senior Fresh
Carson Biblical Prize	Church Formularies Prize and Ryan Prize
	Bishop Forster's Divinity Premium
	The 1983 Prize in Biblical Greek
	George L. Huxley Prize in Patristics

Junior Sophister	Senior Sophister
George L. Huxley Prize in Patristics	Wall Biblical Scholarships
Lambert Prize	Robert King Memorial Prize in Ecclesiastical History
John A. Boland Memorial Prize	Toplady Memorial Scripture Prize
Wall Biblical Scholarships	
Newport White Prize	

For more information about Religion prizes, access Trinity Calendar: <https://bit.ly/TCDCalendarPrizes>



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**THANK YOU!**

**Questions welcome ...**

