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SCSS International Exchange Programme Information Session
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For ICS, MSISS and CS Joint Honour students

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SCSS Erasmus programme is a separate presentation later in the semester

.. but in the interim see the recent Go Global presentation and our UG Handbook

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This presentation will be available in coming days from https://www.tcd.ie/scss/study-abroad/outbound-students/

What is International Exchange?

International exchanges, also known as College-wide exchanges, are open to eligible students at Trinity.

They are exchanges with universities outside Europe (e.g. USA, Canada, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore) with which Trinity have exchange partnerships. Please note that students cannot go on non-approved programmes for Study Abroad.

Current full list

https://www.tcd.ie/global/mobility/outbound/where-can-i-go/outside-europe/

NOTE ALSO that NOT all universities that Trinity has relationships have suitable course/modules for your SCSS course

See later in the slide deck wrt some of universities that SCSS has had experience of

Things to consider before applying?

As a first step in applying to go on exchange, it is important to think about what an exchange involves – going to new places, seeing a new university and discovering new styles of learning.

Review presentations from Global Team on outbound programme in general (and for Joint Honours there has also been a specific presentation)

An early consideration:

- How you plan to meet the **cost** involved in going away?
  No additional fees- tuition fees are paid to Trinity as normal
  But Consider- the cost of living in your chosen destination

https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/comparison.jsp

For other “is it right for me” considerations, see Global website FAQs

Things to consider before applying? Strict Eligibility requirements

Review the SCSS policy on studying abroad

https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/scss/pdfs/Exec-Approved-16092026--Study-Abroard-Policy-for-UG.pdf

In particular be aware of SCSS eligibility requirements which relate to your SCSS modules….See next slides

Any issues related to individual eligibility decisions based on the School's policy, in the first instance can only be brought (if there is an exceptional case) via your course director to the School's Director of UGTL for consideration.

2026 Updated Policy on Eligibility: ICS and MSISS Students

To be eligible for either an Erasmus/EU exchange or another non-EU, international exchange in Junior Sophister year, you must **achieve an overall II.1 standard in your first attempt at Junior Fresh assessments with no supplementals** required prior to making an application (during Senior Fresh year) to Global to study abroad.

Note also that before final School approval is issued to finally proceed with an approved international exchange, you must also have **achieved an overall II.1 in your Senior Fresh year in your first attempt at Senior Fresh assessments with no supplementals required**.

NOTE: Policy document includes clarifications around deferrals

2026 Updated Policy on Eligibility: JH Students

If you are a Computer Science Joint Honours student, you must achieve an overall II.1 standard **in your first attempt at Junior Fresh** assessments with no supplementals required, and an overall II.1 standard **in your first attempt at Senior Fresh assessments** with no supplementals required, of the **Computer Science subject** modules

but will otherwise be subject to overall College study abroad requirements and **any additional requirements specified for your other JH subjects**.

NOTE: Policy document includes clarifications around deferrals

2026 Updated Policy on Eligibility: CSLL students

If you are a **Computer Science, Linguistics and a Language** student, you are **exempt** from achieving both the School and College requirements for study abroad due to the mandatory nature of Erasmus in your Junior Sophister year for students of French and Spanish. Exchange is not currently available to Computer Science, Linguistics and Irish.

Academic Planning – Credit Requirements

Start the **academic planning** involved in meeting your course requirements

In particular, look at the mandatory/core modules that you will miss for the Semester you will be away, as you will need to match these as closely as possibly for host modules on your exchange

ICS and MSISS:
You must pass **45 ECTS full year (22.5 per semester)** of your modules to progress to 4th year

Joint honors:
You must pass **45 ECTS full year (20 per semester)** of your modules to progress to 4th year. **Note there are particular breakdown of the thresholds here that depend on the JH pathway you choose.**

Irrespective of course, we advise that you plan to take up to 30 ECTS per semester (just in case) to ensure you hit the pass thresholds, to avoid having to do reassessments (if they allow) in host university. Remember your Grade will count towards your final degree.

Guidance on Credit and Grade conversions can be found:
https://www.tcd.ie/study/assets/PDF/study-abroad/How%20to%20Apply/Updated%20Tables%20March%202021.pdf

If you do not find conversion, contact SCSS team at outbound.international.exchange@lists.scss.tcd.ie

Before you apply to Global: academic considerations

- Will you meet the **Eligibility criteria** wrt marks in Junior and Senior Fresh
- Are **core/compulsory modules** for your **3rd year** course mapped?
- Do your proposed host modules help you meet the needs for the **4th year** modules **you hope to take**?
- Do your proposed host modules **align with or enhance** your knowledge related to your **particular course** (ICS, MSISS, Joint Honours)?

BEFORE making a Study Abroad Application

As long as:

- You have in a first sitting achieved 2.1 or above in Junior Fresh exams, and you believe that a 2.1 or above in Senior Fresh is going to be achieved at first sitting (see earlier slides)

- You are assured the universities you applying for has modules and enrolment policies that will allow you meet the academic requirements for your particular course

… then you **do not need** to seek explicit SCSS approval before you apply to the Global mobility/exchange programme (we will check after applications received by Global)

Keep an eye out on Global Team's website and for their communications with respect to deadlines
When making your application to Global ensure you record the full name of the course properly on the form

- Integrated Computer Science (ICS)
- Management Science and Information Systems Studies (MSISS)
- Joint Honours Computer Science (including planned pathway if known)
    - With subjects Computer Science and Blank.... Blank being Business or Economics or etc.

AFTER you accepted your offer from Global

Mapping of modules will need to be approved by **SCSS academic coordinator for ICS and MSISS** and **academic coordinator(s) for Joint Honours**

For SCSS related modules

- **Use template spreadsheet to** begin by emailing AC(s) a listing that shows for each host module (name, code, link to its webpage) a mapping to TCD module (include name and code) to be substituted for AND include your statement of ECTS conversion. (see next slide example format)
  Aim to have informal agreement with your AC(s) **at least one month** before communication with host of proposed module choices.
- This will later feed into a more **formal Learning Agreement** that needs to be signed by all parties, and allows for achieved credits and grades to be converted and recognised here in TCD for your course record

Sample Spreadsheet to initiate informal discussion of module mapping with your SCSS Academic Coordinator: template will be made available to you depending on course

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	COURSE	Joint Honours: Computer Science and Business				
2	PERIOD	Semester 2				
3	**TCD Module (including web link to description)**	**COURSE CORE/MANDATORY MODULE?**	**TCD ECTS**	**Host University : UW-Madison Module (including weblink to description)**	**Host Credits**	**Credit Conversion in ECTS**
4	Subject: Computer Science					
5	Core					
6	CSU34041 – Information Management II	YES	5	COMP SCI 564 — DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION	4	8
7	CSU33013 – Software Engineering Project II	YES	5	COMP SCI/E C E 506 — SOFTWARE ENGINEERING	3	6
8						
9	CSU33061 – Artificial Intelligence I	No	5	COMP SCI 540 — INTRODUCTION TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	3	6
10	CSU33071 – Compiler Design I	No	5	COMP SCI 536 — INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES AND COMPILERS	3	6
11						
12						
13	Subject: Business					
14	BUU33805 Financial Risk Management	No	5	STAT 461 — FINANCIAL STATISTICS	3	6
15	BUU33760 Financial Markets and Institutions	No	5	ECON 330 — MONEY AND BANKING	4	8
16						
17						**Converted ECTS total**
18						40
19						

Informal agreement gets formally documented as a **Learning Agreement (LA)**

This is a document completed **ideally before but sometimes immediately after** arrival at your exchange University

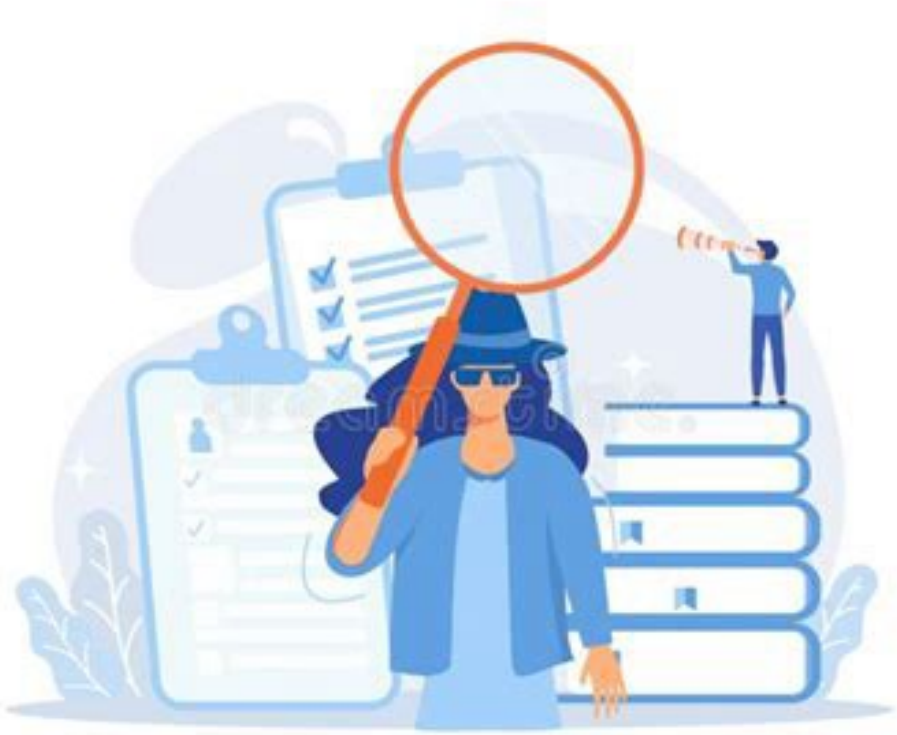
It describes what topics you are **actually** doing.

It needs to be ratified and **signed** by an exchange coordinator at the host

ONLY THEN, do we **countersign** this back here and record.

Important: the LA is essential to ensure the credits you achieve for your modules abroad will get recognised and recorded for your course here in TCD

So the first thing is to do is your research...



Previous SCSS Hosts

– example positive experiences… but can depend on your course….

- **University of California**
- **New York University**
- **Boston College**
- **University of Waterloo**
- **University of British Columbia**
- **….**
- **Korea University**
- **University of Melbourne**
- **University of Sydney**
- **Monash University**
- **Hong Kong University of Science & Technology**
- **……**

If you want to sanity check a particular host university you are thinking of, contact the SCSS outbound international team

Q&A