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SCSS International Exchange Programme Information Session October 2025 for 26/27 academic year

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**, so if you're interested in studying in the USA, Canada, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore or other such destinations these are the exchanges for you!

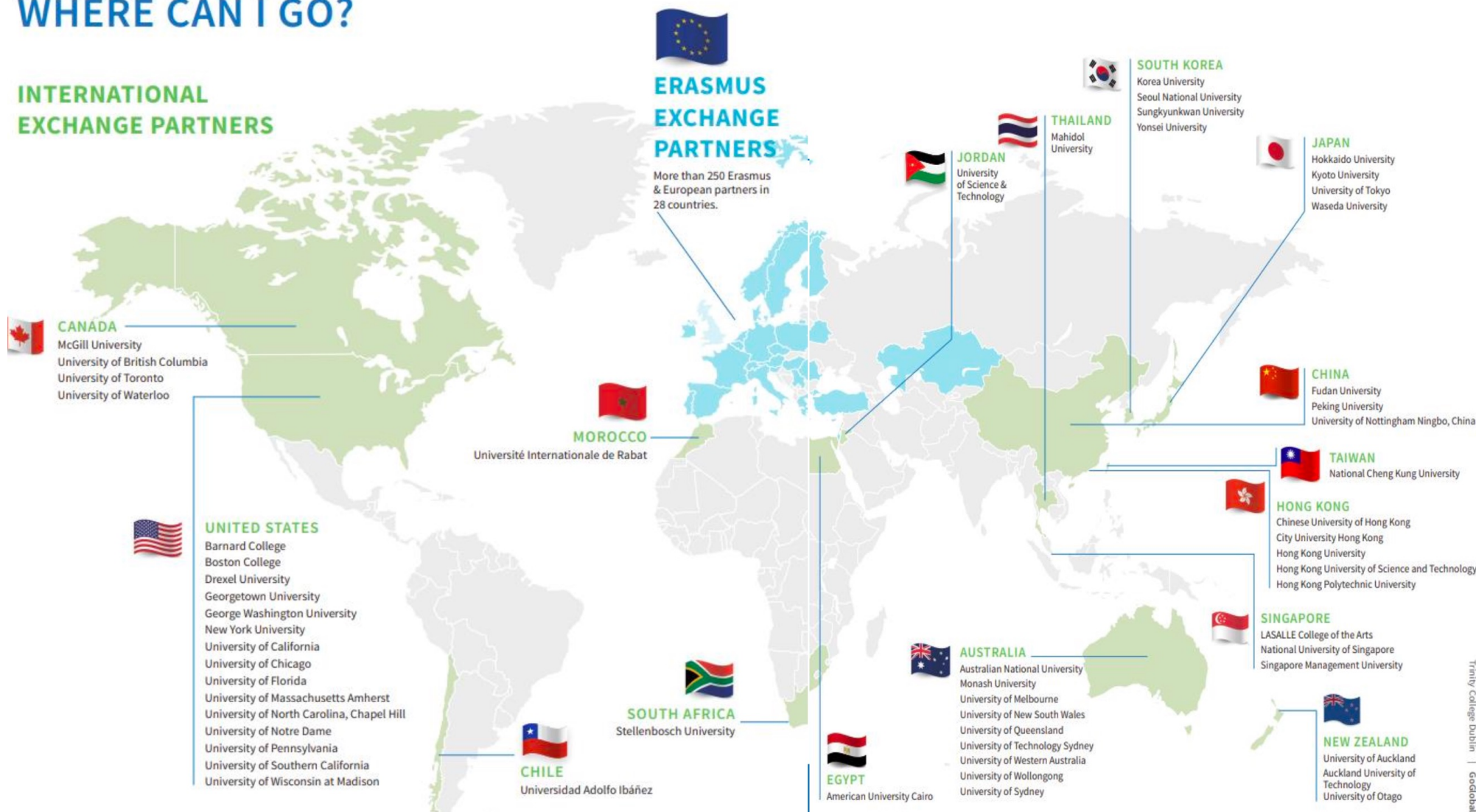
The current full list is here

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

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

WHERE CAN I GO?

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PARTNERS



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.

What else to consider:

- How you plan to meet the **cost** involved in going away?
- What is the **academic planning** involved in meeting your course requirements when overseas.

Please note that students **cannot** go on non-approved programmes for Study Abroad.

Reminder: What to consider from the start

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

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

SCSS Eligibility requirements

"To be eligible for either an Erasmus/EU exchange or another non-EU, international exchange, **you must achieve an overall II.1 standard** in your **first attempt** at assessments in the year prior to making an application to study abroad.

If you are intending to study abroad in the Junior Sophister year and will apply during your Senior Freshman year, this means that **you must have achieved an overall II.1 standard** at your **first attempt** at Junior Freshman assessments."

SCSS Undergraduate Handbook

It is also our SCSS expectation that you achieve
an overall II.1 standard at Senior Fresh assessments

Academic Planning – Credit Requirements

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

We advise that you plan to take up to 30 ECTS per semester (just in case) to ensure you hit the pass thresholds

Remember your Grade will count towards your final degree

Information on Grade and Credit conversion can be found [here](#).

If you do not find conversion, contact Global team and/or Catherine

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)?

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
 - 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
 - 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

- **Informally** 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 on feed into a more **formal Learning Agreement** that needs to be signed that will allow for achieved credits to be converted and recognised by TCD for your course record

Sample Spreadsheet to initiate informal discussion of module mapping with your SCSS Academic Coordinator

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	COURSE	Joint Honours: Computer Science and Business				
2	PERIOD	Semester 2				
	COURSE CORE/MANDATORY					
3	TCD Module (Including web link to description)	COURSE 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.F. 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

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

We **countersign** this back here.

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

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



Previous Computer Science Hosts

- **University of California**
- **New York University**
- **Seoul National University**
- **University of Toronto**
- **University of British Columbia**
- **University of Waterloo**

Previous Engineering Hosts

- **University of Sydney**
- **University of Toronto**
- **University of California**
- **University of New South Wales**
- **University of Waterloo**
- **University of Wisconsin – Madison**
- **Australian National University**
- **Hong Kong University of Science & Technology**
- **National University of Singapore**
- **University of Melbourne**
- **University of Queensland**
- **McGill University**
- **University of Notre Dame**

Previous MSISS Hosts

- **McGill University**
- **Toronto University**
- **Barnard College** -women only, Hillary Term
- **Boston College**
- **New York University**
- **Chicago University**
- **Wisconsin University**
- **Drexel University** -Hillary Term only

Previous Computer Science & Business

We have experience of the following universities :

- **McGill University**
- **Toronto University**
- **University of British Columbia**
- **University of Nottingham, Ningbo**
- **University of Melbourne**
- **University of Sydney**

Q&A