IV THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

1. In a limited range of subjects, a matriculation examination is held in Trinity College every year usually in April. A detailed timetable is sent to candidates a fortnight before the examination.

2. The subjects of the matriculation examination are biblical studies and geology. Candidates may take one or both subjects.

3. The examination is graded in terms equivalent to the grades used in the higher Leaving Certificate examination papers.

4. Intending candidates must complete and send to the Academic Registry a matriculation examination application form, and the non-returnable fee of €98, together with the completed fee-payment form, not later than 1 March. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that the completed forms and fee payment reach the Academic Registry by the prescribed closing date. Late applications will not be accepted under 5.

5. One 3-hour paper is set in each subject.

Syllabus for April 2020 only

Biblical studies
The paper comprises two sections. Candidates should attempt both sections as outlined below. 24 Calendar 2019-20

SECTION A. OLD TESTAMENT

Either

I The history of Israel up to and including the Babylonian exile. Particular attention should be given to the origins of Israel, the rise of the monarchy, the fall of Samaria and the impact of the exile.

or

II Old Testament literature:
(a) Narrative: the Joseph story (Genesis 37-48)
(b) Poetry: the Book of Amos
(c) Wisdom: the Book of Job
SECTION B. NEW TESTAMENT

Either

I   The history of early Christianity in the first century. Particular attention should be given to the Jewish and Hellenistic environment, Jesus and his movement in Palestine and developments up to the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D.

or

II  Early Christian literature:

   (a) Narrative: Acts of the Apostles
   (b) Gospels: Mark’s Gospel
   (c) Letters: First Corinthians

The biblical text used will be the Revised Standard Version. Information about, past papers and suggested reading can be found by contacting Anne Fitzpatrick at fitzpaa@tcd.ie. If you have any further questions about studying in the School of Religion please email Ms Jane Welch at jwelch@tcd.ie or visit the website: https://www.tcd.ie/religion/.