Erasmus, International Exchange and Visiting Student Welcome Meeting

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Structure of the Meeting

- Departments and co-ordinators
- Structure of academic year
- Choosing modules and module load
- ECTS credits at Trinity College
Departments and Coordinators

– School of Business, James White (business.exchange@tcd.ie)
  • Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 09:30 – 12:30
  • Room: Undergraduate Office, 3rd Floor, School of Business, Aras an Phiarsaigh

– Department of Economics, Dr. Eleanor Denny (dennye@tcd.ie)
  • Office hours: Tuesdays 2-4pm
  • Room: 3021, Arts Building

– Department of Political Science, Liam Kneafsey (kneafsel@tcd.ie)
  • Office hours: Wednesday 15.00 -17.00
  • Room 4.09, 4th Floor, 2-3 College Green
Departments and Coordinators

– Department of Sociology, Dr Pablo Gracia (graciap@tcd.ie)
  • Office Hours: Wednesday 10.00 –14.00
  • Room: 2.02, 2nd Floor, 3 College Green

– Department of Philosophy, Dr Alweiss (alweissl@tcd.ie)
  • Monday 15.00 – 16.00
  • Room: 5007, Arts Building
Structure of the Academic Year

- Term 1 (Michaelmas Term, MT)
  - Teaching Starts 10th September
  - Reading Week – Week 7 (October 22nd) No lectures and tutorials during this week
  - Teaching ends – 30th November
  - Revision week – 3rd December
  - Assessment – 10th December
  - Examination period: 1 – 26 May
Structure of the Academic Year

- **Term 2 (Hilary Term, HT)**
  - 21st January – Teaching starts
  - Reading Week - Week 7 (4th March)
  - 12th April – Teaching ends
  - 15th April – Revision week starts
  - 22nd April – Assessment starts
Some Important Websites

– Regularly check your @tcd.ie account!

– Many lecturers in Trinity College Dublin use Blackboard Learn and Turnitin.com

  • Blackboard Learn: Lecture notes, readings etc are posted here (you will be registered automatically after your module registration form is processed. Lecturers can also add you manually)

  • Turnitin.com: some modules require submission of assignments via this channel (plagiarism check), you receive further information in the relevant assignment guidelines.

  • Plagiarism Policy; http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/calendar
Some General Advice

– Keep us informed of your progress or difficulties during your time at Trinity College. Your Erasmus coordinator is also your tutor while you are here

– Other sources of support:
  • Student Counselling Service – student-counselling@tcd.ie
  • Chaplaincy Service – chaplaincy@tcd.ie
  • Student-2-Student – student2student@tcd.ie
  • Student Health Centre
  • Student Union
How to pick your modules

– Take about 80% - 100% of a Trinity student’s module load (but meet the requirements of your home university); visit some modules in first week to help you decide

– Take a good mix of modules subject to schedule and restrictions: you cannot take modules that clash on the timetable
What is the right module load?

- We do not recommend taking more than 30 credits per term. If your home institution asks you to do more, please contact your TCD Coordinator for assistance.
- Equally, we will not sign a module registration form that is too light (e.g. just one or two modules)
- Spread your credit load equally between terms

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** The Department of Political Science does not accept Visiting and Erasmus students in SS (4th year) modules.

*** Exchange students do an additional assignment
Registering for modules

- Module registration form (included in Welcome Pack)

- Get this form signed by relevant coordinator for all modules

- Submit to Academic Registry Service Desk with all signatures complete. They will register you officially on the system. Ensure module codes are correct. If there are clashes you will not be able to register

- Ensure you have signatures from coordinators outside Business and Social Sciences and Philosophy (SSSP) if needed before submitting!
Choosing Modules

https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/incoming/module-outlines.php

• Some modules have quotas: see website
• Module places will be assigned on first come first served basis
• You can only get your form signed during office hours
Time spent in classroom

• Most modules involve 2-3 hours per week in the classroom in lectures, seminars and tutorials, and about 5 hours per week reading and preparation (emphasis on independent study).

• Tutorials:
  – Note that many modules will offer several tutorials that cover the same topic – usually students are assigned to a tutorial group. If in doubt ask your lecturer.

• Assessment:
  – Variety of assessment methods - essays, assignments, tests etc and a proportion to an exam
  – Students may not have to do an exam in some departments, but may have a lot of essays due around the same time
Buddy System

• Run by Trinity students to help you feel at home and to make your stay in Ireland more enjoyable.

• Incoming students are assigned a Trinity Student Buddy - many who have studied abroad themselves.

• Buddies organise events throughout the year such as nights out in Dublin, cultural trips to the cinema, museums and theatre and at least one weekend trip each term.

• Open to visiting and exchange students studying business, economics, philosophy, political science and sociology.
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