

Testimonials from former TCD Erasmus students

My year abroad was one of the most valuable, enjoyable and enriching experiences of my life so far. The Erasmus programme gives you the opportunity to understand and explore different cultures from all over the world. I have forged many great friendships and regard this aspect of Erasmus life deeply important. If you consider yourself interested in what lies beyond this island nation then an Erasmus exchange programme is a must! (**Matthew Turner – Copenhagen, Denmark**).

Adapting to French culture was challenging at first but after a few weeks it was like I had lived there all my life. My French improved infinitely. The French take pride in teaching sociology as many famous sociologists hail from there. To go into all my experiences would result in a dissertation full of laughs, good craic, parties, travelling and loads of new friends. It is such an amazing experience and will stay with you for the rest of your life (**Maria Swan – Lille, France**).

With very dark winters, very bright summers and all the snow you could want, Umea definitely offers a different way of life to Dublin. I rarely met a Swede who didn't speak near perfect English, but Swedish modules are offered to learn the local language. The international office there were fantastic and organized trips, nights out and loads of social events for the huge number of international students. I can't recommend going there highly enough (**Roisin O'Grady – Umea, Sweden**).