Erasmus and International Exchange Information Meeting

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Exchange Information Meeting
21st October, 2020
Agenda

Structure of the Meeting

– 12.00 – 12.59: General Session
– Departmental Sessions:
  • Economics: 13:00 to 13:59; click here to join the meeting.
  • Political Science: 14:00 to 14:59; click here to join the meeting.
  • Philosophy: 15:00 to 15:59; click here to join the meeting.
  • Sociology: 16:00 to 16:59; click here to join the meeting.
  • Business: 17:00 to 17:59; click here to join the meeting.
Departments and Coordinators

Business – Dr Deirdre Crowe
– Email: business.exchange@tcd.ie
– Virtual Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 - 12.30

Economics – Dr Joseph Kopecky
– Email: Econ.Exchange@tcd.ie
– Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 11.00 – 12.00

Political Science – Dr Dino Hadzic
– Email: PoliticalScienceExchange@tcd.ie
– Virtual Office Hours: Friday 10.00 – 12.00

Philosophy – Dr Ben White
– Email: whitebe@tcd.ie
– Virtual Office Hours: Tuesday 16.00 – 17.00

Sociology – Dr David Ralph
– Email: ralphda@tcd.ie
– Virtual Office Hours: Wednesday 12:00 – 14.00
Who is Responsible for What?

**Academic Advice and Approval**
- Departmental Erasmus Coordinators

**Administrative Support**
- Programme Administrators

**Grant Administration**
- Academic Registry

- For further details please consult the website, [http://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/outbound/](http://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/outbound/). Email queries to [Erasmus@tcd.ie](mailto:Erasmus@tcd.ie)
Which Exchanges can I go on?

– Check the exchanges available for each department you are studying with on website: https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Outgoing/destinations/index.php

– You are eligible to apply in either Department/School you are studying with

– If you study two subjects, you **must** make sure that you can take both subjects in the university you select before applying – **SEE ELIGIBILITY NOTES**

Also: There are some international (non-EU) exchanges for non-Erasmus options (Trinity Business School; Economics)
Half a Year or a Full Year?

- If you spend half a year abroad, you will be examined on the basis of work completed in Trinity and abroad.
- If your second subject is not offered in a university you are interested in you may consider going on a half year exchange, provided you are able to frontload your modules - check with coordinator.
- There is a section to indicate your preference on the application form.
Applying for Erasmus

- Application form available on: http://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/Apply/
- Applications to be submitted via Qualtrics. Practice form in Word will be available soon on website. **Only fully completed applications submitted via Qualtrics will be accepted.**
- Applications open on: Friday 23rd October 2020
- Deadline: Friday 27th November 2020, at 12noon
- Places will be allocated on basis of grades, availability and suitability of exchanges
Applying for Erasmus

– When giving your JF grades please enter NUMERICAL grade*

– You will be asked to list five top preferences

– Please do your homework on which exchanges are suitable for your subject combination before you list them on the form

* These results will be checked and students who misreport their results will be excluded from the selection process
Applications outcome

- First round offers will be made in mid January
- Those who have been offered non-EU places and are also offered Erasmus place will have to inform the School and Global Relations accept/decline Erasmus offer
- You will have roughly a week accept or decline the offer
  - Please note: before you accept consider financial implications etc. as withdrawals are only permitted in exceptional circumstances
- Remaining places will be offered in following rounds
Applications outcome

- You then need to **apply to the internal Trinity system** as well as the host university (on-line application form)

- You will be invited to **apply to the host university** after Academic Registry has nominated you
  - This process differs slightly in each host university
  - Ensure to do this promptly when invited
Requirements

- You must remain registered at TCD even if you go abroad for a full year, so make sure you are registered before leaving. i.e.

- Offers are made subject to conditions and an absolute minimum of a second class honor (II.2) at the first attempt in the Senior Fresh year is required for all Erasmus exchanges.

- Make sure you have a valid passport and the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).
Who is responsible for what?

- We expect you to:
  - Research exchange programmes thoroughly before you apply/accept an offer
  - Be able to act independently on a day to day basis
  - Investigate courses in advance, but expect to be flexible
  - Inform us if you encounter difficulties

- Although we will give you all assistance we can to support you academically, we cannot:
  - Help with finding accommodation
  - Control the courses that other universities offer
  - Review or intervene in the decisions of partner universities
Things to consider before applying

– Erasmus is a wonderful opportunity:
  • ‘An absolute must. best decision I ever made & I wasn’t even too excited about it when I went. Tell students to Beg borrow or steal to fund it, it's worth it! Doesn’t matter where you go either, its just about the friends you make.’
  • ‘By far the best year of my life overall.’

– BUT part of the experience can be challenging:
  • ‘I hadn't fully considered the implications of moving away from family and friends for 7 months and at times found this harder than I had expected. However overall it was a great experience and I would definitely do it again.’

Part of the experience is taking responsibility, being comfortable in a new and different environment, developing resilience and independence.
Additional information

Please see the Handbook for Outgoing Students for information relevant to Erasmus and Non-EU exchanges.
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