Erasmus and International Exchange Information Meeting

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Exchange Information Meeting

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Departmental Sessions

Department of Philosophy Information Session: Wednesday 5th October at 12pm via Zoom: https://tcd-ie.zoom.us/j/96310039244

Department of Political Science Information Session: Wednesday 5th October at 2pm via Zoom: https://tcd-ie.zoom.us/j/92676347477

Trinity Business School Information Session: Wednesday 5th October at 3pm via Zoom: https://tcd-ie.zoom.us/j/92167989516

Department of Economics Information: Wednesday 5th October at 4pm via Zoom: https://tcd-ie.zoom.us/j/96288515902

Department of Sociology Information Session: Thursday 6th October at 10am via Zoom: https://tcd-ie.zoom.us/j/91289394601
Coordinators and Executive officer

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Political Science – Tom Paskhalis
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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.
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/. Email queries to 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

- Note: there will be some changes in available exchanges so please check the website on Monday 10th September

- 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

- 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 will be made available on the following webpage as soon as applications open: https://www.tcd.ie/ssp/undergraduate/study-abroad/apply/
- There will be a practice application form in word available on the webpage.
- Applications to be submitted via Microsoft Forms. Only fully completed applications submitted via Microsoft Forms will be accepted.
- Applications open on: Monday 10th October 2022
- Deadline: Thursday 10th November 2022 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 up to 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 are made in mid-January / early February
- Those who have been offered College-wide places and are also offered Erasmus place will have to inform the School and Global Relations & accept/decline Erasmus or College-wide 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
  - If you reject or do not reply to an offer, you will be excluded from the selection process
- Remaining places will be offered in following rounds
Applications outcome

— 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.

- Offers are made subject to conditions and an absolute minimum of a second class honours (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 the 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
Additional information

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