

The Trinity College Dublin Jargon Buster:

An A-Z of all things TCD

A is for

Academic Registry

You'll often hear people referring to the Academic Registry using the short-hand, AR.

The Academic Registry is your one-stop-shop for all of your administrative needs and queries, and is located in the Watts building (part of the Hamilton complex).

On weekdays between 9am and 5pm, you can visit AR in person or call them on (+353) 01896 4500. Alternatively, email academic.registry@tcd.ie

Academic Year Structure

A sub-section of the College Calendar which lays out the structure of teaching semesters and research/review periods.

The Academic Year Structure document also highlights key dates - such as when the College is closed for Christmas, or when a bank holiday may impact on teaching.

AHSS

Aka. the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Alumni

Past students. Paul Mescal and Mary Robinson, for example - or, you, after you've graduated!

Aras an Phiarsaigh ('or-ass on feer-sig')

Green/glass building found between Printing House Square and the Samuel Beckett Theatre.

Aras an Phiarsaigh is home to some Psychology and Engineering classrooms, and the IT Service desk. There is also a small café in the foyer.

Arts Block

Colloquial name for the Arts Building - a 1970s listed architectural *masterpiece*. Home to most lecture theatres and classrooms for students in the Faculty of AHSS.

You will learn to love it, I promise.

Atrium

Event space and meeting place in the Dining Hall building which is often used by student societies.

B is for

Blackboard

Online platform used to support your learning. Head to tcd.blackboard.com to access your module announcements, assignments, reading lists, lecture slides, and more! You can also download the Blackboard app on your phone.

Blackboard Ally

Blackboard's in-built accessibility features. Use Ally to make resources work for you!

(Samuel) Beckett Theatre

Campus theatre housed in a wooden building next to Aras an Phiarsaigh.

This building is home to the Drama Studies department, as well as the student society, DU Players, who stage productions in their own black-box theatre space.

Botany Bay

A residential square located behind the GMB.

If you're not in fourth year, you're more likely to visit Botany Bay to play tennis or five-a-side on its astro-turf courts.

Book of Kells

To quote Wikipedia, The Book of Kells is an 'illuminated Gospel book.' This means that it is a highly-illustrated manuscript depicting the Christian Bible's four Gospels.

The Book dates back to the 9th century, can be seen in our Old Library, and attracts thousands of visitors every year.

As a Trinity student, you (and your family and friends) can visit the Book of Kells for free. Head to www.visittrinity.ie/book-of-kells/ for more information.

Board

Executive College decision-making group formed of academic and professional staff and student representatives.

BLU

Library complex housing the Library (former Berkeley), Ussher, and Lecky reading rooms, and texts for students in the Faculty of AHSS.

If you're having any difficulties finding books or other research materials, you can always find a Librarian at the BLU's Service Counter who will be happy to help!

Business School

Shiny, modern building which runs along Pearse Street. It houses the School of Business (official name, 'Trinity Business School') and Tangent, and the Forum restaurant.

(The) Buttery

The Buttery is one of Trinity's on-campus eateries, open each weekday for (a particularly excellent) breakfast, and lunch. It's also home to a barista coffee bar!

The best bit - by paying with your T-Card, you can purchase all of your food, drinks, and snacks at a discounted price!

C is for

College

College with a capital 'C' is what we call Trinity. college with a lowercase 'c' is any other university.

(The) Campanile

The big bell tower in Front Square. Don't walk under the Campanile, whatever you do; it's said that if the bell tolls whilst you're underneath it, you'll fail your degree. Trust me, it's not worth it!

Chapel

From the outside, the Chapel is the mirror-image of the Exam Hall, and is on your left as you walk through Front Gate.

The Chapel is regularly used by the College Chaplains for denominational and ecumenical Christian services. Students of other faiths can talk to the Chaplains to find the location of their faith services. The Chaplains themselves can usually be found in House 27.

College Calendar

A set of books, published annually, listing Trinity's regulations, staff members, awards, and, yes, a few dates.

College Green

The area immediately in front of Front Gate.

How far does it stretch before it becomes Dame Street? No one knows, but my thinking is that it at least includes the Butler's over the way.

College Health Centre

Based in Printing House Square, the College Health Centre offers free GP services for Trinity students. Visit www.tcd.ie/collegehealth for more information.

Colours

Used to describe events in which we compete with UCD. Our equivalent of the Oxford/Cambridge competitions.

College Park

Large grassy area in front of the Pav. Used for cricket and athletics and sitting around in summer when the sun is out (or not, as the case may be).

College Secretary

Deals with College's legal matters, provides support to the Board and College Officers, runs elections, and helps to host guests and conferences.

Commons

Evening meal served to Scholars and Fellows in the Dining Hall.

Commencement

The official name for graduation ceremonies - the idea being that it marks you commencing your career as a graduate.

Crèche

The College operates a Crèche (Day Nursery) for the young children of students and College staff. For more information, visit www.tcd.ie/about/services/daynursery.

CSC

You'll often hear people referring to the Central Societies Committee using the short-hand, CSC.

The Central Societies Committee is run collaboratively between staff and elected students, and supports student societies with their administrative requirements, grant applications, etc. They also have the power to grant and remove society status from relevant groups.

D is for

Disability Service

Trinity's Disability Service provides support to registered students with invisible or visible disabilities.

You can drop in to their base in Printing House Square to talk with a Disability Officer, or email askds@tcd.ie with any questions.

Dean

Academic head of a collection of services or departments. For example, the Dean of Health Sciences heads up the Faculty of Health Sciences, whilst the Dean of Graduate Studies is in charge of postgraduate academic matters.

Dean of Students

Perhaps a more confusing title than those of the other Deans; the Dean of Students is in charge of everything you experience at Trinity outside of the classroom.

Dining Hall

The Dining Hall building actually contains multiple dining halls - the Buttery, the Scholars' Dining Hall, the Staff Dining Hall, and the Senior Common Room - as well as the 1592 restaurant, the Atrium, and several society rooms.

That being said, if someone asks you to meet them in the Dining Hall, chances are that they mean the large, wood-panelled hall located behind the central doors of the building's entrance area.

D'Olier Street

In a Trinity context, D'Olier Street is both the street itself, and shorthand for the Nursing and Midwifery building located just off of the central campus on (you guessed it!) D'Olier Street.

DU or Dublin University

Not to be confused with UCD (University College Dublin) or DCU (Dublin City University), or even TUD (Technological University of Dublin), Trinity College is the only college of Dublin University.

If you'd like to read more about Trinity's history, head to www.tcd.ie/about/history - that way you'll have a better idea about why you're now a member of the Dublin University Players, not the Trinity Players or other societal/club equivalent.

E is for

East Chapel

Offices located on the East side of the Chapel. Also home to the Trinity Alumni Room.

East End

Also commonly referred to as the 'Hamilton End' or the 'Science End' of campus, this is the area closest to Westland Row.

Some people may use the term 'East End' to refer specifically to the 'Hamilton complex' (the interconnected Watts, Hamilton, and O'Reilly buildings), whilst some may use it to more broadly designate anywhere on the Hamilton side of College Park, or the dark lands behind the Pav. If you're unsure where they mean, just ask!

East Theatre

Offices on the East side of the Public Theatre (Exam Hall). Home to Trinity Global.

Emergency Procedures

It's important to familiarise yourself with the emergency procedures that apply in different campus locations, eg. knowing the fire assembly point for a building.

It's also important to note that you should ring (+353) 01896 1999 instead of 999 if you have an emergency on campus. Phoning this number allows security to contact emergency responders on your behalf, who can guide teams on the most efficient route to reach you. Additionally, we recommend that students download the SafeZone App which you can use to send your exact location to responders if experiencing distress.

Enquiries

If you become a member of a society's committee, chances are you'll need to get in touch with Trinity Enquiries during your tenure. Enquiries are the people who can book a space to hold your on-campus events. You can email them at enquiries@tcd.ie.

Exam Hall

The Exam Hall (also known as the Public Theatre) is a Georgian building in Front Square which is still used for exams and official functions, such as graduation ceremonies. As you may have read, the Exam Hall's frontage is a mirror image of that of the Chapel. The Exam Hall is the one on the right-hand side of Front Gate.

F is for

Fellows

An academic standing awarded to elected members of teaching/research staff at Trinity (not just men!).

Scholarship or research achievement of a high order is the primary qualification for Fellowship, coupled with evidence of the candidate's contribution to the academic life of the College and an effective record in teaching - meaning that it's likely that many of your favourite lecturers are Fellows.

Fellows' Square

The grassy area between the Arts Building and the Old Library.

Don't worry, you don't have to be a Fellow to eat your lunch there when it's sunny - you can go right ahead!

Fire Assembly Points

Make sure to familiarise yourself with the fire assembly points of relevant buildings. Look for an evacuation map near to the building's entrance or stairwells for more information.

Foster Place

An off-campus building, next to the Starbucks on Dame Street (or is it still College Green?).

Forum

College-operated eatery located in the Business School. Here you'll find hot and cold lunch offerings, barista coffee, and - often - pop-ups run by local businesses.

Freshers' Week

What the cool kids (not me) call Orientation Week. There'll be a ton of talks, events, and even a fair to help you make sense of what's going on and find ways to get involved.

Front Gate

Technically, Front Gate is the pair of giant wooden doors which form part of College's front façade. The building which houses them is called Front Arch.

As with many meeting places on campus, it's always good to specify exactly where your friend is expecting you. When they say Front Gate, do they mean Front Arch's covered walkway, or outside by the wildflower meadows, or on College Green?

Front Square

Also known as Parliament Square (though very few people use that name).

Officially, Front Square is just the two grass areas and cobblestones between Front Arch and the Campanile. That being said, my understanding is that it's everything between Front Arch and the Rubrics, and I think most people would agree with me!

G is for

Global Room

The Global Room is a student support hub and event space found in the Watts Building. The Global Room is there to help all Trinity students make the most of their time in Dublin. Full-time staff are supported by a team of Global Ambassadors: students trained to help fellow students with a wide range of queries ranging from immigration matters to where to find the best almond croissant in the city.

There's always something exciting going on in the Global Room, so do drop by!

George Salmon

A 19th-century Provost of Trinity who supposedly said that women would enter the College 'over [his] dead body.' Nowadays it is a tradition for Trinity's women graduates to take photos with his statue (which sits beside the Campanile) after their Commencement ceremonies.

(The) GMB

The 'GMB' is the frequently-used acronym for the Graduates' Memorial Building.

The GMB is the neo-gothic building beside the Buttery, and is home to the Phil and the Hist (Trinity's student debating societies), and some fourth year residents. The GMB is kind of like Marmite - chances are you'll either spend the majority of your College life there, or never step foot in the place.

Goldsmith Hall

Goldsmith Hall is named after Trinity alumnus, Oliver Goldsmith. Located just across Westland Row from the central campus (or, accessible by the magical sky bridge if you're a resident), the building houses a large lecture theatre, classrooms, the Trinity Access Programmes, accommodation, and - most importantly - the SU Cafe, where you can get great deals if you don't want to make your own lunch. There is also a student space full of sofas and pool tables.

H is for

Hamilton Building

The Hamilton Building is *technically* just the portion of the East End (Hamilton) complex that extends from the School of Computer Science and Statistics to the Joly lecture theatre.

Hamilton Complex

The Hamilton Building has, however, become synonymous with the large, glass-roofed complex which connects many of the houses on Westland Row to more 'modern' constructions like the Watts Building.

This complex is home to several of the major lecture theatres used by STEM students, STEM course offices, and (rather surprisingly!) the Oscar Wilde Centre for Irish Writing. You will also find several important services in the Hamilton - including the Academic Registry, Global Room, Hamilton Library, a second Students' Union shop, and a large student space replete with microwaves!

HS

Aka. the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Hilary

Hilary is the second of Trinity's three annual terms, running from January to April. However, you'll find that most people refer to our new Semester structure instead of the terms.

House(s)

The majority of the buildings on campus which do not have a specific name will be called House 'X' - with X being a number. The numbers start in Front Square (House 1 - the Provost's Office - is located next to West Theatre), and increase the further East you go. The Goldsmith Hall student accommodation is actually divided into Houses 60 to 71.

House 6

House 6 is a particularly important building for students as it is home to the Students' Union (TCDSU) - their Leapcard Shop, Accommodation Advisory Service, Refresh Service, Shop,

Kitchen, and offices; the offices of student publications; and the headquarters of many student societies.

If you were standing beside the Campanile (notice I said beside, **not** underneath), House 6 is just to the right of Front Gate.

House 27

Found on the corner of Botany Bay, just across from the Rubrics, House 27 is home to the Senior Tutor's Office, Postgraduate Advisory Service, Dean of Students, and the Chaplaincy. If you visit the Chaplains on a Tuesday between 12:30pm and 1pm, you may also find it home to a free lunch!

I is for

IT Services

A dedicated team of staff who keep our IT systems safe and up-to-date, and keep us all connected (to the internet, that is).

You can find their Service Desk in Aras an Phiarsiagh if you have any questions or technological troubles. Alternatively, you can get in touch over the phone (+353 1896 2000), by email (itservicedesk@tcd.ie), or via ask.tcd.ie.

Invigilators

The people in charge of the exam room - making sure no one cheats, providing extra answer booklets, etc.

J is for

Joint Honours

Some Trinity students choose to study two subjects as an undergraduate - eg. English and History. If they continue to do this throughout their degree course, they will graduate with Joint Honours: a type of degree award which says that they've studied both subjects.

If you're a Joint Honours student, or think you would like to become one, keep an eye out for upcoming pathway meetings, or email joint.honours@tcd.ie if you have any questions.

Junior Dean

The title bears no reference to the Junior Dean's age!

The Junior Dean is responsible for College-wide student discipline, and pastoral care for student residents on campus. You have rights and obligations under College regulations, and the Junior Dean (and their team of Assistant Junior Deans) is there to keep you safe and well!

John Stearne

Trinity alumnus and founder of the Irish College of Physicians, John Stearne gives his name to our medical library located at St. James's Hospital.

Junior Fresh/Sophister

Here at Trinity, we have our own special way of naming year groups. In your first year, you will be a Junior Fresh student; in your second year, a Senior Fresh student. Once you move into third and fourth year, you will become a Sophister - a Junior Sophister, then a Senior Sophister.

K is for

Kinsella Hall

Every evening, the Ussher (much like Cinderella) is transformed to go to the ball. By ball, I mean the night-time study period - though many students genuinely do love working at this time, so it could be said they're having a ball...

Kinsella Hall is what we call the portion of the Ussher that is open 24/7. Access to the space is by student card only, and via the podium entrance.

L is for

Lecturer

In Trinity, academics must earn the title 'Professor' through long-term excellence in teaching and research. This means that not everyone who presents your lectures will be a Professor. When in doubt, or referring to a group of both Professors and non-Professors, you'll find many students using the term 'Lecturers.'

Lecky

The Lecky (named after Trinity alumnus William Lecky) is the Library space which you enter via the Arts Block entrance, and which primarily houses works related to the social sciences. The Lecky is (in my humble opinion) the best reading room in College. It has a far more relaxed vibe than the Ussher or the Library Reading Room, and gets a ton of natural light given its glass frontage.

Lecture

A large-group teaching event where a lecturer will typically present on a topic without interruption.

Library

The Library of Trinity College Dublin shouldn't just be thought of as the BLU complex. Nor should it be thought of as simply the Long Room and the Book of Kells exhibition. Instead, you should think of the Library as a giant repository of texts (both physical and digital), manuscripts, and artefacts which are preserved and collated by a dedicated team of staff. The Library team are also on hand to help you throughout your studies - with referencing, material finding, etc. You can find Librarians working across each of the Library's reading rooms, or you can contact a specific Librarian via email.

Library Square

Technically speaking, the grassy area between the Campanile and the Rubrics is called Library Square. But, it's very unlikely that you'll hear this name used.

Lloyd Building

Found just across from the Hamilton, the Lloyd is home to Trinity's research and teaching in computer science, as well as bio-chemistry, bio-medical engineering, genetics, and other related fields.

Lincoln Place

The entry point onto campus for anyone in a car or van, or delivering your pizza. Located next to the Panoz Institute.

Most of the time, however, you'll be coming onto campus on foot, as very few cars are allowed on Trinity's grounds.

Long Room

The Long Room is dark academia personified and, arguably, the jewel in Trinity's architectural crown. Home to the Book of Kells, marble busts, and tourists galore, it's well worth making use of your free access to the Library space which houses some of the oldest works of the College's collection.

M is for

Mature Students

Nothing to do with how sensible they are. Instead, a mature student is anyone who started an undergraduate course when they were 23 or older.

Museum Building

The inside of the Museum Building is the perfect backdrop to use for photos whilst wearing a ballgown. This exquisite building on New Square is not only home to Geography and Engineering classrooms, but to natural history exhibits, and even the occasional Jedward visit!

Moyne Institute

The Moyne Institute is that mysterious, grand building next to the Pav on the far side of College Park. It's actually a research centre for preventative medicine, which is pretty cool if you ask me!

Michaelmas

Michaelmas is the first of Trinity's three annual terms. Michaelmas Term runs from September to December, but you'll probably be better off using the Semester structure to help you plan out your long-term study schedule.

N is for

Nassau Street

The street which runs along the southside of College.

There are two entrances into the College from Nassau Street: one by the Arts Block, and one further up by the Moyne Institute.

New Square

The grassy area behind the Rubrics and beside the Museum Building. The square is really new (hence the name); it was laid out about 200 years ago.

New Square will house the Book of Kells interim exhibition whilst the Long Room undergoes redevelopment.

Niteline

Niteline is a confidential phone- and instant-messaging- based listening service run for students by trained student volunteers.

Niteline operates between 9pm and 2:30am every night of term. Call 1800 793 793 if you need support, or visit niteline.ie for more information.

O is for

Old Library

The Long Room and the Book of Kells are housed in the Old Library building.

The Old Library is located just across Fellow's Square from the Arts Block. It is connected to the BLU complex by a set of underground tunnels. If you take out a text from the Library's Early Printed Books (EPB) collection, you will get to use these tunnels to access the EPB Reading Room, which is also found in the Old Library building.

P is for

Panoz Institute

A pharmaceutical sciences research institute located at the southern end of the Hamilton complex.

Parliament Square

Also known as Front Square. The Square was built in the 18th-century with money provided by the Irish Parliament when it was located over the other side of College Green in what is now a Bank of Ireland branch.

(The) Pav

Formally, the Pavilion Bar. Trinity's student bar, managed by the Trinity Sport Union, located at the eastern end of College Park.

Built as a cricket pavilion, you'll often find students out on the Pav's balcony and even spilling onto the grass when the weather gets a bit warmer!

Pearse Street

Street which runs along the northside of campus.

If you walk East along the street, you'll find Goldsmith and the TBSI.

Pearse Street Accommodation

Not actually accessible from Pearse Street. Located beside the Rugby Ground and the Samuel Beckett Theatre.

People Finder

Visit peoplefinder.tcd.ie to search for the email addresses and departmental information of College staff.

Pink

The top award Trinity can give to student athletes.

Postgraduate Advisory Service

The Postgraduate Advisory Service (PAS) is the Postgraduate equivalent of the Senior Tutor's Office.

The PAS's team of Student Support Officers provide guidance to students, administer financial aid, lead trainings, and organise student well-being initiatives.

The PAS is located in House 27, and students can contact the Service via email at postgrad.support@tcd.ie

Peer2Peer

A peer-support service organised by the Student Counselling Services and delivered by trained student listeners.

For more information, visit student2student.tcd.ie/peer-support/

Printing House

Second oldest building on campus, located next to House 27 on New Square. It was originally home to the Dublin University Printing Press.

Printing House Square

Newly-developed square, located behind the Printing House, and accessible from New Square as well as Pearse Street.

Printing House Square houses College Health, the Disability Service, Student Accommodation, and even some Sports facilities.

Provost

Our College President. The Provost is elected every ten years by members of Trinity's academic staff.

Our current Provost is Dr. Linda Doyle, who is Trinity's first female Provost.

Public Theatre

Aka. the Exam Hall, located in Front Square.

R is for

RAG Week

Without doubt one of the best weeks of the year! 'RAG' Week stands for 'Raise and Give' Week, and is when student-led volunteering and charity societies hold fundraising events across campus. A particular highlight is always Charity Ball, so make sure to get tickets!

Reading Week

Most students have no classes during the seventh teaching week of each Semester. This class-free week is called Reading Week, and gives students the opportunity to catch up on their work/get ahead on reading for upcoming classes. However, many students also use the week as an opportunity to catch up with friends, or to go travelling!

Regent House

The upstairs part of Front Arch. Chances are that if you're going to Regent House for a class, exam, or event, you'll need to head through the wooden doors that are on your right as you enter the College and into the big room at the top of the stairs.

Registration

All students have to complete Registration at or before the start of each College year.

The purpose of Registration is to confirm that you are continuing as a Trinity student, and to ensure that the College has up-to-date information about your address, emergency contacts, etc.

Registrar

You will definitely come across the Registrar at some point during your time at Trinity. The Registrar carries out several official functions for the College. For example, they convene Commencements and place the lists of prospective Graduands before the Senate prior to them being approved and then called to graduate. If this sounds confusing, don't worry - it will all be explained to you at your own graduation!

Registrar of Chambers

The person in charge of room allocations for Trinity accommodation.

Rugby Ground

The large, rectangular pitch behind New Square. Trinity hosts both the oldest continuously used rugby club and ground in the world!

Revision Week

At the end of each Semester, you will be given at least one Revision Week to help you prepare for exams.

Unlike during Reading Week, most students will be found in the one of the Library's Reading Rooms during this period. Society/Club activity also usually stops.

Rose Garden

Small, flowered garden to the east of the Museum Building.

Rubrics

The oldest building on campus, and my personal favourite. This red-brick gem sits behind the Campanile, contains student accommodation, and has sat in place since the very early 1700s - making it older than the USA!

S is for

Schols

A set of optional exams which students can take in the January of their Senior Fresh (2nd) Year. Students who achieve a first in these exams are awarded a scholarship which includes fee deductions, free accommodation, and weekday Commons.

Scholars

Students who have achieved a 1st in the Schols examinations.

New scholars are announced each year on Trinity Monday in May.

Semesters

Each Academic Year at Trinity is divided into two teaching semesters (simply called Semesters 1 and 2), and a summer research period. The semester structure functionally replaces our old terms system. But, you may still hear words like Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity Term(s) thrown about.

Seanad

The Seanad is the upper house of the Irish parliament (Oireachtas). Three of the Seanad's sixty members are elected by graduates of the University of Dublin (the only college of which is Trinity).

Senior Tutor

The person in charge of the pastoral tutors. They are also responsible for the allocation of supports provided by the Senior Tutor's Office.

Senior Fresh/Sophisters

As mentioned, here at Trinity, we have our own special way of naming year groups. During the first two years of your degree course you will be a Fresh student. In your first year, you will be a Junior Fresh; in your second year, a Senior Fresh. Once you move into third and fourth year, you will become a Sophister - a Junior Sophister, then a Senior Sophister.

Seminar

Seminars are like a cross between lectures and tutorials. At a seminar, your lecturer will typically present on a topic, before encouraging a class discussion on the material covered.

Senior Lecturer

Also known as the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. The Senior Lecturer is in charge of academic administration, student records, examinations, etc. for undergraduate students.

Sports Scholars

Students can be awarded scholarships for outstanding performance in their chosen sport. Many of Trinity's Sports Scholars represent their country as well as the College.

STEM

Aka. the Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Sports Centre

As a Trinity student, you will be able to access the Sports Centre at the Hamilton end of campus, as well as club grounds located around the College and city.

The Sports Centre boasts state-of-the-art facilities - including a well-equipped gym, swimming pool, sauna, sports hall, and even a climbing wall.

Just pop in to the Centre's Reception to activate your membership!

Student Counselling Service

The Student Counselling Service is primarily located in 7-9 South Leinster Street (just along from the National Gallery), though they also have offices in the Pearse Street Accommodation block.

The Service offers both individual and group supports to students free of charge. Emergency appointments are also available.

Visit www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/ for more information.

Student2Student

A peer-mentoring service organised by the Student Counselling Services, and delivered by trained student volunteers.

You will be (or will have been) assigned a mentor in your Junior Fresh (First) year. For more information, visit student2student.tcd.ie

Supervisor

An academic staff member who will be allocated to support you with planning/writing your thesis.

T is for

Trinity Week

The week before summer exams. The week's best-known event is the announcement of Fellows and Scholars on Trinity Monday.

Tangent

Trinity's ideas workspace, providing courses and events centred on business and innovation.

TAP/Trinity Access Programmes

Based in Goldsmith, the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP) team run initiatives to help students from under-represented backgrounds access third-level education at Trinity.

TCDSU (Trinity College Dublin Students' Union)

TCDSU work to support students during their time at Trinity. The Union is led by a team of Sabbatical Officers - students who elect and are elected to take a year out of their studies to represent their peers in College and on a national stage. The Sabbatical Officers are supported by a team of Part-Time Officers, Class Reps, and other student volunteers who engage with and facilitate Union activities alongside their studies. From short-term laptop loans to accommodation advice to club nights, pop into House Six, or visit www.tcdsu.org to find out how TCDSU can support you!

TBSI

The Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute can be found just along Pearse Street from the Central Campus. You're likely to have class here if you study Biology, Medicine, or Biomedical Sciences.

Terms

Traditionally, each Academic Year at Trinity was divided into three terms (Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity) and a summer research period. Nowadays the semester structure functionally replaces the terms system. But, you may still hear references to the terms and stumble across them in official documentation such as the College Calendar, as they are embedded into the College statutes.

Tutor

Also referred to as a Pastoral Tutor, a Tutor is a member of academic staff who chooses to serve as an advisor and advocate for a small group of students.

Every undergraduate student at Trinity will be assigned a Tutor. You can find out who yours is on your 'Student Profile' tab at my.tcd.ie

Trinity Sports Union (TSU)

Not to be confused with TCDSU, the Trinity Sport Union (TSU) is the elected body responsible for the promotion and supervision of Trinity sports clubs. Union membership is comprised of both staff and students. The TSU also oversees the governance of the Pav, whilst a percentage of the bar's profits are invested in student sport clubs.

Tutorial

Tutorials take place in small groups, and give you the chance to test out your ideas about the material you've been taught through class discussions, practical demonstrations, or student-led presentations.

Trinity Ents

TCDSU's Entertainments team who work to bring you the best events, from club nights to spikeball tournaments, and everything in between.

Follow [@trinityents](https://www.instagram.com/trinityents) on Instagram for more info!

Trinity Ball

Europe's largest private party and a staple of life at Trinity! For one night every April, campus transforms into a festival ground exclusively for students, staff, and alumni.

Follow [@trinityents](https://twitter.com/trinityents) for details about each year's ticket sales.

U is for

Ussher

Library space which primarily houses works of Irish, English, and European literature and the arts and related criticism.

The Ussher is a popular study destination for Trinity students. Studying at the Ussher is serious business; one typically dresses up for a study session there.

V is for

Varsity

Inter-university sporting competitions held annually. If you're interested in taking part, talk to the relevant club.

W is for

West Chapel

Offices located on the West side of the Chapel. Home to the Accommodation Office.

West Theatre

Offices located on the West side of the Exam Hall, including those of Trinity Communications.

Watts Building

The southern portion of the Hamilton Complex (closest to Lincoln Place) before it becomes the Panoz Institute. The Watts Building houses the Academic Registry and the Global Room.

Z is for

ZML

ZML stands for Zón Mac Léinn, which roughly translates to 'student space.' What this means for you, is that whenever you see a large 'Z' sign on campus, you will be sure to find sofas, microwaves, and students.

1 is for

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The above are examples of the academic grades that your assessed work could be awarded in College. Trinity's grading structure may work differently to those you have encountered before. See your course handbook for more information, and always remember (particularly if you're being assessed by essay/long-form writing) that anything above 70% is considered excellent, and anything approaching 80% is practically unheard of!

1937 Reading Room

Dedicated study space for postgraduate students, open 24/7. The 1937 Reading Room was built to incorporate the College's First World War memorial, and was featured in the film Michael Collins!