Undergraduate **Admission Guide for non-EU Students**

Trinity College Dublin
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The University of Dublin

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Discover Trinity

Ranked 1st in Ireland and 87th in the world*, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin is committed to helping you to develop the skills, knowledge and values to become an informed, engaged global citizen in a rapidly changing world.
(*QS World University Ranking 2025)

Since 1592, Trinity has been inspiring generations to meet the challenges of the future. Our beautiful historic campus, based in Dublin city centre is the 31st most international university in the world. Located beside the thriving European silicon docks, which is home to Meta, LinkedIn, Stripe, Hubspot and X (formally known as Twitter) to name but a few, we are a welcoming and truly international community.

Why Ireland?

Ireland is an **English speaking country** in the EU.

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Combine your academic work with experience.

Ireland is the **world's 4th most competitive economy** (IMD 2024).

Ireland has the **7th highest quality of life** in the world (UN Human Development Index 2023/4)

Ireland is the **2nd safest country** in the world (Global Peace Index 2024)

Why Choose Trinity?

Trinity is ranked 1 in Ireland for employer reputation and alumni outcomes
(QS Graduate Employability Ranking 2022)

1st Ireland's leading university (QS World University Rankings 2025)

91st in the world for **graduate employability** (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022)

Over **150,000 Trinity alumni** (graduates) in **160 countries** worldwide

Trinity has **22,000** undergraduate and postgraduate students

87th world rankings (QS World University Rankings 2025)

31st Most International University in the World (Times Higher Education Ranking 2024)

35% of our students are from **outside Ireland,** from **118 counties**

Trinity has more than **500 industry partners,** including **Microsoft, Google** and **Pfizer**

Undergraduate Programmes and Admission

Trinity offers a wide range of four year undergraduate degree programmes and we accept school-leaving examinations from many regions around the world. Discover more at: www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate

Minimum Academic Requirements:

— **A Levels**: A*A*A to ABB, depending on the course. A minimum of six subjects on GCSE/AS papers/A Levels. The six subjects must include a pass in English and a pass in Mathematics and a pass in a language other than English. Two of these subjects must be at grade C or above at A Level. (Note: if you are not a native English speaker, the language other than English requirement may be waived).

— **IB**: 30–40 points (including bonus points), depending on the course. 3 subjects at grade 5 Higher Level and 3 subjects at grade 4 Standard Level, including English, Mathematics and a language. Some courses require specific subjects such as HL Mathematics or a science or language subject. Your predictive grades are used to make Conditional offers. Full examination results are reviewed for a final decision.

— **US Curriculum**: Unweighted GPA 3.2–3.5/4.0 and SAT 1250 to 1400 (500 min in each session - no essay required) or ACT 27 to 32 (cumulative, without writing), depending on the course. In the absence of standardised tests such as SAT or ACT, the Admissions team will base admissions decisions on high school GPA and transcripts, academic references and personal statements. We will also consider additional evidence of academic merit, including Advanced Placement courses (APs), and college or honours level classes with strong grades, where relevant to the course for which you are applying. Any standardised test scores that are submitted will be taken into consideration.

Top 100 University in the world for 22 subjects
(QS Subject Rankings 2024)

For more information on academic requirements visit: www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate

Please note that there may be subject specific requirements. For full details, please visit: www.tcd.ie/study/international

Some of the famous Trinity Alumni

Bram Stoker
Writer

Sally Rooney
Novelist

Robert Emmet
Revolutionary Leader

Oscar Wilde
Writer

International Foundation Programme

Our International Foundation Programme is a year-long, pre-university programme designed to allow students to develop the skills required to succeed in a competitive university environment. This programme accepts high school diplomas from around the world. Find out more at: www.tcd.ie/study/international/foundation-programme

Minimum English Language for International Foundation Programme

Requirements
— IELTS: 5.0 overall (5.0 in writing with no element below 4.5).
— TOEFL: 64 with 16 in each section.
— Duolingo English Test: minimum overall score of 80/160 (no subscore below 65 and a score of 80 in literacy).

Please note that some programmes have higher English requirements and/or specific subject requirements. Further information at: www.tcd.ie/study/english-language-requirements

Admissions Guide for non-EU Undergraduate Applications

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, welcomes applications from students from all over the world. What we look for in your application depends on the education system you are coming from, as well as the Trinity programme you are applying for. This guide will help you to identify what the requirements will be for you.

To be admitted to an undergraduate programme at Trinity, you must meet four categories of requirement:

1. Minimum entry requirements for the University

2. Subject-specific requirements for the programme

3. Overall competitive requirements for the programme

4. Additional requirements

Minimum Entry Requirements for the University

Minimum entry requirements are the basic criteria you must meet to be considered for admission to Trinity. This includes a full set of 6 valid subjects from your high school or secondary examination system. If you did not study 6 subjects in your final year of high school, you can use additional subjects from Year 10 or later.

You must also have pass grades in **English** and **Mathematics** at Year 10 or later. Year 10 is equivalent to the GCE Ordinary Level, Indian Standard 10, High School 10th Grade, etc.

Most applicants must also have a pass grade in a **language other than English at Year 10** (GCE Ordinary Level, High School 10th Grade, etc.) or later. This requirement may not apply to applicants who need a standardised English language qualification (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson test of English, see page 18 Additional Requirements) because they received their high school or secondary education in a country where English is not the primary language.

For more details on Minimum Entry Requirements for the Leaving Certificate or A-levels, see www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admissionrequirements/undergraduate

Subject-Specific Requirements for the Programme

Some programmes require that you have studied specific subjects in your high school or secondary education and achieved certain grades in those subjects. For example, Theoretical Physics requires both Mathematics and Physics, whereas programmes like Psychology or Law have no specific subject requirements.

To see what subjects are required for each programme, see **Table 4**. To see what subjects are included in the Science Groups (A, B, C and D), refer to **Table 2**.

Subject requirements have a level 1 to 5, representing the grade required. To see what these levels mean in your examination system, see **Table 3**. If your examination system is not listed on this table, please contact study@tcd.ie, and check if it is accepted for

admission to the Trinity International Foundation Programme (see Trinity International Foundation Programme section, page 5).

Overall Competitive Requirements for the Programme

To meet the competitive requirements for a programme, the overall result in your final high school or secondary examinations must meet a certain band: 1, 2 or 3. To see what these bands mean in your system, refer to **Table 1**. Some examination systems have an additional "Special" band if they are accepted for admission to restricted programmes: Medicine and Dental Science.

You can see which band applies to each programme in **Table 4**.

If your examination system is not on **Table 1**, please contact IFP@tcd.ie, and check if it is accepted for admission to the Trinity International Foundation Programme (see Trinity International Foundation Programme section, page 5).

Table 1. Overall Competitive Admission Bands Qualification

QUALIFICATION	NOTES	SPECIAL BAND	1 BAND	2 BAND	3 BAND
International Baccalaureate	Including bonus points. No HL below 5 or SL below 4	40	36	33	30
A-levels, 3 subjects		A*A*A	A*AA	AAA	ABB
A-levels, 4 subjects		A*A*AA	A*ABC	AABC	BBBC
French Baccalaureate		17/20	15/20	14/20	13/20
USA – SAT	SAT score plus high school GPA	n/a	1400, 3.5	1350, 3.4	1250, 3.2
USA – ACT	ACT score plus high school GPA	n/a	32, 3.5	30, 3.4	27, 3.2
India – Standard XII	Average of St. XII subjects (A1=95, A2=85, B1=75, B2=65, C1=55, C2=45)	n/a	90	85	75
China – Gaokao	Gaokao (% of total possible score) plus high school result	n/a	GK 80% HS 90%	GK 72% HS 85%	GK 68% HS 80%
China – International Section	Same as SAT	n/a	1400, 3.5	1350, 3.4	1250, 3.2
China – AST	Sum of 3 subjects, plus high school transcript	n/a	750	700	600
Hong Kong – HKDSE	3 core subjects and 2 electives in recognised subjects	5*5*554	5*5544	55544	54444
Russia – Attestat	Between 12 and 20 subjects. Average score excluding PE	n/a	5	4.95	4.9
Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina – Matura		5	4.8	4.5	4.0
South African NSC/IEB		77777	77776	77766	77666
Turkey – Lise Diplomasi	Accepted for direct admission from specific high schools only. For list of schools, contact study@tcd.ie	n/a	90%	85%	80%
Australia – ATAR	National percentile	99	97	95	90
Malaysia – UEC	Average Grade of 6 best recognised subjects	n/a	A1	A2	B3
Malaysia – STPM, 3 subjects	Similar to A-levels	AAA-	AA-A-	A-A-A-	A-BB

Table 2. Science Subject Groups

GROUP A	Physics, Chemistry, Physics & Chemistry*	*Physics & Chemistry is not accepted as a 2nd subject alongside Physics or Chemistry
GROUP B	Any of Group A *or* Biology	

GROUP C	Any of Group A, B *or* Agricultural Science*	*Agricultural Science is not accepted as a 2nd subject alongside Biology
GROUP D	Any of the Group A, B, C *or* Applied Mathematics*, Mathematics, Geography, Geology, Computer Science	*Mathematics may not be presented with Applied Mathematics

Table 3. Subject Specific Requirement Levels

SECOND LEVEL QUALIFICATION	SUBJECT LEVEL ①	②	③	④	⑤
Leaving Cert	H3	H4	H4 or O2	H6 or O4	H6 or O6
GCE, A-levels	AL B	AL C	GCSE A/8	GCSE B/6	GCSE C/5
International Baccalaureate	HL6	HL5	HL5 or SL7	HL5 or SL5	HL5 or SL4
French Baccalaureate	16(≤4); 14(≥5)	15(≤4); 13(≥5)	14(≤4); 12(≥5)	13(≤4); 11(≥5)	12(≤4); 10(≥5)
Indian, Standard 10 and Standard 12	Std.12 80%	Std. 12 75%	Std. 10 80%	Std.10 75%	Std. 10 70%
USA, High School	Grade 12, B	Grade 12, C	Grade 11, A	Grade 11, B	Grade 11, C
China, Gaokao/Huikao	Gaokao 80%	Gaokao 70%	New Huikao 80% (A)	New Huikao 70% (B)	New Huikao 60% (C)
China, High School	85% over 3 years	80% over 3 years	90% in Senior 1	80% in Senior 1	70% in Senior 1
China, AST	250	200	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hong Kong, HKDSE – Mathematics	4 Extended	3 Extended	3 Extended	3 Extended	3 Extended
Hong Kong, HKDSE – Other Subjects	5* or 4 Extended	5 or 3 Extended	4	3	3
Russia, Attestat	5	5	4	4	3
Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Matura)	5	5	4	4	3
South African NSC/IEB	7 (Pure Maths where Maths is required)	6 (Pure Maths where Maths is required)	5 (Pure Maths where Maths is required)	4 (or 6 in Maths Lit where Maths is required)	4 (or 5 in Maths Lit where Maths is required)
Turkey, Lise Diplomasi	80% Year 12	75% Year 12	85% Year 10	80% Year 10	75% Year 10
Australia, HSC	80%	72%	66%	60%	55%
Australia, QCE	VHA	HA	SA	LA	LA
Australia, VCE	A+	A	B+	B	C+
Australia, WACE	A	B	C	D	D
Australia, TCE	EA	HA	CA	SA	SA
Malaysia, STPM	STPM B+	STPM B	STPM C+	SPM B or STPM D+	SPM C or STPM D

*   Additional Assessment required – see course page, www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate
**   Application to Technological University of Dublin – www.tudublin.ie/study/undergraduate/courses
†   Applicants who do not have some qualification in Physics must have Mathematics at Level 4 (Table 3)

Table 4. Competitive Admission Band & Subject Requirements Matrix

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION BAND (SEE TABLE 1)	PROGRAMME	SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS (SEE TABLE 3)		
	FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	MATHEMATICS	LANGUAGES	SCIENCE SUBJECTS (SEE TABLE 2)
3	Ancient and Medieval History and Culture			
3	Ancient History and Archaeology (JH)			
2	Business (JH)	Mathematics ④		
2	Business Studies and French	Mathematics ④	French ①	
2	Business Studies and German	Mathematics ④	German ①	
2	Business Studies and Polish	Mathematics ④	Language other than English ②	
2	Business Studies and Russian	Mathematics ④	Language other than English ②	
2	Business Studies and Spanish	Mathematics ④	Spanish ①	
2	Business, Economics & Social Studies	Mathematics ④		
3	Classical Civilisation (JH)			
3	Classical Languages (JH)		Language other than English ②	
3	Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology		Language other than English ②	
3	Clinical Speech and Language Studies	Mathematics ⑤	Language other than English ② or English ②	Group C ②
3	Deaf Studies		Language other than English ⑤ and English ②	
3	Drama and Theatre Studies *			
3	Drama (JH) *			
3	Early Irish (JH)			
3	Early & Modern Irish		Irish ②	
2	Economics (JH)	Mathematics ④		
1	English Literature (JH)		English ②	
1	English Studies		English ②	
2	European Studies		Irish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish ① or ② + ②	
3	Film, Film (JH)			

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3	French (JH)		French ②	
3	German (JH)		Language other than English ②	
2	Global Business	Mathematics ④		
2	History, History (JH)			
3	History of Art & Architecture, HA&A (JH)			
3	Irish (JH)		Irish ②	
3	Italian (JH)		Language other than English ②	
2	Law, Law (JH)			
2	Law and French		French ①	
2	Law and German		German ①	
3	Linguistics (JH)		Language other than English ④	
3	Middle Eastern & European Languages & Cultures		Language other than English ②	
3	Middle Eastern Jewish & Islamic Civilisations (JH)			
3	Music, Music (JH) *			
3	Music Education *			
3	Philosophy, Philosophy (JH)			
2	Philosophy Political Science Economics & Sociology	Mathematics ④		
2	Political Science (JH)			
1	Psychology			
3	Religion, Religion (JH)			
3	Russian (JH)		Language other than English ②	
3	Social Studies (Social Work)			
3	Sociology (JH)			
3	Social Policy (JH)			
3	Spanish (JH)		Language other than English ②	

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	FACULTY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS				
2	Computer Science	Mathematics ②			
3	Computer Science (JH)	Mathematics ③			
3	Computer Science, Linguistics and French	Mathematics ②	French ①		
3	Computer Science, Linguistics and Spanish	Mathematics ②	Spanish ①		
3	Computer Science, Linguistics and Irish	Mathematics ②	Irish ①		
3	Engineering	Mathematics ②			
3	Engineering with Management	Mathematics ②			
3	Environmental Science and Engineering	Mathematics ②		Group D ②	
3	Geography (JH)				
2	Management Science & Information Systems Studies	Mathematics ②			
1	Mathematics, Mathematics (JH)	Mathematics ①			
2	Science: Biological & Biomedical Sciences	Mathematics ④		Group D ② + ②	
2	Science: Chemical Sciences	Mathematics ④		Group D ② + ②	
2	Science: Geography and Geoscience	Mathematics ④		Group D ② + ②	
2	Science: Physical Sciences	Mathematics ④		Group D ② + ②	
1	Theoretical Physics	Mathematics ①		Physics ①	
	FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES				
S	Dental Science			Group B ①	Group B ②
1	Human Health and Disease Biology 2 Human Nutrition and Dietetics (Joint degree **			Group A ②	Biology ②
S	Medicine †			Group C ①	Group C ②
1	Occupational Therapy			Group C ②	
1	Pharmacy	Mathematics ④		Chemistry ②	Group D ②
1	Physiotherapy	Mathematics ④		Group C ② + ②	
1	Radiation Therapy			Group B ②	

Additional Requirements

There are five other criteria taken into consideration for admission. Age Requirements and English Language Requirements apply to all applicants. Garda Vetting, Health Screening and Fitness to Practice are relevant only to applicants to certain programmes, shown in the Table 5, below.

Table 5. Additional Requirements by Programme

PROGRAMME	REQUIREMENT
All programmes	English Language Requirement, Age Requirement
Clinical Speech and Language Studies	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Dental programmes	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Engineering programmes	Fitness to Practice
Human Nutrition & Dietetics	Garda Vetting
Medicine	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Music Education	Garda Vetting
Occupational Therapy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Pharmacy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Physiotherapy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Psychology	Fitness to Practice
Radiation Therapy	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice
Social Studies (Social Work)	Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice

English Language Requirement

All applicants must present a qualification in the English language. Certain high school/secondary examinations meet this requirement (I. to VI. below). Applicants who have done other high school/secondary examinations will need to present an international standardised English language qualification (see points VII. to XII.).

High School/Secondary Examination

I.　Irish Leaving Certificate: a grade 6 or better in ordinary level English.

II.　GCSE: a grade C/5 or better in English language.

III.　US High School: a grade C in English taken in final year.

IV.　International Baccalaureate: English A1, A2 or B: SL4 if presenting IB through English, HL5 if presenting through French or Spanish.

V.　Hong Kong, HKDSE: Level 4 or better in English Language.

VI.　Malaysia, SPM: Grade C or better in English 1119.

International Standardised English Language Qualifications:

VII.　IELTS (academic or indicator): 6.5 (6 in each band).

VIII.　Duolingo English Test: minimum overall score of 120/160 (100 in each subscore)

IX.　TOEFL iBT: 90 overall (21 in each section)

X.　Cambridge Advanced/Proficiency: 180 overall (no score below 170)

XI.　Pearson Test of English (Academic): a minimum score of 69 (59 in each section)

Some programmes (e.g.) Dental programmes and Clinical Speech and Language Studies have higher requirements, see:
www.tcd.ie/study/english-language-requirements

Additional Requirements

Age Requirement

Applicants seeking admission in 2025 must have a date of birth before 15th January 2009.

Garda Vetting

Students applying for these programmes will be required to undergo Garda (Police) vetting and will have to provide police clearance documentation from the countries and states in which they have resided.

Health Screening

Offers of admission to these programmes are made subject to certain vaccination requirements and/or certain negative test results.

Fitness to Practice

Professional programmes demand that certain core competencies are met by students in order to graduate and practice professionally after qualification. Trinity has special responsibility to ensure that students admitted to professional programmes will be eligible for registration by the relevant professional body upon graduation.

Trinity International Foundation Programme

Students who do not meet the requirements for direct entry to an undergraduate programme at Trinity may apply for the Trinity International Foundation Programme, see page 5 for more information.

Pre-sessional English Programme

If you have not achieved the required score on one of the International Standardised English Language Qualifications mentioned above, you may be able to join our Pre-sessional English Programme. Find out more at: www.tcd.ie/slscs/english/pre-sessional

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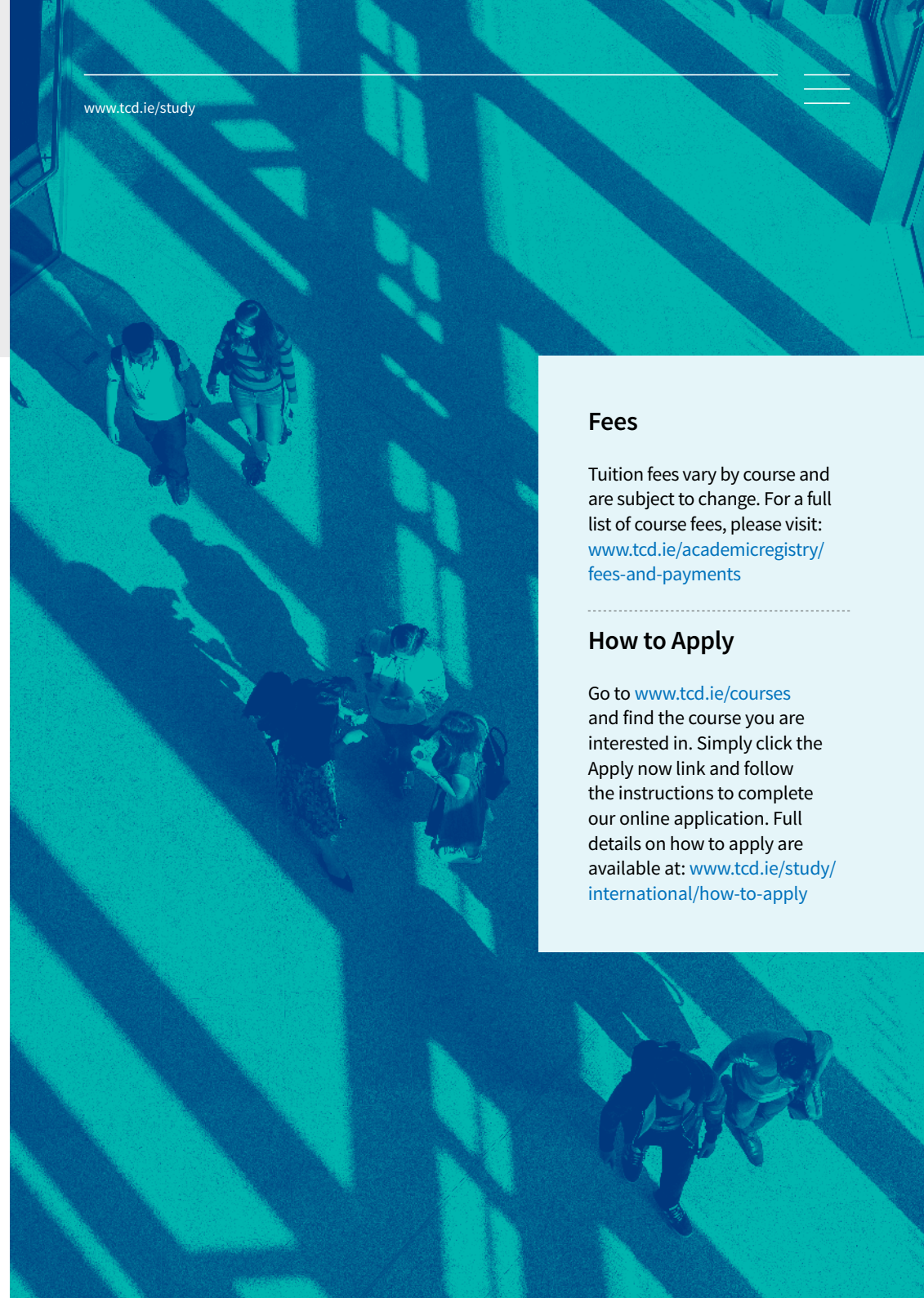
Fees

Tuition fees vary by course and are subject to change. For a full list of course fees, please visit: www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments

How to Apply

Go to www.tcd.ie/courses and find the course you are interested in. Simply click the Apply now link and follow the instructions to complete our online application. Full details on how to apply are available at: www.tcd.ie/study/international/how-to-apply

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