

# STUDY ABROAD

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

# THINK TRINITY

Trinity College Dublin is located in the heart of Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital city. Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, Trinity has a tradition of scholarship spanning more than four centuries, and is home to talented and inquiring minds, a liberal education, and research conducted at the frontiers of disciplines. Trinity's historic campus in the middle of Dublin has attracted visitors from all over the world to see our world-renowned Long Room Library, our medieval manuscript called the Book of Kells, and our beautiful campanile and Georgian squares. If you are looking for an engaging, interesting and stimulating experience at a welcoming, fun world-class university, Trinity is for you!

Trinity has a long history of welcoming study abroad students from all over the world. Whether you are interested in coming for a semester or full year, read on to find out more about why you should make Trinity your home away from home.



Supportive & fun community SA support throughout your time abroad Safe & fun SA destination Connect with TCD global alumni network

## **DISCOVER DUBLIN**

### Discover how one of the world's great cities is home to one of the world's great universities.

Located in the heart of Dublin's city centre, Trinity's 47-acre campus sits at the very middle of everything the city has to offer.

Blending a high-energy, multinational professional culture with traditional Irish warmth and hospitality, Dublin has sprawling parks, historic sites, museums, galleries, cosy cafés and quirky restaurants for the daytime, with classic pubs, fashion clubs, music gigs and theatre by night. Dublin is not just a vibrant capital city, is is an international centre of excellence for business, culture and the arts.

Trains and buses are just outside Trinity's front gate, so it is easy to explore the rest of the country, which is world-famous for its friendly citizens, warm welcomes and rich heritage in music, literature and art. You could also hop on a quick bus ride to the airport to take speedy and inexpensive flights all over Western Europe. Trinity provides the perfect opportunity to discover Dublin and explore Ireland and Europe; Where will you go from here?







#### Why Dublin?

- ► Location: Dublin is Ireland's transport hub easy and cheap to travel around Ireland and Western Europe.
- ➤ Social: Museums, galleries, theatre, art, music festivals, sport. There are so many ways to get involved in Dublin's great social scene.
- ► Friendly: Dublin is a young, friendly capital city.
- ▶ Language: English-speaking European city
- ➤ Safe: One of the safest study abroad destinations in the world (Top 10 Safest Countries – Global Peace Index)
- ▶ Beauty: Explore Dublin's beautiful mountains to the south and bay to the east, take a train or a bus to explore gorgeous Irish coasts, towns and heritage sites all over the country.
- ► City Life: Voted one of the best student cities in the world (QS).
- ► Tech: Hub of global innovation and technology
- ► Culture: UNESCO city of literature
- ► Events: Theatre, festivals, music, cultural events, markets and more.
- ► Historic: Dublin is more than a thousand years old and there is ancient and modern history to discover all over the city.

## STUDYING AT TRINITY

#### **When to Study Abroad**

Trinity College Dublin welcomes study abroad students for a semester or year. Students are welcomed to attend for the Autumn semester only, Spring semester only, or for the full academic year.

| Semester                                    | Dates                                  |
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| Autumn Semester (Michaelmas Term)           | End of August through mid-December     |
| Spring Semester (Hilary Term)               | Mid-January through beginning of May   |
| Academic Year (Autumn and Spring Semesters) | End of August through beginning of May |

#### **Semester Start-Up Programme**

The Semester Start-Up Programme (SSP) is an optional pre-orientation programme that offers an immersive orientation to Trinity, Dublin and Ireland. It is an optional addition for semester or year study abroad students that includes lectures on Irish History and Culture and excursions. In the Autumn semester it runs for three weeks and is worth 5 ECTS, providing extra credit prior to the start of the term. In the Spring semester it is one week in duration and not credit-bearing. Students interested in the programme can enrol by clicking the SSP box on the study abroad application. More information on the programme can be found here: www.histories-humanities.tcd.ie/visiting/understandingireland/semester-start-up.php

#### **What Can I Study at Trinity:**

Study abroad students at Trinity are able to enrol in classes (known as 'modules') from across Trinity's three faculties. Students can apply to up to six schools and departments from the following list:

### Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science

**Biochemistry and Immunology** 

**Biology** 

Botany

**Environmental Sciences** 

**Plant Sciences** 

Chemistry

**Computer Science and Statistics** 

Engineering: General Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, \*Civil Engineering, \*Electronic

Engineering, Biomedical Engineering

**General Science** 

Genetics

Geography

Geology

Mathematics

Microbiology

Physics: Astrophysics, General Physics,

**Theoretical Physics** 

Zoology

#### **Faculty of Health Sciences**

**Nursing and Midwifery** 

(Please note that while Trinity welcomes pre-med study abroad students, study abroad students cannot enrol in modules in the School of Medicine)

## Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Business

Classics

\*Drama

\*Economics

Education

\*English

**European Studies** 

\*Film

French

Gender and Women's Studies

**Germanic Studies** 

**Hispanic Studies** 

\*History

History of Art and Architecture

Irish and Celtic Languages

Italian

\*Law

Linguistic, Speech and Communications Science

Music

Near and Middle Eastern Studies

\*Philosophy

\*Political Science

\*Psychology

Religions, Theology and Ecumenics

**Russian and Slavonic Studies** 

Social Work and Social Policy

Sociology

## STUDYING AT TRINITY

#### **Selecting Areas of Study and Modules**

Information on what modules are available can be found in the Module Directory, located at this link under the 'Module Directory' drop-down: www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/visiting-exchange/module-enrolment. php. Students should peruse the Module Directory prior to starting their application so they have an idea of what modules are available in each of the Schools and Departments and can specify if any modules are crucial to their study abroad at Trinity, pending availability and offering. Note that students with interdisciplinary areas of study will likely need to combine modules from different Schools and Departments.

#### **Academic Support**

Trinity provides its study abroad students with an orientation programme which helps to prepare students for their time abroad. Trinity also offers a number of academic supports across the College to assist students: Office of Student Learning and Development (advising, workshops, programmes), English for Academic Purposes (EAP) (workshops, programmes), and a Personal Tutor, who provides academic advice and assists with any academic difficulties.

#### Credit

Students take 30 ECTS per semester at Trinity. ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is a credit weighting, so the number of modules (classes) a student takes at Trinity varies on the credit values for each of their modules, which usually have a 5, 10 or 15 ECTS value. Students must take a minimum of 20 ECTS in a semester and 45 ECTS for the academic year. Make sure to check in with your home university or programme provider for credit load requirements.

#### **Marking**

The following marking scheme applies in Trinity College Dublin. Please note that marks can vary among Faculties at Trinity, and it is important to recognise that the grades may be very different from those at your home institution. While First Class Honours may be common in your home university, please note that marks over 70 are very rare at Trinity. Make sure to discuss credit transfer and grade conversion with your home institution prior to studying abroad.

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# APPLYING TO STUDY ABROAD AT TRINITY

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Students must be currently registered at a university in good standing. A minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (or equivalent) of 3.3 is required. If English is not your first language, you will also need to submit proof of English language proficiency. Details and minimum required scores can be found here:

www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate/index.php.

#### **How to Apply**

Apply to Trinity by clicking the relevant semester at this link: www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/inbound/apply/sa-exchange/index.php. Make sure to complete the online form and provide an official transcript and signed letter of recommendation. The Application Instruction Guide can also be located at the same link. When you apply, make sure to specify all of the Schools and Departments you plan to take modules in. Your application will be evaluated for admission to each area of study specified on your application. See Studying at Trinity pages for lists of Schools Departments available and the Module Directory link which includes the most up to date information about current Trinity modules open to study abroad students.

#### **Tuition Fees**

Fees for Study Abroad students can be found on the Academic Registry website. Study Abroad students can find fees listed on the Undergraduate Non-EU Student Fees PDF under the Visiting/Erasmus (Undergraduate) section. www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments.

Please note that total cost of attendance will vary based on your home university policies, programme and/or provider.

#### **Other Fees**

Accommodation is charged separately from tuition, and costs approximately €1,000 per month for modern student residences located in the heart of Dublin city centre. See Life at Trinity section for more information. Visas are also a separate cost, and all students must register with immigration after arrival, which costs €300.

#### **Scholarships**

Trinity College Dublin offers the following scholarships to study abroad students from non-EU countries. www.tcd.ie/study/international/scholarships

- ➤ Trinity College Dublin STEM Study Abroad Scholarship (€2,000)
- ► Global Study Abroad Excellence Scholarship (€2,000)
- ➤ Trinity College Dublin Generation Study Abroad Travel Grant (€2,000)
- ► Go Overseas Scholarship (full tuition scholarship)

#### **Programme Providers**

If you are studying abroad through a provider, please consult them directly for application deadlines and instructions, programme information and costs. Providers include:

- ➤ Academic Programs International: www.apistudyabroad.com
- ► Arcadia University, The College of Global Studies: www.arcadia.edu
- ► Foundation for International Education: www.fie.org.uk
- ► IES Abroad: www.iesabroad.org
- ► Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University: www.ifsa-butler.org
- ► International Studies Abroad: www.studiesabroad.com

#### **Application Deadlines**

|                    | Autumn Semester (Michaelmas Term) and Full Year Study | Spring Semester (Hilary Term) Study |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Applications Open  | 1 November  | 1 August                            |
| Applications Close | 15 April  | 15 October                          |

Please note that early application is recommended as demand for places is high and applications are evaluated on a rolling basis. Students should also reach out to their home university by their deadlines for the requisite approvals and paperwork

## LIFE AT TRINITY

At Trinity, education is not confined to the classroom. Trinity is known for its vibrant student life on campus, and our location in the heart of Dublin city makes it easy to get involved in city life as well.

A warm Trinity welcome awaits all our students – with over 200 clubs, societies and sports groups there are countless ways to get involved in life at Trinity and meet your fellow students.

#### **Student Societies**

At Trinity, Clubs and Societies are the best way to meet students with similar interests and get involved in student life. Trinity's extracurricular life features over 200 societies, sports clubs and publications, including 'The Phil' and 'the Hist' – the oldest debating societies in the world who bring in heads of state, celebrities and artists for fascinating discussions! The International Student Society is also another popular choice for study abroad students as they lead weekend trips all over Ireland – a great way to see the country inexpensively and make friends! For a full list see: www.trinitysocieties.ie.

#### **Sports**

On-campus sports facilities include a state-of-the-art Sports Centre, fitness classes, a fitness theatre, a 25m swimming pool, a climbing wall, cycling studios, multiple playing pitches, boat house, and more. Every student receives automatic access to our Sports Centre. Sports Clubs are also a popular option for staying active, and serves as a great way to continue involvement in sport while abroad. www.tcd.ie/Sport/facilities/sports-centre.

#### **Events**

There are always events on at Trinity – from research symposia to conferences, movie nights in the Global Room to social events across campus like the Trinity Ball and more, there's always something to do and a way to get involved. www.tcd.ie/news\_events/events.

#### **Trinity Global Room**

The Trinity Global Room is a unique social and event space for international students at Trinity. The Global Room, acting as a platform to celebrate cultural diversity within Trinity, is a space where students and staff can relax, converse and learn about different customs. It offers over 300 international television channels, access to advice from peers about navigating Dublin and Trinity, and a full calendar of internationally themed events. www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/global-room.

#### **Accommodation in Dublin City Centre**

Trinity is pleased to offer modern city centre accommodation to its study abroad students at the Binary Hub. The Binary Hub is a modern, purpose-built student accommodation city in the heart of the Liberties, a short walk from Trinity. The newly-built complex has many student events throughout the year and includes: an on-site Trinity Junior Dean, a friendly team on-site 24/7, on-site maintenance, regular programme of social events, modern gym (open 6am – midnight), 100MB Broadband & WiFi, common room and study room, laundry room, bike storage, and even a resident pet! All students receive private bedrooms and bathrooms in suites shared among 4-6 students, with shared kitchen and living areas. More information can be found at: www.tcd.ie/accommodation/binary-hub.

#### **Volunteering**

Trinity prides itself on giving back to Dublin city and has numerous volunteering opportunities for students to get involved in. Comprised of ten different campus groups, Trinity Volunteering is an umbrella student initiative that run volunteering events on campus and in Dublin city. Volunteering is an excellent way to get involved in local communities, make connections and give back. www.tcd. ie/Community/students/volunteering/campus/forum.php.

#### **Working in Ireland**

Non-EU study abroad students who are studying at Trinity for a full academic year are eligible to work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term and up to 40 hours per week during University holidays. Single semester study abroad students are not permitted to work in Ireland.



## **SUPPORT AT TRINITY**

#### **Study Abroad Team**

The Study Abroad Team is your primary point of contact throughout your study abroad experience. We advise on queries, provide pre-arrival information and detailed orientation information, organise events on campus for study abroad students, and are a source of support and advice throughout your study abroad experience and beyond.

#### **S2S Mentor**

Every Trinity student is assigned a Student-to-Student (S2S) mentor who keeps in regular contact throughout the semester. As fellow students, they can give advice on relevant modules to take, how to make the most out of your time in college, and listen to any concerns you may have. They will give you your campus tour during Orientation, and will be in touch throughout your time on campus. You can reach out to them with any questions you may have about your academic or social life at Trinity. www.tcd.ie/Student\_Counselling/student2student.

#### **Global Room and Global Room Ambassadors**

The Global Room's staff and its Student Ambassadors are always on-hand to answer many practical day-to-day questions about being an international student at Trinity. From its popular events like American Thanksgiving, Chinese New Year, and Puppy Day during exam times, to its New2Dublin group, its screens with over 300 international TV channels, and the Meet and Greet programme for arriving students, the Global Room is a great home away from home for international students at Trinity. www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/global-room.

#### **Global Officers**

Many departments in Trinity College have a Global Officer – a staff member located in Schools, dedicated to advising international students and working on international activity within their school. Global Officers assist with module selection, organise social events and act as points of contact for all international students. www.tcd.ie/globalrelations/about.

#### **Academic Registry**

The Academic Registry is the main student support hub in Trinity and provides services encompassing document certification and student letters, admissions, student finance advice, registration, transcripts, examinations, and graduation services. They have a service desk in the Watts Building open from 9.00am to 5.30pm on weekdays and until 5pm on Friday. You can contact them by phone at +353 (0)1 896 4500 or by email at academic.registry@tcd.ie.

#### **Personal Tutor**

Trinity provides all undergraduate students with a Personal Tutor - a blend of mentor and advisor who provides confidential personal and academic advice and support throughout a student's time in the University. Study Abroad students are welcome to reach out to the Tutor's office, and should contact them to raise any academic difficulties or concerns. www.tcd.ie/SeniorTutor.

#### **Students' Union**

Every registered student at Trinity College is automatically a member of the Students' Union (SU). The Students' Union is a representative body with five full-time student sabbatical officers and a number of part-time officers, who look after the educational and welfare needs of Trinity's student population, as well as organising entertainment and events. www.tcdsu.org.

#### **Student Counselling Services**

The Student Counselling Service is a confidential, professional service available free of charge to every Trinity student. It offers help in coping with any personal or emotional problems and offers learning support and development aids. Appointments should be made directly with the Counselling Service. The Counselling Services runs a course 'Feeling @ Home in TCD' which is aimed particularly at international students. www.tcd.ie/student\_counselling.

#### **Disability Service**

The Disability Service is the support service for students with any disability or special learning needs. Students requiring support from Trinity due to the impact of their disability or specific learning difficulty are advised to contact the Service as early as possible to explore what supports can be provided. To find out more, contact the Disability Office here: www.tcd.ie/disability.

Please Note: Policies vary country to country, so Disability works with students to provide the best supports possible within our system.

#### **College Health Service**

All full-time registered students are eligible to use the College Health Service throughout the year. The service offers on-campus primary health and psychiatric care. Students can also avail of out of hours services and specialised clinics in physiotherapy, sexual health care, eating disorders, minor surgery, vaccinations and blood tests. www.tcd.ie/CollegeHealth.

## STUDENT VOICES

Don't take our word for it, hear what our students have to say!



Trinity College is known for its literary history, with accomplished writers Anne Enright, Samuel Beckett, Bram Stoker, Jonathan Swift, and Oscar Wilde counted among the university's alumni. With Dublin named a UNESCO City of Literature, visiting & international students would be remiss to miss out on some of the amazing independent writing and arts happening in the city during your time here. I love heading out to the events recommended to me by LitSoc & my English professors."

Clodagh Schofield,
 University of Sydney

**Brown University** 

If one thing has struck me about Trinity College Dublin, it is how incredibly different the university is from what I imagined it would be. I got some things right: sweeping lawns, beautiful buildings and incredibly interesting professors. However, I definitely did not anticipate this school's incredible knack for engaging students, for making them feel welcome and at home in a prestigious place that has welcomed so many great minds and could have easily become standoffish and exclusive."

- Sydne Tursky, University of Arkansas One of the factors that must contribute to the great thinkers and writers that this university has produced, is the vast amount of independent learning that one has to do. This emphasis on self-teaching and independent research permeates every area of academic life."

- Anna McAlpine, University of St. Andrews

Even though I'm only here for the one term, all of the societies still wanted me to join them and take part in their activities. I didn't know before getting here if it would be easy or difficult to get involved since I am only here for such a short time, but so far it's been really easy to feel like a morphor of the student body."

- Madison Tucky,
University of Southern California

To read more from students who have studied abroad at Trinity, peruse Trinity's Study Abroad blog here: www.tcdglobal.wordpress.com/category/study-abroad.

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- Miles Morgan,

**University of Chicago** 

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMMES**

In addition to semester or year study abroad at Trinity, we offer the following special programmes.



## **NOTABLE ALUMNI**

Since 1592, Trinity has educated a community of alumni that have shaped our world. Did you know that Trinity has over 115,000 alumni in over 150 countries worldwide? All study abroad students are eligible to join Trinity's global network of Alumni.





#### **Get in Touch**

For more information on studying at Trinity, visit our website at: <a href="https://www.tcd.ie/study">www.tcd.ie/study</a>

For first-hand accounts of student experiences, visit our student blog at: <a href="https://tcdglobal.wordpress.com/">https://tcdglobal.wordpress.com/</a>

For more information about the opportunities available for visiting students or if you have questions about making Trinity work for your academic programme, please email: <a href="mailto:study.abroad@tcd.ie">study.abroad@tcd.ie</a>

Connect with the International Partnerships and Study Abroad team: <a href="https://www.tcd.ie/globalrelations/about">www.tcd.ie/globalrelations/about</a>

#### **Global Relations Office**

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