

# Erasmus and Study Abroad Exchange

## Trinity Joint Honours

Trinity Joint Honours students who wish to go on Erasmus/Study Abroad should normally:

- Be in their third year of study
- Have passed their second year with a minimum of a II.2
- Finalise their degree pathway and exit award during pathway selection at the end of their second year, prior to finalising and submitting their Study Abroad learning agreement. Exact dates for pathway selection will be confirmed later in the academic year by our colleagues in Academic Registry.
- Ensure they are aware of any pre-requisites for modules in their final year and should make informed choices on whether to proceed with exchanges.
- Have their learning agreement approved by the relevant study abroad co-ordinator(s) for their subject(s) and the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office (UCAO) (tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie)
- Should any change need to be made to the learning agreement after approval, the student must seek the agreement of the relevant study abroad co-ordinator(s) for their subject(s) and the UCAO to ensure the changes comply with their degree pathway.
- **Full-year Exchanges:**
  - Should undertake 60 credits (ECTS) for a full year abroad.
  - Will be assessed on the best returned marks for 45 ECTS (or the equivalent) completed while on a full year exchange
- **Half-year (One Semester) Exchanges:**
  - Should undertake up to 30 credits (ECTS) for a one semester exchange.
  - Must complete 30 ECTS according to their pathway in the opposite semester at Trinity.
  - Will be assessed on the best returned marks for 20 ECTS while on a one-semester exchange abroad.

### Pathway – Joint Honours – Full Year or Half-Year Exchange

Trinity Joint Honours students who wish to graduate with a Joint Honours award in both of their subjects:

- Will need to ensure that their location of exchange will allow them to take the equivalent of up to 30 ECTS in each of their subjects for a full-year exchange, or the equivalent of 15 ECTS in each subject for a half-year exchange<sup>1</sup>.
- Will need to choose the Joint Honours degree award pathway during the pathway selection process.
- Will need to have their learning agreement approved by both of their subjects and the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office (tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie)

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<sup>1</sup> If there is no viable possibility to pursue exchanges studying both subjects in this structure, individual students on Joint Honours pathways may seek agreement from both of their departments and the UCAO to study all required credits for one subject in one semester on exchange and take their required credits for their other subject in Trinity in the other semester. Not all subjects can currently facilitate this option and students should first discuss this with departmental study abroad coordinators.

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- Will, for the purposes of assessment, return a minimum of 22.5 ECTS (or the equivalent) in both of their subjects for a full-year exchange. Students on a half-year exchange will return a minimum of 10 ECTS (or the equivalent) in both of their subjects.

### Pathway - Major with Minor Option A – Full Year Exchange

Students who wish to graduate with a Major with Minor award on pathway 'Option A' where they will continue studying both subjects in Year 4 and go on a full-year exchange:

- Should normally apply for through the department of their Major subject<sup>2</sup>.
- Will need to ensure that their location of exchange will allow them to take the equivalent of up to 40 ECTS in their Major subject and the equivalent of up to 20 ECTS in their Minor subject.
- Will need to choose the Major with Minor – Option A degree award pathway that continues the study of both subjects into Year 4.
- Will need to have their learning agreement approved by their Major subject, Minor subject, and the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office ([tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie](mailto:tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie))
- Will, for the purposes of assessment, return a minimum of 35 ECTS (or the equivalent) in the Major subject and a minimum of 10 ECTS (or the equivalent) in their Minor subject.

### Pathway - Major with Minor Option A – Half Year Exchange

Students who wish to graduate with a Major with Minor award on pathway Option A (where they will study both their Major and Minor Subject in Year 4) and go on a half-year exchange:

- Should normally apply for through the department of their Major subject<sup>2</sup>.
- Will need to ensure that their location of exchange will allow them to take the equivalent of 20 ECTS in their Major subject and the equivalent of 10 ECTS in their Minor subject.
- Will need to choose the Major with Minor Option A degree award pathway that continues the study of both subjects into Year 4<sup>3</sup>.
- Will need to have their learning agreement approved by both of their Major subject, Minor subject and the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office ([tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie](mailto:tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie))
- Will, for the purposes of assessment, return a minimum of 15 ECTS (or the equivalent) in the Major subject and a minimum of 5 ECTS (or the equivalent) in their Minor subject.

### Pathway - Major with Minor Option B – Half Year Exchange (Semester 1 Only)

Students who wish to graduate with a Major with Minor award on Option B (where they will finish studying their Minor Subject in Year 3) and go on a half-year exchange:

- Can only go on exchange in Semester 1. Students who wish to go on a full-year exchange or Semester 2 exchange and are on the Major with Minor Option B pathway will be required to change their pathway or no longer participate on their exchange.

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<sup>2</sup> If there is no possibility of exchange through the Major department, a student may pursue an exchange through the Minor department provided both the Major department and the UCAO approve this arrangement and provided the partner institution offers sufficient credits in both subjects.

<sup>3</sup>–Please note not all subjects and/or host universities can facilitate this option and department study abroad coordinators will provide this information to students. If your subjects can facilitate such an exchange, please contact [tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie](mailto:tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie) for information on what requirements you will need to meet.

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- Will need to ensure that their location of exchange will allow them to take the equivalent of 15 ECTS in both their Major and Minor subjects.
- Will need to choose the Major with Minor Option B degree award pathway that finishes the study of the minor subject in Year 3.  
Will need to have their learning agreement approved by both their Major subject, Minor subject, and the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office ([tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie](mailto:tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie))
- Will, for the purposes of assessment, return a minimum of 10 ECTS (or the equivalent) in both of their Major and Minor subjects.

### Pathway - Single Honours – Full Year or Half Year Exchange

Students who wish to graduate with a Single Honours award in one of their subjects:

- Will need to ensure that their location of exchange will allow them to take the equivalent of up to 60 ECTS in their subject for a full-year exchange or the equivalent of up to 30 ECTS for a half-year exchange.
- Will need to choose the Single Honours degree award pathway during the pathway selection process.
- Open Modules and Trinity Electives do not need to be replicated abroad as the requirement for breadth of learning will be fulfilled on the basis of what Erasmus/ non-EU exchanges achieve towards a diverse experience of education. Students may opt to take additional modules while abroad as breadth but are not required to do so.
- Will need to have their learning agreement approved by their subject and confirmed by the Undergraduate Common Architecture Office ([tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie](mailto:tjh.erasmus-studyabroad@tcd.ie))
- Will, for the purposes of assessment, return a minimum of 45 ECTS (or the equivalent) in their Single Honours subject on a full-year exchange. Students on a half-year exchange will return a minimum of 22.5 ECTS (or the equivalent) in the Single Honours subject.