



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Fact Sheet 2016/17

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Name of Institution	Trinity College Dublin
Erasmus + ID Code	IRL DUBLIN01
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Website	For visiting and international students: https://www.tcd.ie/study/ For more information on engineering: https://www.tcd.ie/Engineering/
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Application Process for Erasmus Students

Our applications are paper-based and can be found on our Erasmus website, along with lots of additional information for incoming Erasmus students here (about applications, preparation and arrival): <https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/erasmus/>

Before applying for admission as an Erasmus student

- Please ensure that your university has a Erasmus Exchange agreement with Trinity College
- Please ensure that you have been nominated by your university to participate in the exchange.
- Have an excellent command of the English language, both written and verbal. (CEFR level B2 in English is expected)
Please complete the [application form](#) for Admission as an EU Exchange Student (link is given on our website). (If you are a UNITECH student, please use the alternative UNITECH application that has been emailed to you). **Please read the instructions on the last page of the application form carefully before completing it.** It is very important that you enclose a transcript of your results from your home university with your application, we cannot process your application without this transcript. You will also need a passport photo and your European Health Insurance Card. You will also need the form signed by your Erasmus Coordinator in your home university.

The completed application should be sent to:

International Admissions and Study Abroad
Academic Registry
Watts Building
Trinity College
Dublin 2,
Ireland.

Please note the deadlines for receipt of applications as follows:

Apply by	For admission in
1 June 2016	September 2016
15 October 2016	January 2017

Application process for non-EU students:

Our applications are online and can be found on our study abroad website, along with lots of additional information for visiting students (about applications, preparation and arrival):

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/study-abroad/apply/>

Before applying for admission as a non-EU exchange student:

- Please ensure that your university has an exchange agreement with Trinity College
- Please ensure that you have been nominated by your university to participate in the exchange.
- Please read the guidance on our website: <https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/study-abroad/>
- Have an excellent command of the English language, both written and verbal. If English is not your first language, you will need to provide proof of proficiency: <https://www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/admission-requirements/english-language/index.php>

Additional requirements for application:

Along with the application form, please include an official university transcript, a letter of recommendation, an academic statement and a passport sized photograph. Further information can be found in the Study Abroad brochure and on the application form. **Please note we no longer require an application fee.**

Please note the deadlines for receipt of applications as follows:

Application Deadlines		
	Autumn Term and Full Year (September Start)	Spring Term (January Start)
Applications Open	1 November	1 August
Applications Close	15 April	15 October

*Note that early application is recommended as demand for places is high. Applications will not be accepted after the closing date.

Please email visitingnoneu@tcd.ie with any questions on the application process or your application.

Academic Calendar:

<http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/> -> click on academic year structure

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/term-dates/>

Mid September 2016	Freshers' Week (Orientation)	Semester 1
Late September – Mid December 2016	Michaelmas Term (Semester 1)	
Early January 2017 (2 weeks before semester 2 starts)	Senior Sophister (4 th year) Engineering Examinations for Semester 1	
Mid January 2017 – Early April 2017	Hilary Term (Semester 2)	Semester 2
April 2017	Revision/Examination Preparation period	
May 2017	Trinity Examination period (Exams for all modules from Semester 1 and Semester 2)	

Please note:

1. The timetable for 2017-18 will be finalised in July 2017.
2. There is also an optional fee-paying programme prior to the start of each semester:
Understanding Ireland: Semester Start-Up Programme, more details of which can be found here:
<https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/understanding-ireland/semester-start-up.php>

Examination dates:

Please note that in the description of every module, it details the form of assessment (i.e. continuous assessment, examinations etc.)

Information on examinations, including past papers, student guidelines, dates etc can be found here: <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/>

Very important:

The Engineering School will consider applications for the full academic year OR the Michaelmas Term (first semester) OR for Hilary Term (second semester, to include the Trinity examination period) for all year groups.

Examinations: All standard examinations for Engineering modules (from both semester 1 and semester 2) take place in the main Trinity College exam session which takes place in May 2017. All full year and Hilary Term students must sit their exams for both semesters with local students in May.

Exceptions:

1. For visiting students, who are **here for Michaelmas Term-only (First Semester-only)** alternative assessment for semester 1 modules can be provided. The nature of this alternative assessment depends on the module.
2. Examinations for **Semester 1 year 4 (Senior Sophister) Engineering modules** will take place at the beginning of January 2017. These are the subject codes where the first number is 4 (e.g. CE4A1, ME4B6, EE4E1, CS4052 etc). These exams are held in the 2 weeks before semester 2 commences and **visiting students must sit the exams at the same time as local students in January**. (It is not possible for the School of Engineering to provide alternative assessment for fourth year exams before Christmas).

Study Plan/ Learning Agreement

The main criteria is selecting your modules are:

- You will be expected to have met any pre-requisites for each module, which are included in the module descriptions, found in the links below and in the attached spreadsheet
- You are not allowed to have any timetable clashes, so please be aware of this if choosing modules across different year groups/schools
- Modules selected needed to be approved by your home coordinator to ensure that you have sufficient credits and that it fits in with your home studies.
- Modules selected must also be approved by your departmental coordinator in Trinity also.

In terms of selecting a study plan for your learning agreement, you can use the module lists from 2015-16 for guidance to help you create a study plan. Module lists available for visiting students for 2016-17 will be updated during the summer.

Please note that Trinity does not operate a fixed timetable (i.e. the timetable can potentially change each year...modules may change semester, or not run for a particular reason), the timetables stays broadly similar, but they are subject to change.

For modules that were available to visiting students across the university for 2015-16, please see: <https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/ModuleDirectory/>.

For more details on the engineering modules that were available for 2015-16, a spreadsheet is available for nominated students. Should you have academic questions you may also contact the respective Departmental Exchange Coordinator, a list of these can be found in a tab of that spreadsheet.

You should include your proposed study plan within the attached application form.

Module registration is paper-based and is done on arrival, usually during orientation week, the week before lectures begin. Registration is subject to capacity being available with the class, the student having met the necessary pre-requisites and there being no timetable clashes. Details of module registration can be found here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/study-abroad/>

(But please note that full details and guidance will be given during orientation and the form only needs to be completed and signed after that).

Credits and Grades

Trinity uses the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) which is based on the principle that 60 credits equal the workload of full-time studies during one academic year. It is advised that students make a *Learning Agreement/Study plan* including only 30 credits per semester. In order to pass their year in Trinity, visiting students must pass at least 45 ECTS over the full academic year.

It is important that students have their learning agreement approved by their home university to ensure that they have the required number of ECTS and are taking any necessary pre-requisites that they may need when they return home to their home university.

The following marking scheme applies in Trinity College

Degree classification	Grade	Percentage range
First class Honors	I	70–100%
Second class Honors, first division	II.1	60–69%
Second class Honors, second division	II.2	50–59%
Third class Honors	III	40–49%
Fail	F1	30–39%
	F2	below 29%

Health Insurance

Non-EU students are advised to guard against the problems of accident or serious illness by ensuring they have adequate insurance cover for medical treatment and hospitalisation before leaving their home country. Please check with your insurance company at home that you are sufficiently insured for your period of study in Ireland.

If students do not already have insurance cover, they may wish to insure with one of the health insurance providers in Ireland, details of which can be found here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/erasmus/Preparation/>

Students from EU states should apply for a [European Health Insurance Card \(EHIC\)](#) in their home country before departure. See also [European Health Insurance Card information for visitors to Ireland](#).

All full-time registered students are eligible to use the College Health Service throughout the year. Detailed information regarding services can be accessed on the [College Health Service](#) website. Essentially, the service offers on campus primary health and psychiatric care, between 10.30 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. weekdays excluding lunchtime. The Health Centre is located in House 47.

Useful Information for Visiting Students

The [Coming to Trinity](#) website provides very useful information for visiting students, in particular in the [International Students Handbook](#). In this handbook, you will find information on accommodation, health insurance, orientation, living in Dublin, etc.

Accommodation can be an issue for students, so we recommend starting to search for it as early as possible. Please see the following links for further advice:

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/erasmus/Preparation/>

<https://www.tcdsu.org/services/accommodation>

and https://issuu.com/tcdsuwelfare/docs/living_in_dublin for accommodation advice and here for budgeting tips: https://issuu.com/tcdsuwelfare/docs/finance_budgeting

You can even sign up for a meet and greet service at the airport:

<http://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/airport/>

Orientation Programme

All new students and visiting students are invited to take part in the Orientation Programme which takes place the week before each term starts (in September and in January). Details of the orientation programme can be found here: <https://www.tcd.ie/orientation/>. There is also lots of additional information on this website about how to register, details on student services etc.

The orientation at the start of the year in September is known as Freshers' Week and it is a week-long orientation programme, for 1st year students and visiting students. The orientation in January is slightly shorter and is for visiting students only. The main purpose of the programme is to acquaint students with Trinity and Dublin/Ireland. During orientation week, visiting students will register for classes and sign up for any student societies and sports clubs that they may wish to join. Details of all of the clubs and societies can be found here: <http://www.tcdlife.ie/clubs-societies/>. Of particular interest to visiting students is Trinity's International Student Society, which we often recommend joining as it helps students to get to know each other, enjoy their stay and learn about Ireland. It organises a number of social and cultural activities as well as trips and parties, throughout the year: <http://www.trinitysocieties.ie/society/53/international-student-society>

There's a Global Room in college, which is a great resource for visiting and local students:

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/global-room/>. There is also a New 2 Dublin group for students who are **new in town (both international and Irish)**. For more details, please see here: <https://student2student.tcd.ie/meet-ups/> At each event you will find two organizers (who are also students) who will welcome you, introduce you to others and who will answer any questions you might have including information about College, where you can get the best deals, and lots of useful cultural and practical information. Their facebook page is updated with any new events and you can also keep in touch with others from the group: Join here: www.facebook.com/groups/New2Dublin/

Non-EU students requiring visas

If you are a non-EU student who requires a visa, please find information on the visa applications here: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study>