NOTRE DAME DUBLIN PROGRAMME: TRINITY COLLEGE

A GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants who wish to study for AY or a semester at Trinity College Dublin must complete the TCD hard copy application in addition to Notre Dame's on-line study abroad Application. All applications for study at TCD will go through a two stage admission process, first at Notre Dame, and then at Trinity College. NDInternational-Study Abroad cannot forward all applications to Trinity, and we will choose those candidates who we believe best qualify for admission. But the final decision is Trinity's.

The attached application, statement, academic recommendation and photo are due in 105 Main Building by Dec. 9, 2015. See directions about the required transcript in #15 below.

When applying to Trinity College Dublin, you should keep the following recommendations and guidelines in mind:

1. Look over the entire application and the accompanying notes before completing the forms. You must also consult Trinity's Prospectus for Visiting Students which contains departmental listings and course descriptions: https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity/ModuleDirectory/index.php

2. Answer all questions in the application carefully, especially those about your curriculum. The form should be completed on line or printed very neatly in capital letters. You can download it, complete and print. https://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/to-trinity


4. At this time, leave BLANK the PROPOSED PERIOD OF STUDY in TRINITY COLLEGE ( #2 IN APPLICATION). Your period of study will be completed at a later date.

5. You will apply to study in up to four departments at Trinity; you must choose these departments carefully, using the departmental titles from Trinity's Prospectus (e.g. School of English, Department of Economics). Trinity will look at your background in a subject as criteria for admission to study that discipline. In other words, if you wish to study English (or Psychology, or History, etc., etc.) at TCD, your ND transcript (including spring 2016 courses in progress) should indicate that you have already had, at Notre Dame, 3-4 courses in that subject.

6. You should apply to study in departments where you need major or graduation credits. Once you register at Trinity College, it is difficult to obtain courses in departments that you were not accepted into originally.

7. If you are applying to do Physics, Chemistry, Biology, or Engineering at TCD you will most likely do all of your TCD courses within that subject, or perhaps in a combination such as Physics/Mathematics. In addition, you may take one or two Arts and Letters courses through Notre Dame's Dublin Centre.
8. Keep your academic statement focused and concise. State the reasons why you would be a good choice for study abroad at Trinity College and support it with your past academic and personal experiences. Your Trinity academic statement should not be the personal essay you submitted on your Notre Dame application. The statement should explain why you have chosen to study at Trinity College, what you hope to gain academically from the courses you intend to take, and what you can contribute to Trinity during your time there.

9. On the application form it is important that you mention some courses that you are interested in taking in the departments you have listed (otherwise departments may think you are not really interested). On the other hand, Trinity warns that you should not list a particular course as required unless you absolutely must take it, as individual courses may be over-subscribed.

10. If you wish to take a course(s) in the School of Irish (usually Elementary Irish or Irish Literature & Language or both) you should specify one or other or both on your application form. Please note that Elementary Irish is not for credit.

11. If you have required courses, you should note that on your application. It is often too late to add a course at a later stage when departments have already offered places.

12. Leave the GPA in major courses and cumulative GPA from question 5 blank until a later date.

13. Please note that a requirement of this application is a recommendation to be completed by a professor at ND who has taught you in a class and submitted a grade for you in that course. You will give him/her a hard copy reference form with the attached envelope. You can pick this up in the ND Inter- Study Abroad office in 105 Main Building at the front desk. You have only one opportunity to obtain a strong evaluation so pick the professor whom you believe will give you the best reference. We highly recommend that you obtain a recommendation from a member of the faculty to which you are applying (e.g. if you are applying to study History and/or English, your recommendation should come from a faculty member of one of those departments at Notre Dame). When your professor has completed the reference, please ask him/her to put it in the attached envelope, seal it and give it back to you. You will then bring it to 105 Main Building. The professor can also mail it directly in the pre-addressed envelope by campus mail. Be sure to give the form to your recommender at least two weeks prior to the Dec. 9th deadline, and be sure to contact and meet with your recommender in advance.

14. You will need to order an official transcript from Inside ND not an electronic copy. Choose the Student Academic tab, then the Transcript Request Order link. Please enter our address as the recipient of the transcript: ND Inter-ational- Study Abroad, Trinity program, 105 Main Building. Please make the request and have it sent to us as soon as your fall 2015 grades are posted and when the spring 2016 courses “in progress” are available (due date January 20, 2016)

15. Be sure to sign the application on the last page.

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