

Understanding Ireland offers international students the best possible foundation for settling into their time at Trinity. The programme is unique in providing both an orientation to life in Trinity and an academic introduction to understanding Irish culture—all before normal teaching begins.

WHAT WILL I BE STUDYING?

Understanding Ireland immerses you in the rich world of Irish history and culture. There are three academic strands to the programme, which is taught through lectures and seminars:

- 1 The Story of Ireland: From St Patrick to the Present Day
- 2 Visualizing Ireland: Archaeology, Art and Architecture
- 3 Representing Ireland: Ireland and the Irish in Drama, Literature and Film.

Excursions to national cultural institutions and historical landmarks are integral to the programme. Within Dublin, you will attend a performance at The Abbey Theatre (founded by W. B. Yeats in 1904) and visit Croke Park, headquarters of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA). You will go on a field trip to a site of major historical importance outside the capital, such as the Hill of Tara (the ancient seat of the High Kings of Ireland) or the monastery of Glendalough, with its famous round tower.

WHO RUNS THE PROGRAMME?

Understanding Ireland is organized and taught by the academic staff of Trinity's School of Histories and Humanities. The programme runs at the beginning of each semester prior to the start of normal teaching. Full details of the academic content of the programme are available in the *Understanding Ireland* handbook, which is available on our webpage www.tcd.ie/study/understandingireland

VISITING AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

AUTUMN ENTRY (5 ECTS): Students coming to Trinity for a year or a single semester can participate in the three-week autumn programme. The programme normally begins in the final week of August and covers the first one-sixth of your semester work commitment at Trinity (5 ECTS), with the remainder being covered by the other undergraduate courses you choose for that semester.

SPRING ENTRY (NOT CREDIT-BEARING): Students coming to Trinity for the spring term, have the option to take a week-long version of *Understanding Ireland*, which runs in the week before normal teaching begins in January. The week-long programme offers an overview of Irish history and culture through a combination of lectures and field trips. This course does not qualify for credit.

FEES

Both the Autumn and Spring programmes incur an additional fee. For students participating in institutional exchanges, this cost will be additional to the fees charged by your home university. For fees please visit our website: www.tcd.ie/study/understandingireland

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

AUTUMN ENTRY ONLY: For international students coming to Trinity as full-time undergraduates, *Understanding Ireland* is the perfect introduction to academic and social life at the university. The programme normally begins in the final week of August. You will participate fully in all lectures and field trips. In addition, seminars will introduce you to the undergraduate teaching and learning environment of Trinity College Dublin.

FEES

Participation in *Understanding Ireland* incurs an additional fee. Please check our website: www.tcd.ie/study/understandingireland

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for students enrolled in *Understanding Ireland* is provided at Trinity Hall, an official residence of Trinity College Dublin. Trinity Hall is an apartment-style complex outside the main Trinity campus, which has many recreational facilities including TV lounges, a quiet reading space, games areas, group-use facilities and music practice rooms. There is internet access in every room and 24-hour security on the complex. Most importantly, there is a vibrant sense of community, making Trinity Hall an ideal place for striking up new friendships and settling into Dublin life. You can take a virtual tour here:

www.tcd.ie/accommodation/studentsandstaff/students/trinityhall

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION?

Students can apply for rooms online at the Accommodation Office website. For more information and a virtual tour, go the Trinity Accommodation website: <https://accommodation.tcd.ie/studentbookings>.

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Further information

DISCOVER TRINITY

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ORIENTATE YOURSELF INTO
TRINITY LIFE BEFORE YOUR
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS

The programme includes a tour of our historic city-centre campus, an introduction to our library services, and IT induction classes. The teaching staff will also help with your transition to the teaching and learning environment of Trinity.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN
IRISH HISTORY, ART AND
LITERATURE

There are three academic strands to the course:

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UNDERSTANDING IRELAND

THE TRINITY SEMESTER START-UP PROGRAMME

MAKE NEW AND LASTING **FRIENDSHIPS** BEFORE
YOUR CLASSES AT TRINITY EVEN BEGIN

Moving to a new country can be challenging. You will thrive during your stay in Trinity having spent your first weeks meeting fellow students who are also experiencing Ireland for the first time.

USE THE PROGRAMME AS A LAUNCH PAD FOR
DISCOVERING **IRELAND** WITH YOUR NEW FRIENDS

As well as visiting sites in Dublin such as The Abbey Theatre and Croke Park (the home of the GAA), the programme includes a field trip to a major historical site in the countryside outside the capital, such as the Hill of Tara or the monastery of Glendalough.

DISCOVER THE PEOPLE

Learn more at www.tcd.ie/study/understandingireland



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