## Information for outgoing UCD Erasmus students, 2014-15

If you are considering going on Erasmus, the very first thing to do is to attend one of the Erasmus workshops offered regularly by the International Office, located in the basement of the Restaurant building. These information sessions will give you all the practical information you need about the scheme, and usually feature UCD students who have returned from their Erasmus year to offer up-to-date advice.

You <u>must</u> have 50 credits (ECTS) completed before you can go on Erasmus, and you must successfully complete 45 credits while you are on Erasmus. Usually, students go on Erasmus after completing two years of their BA at UCD.

Students of English can apply for one of a selection of Erasmus places with European universities with whom the School have a direct agreement. These are:

FRANCE:	Université de Paris – Sorbonne (Paris IV)	1 place	9 months
GERMANY:	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg	2 places	9 months
ITALY:	Università degli studi di Torino	1 place	9 months
ITALY:	Università degli studi di Verona	2 places	9 months
NETHERLAN	NDS: Universiteit van Amsterdam	1 place	9 months
PORTUGAL:	Universidade de Coimbra	1 place	9 months
SPAIN:	Universitate Autónoma de Barcelona	1 place	9 months

To apply, please send an Expression of Interest email with your name, student number, desired university destination (and a second or third choice, if you so require), and a 100-150-word account of your interest in going on Erasmus, to the School Erasmus coordinator **by 26<sup>th</sup> January of the academic year before you wish to travel**. If there is competition for places, we will look to student GPAs in order to make offers. For that reason, we recommend nominating a second or third preference as well.

But you will have access to other Erasmus places besides these as well. You might also like to make enquiries about the Erasmus places available through your second subject, and to ask at the International Office about College of Arts and Celtic Studies open places too.

If you are nominated, we will inform you in the first week of February, from which point you must make contact as soon as possible with the International Office to make the necessary administrative arrangements.

While on Erasmus, you **must** <u>take and successfully pass</u> 45 credits (ECTS) over the course of the year you are away, and <u>must</u> have your selection of modules approved by the Erasmus coordinator in the School before you leave, using the form supplied by the International Office.

Students who successfully complete their Erasmus year will, after the successful completion of their final-year studies, be awarded a B.A. International.

The International office takes care of the practical business of your exchange, and will be your first point of call for questions. They are located in the basement of the Restaurant building, and their website can be found here: http://www.ucd.ie/international/exchanges/

**NB:** There are also a number of non-EU exchanges available, for example to the US, Australia and Canada; please ask at the International Office about these.

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