



# UCD SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Erasmus in Europe 2013-14

### *Introduction*

The School of Politics and International Relations operates a number of student exchanges under the ERASMUS scheme. This leads to the BA International on completion of studies in UCD. The scheme enables students who have successfully completed their second year of studies to spend a full academic year at selected universities in Belgium, France, Germany, Norway and Sweden. No fees are charged to students and limited funding is available. Students in receipt of grants will continue to avail of them when studying abroad.

The advantages of ERASMUS are many: it provides an opportunity to expand your knowledge of political culture and student life in another country. It gives access to areas of study and specialisations which are not available in UCD and an understanding of different approaches to the study of politics. In each case, the universities have a strong international reputation in politics. In many cases, the exchange also provides an opportunity to perfect a foreign language. Also, it is usually possible to take courses in your other subject, in new subject areas and in the language of the host country.

In addition to the School's direct links, it is also possible to avail of exchanges managed by the International Office with other universities. Please contact the International Office for details. International Office website: <http://www.ucd.ie/international/>

### *Study Programme*

Student exchanges, with the exception of post-graduate study, are for the full academic year. A programme of study is agreed with the School of Politics and International Relations and the local co-ordinator in the host university prior to departure. Courses are usually at a level corresponding to third year politics in UCD. Students must pass examinations (written and/or oral) in order to qualify for the BA International which is received on completion of their studies in UCD. These must be to the value of **45 ECTS credits**.

### *Applications*

Application forms are available on the SPIRe homepage. Students must pass their second year examinations. Selection is made on the basis of a good academic record and where necessary, language proficiency. In cases where English is not the language of instruction in the host university, students must be competent in the relevant language. In the case of the IEP, Paris, students are advised that a high level of competence in French is required, and they may be required to pass a specific language test.

The application deadline: 4pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

Applications must be submitted to the School Office, Room G310, Newman.  
(Alternatively, you may send an application via email to [spire@ucd.ie](mailto:spire@ucd.ie).)

## **Costs and Accommodation**

No registration fees are payable to the host university - you must be registered with UCD for 2013-14 prior to departure. ERASMUS provides financial support for study visits. The exact allocation varies from year to year; details of the amounts may be obtained from the International Office website.

Each of the host universities operates a service responsible for finding accommodation, sometimes in student residences, for ERASMUS students. Usually, this costs less than accommodation in Dublin. Students will be given details of relevant services and are themselves responsible for organising accommodation.

## **Information**

Up-to-date information on availability of places etc. will be posted on the SPIRe homepage throughout the year.

The International Office has further details on ERASMUS on its website. An ERASMUS fair for all interested students is held in the first semester.

*Note:* Once accepted into the programme, students must complete relevant forms and procedures for acceptance by the host university. Upon arrival, students are encouraged to make early contact with the academic co-ordinator and the International Office. Most universities operate special introductory sessions for ERASMUS students immediately prior to the first week of the academic year.

## **University places open to UCD Politics students**

### **University of Bergen, Norway**

Instruction in English. One place available. Courses: special programme of Scandinavian Area Studies (country studies and themes in Scandinavian politics, political institutions, development of democracy, political parties, public policy, foreign policy, South Africa and South-East Asia). Students may also take courses at higher (Masters) level.

Academic year: early August - June

Website: <http://www.uib.no/en>

### **Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium**

Instruction in French. Two places available. Based in the faculty of social science, politics and economics, a wide choice of courses in politics is available. These include political systems of western states; political economy; political parties and interest groups; political thought; public administration; international relations and European integration. Students usually take courses at the level of licence.

Academic year: end September - end June

Website: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/international/Home.html>

### **University of Liège, Belgium**

Instruction in French. Two places available. Courses available include political economy; theories of the state and public law; governance and international relations; conflict resolution and negotiation; comparative politics; political thought; globalisation and European integration. Language courses are also available.

Academic year: end September - end June Website:

[http://www.ulg.ac.be/cms/c\\_5000/home](http://www.ulg.ac.be/cms/c_5000/home)

### **Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris**

Instruction mainly in French. Two places available. It offers ERASMUS students tailor-made intensive programme of studies requiring a significant amount of commitment and hard work. Courses include political structures and political life in the Fifth Republic; international relations theory; comparative societies; European Union and economics. Advanced French language instruction is provided.

Academic year: mid-October - mid-June

Website: <http://www.sciencespo.fr/en>

### **Universität zu Köln, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft und Europäische Fragen, Germany**

Instruction in German. Two places available. It offers three fields of study: comparative studies of political systems (evolution of political systems, Western European integration, integration of Central and Eastern Europe); international relations and foreign policy (international relations theory, East-West relations, conflict resolution, German foreign policy); and political theory and philosophy (theories of democratic systems, modern political theories, thinkers including Arendt and Foucault). In addition, specialised area studies are available e.g. Latin America.

Academic year: mid-October - mid-July

Website: <http://www.uni-koeln.de/wiso-fak/powi/index.html>

### **University of Lund, Sweden**

Instruction in English. One place available. Offers programmes in comparative and Swedish politics; International Relations; political theory; and public administration. Courses include democratization, environment and sustainable development, international negotiation, International Relations theory, EU policymaking, and Swedish politics. Wide range of courses also available in social policy and history.

Academic year: beginning September - mid-June

Website: <http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/>

### **University of Stockholm, Sweden**

Instruction in English. One place available. Offers programmes in comparative politics, human rights, nationalism and conflict, political theory, and public administration. Wide range of courses also available in international relations including courses on security, culture and identity.

Academic year: beginning end of August - mid-June

Website: <http://www.su.se/english/>

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