**Trinity College Dublin**
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The University of Dublin

**Undergraduate**
Admission Guide for non-EU Students

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# Discover Trinity

## Why Ireland?

Ranked 1st in Ireland and 98th in the world*, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin is committed to helping you to develop the skills, knowledge and values to become an informed, engaged global citizen in a rapidly changing world.

**Since 1592,** Trinity has been inspiring generations to meet the challenges of the future. Our beautiful historic campus, based in Dublin city centre is the 12th most international university in the world. Located beside the thriving European silicon docks, which is home to Facebook, Linkedin, Stripe, Hubspot and Twitter to name but a few, we are a welcoming and truly international community.

*QS World University Ranking 2023

**Ireland** is an English speaking country

**Ireland** is welcoming and happy. 13th in the world on the World Happiness Index

**Ireland** has the 3rd highest quality of life in the world

(United Nations Human Development Index 2022)

**Ireland** is ranked as the 3rd most peaceful country in the world

(Global Peace Index 2022)

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# Why Choose Trinity?

**Trinity is ranked 1st in Ireland for employer reputation and alumni outcomes**
QS Graduate Employability Ranking 2022

**12th Most International University in the World**

(Times Higher Education Ranking 2022)

**Over 133,000 Trinity alumni (graduates) in 157 countries worldwide**

**1st Ireland's leading university**

(QS World University Rankings 2023)

**29% of our students are from outside Ireland, from 116 countries**

**91st in the world for graduate employability**

(QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022)

**1st in Ireland for producing entrepreneurs for the 7th year in a row**

(Pitchbook Universities Report 2021)

**98th world rankings**

(QS World University Rankings 2023)

**Top 100 University in the world for 19 subjects**

(QS Subject Rankings 2022)

**6th in the world for gender equality**

(Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021)

**8** of the top 10 gaming companies

**8** of the top 10 pharmaceutical companies

**6** of the top 10 diagnostics companies

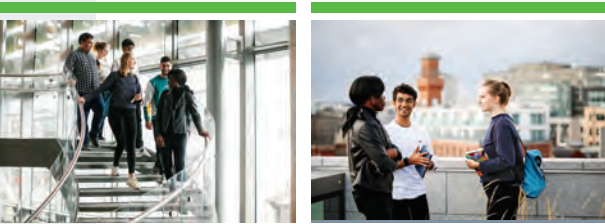**9** of the top 10 global ICT companies

Dropbox
J.P.Morgan
Pfizer
Facebook
Citibank
Accenture
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Google
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# Ireland is a global employment hub

Twitter
Amazon
Apple
Mastercard
Roche
Microsoft
Yahoo
Ebay
Airbnb
Paypal
HSBC
Huawei
KPMG
Allianz
IBM
Zurich

**15** of the top 20 medical device companies

**5** of the top 10 companies on Forbes' list of Most Innovative Companies

**50%** of the world's leading financial services firms

# Undergraduate Programmes and Admission

**Oscar Wilde**
Writer

**Hozier**
Singer-Songwriter

**Bram Stoker**
Writer

**Sally Rooney**
Novelist

**Robert Emmet**
Revolutionary Leader

## Undergraduate Programmes

Trinity offers a wide range of four year undergraduate degree programmes and we accept school-leaving examinations from many regions around the world.

Discover more at:
**www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate**

## Minimum Academic Requirements:

---→ A Levels: A*A*A to ABB, depending on the course. A minimum of six subjects on GCSE/AS papers/A Levels. The six subjects must include a pass in English and a pass in Mathematics and a pass in a language other than English. Two of these subjects must be at grade C or above at A Level. (Note: if you are not a native English speaker, the language other than English requirement may be waived).

---→ IB: 30 - 40 points (including bonus points), depending on the course. 3 subjects at grade 5 Higher Level and 3 subjects at grade 4 Standard Level, including English, Mathematics and a language. Some courses require specific subjects such as HL Mathematics or a science or language subject. Your predictive grades are used to make Conditional offers. Full examination results are reviewed for a final decision.

---→ US Curriculum: Unweighted GPA 3.2-3.5/4.0 and SAT 1250 to 1400 (500 min in each session - no essay required) or ACT 27 to 32 (cumulative, without writing), depending on the course.

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In the absence of standardised tests such as SAT or ACT, the Admissions Office will base admissions decisions on high school GPA and transcripts, academic references and personal statements. We will also consider additional evidence of academic merit, including Advanced Placement courses (APs), and college or honours-level classes with strong grades, where relevant to the course for which you are applying. Any standardised test scores that are submitted will be taken into consideration.

For more information on academic requirements visit:
**www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate**

Please note that there may be subject specific requirements. For full details, please visit:
**www.tcd.ie/study/international**

## International Foundation Programme

Our International Foundation Programme is a year-long, pre-university programme designed to allow students to develop the skills required to succeed in a competitive university environment. This programme accepts high school diplomas from around the world.

Find out more at:
**www.tcd.ie/study/international/foundation-programme**

## Minimum English Language

**Requirements**
---→ IELTS: 5.0 overall (5.0 in writing with no element below 4.5).
---→ TOEFL: 64 with 16 in writing.
---→ Duolingo Test of English: minimum overall score of 80/160, dated since January 2020.

Please note that some programmes have higher English requirements and/or specific subject requirements. Tuition fees for Pathway A are €16,480, and €17,995 for Pathway B.

# Admissions Guide for non-EU Undergraduate Applications



Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, welcomes applications from students from all over the world. What we look for in your application depends on the education system you are coming from, as well as the Trinity programme you are applying for. This guide will help you to identify what the requirements will be for you.

To be admitted to an undergraduate programme at Trinity, you must meet four categories of requirement:

1. **Minimum entry requirements for the University**
2. **Subject-specific requirements for the programme**
3. **Overall competitive requirements for the programme**
4. **Additional requirements**

## Minimum Entry Requirements for the University

Minimum entry requirements are the basic criteria you must meet to be considered for admission to Trinity. This includes a full set of 6 valid subjects from your high school or secondary examination system. If you did not study 6 subjects in your final year of high school, you can use additional subjects from Year 10 or later.

You must also have pass grades in **English** and **Mathematics** at Year 10 or later. Year 10 is equivalent to the GCE Ordinary Level, Indian Standard 10, High School 10th Grade, etc.

Most applicants must also have a pass grade in a **language other than English** at Year 10 (GCE Ordinary Level, High School 10th Grade, etc.) or later. This requirement may not apply to applicants who need a standardised English language qualification (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson test of English, see 4. Additional Requirements, below) because they received their high school or secondary education in a country where English is not the primary language.

For more details on Minimum Entry Requirements for the Leaving Certificate or A-levels, see
**www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate**

## Subject-Specific Requirements for the Programme

Some programmes require that you have studied specific subjects in your high school or secondary education and achieved certain grades in those subjects. For example, Theoretical Physics requires both Mathematics and Physics, whereas programmes like Psychology or Law have no specific subject requirements.

To see what subjects are required for each programme, see **Table 4**. To see what subjects are included in the Science Groups (A, B, C and D), refer to **Table 2**.

Subject requirements have a level 1 to 5, representing the grade required. To see what these levels mean in your examination system, see **Table 1**. If your examination system is not listed on this table, please contact **international@tcd.ie,** and check if it is accepted for admission to the Trinity International Foundation Programme (see Trinity International Foundation Programme section, page 16).

## Overall Competitive Requirements for the Programme

To meet the competitive requirements for a programme, the overall result in your final high school or secondary examinations must meet a certain band: 1, 2 or 3. To see what these bands mean in your system, refer to **Table 3**. Some examination systems have an additional "Special" band if they are accepted for admission to restricted programmes: Medicine and Dental Science.

You can see which band applies to each programme in **Table 4**.

If your examination system is not on **Table 3**, please contact **international@tcd.ie**, and check if it is accepted for admission to the Trinity International Foundation Programme (see Trinity International Foundation Programme section, page 10).

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## Table 1: Subject Specific Requirement Levels

| Second Level Qualification | Subject Level | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Leaving Cert | H3 | H4 | H4 or O2 | H6 or O4 | H6 or O6 |
| GCE, A-levels | AL B | AL C | GCSE A/8 | GCSE B/6 | GCSE C/5 |
| International Baccalaureate | HL6 | HL5 | HL5 or SL7 | HL5 or SL5 | HL5 or SL4 |
| French Baccalaureate | 16(≤4); 14(≥5) | 15(≤4); 13(≥5) | 14(≤4); 12(≥5) | 13(≤4); 11(≥5) | 12(≤4); 10(≥5) |
| Indian, Standard 10 and Standard 12 | Std.12 80% | Std. 12 75% | Std. 10 80% | Std.10 75% | Std. 10 70% |
| USA, High School | Grade 12, B | Grade 12, C | Grade 11, A | Grade 11, B | Grade 11, C |
| China, Gaokao/Huikao | Gaokao 80% | Gaokao 70% | New Huikao 80% (A) | New Huikao 70% (B) | New Huikao 60% (C) |
| China, High School | 85% over 3 years | 80% over 3 years | 90% in Senior 1 | 80% in Senior 1 | 70% in Senior 1 |
| China, AST | 250 | 200 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Hong Kong, HKDSE-Mathematics | 4 Extended | 3 Extended | 3 Extended | 3 Extended | 3 Extended |
| Hong Kong, HKDSE-Other Subjects | 5* or 4 Extended | 5 or 3 Extended | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Russia, Attestat | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Matura) | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Turkey, Lise Diplomasi | 80% Year 12 | 75% Year 12 | 85% Year 10 | 80% Year 10 | 75% Year 10 |
| Australia, HSC | 80% | 72% | 66% | 60% | 55% |
| Australia, QCE | VHA | HA | SA | LA | LA |
| Australia, VCE | A+ | A | B+ | B | C+ |
| Australia, WACE | A | B | C | D | D |
| Australia, TCE | EA | HA | CA | SA | SA |
| Malaysia, STPM | STPM B+ | STPM B | STPM C+ | SPM B or STPM D+ | SPM C or STPM D |
| Malaysia, UEC | A2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B6 |

## Table 2: Science Subject Groups

| Science Group A | Physics, Chemistry, Physics & Chemistry* | *Physics & Chemistry is not accepted as a 2nd subject alongside Physics or Chemistry |
|---|---|---|
| Science Group B | Any of the above *or* Biology | |
| Science Group C | Any of the above *or* Agricultural Science* | *Agricultural Science is not accepted as a 2nd subject alongside Biology |
| Science Group D | Any of the above *or* Applied Mathematics*, Mathematics, Geography, Geology, Computer Science | *Mathematics may not be presented with Applied Mathematics. |

## Table 3: Overall Competitive Admission Bands

| Qualification | Notes | Special Band | Band 1 | Band 2 | Band 3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| International Baccalaureate | Including bonus points. No HL below 5 or SL below 4 | 40 | 36 | 33 | 30 |
| A-levels, 3 subjects | | A*A*A | A*AA | AAA | ABB |
| A-levels, 4 subjects | | A*A*AA | A*ABC | AABC | BBBC |
| French Baccalaureate | | 17/20 | 15/20 | 14/20 | 13/20 |
| USA – SAT | SAT score plus high school GPA | n/a | 1400, 3.5 | 1350, 3.4 | 1250, 3.2 |
| USA – ACT | ACT score plus high school GPA | n/a | 32, 3.5 | 30, 3.4 | 27, 3.2 |
| INDIA - Standard XII | Average of St. XII subjects | n/a | 90 | 85 | 77 |
| CHINA - Gaokao | Gaokao (% of total possible score) plus high school result | n/a | GK 80% HS 90% | GK 72% HS 85% | GK 68% HS 80% |
| CHINA - International Section | Same as SAT | n/a | 1400, 3.5 | 1350, 3.4 | 1250, 3.2 |
| CHINA – AST | Sum of 3 subjects, plus high school transcript | n/a | 750 | 700 | 600 |
| HONG KONG - HKDSE | 3 core subjects and 2 electives in recognised subjects | 5*5*554 | 5*5544 | 55544 | 54444 |
| RUSSIA - Attestat | Between 12 and 20 subjects. Average score excluding PE | n/a | 5 | 4.95 | 4.9 |
| SERBIA, MONTENEGRO, BOSNIA, HERZEGOVINA - Matura | | 5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| TURKEY – Lise Diplomasi | Accepted for direct admission from specific high schools only. For list of schools, contact international@tcd.ie | n/a | 90% | 85% | 80% |
| AUSTRALIA - ATAR | National percentile | 99 | 97 | 95 | 90 |
| MALAYSIA - UEC | Average Grade of 6 best recognised subjects | n/a | A1 | A2 | B3 |
| MALAYSIA - STPM, 3 subjects | Similar to A-levels | AAA- | AA-A- | A-A-A- | A-BB |
| MALAYSIA - STPM, 4 subjects | | AAA-A- | AA-BC | A-A-BC | BBBB |

For more details on Minimum Entry Requirements for the Leaving Certificate or A-levels, see
www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate/

## Table 4: Competitive Admission Band and Subject Requirements Matrix

| Competitive Admission Band (See Table 3) | Programme | Subject Requirements (See Table 1) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences** | **Mathematics** | **Languages** | **Science Subjects** (See Table 2) |
| 3 | Ancient and Medieval History and Culture | | | |
| 3 | Ancient History and Archaeology (JH) | | | |
| 2 | Business (JH) | Mathematics 4 | | |
| 2 | Business Studies and French | Mathematics 4 | French 1 | |
| 2 | Business Studies and German | Mathematics 4 | German 1 | |
| 2 | Business Studies and Polish | Mathematics 4 | Language other than English 2 | |
| 2 | Business Studies and Russian | Mathematics 4 | Language other than English 2 | |
| 2 | Business Studies and Spanish | Mathematics 4 | Spanish 1 | |
| 2 | Business, Economics & Social Studies | Mathematics 4 | | |
| 3 | Classical Civilisation (JH) | | | |
| 3 | Classical Languages (JH) | | Language other than English 2 | |
| 3 | Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology | | Language other than English 2 | |
| 3 | Clinical Speech and Language Studies | Mathematics 5 | Language other than English 2 or English 2 | Group C 2 |
| 3 | Deaf Studies | | Language other than English 5 and English 2 | |
| 3 | Drama and Theatre Studies* | | | |
| 3 | Drama (JH)* | | | |
| 3 | Early & Modern Irish | | Irish 2 | |
| 2 | Economics (JH) | Mathematics 4 | | |
| 1 | English Literature (JH) | | English 2 | |
| 1 | English Studies | | English 2 | |
| 2 | European Studies | | Irish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish 1 or 2+2 | |
| 3 | Film, Film (JH) | | | |
| 3 | French (JH) | | French 2 | |
| 3 | German (JH) | | Language other than English 2 | |
| 2 | Global Business | Mathematics 4 | | |
| 2 | History, History (JH) | | | |
| 3 | History of Art & Architecture, HA&A (JH) | | | |
| 3 | Irish (JH) | | Irish 2 | |
| 3 | Italian (JH) | | Language other than English 2 | |
| 2 | Law, Law (JH) | | | |
| 2 | Law and French | | French 1 | |
| 2 | Law and German | | German 1 | |
| 3 | Linguistics (JH) | | Language other than English 4 | |
| 3 | Middle Eastern & European Languages & Cultures | | Language other than English 2 | |
| 3 | Middle Eastern Jewish & Islamic Civilisations (JH) | | | |
| 3 | Music, Music (JH)* | | | |
| 3 | Music Education* | | | |
| 3 | Philosophy, Philosophy (JH) | | | |
| 2 | Philosophy Political Science Economics & Sociology | Mathematics 4 | | |
| 2 | Political Science (JH) | | | |
| 1 | Psychology | | | |
| 3 | Religion, Religion (JH) | | | |
| 3 | Russian (JH) | | Language other than English 2 | |
| 3 | Social Studies (Social Work) | | | |
| 3 | Sociology (JH) | | | |
| 3 | Social Policy (JH) | | | |
| 3 | Spanish (JH) | | Language other than English 2 | |

## Table 4: Competitive Admission Band and Subject Requirements Matrix

| Competitive Admission Band *(See Table 3)* | Programme | Subject Requirements *(See Table 1)* | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|

### Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science

| Band | Programme | Mathematics | Languages | Science Subjects *(See Table 2)* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Computer Science | Mathematics 2 | | | |
| 3 | Computer Science (JH) | Mathematics 3 | | | |
| 3 | Computer Science, Linguistics and French | Mathematics 2 | French 1 | | |
| 3 | Computer Science, Linguistics and Spanish | Mathematics 2 | Spanish 1 | | |
| 3 | Computer Science, Linguistics and Irish | Mathematics 2 | Irish 1 | | |
| 3 | Engineering | Mathematics 2 | | | |
| 3 | Engineering with Management | Mathematics 2 | | | |
| 3 | Environmental Science and Engineering | Mathematics 2 | | Group D 2 | |
| 3 | Geography (JH) | | | | |
| 2 | Management Science & Information Systems Stud | Mathematics 2 | | | |
| 1 | Mathematics, Mathematics (JH) | Mathematics 1 | | | |
| 2 | Science: Biological & Biomedical Sciences | Mathematics 4 | | Group D 2+2 | |
| 2 | Science: Chemical Sciences | Mathematics 4 | | Group D 2+2 | |
| 2 | Science: Geography and Geoscience | Mathematics 4 | | Group D 2+2 | |
| 2 | Science: Physical Sciences | Mathematics 4 | | Group D 2+2 | |
| 1 | Theoretical Physics | Mathematics 1 | | Physics 1 | |

### Faculty of Health Sciences

| Band | Programme | Mathematics | Languages | Science Subjects | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | Dental Science | | | Group B 1 | Group B 2 |
| 1 | Human Health and Disease | | | Biology 2 | Group A 2 |
| | Human Nutrition and Dietetics (Joint degree**) | | | | |
| S | Medicine † | | | Group C 1 | Group C 2 |
| 1 | Occupational Therapy | | | Group C 2 | |
| 1 | Pharmacy | Mathematics 4 | | Chemistry 2 | Group D 2 |
| 1 | Physiotherapy | Mathematics 4 | | Group C 2+2 | |
| 1 | Radiation Therapy | | | Group B 2 | |

\* Additional Assessment required - see course page, www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate
\** Application to Technological University of Dublin - www.tudublin.ie/study/undergraduate/courses
† Applicants who do not have some qualification in Physics must have Mathematics at Level 4 (Table1)

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# Additional requirements

There are five other criteria taken into consideration for admission. Age Requirements and English Language Requirements apply to all applicants.

Garda Vetting, Health Screening and Fitness to Practice are relevant only to applicants to certain programmes, shown in the Table 5, below.

## Table 5: Additional Requirements by Programme

| Programme | Requirement |
|---|---|
| All programmes | English Language Requirement |
| All programmes | Age Requirement |
| Clinical Speech and Language Studies | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Dental programmes | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Engineering programmes | Fitness to Practice |
| Human Nutrition & Dietetics | Garda Vetting |
| Medicine | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Music Education | Garda Vetting |
| Occupational Therapy | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Pharmacy | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Physiotherapy | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Radiation Therapy | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |
| Social Studies (Social Work) | Garda Vetting, Health Screening, Fitness to Practice |

### English Language Requirement

All applicants must present a qualification in the English language. Certain high school/secondary examinations meet this requirement (I. to VI. below). Applicants who have done other high school/secondary examinations will need to present an international standardised English language qualification (see points VII. to XII.).

**High School/Secondary Examination:**
I.   Irish Leaving Certificate: a grade 6 or better in ordinary level English.
II.  GCSE: a grade C/5 or better in English language.
III. US High School: a grade C in English taken in final year.
IV.  International Baccalaureate: English A1, A2 or B: SL4 if presenting IB through English, HL5 if presenting through French or Spanish.
V.   Hong Kong, HKDSE: Level 4 or better in English Language.
VI.  Malaysia, SPM: Grade C or better in English 1119.

**International Standardised English Language Qualifications:**
VII.  TOEFL: Paper-based 570 (with a TWE score of 4.5) or Computer-based 233 (with a score of 4.5 in essay) or Internet-based 90 (with a written score of 21).
VIII. Cambridge Proficiency: grade C.
IX.   Cambridge Advanced: grade A.
X.    IELTS (academic version): 6.5 (no individual band below 6). For Dental programmes and Clinical Speech and Language Studies: 7 (no individual band below 7).
XI.   Pearson Test of English (Academic): a minimum score of 63 (with no Communication Skills section score below 59).
XII.  Duolingo English Test: minimum overall score of 110/160 with no section score below 100 dated since January 2020.

**Age Requirement:** Applicants seeking admission in 2023 must have a date of birth before 15 January 2007.

**Garda Vetting:** Students applying for these programmes will be required to undergo Garda (Police) vetting and will have to provide police clearance documentation from the countries and states in which they have resided.

**Health Screening:** Offers of admission to these programmes are made subject to certain vaccination requirements and/or certain negative test results.

**Fitness to Practice:** Professional programmes demand that certain core competencies are met by students in order to graduate and practice professionally after qualification. Trinity has special responsibility to ensure that students admitted to professional programmes will be eligible for registration by the relevant professional body upon graduation.

**Trinity International Foundation Programme**
Students who do not meet the requirements for direct entry to an undergraduate programme at Trinity may apply for the Trinity International Foundation Programme, see Page 20 for more information.

**Pre-sessional English Programme**
If you have not achieved the required score on one of the International Standardised English Language Qualififications mentioned above, you may be able to join our Pre-sessional English Programme. Find out more at: www.tcd.ie/slscs/english/trinity_pre-sessional_programme

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## Fees (2023/2024)

Tuition fees vary by course and are subject to change. For a full list of course fees, please visit: **www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments**

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Go to **www.tcd.ie/course** and find the course you are interested in. Simply click the Apply now link and follow the instructions to complete our online application. Full details on how to apply are available at: **www.tcd.ie/study/international/how-to-apply**

## Contact Us

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