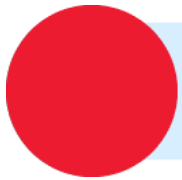




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Trinity College Dublin, Ireland



Host University Evaluation

Reports

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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

What did the process look like? Was it easy to register in your preferred classes?

They made what courses were available to exchange students easy to understand if they were available. However, the registration process was tedious and time consuming. You had to fill out what courses you wanted on a piece of paper and find the head of department to sign off, then you had to bring the paper to the Academic Registrar which had extremely limited hours.

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses

We'd love to know more about the academic level of your courses compared to McGill. Please explain your answer to the previous question using examples, ex: assessments, readings, labs.

They were much more rigorous. The exams were also all worth at least 80% which I have never had so it was nerve wracking. There was an abundance of coursework due welling that wasn't even graded.



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How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

- It was better!
- Pretty similar
- It was much worse

Tell us about it! How did it differ from the teaching quality at McGill? What can other students expect from their profs and course work?

Very similar to McGill. I found the professors at Trinity more approachable.

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

Each course I had had a 12-page term paper worth 20%, and a 80% weighted exam.

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unfair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transparent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complicated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to understand | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Similar methods to McGill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Different methods from McGill |

Is there anything else you'd like to share about the academic experience at your host university?

The grading scheme was difficult to understand, and the history department was reluctant to help.

Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

- Very satisfied, everything was clear
- I was able to figure things out, but it took some time
- Very confusing, I was lost
- Pretty satisfied
- Pretty confusing

What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

The material provided to us by our liaison there, Hannah Kilgore. She was always available and was extremely kind.



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What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

I found it very safe as the Garda was always around since it was a huge tourist spot. Trinity was much more accessible than McGill, I was very impressed when I got there. Many social opportunities that were fun and a great way to make friends

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

I lived in Binary Hub which was a complex run by a private company but that was approved by the university. It was difficult to find what Trinity dorms we were allowed to live in, it took a lot of digging to find out.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

The Irish are so kind, so if you need help from your peers they are so eager to help. Don't be afraid to ask!

Spend time on the campus before classes start because the campus is huge.

The Book of Kells exhibit is free for students and their guests, so wait until you have your student ID card to go.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

If you live in Binary Hub stay at the airport the day you get into Dublin and then go to Ikea to get stuff you need for the flat.

Take time to walk around the city. My favorite memory was just walking around the city with my friend. You stumble on the coolest stuff. I got to see where George Bernard Shaw was born because I got lost.

Get a student leap card right away. It'll help you get around the city at a discounted price.