**Trinity College Dublin**

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| How does the workload in your classes compare to Strathclyde.  |
| Harder |

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| Is there anything that you wished that you knew about the classes before you went?  |
| They say you can pick anything from third year modules and they won't clash... Trust me, they will. And you're not allowed to take clashing modules because there's a good chance exams will clash too (and you fail a module because of that). It's best to follow one of Trinity's degree streams instead of guessing, so you can do Chemistry with Molecular Modelling, Medicinal Chemistry or Chemistry. |

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| What type of accommodation are you staying in whilst away?  |
|  Private accommodation |

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| What is your monthly cost for accommodation?  |
| 550 eur for a room in a shared flat outside city centre 1500 eur 1 bed flat in the city centre (fair enough, if you move with boyfriend/girlfriend) |

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| Do you have any advice about how looking for accommodation? Is there anything you wished you knew before you left about accommodation?  |
| Demand is huge, so make sure you figure it out early enough. If you want to be at least a bit comfortable, you have to pay. A lot. Otherwise you get four people sharing a studio (true story). Trinity Hall seems to be a good option, although it's far from city centre, everyone's complaining about that. Looking for private accommodation: daft.ie - best website to find either your own place or a flatshare all kind of Facebook groups looking for flatmates - watch out for scams! |

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| What is the town/city like where you stay? |
| Smaller than Glasgow, but you don't really notice it. To be honest, it's much nicer that Glasgow (foreigner's opinion). Lots of international people, lots of tourists, always busy... All sort of pubs, restaurants and shops you need (massive shopping centres, food markets, many countries have their own supermarkets - really cool!) Luas (tram) and Dart (train) are reasonable ways to travel, buses are terrible! If you can cycle or walk to the uni, it's probably best. Close to the seaside and Wicklow mountains, so you can escape the city pretty easily. In general, it seems much more like continental Europe than the UK, which is a benefit (no offence). Oh, and it doesn't rain so much! |

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| Where is your favourite place to go?  |
| The Pav - pub on campus, right on the edge of rugby pitch (cheap beer, good people) All those cute little streets in the city centre with lights, restaurants etc. Howth - village by the seaside (there are seals in the harbour!!!) |

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| How do you find the university facilities (for example, library, labs, campus)?  |
| Can't complain about anything. Maybe lecture theaters could be more modern, but that's just the old chemistry building.  |

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| Do you spend more or less money than you expected?  |
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| Are you surprised by the high cost of anything in particular(for example, taxis, cheese, bread, wine)?  |
| Not surprised, because I've been here before. I'd say comparing to Glasgow two things are more expensive: accommodation and going out (prices of alcohol can be ridiculous, avoid touristy places). If you're a smoker, just quit! Or bring your own cigarettes from some cheap country, don't buy them here. Buy a leap card to make public transport cheaper and get lots of discounts (Boots, McDonald's and such). |

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| How much money do you estimate you spend per month (any currency is ok)? |
| 1500-2000 EUR (it's just a guess) |

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| Do you have a good social life? Does the host University offer any particular activities for international students?  |
| Every international student automatically belongs to S2S society, which kind of checks up on you every few weeks, organises events, shows you around the campus etc. There's also international society, which organises trips around the country... There are not so many exchange students in chemistry (if there are, it's not Erasmus, but Science without Borders), but regular students tend to help you out, share notes,etc. In general, it's pretty good, but you might struggle to make time for all that. |

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| Would you recommend this University to future Strathclyde students who are considering studying abroad |
| Yes |

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| Are you glad you decided to participate in an Erasmus Exchange? Please explain your answer. |
| Definitely a good experience, although workload is a bit more than I expected (apparently 3rd year is the hardest at Trinity). The city makes up for it though and you meet great people. |

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| Is there any additional information/advice you would like to pass on to future students who are considering study abroad at the same institution as you? |
| There's a gap in physical chemistry course, so you need to catch up quantum mechanics on your own - that's the hardest part. Exams are only once a year, in May. Which means even though you had certain module in 1st semester, you still pass it in May, which can be tricky. |