



# Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

## Glossary

Academic: relating to higher learning.

Array: an ordered series or arrangement.

Blend: mix.

Campus: the land and buildings belonging to a college or university.

Faculty: a group of departments in a college that specialize in a particular subject or group of subjects.

Funding: money that pays for a particular project.

Scholar: a person who has done advanced study in a special field.

Undergraduate: a student at a college or university who has not yet received their university degree.

Volume: a series of printed sheets bound typically in book form.

## Choose the correct option.

Founded in 1592, Trinity is Ireland's top-ranked university. Situated in the centre of Ireland's vibrant capital city, Trinity's stunning \_\_\_\_\_ is home to a community of \_\_\_\_\_ at the cutting edge of research and teaching. Combining historic traditions with world-renowned centres of research excellence, Trinity College Dublin offers a unique opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ a rigorous academic programme with an unparalleled \_\_\_\_\_ of cultural, social and professional experiences.



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Ranked 1st in Ireland, and 104<sup>th</sup> in the world (QS University Rankings 2018), Trinity offers a rigorous \_\_\_\_\_ education to all of its students. With Over 600 course options, a deposit library with over 6 million \_\_\_\_\_, and researchers who attract €70million annually in external \_\_\_\_\_, Trinity students receive a world-class education at a leading university for both teaching and research.

Trinity is recognised as a top international centre for research and a world leader in Nanotechnology, Information Technology, Immunology, Mathematics, Engineering, Psychology, Politics, English and many more areas.

Three \_\_\_\_\_ offering a range of studying opportunities in over 400 \_\_\_\_\_ courses as well as postgraduate taught and research options in the Arts, Humanities, Engineering, Science, Human, Social and Health Sciences.

## Watch the video and number the topics as they are mentioned.

- The Long Room of Trinity College.
- How the architecture of Trinity College has changed over the years.
- The Campanile holds two bells, each of which rings for a different purpose.
- The Old Library and Book of Kells exhibition.
- Not only Irish but foreign students attend Trinity College as well.
- Where the Four Gospels were originally from.
- The number of books there are in the Long Room.
- Famous personalities who attended Trinity College.
- The materials used in the Book of Kells.
- The current number of students at Trinity College.
- The number of visitors who attend the exhibition.
- The length of Trinity College walking tours.

## The Long Room

The main chamber of the Old Library is the Long Room;  it is filled with 200,000 of the Library's oldest books and is one of the most impressive libraries in the world.



When built (between 1712 and 1732) it had a flat plaster ceiling and shelving for books was on the lower level only, with an open gallery  largely as since 1801 the Library had been given the right to claim a free copy of every book published in Britain and Ireland. .

Marble busts line the Long Room, a collection that began in 1743 when 14 busts were commissioned from sculptor Peter Scheemakers.

The busts are of the great philosophers and writers of the western world and also of men (and yes, they are all men) connected with Trinity College Dublin - famous and not so famous.

Other treasures in the Long Room include one of the few remaining copies of the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic which was read outside the General Post Office on 24 April 1916 by Patrick Pearse at the start of the Easter Rising. The harp is the oldest of its kind in Ireland and probably dates from the 15th century.  It is the model for the emblem of Ireland.

The band of gold lettering below the gallery commemorates benefactors of the 17th and 18th centuries:

- James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh
- King Charles II
- William Palliser, Archbishop of Cashel
- Cladius Gilbert
- Theophilus Butler

There are temporary exhibitions held in the Long Room which display the rich holdings of the Library and encourage further research.

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- 1 In 1860 the roof was raised to allow construction of the present barrel-vaulted ceiling and upper gallery bookcases.
- 2 It is made of oak and willow with 29 brass strings.
- 3 at nearly 65 metres in length,
- 4 The finest bust in the collection is of the writer Jonathan Swift by Louis Francois Roubiliac.
- 5 By the 1850s these shelves had become completely full;

**Watch the video and choose the correct option.**

