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Hi All,

I hope this finds you all well. I wanted to write to you all to let you know that the business studies department in IT Tralee has made some significant changes to it's Business Studies programmes which may have implications for your students interested in coming to study in Tralee either on Erasmus or Study Abroad.

As this is working from a new Erasmus + mailing list can I ask that your forward this to any internal colleagues that we may not have on the list.

The main change that you need to be aware of is that semester 6 ( Jan-May of Year 3) will no longer be a taught semester after this academic year.  From Sept 2015 onwards semester 6 be a work placement semester where the full time student registered on the bachelor programme will undertake a work placement.  Students not on the Bachelor programme will be able to come and study here during that time as they always did but their choice of modules will not be as large as before. In practical terms they will be able to choose modules from Semester 2,4 and 8 during the Jan-May Spring Semester as they always did.

List of Semester 6 modules available this year that will NOT be available during the Jan-May semester of the coming academic year 2015/16.

*Marketing Communications*
*Management Practice*
*Databases*
*Web Analytics*
*Social Media Applications*
*Corporate Tax & Deferred Tax*
*Corporate Reporting*
*Accounting for Decision Makers*
*Business Plan Mapping*
*Applied Corporate Law*
*Inventory Management*
*International Trading Environment*
*Financial Management*

Students coming for the Autumn/Winter semester will have a similar number of modules to choose from as they have had in previous years but they should also be take time to look at the list of modules as the actual modules available will be different from previous years will be changes to the programme.

We will send out a full list of modules that we forecast to be available early in the new year and students can make plan their studies here based on that list. As the changes being introduced are significant enough it was felt that it would be better to alert you all in advance so that you can plan accordingly.

**Students registered on the year 3 Bachelor Programmes.**

Students coming to join the full time Bachelor programme in year 3 should be aware of the changes too as they would be expected to undertake a work placement in the same way as the domestic students. For students who do not secure a work placement (*students will be supported in their search for a work placement but it is part of the process that they must seek it themselves*),  there will be a applied professional practice mode where students either individually or in small groups would take on and complete small to medium sized projects for a number of outside companies (almost like a consultant, except students would be given lots of guidance and support by lecturers).

I doubt that this news will require any of you to make drastic changes to your outbound mobility plans for students, but it is better than you are alerted now so that you can advise students to plan accordingly.

Regards,

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