

## **Guidelines for prospective Erasmus students to Cork Institute of Technology School of Business**

The School of Business consists of 4 Departments:

Management and Enterprise

Marketing and International Business

Accounting and Information Systems

Organisation and Professional Development

Most Erasmus students are hosted by either Management and Enterprise or Marketing and International Business. Note that many of the courses in the Dept. of Organisation and Professional Development run by night, from 6pm to 10pm.

**Visiting students to the CIT's School of Business may study 6 modules per semester, leading to a maximum award of 30 credits per semester.**

### **1. Top tip! Look at 'Courses', not 'Modules'**

Students deciding what to study at CIT should start on this link <http://courses.cit.ie/> and work from the red column of 'courses' on the left of the screen (NOT the blue 'modules' column on the right). By clicking on the department of your choice, e.g. Management and Enterprise, you will see the courses available in that Department. (You may need to scroll up to the top of the screen to see this list of courses.)

Note that 'courses' means 'programme'. A course is made up of a number of semesters and modules.

Looking at modules from the blue list in isolation is not a good idea as there is no indication whether the modules run Sept. – Dec. or Feb. – May. By looking at the modules on offer within a particular course, prospective students will immediately see what runs in each semester and whether it is a first or a final year module.

## **2. Modules run either Sept. – Dec. or Feb. – May, not all year round**

It is important to note that modules do not run all year round. Modules listed under Semesters 1,3,5,7 run from Sept. – Dec. only while Semesters 2,4,6,8 run from Feb. – May only. For example, here is a link to one of our courses:

<http://courses.cit.ie/index.cfm/page/course/courseId/812>

Students **must** choose modules on courses run by Departments in the School of Business. Attempting to mix modules from Engineering or Social Studies with Business does not work out, as that is not the system which operates in CIT. Our students are all located within a particular Department and it is not possible to mix Business with other disciplines.

## **3. Avoid ‘cherry-picking’ modules from too many different courses**

Furthermore, students are advised to choose as many of their six modules as possible from one course rather than choosing modules from a number of different Business courses. There are two advantages to this:

-you will not experience timetable clashes as can easily happen if your modules are chosen from different courses

-you will be part of a particular class group for most/all of your modules and will be in a position to form a relationship with that group, rather than moving constantly from one group to another. Erasmus students can sometimes experience disappointment at their lack of integration with Irish students: it is no surprise that connections are not established if one is constantly moving from one group to another.

## **4. Don't rush into finalising the learning agreement**

Students' learning agreements can be changed after arrival in CIT. Students are welcome to sit in on extra modules for the first week in order to make a more informed final decision about which 6 modules to take.