

# KIRKWOOD STUDY ABROAD

## IRELAND IRISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE



July 7-23, 2019  
6 Credits

### Courses:

**HUM-200 International Studies in the Humanities**  
**LIT-222 American Dreams**

Course work begins in America with sessions designed to prepare students for travel and learning the most from the experience. In addition to learning about the cultural contributions of the Irish and the connections between Ireland and America, students will learn how to be travelers instead of tourists. In July, students will travel to Ireland to experience the diversity of this modern nation. Travel in Ireland will include urban and rural settings. We begin in Dublin, Ireland's largest city and once the second city of the British Empire. Historic streets, buildings, museums and pubs tell the story of Ireland's long struggle for independence from the British. Along the way, students will discover Ireland's extraordinary storytelling culture and literary heritage. Travel to the "wild west" of Ireland exposes students to traditional Irish culture and landscapes that continue to capture human imagination. By the end of our travels, a much richer understanding of what it means to be Irish will emerge.

### The Country:

Ireland is a small island nation on the fringe of Europe, which attracts visitors because of its natural beauty and the friendliness of its people. Irish culture is a global force—because of the "bloody genius" of the Irish, as poet Seamus Heaney put it, but also because of the Irish diaspora, the worldwide spread of Irish people. Ireland is never far from the minds of the nearly 40 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry. Though often idealized and romanticized in the American imagination, the connections between Ireland and America are real and worth careful study.

### Program Highlights:

- ◆ Archaeological tours of prehistoric and historic Ireland
- ◆ The Aran Islands, including the Iron Age fort of Dun Aengus, and focus on Celtic mythology and spirituality
- ◆ Village life in Tully Cross along the Renvyle Peninsula
- ◆ Hiking the beaches and hills of Connemara
- ◆ Historic pubs and music in Galway City
- ◆ Ireland's national art galleries and museums
- ◆ Literary and historical walking tours of Dublin
- ◆ The Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking) region
- ◆ Theatrical and traditional musical performances
- ◆ Fishing Village of Howth and Dublin Bay
- ◆ Lifelong connections to Irish culture and the people

**Estimated Program Fee: \$3,750**  
**\$1,000 Global Advantage**  
**Scholarship Available**

### Includes:

Airfare  
16 Nights of Lodging  
Health Insurance  
Cultural Excursions with  
Experienced Faculty and Guides  
Some Meals  
Most In-country Transit

### Does not include:

Tuition: 6 Summer 2019  
Credits  
Passport Fee  
Personal Expenses

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Predeparture course meetings on Iowa City Campus:  
June 3–6, 2019 (Monday–Thursday) 10 a.m. to noon.

### Tentative Itinerary: July 7–23, 2019

- Sunday, July 7 (Day 1):** Depart for Dublin, Ireland (overnight flight)
- Monday, July 8 (Day 2):** Arrive at hotel, tour Parnell Square, O'Connell Street and Temple Bar area
- Tuesday, July 9 (Day 3):** EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Historical Walking tour of Dublin
- Wednesday, July 10 (Day 4):** Kilmainham Gaol, Collins Barracks and Arbour Hill
- Thursday, July 11 (Day 5):** Dublin Writers Museum, National Gallery of Ireland, National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology, village of Howth
- Friday, July 12 (Day 6):** Travel to Galway by Galway Rail, Eyre Square, Galway City Museum
- Saturday, July 13 (Day 7):** Galway market, Burren, Cliffs of Moher
- Sunday, July 14 (Day 8):** Aran Islands, focus on Celtic mythology, possible overnight on island of Inishmore
- Monday, July 15 (Day 9):** Travel to Tully Cross by Connemara coach
- Tuesday, July 16 (Day 10):** Connemara orientation
- Wednesday, July 17 (Day 11):** Inishbofin Island
- Thursday, July 18 (Day 12):** Omev and Clare Islands
- Friday, July 19 (Day 13):** Excursion to Clifden or Roundstone
- Saturday, July 20 (Day 14):** Theater performance by Renvyle artists
- Sunday, July 21 (Day 15):** Free day
- Monday, July 22 (Day 16):** Return to Dublin, group dinner
- Tuesday, July 23 (Day 17):** Return home

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