# Study Abroad Program Handbook Ireland

## **Summer 2017**

**HU2661: The Irish Experience** 



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#### A Note of Welcome

Welcome to The Irish Experience 2017. We are glad you are joining us on this 3-week, 3-credit academic journey. In this handbook you will find essential information about preparing and packing and managing logistics while in Ireland. We will go over this information during our orientation session on May 12, but you should keep this handbook and bring it with you on the trip for reference

Ireland provides a great opportunity for Landmark students to experience another culture. It is a very welcoming country to Americans. For both students and parents, if we can answer any questions or concerns, or provide suggestions for further sightseeing, please contact us.

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#### **Travel Details**

The flights for this program are still being worked out, but it can be assumed that the group will leave from Boston's Logan Airport on June 17th and return to Boston on July 8th. Any students who are participating in the Scotland study abroad program (July 8-29) will stay over one extra night, Sat., July 8, in Dublin. One of the Irish Experience faculty members will take them to the Dublin airport Sunday to make their flight to the UK to meet up with the Scotland group. We will communicate flight details via email (and post them to the Ireland Program website) as soon as we have them.

## **Travel-Day Questions**

Program Directors' Contact Information:

Sara Glennon, Program Director

Cell phone: 802-258-7468 (in US and Ireland)

Mike Hutcheson, Academic Director

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Landmark Security: 802-387-6899, for emergency

Please see for any questions regarding airline travel:

Transportation Security Administration travel information: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information

US State Department travel information:

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/extended\_student/ireland?s\_cid=nc ezid-dgmq-travel-single-001

## **Contact & Emergency Information**

## At Landmark College

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## In-country/In Ireland

#### GENERAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

When students arrive in Ireland, they will each be given a wallet-sized card with emergency phone numbers listed on it.

## Galway, Corrib Village housing

Main Desk: Dial 0 from rooms. There is a doctor on call.

Non-emergency medical assistance: Contact Sara Glennon, Mike Hutcheson, or Corrib Village Front Desk.

999 is the Irish equivalent of dialing 911 in U.S.

From the United States, dial 011-353-91 before the NUI-Galway telephone numbers

#### **Dublin City University**

Front Desk: 700-5736

DCU Security (24 hours) 700-5999

Non-emergency medical assistance: Contact Sara Glennon, Mike Hutcheson, or DCU Front Desk.

999 is the Irish equivalent of dialing 911 in U.S.

From the United States, dial 011-353-1 before the DCU numbers

#### Police:

Galway: Mill Street Garda (Police) Station, Mill Street, Galway, Co. Galway, tel: +353 91 538000

Dublin: There is 24 hour security on the DCU campus. In the event of an emergency, contact reception during office hours 700 5736 or 5736 on an internal university phone. Outside office hours you can also telephone the Campus Security at 01 700 8990 (8990) or 700 5999 (5999).

Medical assistance (emergency & non-emergency) for each location:

Galway: Corrib Village (our residence) has a doctor on call. If possible, notify Sara Glennon. If not, call the main desk at the residence (dial 0) or the Emergency number (999 from any campus phone).

Galway Hospital: In an emergency, you can go directly to the University Hospital (524 222), which we will point out on our tour of the campus.

Dublin: In the event of an emergency, contact reception during office hours 700 5736 or 5736 on an internal university phone. Outside office hours you can also telephone the Campus Security at 01 700 8990 (8990) or 700 5999 (5999).

There is a pharmacy open on campus, beside the Henry Grattan building. Opening hours are Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 6.30pm, Friday 8.30am – 6.00pm.

## **Itinerary**

Study Abroad programs are dynamic, flexible, adaptable, CHANGEABLE. Plan for adjustments as we travel and learn, together!

#### Week 1

Saturday, June 17 Group departs Boston

Sunday, June 18 Group arrives in Ireland and travels to Galway.

Meet up (potentially) with any Landmark students arriving from

Berlin.

Group dinner in Galway

Monday, June 19 Orientation/ Walking tour of Galway

Tuesday, June 20 Field trip: The Burren and the Cliffs of Moher

Wednesday, June 21 classroom day

Thursday, June 22 Field trip: Aran Islands

Friday, June 23 classroom day

Week 2

Monday, June 26 classroom day

Tuesday, June 27 Field trip: Clonfert and Clonmacnoise

Group meal @ lunch

Wednesday, June 28 classroom day

Thursday, June 29 Field trip: Roscommon Castle and Strokestown House

Friday, June 30 classroom day

Sunday, July 2 group departs for **Dublin** 

Group dinner in Dublin

Week 3

Monday, July 3 Field trip: Walking tour of Dublin

Tuesday, July 4 Field trip: Kilmainham Gaol

Wednesday, July 5 classroom day

Thursday, July 6 Field Trip: Trinity College/ Book of Kells

Friday, July 7 Final test and presentations

Sat. or Sun., July 8 or 9: Students return to US or travel on to U.K.

## Syllabus: HU 2661 The Irish Experience

Landmark College, at National University of Ireland-Galway & Dublin City University

Summer, 2017

#### **CLASS INFORMATION:**

meeting time: Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.

instructors: Michael Hutcheson and Sara Glennon

classroom: Moyola Building, Room tha

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Ireland today contains a striking mixture of the traditional and the modern. This course first will examine the main cultural traditions that shaped Ireland over the past three thousand years. We will investigate this topic while in residence at the National University of Ireland—Galway during the first two weeks. Then we will travel to Dublin for a final week at Dublin City University, where we will study modern Ireland in the century since its independence.

GOALS/OUTCOMES: This course fulfills the General Education goals in the left column below. The middle column contains the specific class-related outcome, and the right column shows how the accomplishment of these goals will be assessed.

Gen Ed goals	Outcomes	<b>Course Assessment</b>
1. Sustain an ongoing	a) Articulate how his or	a) Writing requirement
process of self-reflection,	her learning profile	(especially learning
self-awareness and self-	affects his or her	journal)
advocacy that leads to	learning.	
both self-understanding	b) Apply skills and	b) Class participation
and the successful	personalized strategies	(classroom and field trips)
management of the skills	to facilitate effective	
and strategies of a life-	learning.	
long learner.		
(Metacognition and		
Life Long Learning)		
2. Think critically, reason	a) Identify the	a & b) Writing
soundly, and develop and	components used in	requirement (especially
apply problem solving	the process of thinking	academic essay or
strategies across the	in specific disciplines	source-based paper)

academic disciplines. (Critical Thinking)  3. Recognize when information is needed and have the ability to access, evaluate, and use it effectively and ethically. (Information Literacy, adapted from the ALA.)	<ul> <li>b) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of a thesis or claim.</li> <li>a) Access appropriate information needed for a particular academic purpose.</li> <li>b) Appropriately use information gathered for a particular academic purpose.</li> </ul>	b) Class participation  a & b) Writing requirement (especially academic essay or source-based paper)
4. Understand the complexities of multiple communities, including educational, cultural and geographic, and respect different perspectives and diversity. (Diversity)  5. Communicate with clarity, coherence and persuasiveness through written, oral and other modes of expression. (Communication)	<ul> <li>a) Describe the variation inherent within multiple communities.</li> <li>b) Demonstrate the ability to discuss cultural perspectives that diverge from one's own.</li> <li>a) Use a variety of rhetorical approaches to convey information to a specific audience.</li> <li>b) Engage in discussion of pertinent ideas and information.</li> <li>c) Use language appropriate to the context of the communication.</li> </ul>	a & b) Writing requirement Final test Class participation  a) Writing requirement  b & c) Class participation
7. Read critically in order to gain disciplinary knowledge and to explore important questions and ideas. (Critical Reading)	<ul> <li>a) Read purposefully, employing strategies appropriate to the context.</li> <li>b) Interpret text, applying disciplinespecific concepts.</li> <li>d) Synthesize understanding from multiple texts.</li> </ul>	a, b, d) Writing requirement Final test Class participation

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

2 sets term sheets\* 30%

15% each

10 pages of writing\*\*
30%

Final test or project 30%

Attendance/Participation 10%

100%

- \* There is a 10 point deduction for term sheets handed in more than 24 hours late.
- \*\* The writing requirement can be met by any combination of the following: learning journal entries, academic essays, and source-based papers.

#### REQUIRED TEXT:

Séamas Mac Annaidh, Irish History. Bath, UK: Parragon, 2000.

\* All other readings listed below are handouts and are available on the class Moodle site

#### ABSENCES AND LATENESS:

In a three week course, one absence is equivalent to missing a *week* in a regular semester. Therefore, it is crucial to attend every class. A student who misses 3 classes will not receive credit for the course, unless s/he receives special permission from the instructor.

Lateness can cause special problems because the class will often be traveling. **Please be on time** to assure that we can keep to our schedule.

#### STUDENT CONDUCT:

Students are responsible for upholding the Student Code of Conduct. This includes standards of classroom behavior <a href="http://www.landmark.edu/campus-life/vice-president-for-student-affairs/student-handbook1">http://www.landmark.edu/campus-life/vice-president-for-student-affairs/student-handbook1</a> and academic honesty <a href="http://catalog.landmark.edu/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=25#academic-dishonesty-and-plagiarism">http://catalog.landmark.edu/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=25#academic-dishonesty-and-plagiarism</a>

#### RECORDING

To use a recorder or a "smart pen" to record any class, you must receive the instructor's permission (which I'm happy to give) and submit a form. The form can be found in the top panel of the course Moodle site. The College policy can be found at <a href="http://catalog.landmark.edu/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=25#classroom-recording-policy">http://catalog.landmark.edu/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=25#classroom-recording-policy</a>

**OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS:** You have the right to request standard academic accommodations use of Kurzweil (text-to-speech) and Dragon (speech-to-text). However, to access these programs, you will need to have them on your personal computer. Landmark's policy can be found at <a href="http://www.landmark.edu/campus-life/vice-president-for-student-affairs/request-for-accomodations">http://www.landmark.edu/campus-life/vice-president-for-student-affairs/request-for-accomodations</a>

**TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS:** 

## Week 1: From the First Settlers to the Middle Ages

Monday 6/19	TOPIC: Overview of Early Irish History & Culture READING: none TRIP: Historical walking tour of Galway
Tuesday 6/20	TOPIC: Pre-Christian Ireland READING: Irish History, pp. 14-27 TRIP: The Burren/ Ballyalban ring fort/ Poulnabrone dolmen/ Cliffs of Moher
Wednesday 6/21	TOPIC: Early Christian Ireland READING: Irish History, pp. 28-51
Thursday 6/22	TOPIC: Medieval Irela READING: Irish History, pp. 52-71 TRIP: Aran Islands
Friday 6/23	TOPIC: The Coming of the British READING: <i>Irish History</i> , pp. 82-107

#### Week 2: Ireland and Britain

Monday	6/26	TOPIC: Irish Language and Literature
		READING: Irish History, review pp. 68-71 and read pp. 206-213
		мизіс: "Kill Cash" and "Fionnughuala"

Tuesday 6/27	TOPIC: Impact of Christianity, the Vikings and the British READING: <i>Irish History</i> , pp. 110-129 TRIP: Clonfert Cathedral/ Clonmacnoise ASSIGNMENT: <b>3 pages of writing due</b>
Wednesday 6/28	TOPIC: From Plantation to the Famine, 1541-1845 READING: <i>Irish History</i> , pp. 130-165 MUSIC: "Skibbereen" / "Thousands Are Sailing" / "Kilburn High" ASSIGNMENT: <b>Term Sheet #1 due</b>
Thursday 6/29	TOPIC: Toward Political Independence READING: Irish History, pp. 166-183, 188-205 MUSIC: "Galway Races" TRIP: Roscommon Castle/ Strokestown Park House & Famine Museum
Friday 6/30	TOPIC: The Easter Rising of 1916  EADING: Irish History, pp. 220-249  MUSIC: "Tri-Coloured Ribbon"  FILM: Michael Collins (1996)
Sunday, 7/2	Bus to Dublin leaves Corrib Village. Time to be announced.

## Week 3: Independent Ireland, 1922 - Present

Monday 7/3	TOPIC: Irish Independence & Civil War, 1919-1922 READING: Irish History, pp. 250-283 + W.B. Yeats, "Two Poems"* TRIP: Historical walking tour of Dublin ASSIGNMENT: <b>Term Sheet #2 due</b>
Tuesday 7/4	TOPIC: Modern Ireland READING: Irish History, pp. 288-309 TRIP: Kilmainham Gaol ASSIGNMENT: 3 pages of writing due
Wednesday 7/5	TOPIC: North & South/ The "Celtic Tiger"  READING: "Ireland Unleashed"*  MUSIC: "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" / "Each Dollar a Bullet"/ "Irish  Blood, English Heart"

Thursday 7/6	READING: Catch up Day TRIP: Trinity College/ Book of Kell GRADED ASSIGNMENT: none
Friday 7/7	GRADED ASSIGNMENT: <b>Final Test</b> TRIP: group choice
(Sat., 7/8)	Students returning to U.S. depart
(Sun., 7/9)	Students going to Scotland program depart  GRADED ASSIGNMENT: Final draft of writing assignment due before departure

#### FIELD TRIP INFORMATION:

During our time in **Galway**, the class will take a number of trips to such points of interest as the Aran Islands, Clonmacnoise, The Cliffs of Moher and the Strokestown Famine Museum. These trips generally take all day, and involve a fair amount of walking. Transportation for these trips will be in a small private coach.

In **Dublin**, we will take several local trips, requiring only short bus rides within the city. We will visit sites important to modern Ireland, such as Dublin Castle and Trinity College. Although trips in Dublin will be short, there will still be a fair amount of walking involved.

## **Useful Websites & Books**

You might find it useful to purchase a general travel guide to Ireland. Here are a few we recommend.

Lonely Planet Ireland (Travel Guide)

The Rough Guide to Ireland

We encourage you to read and watch films in advance of the trip to orient you to Irish culture and history.

#### Nonfiction books

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Are You Somebody?:The Accidental Memoir of a Dublin Woman by Nuala O'Faolain

**Novels** by Colm Toibin, Colum McCann, Roddy Doyle, Anne Enright, Maeve Binchy

Cal by Bernard MacLaverty

Paddy Clarke, Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle

The Green Road by Anne Enright

1916: A Novel of the Irish Rebellion (Irish Century) by Morgan Llywelyn

Short stories by Roddy Doyle, William Trevor, Kevin Barry, Edna O'Brien

**Films:** Agnes Browne, In the Name of the Father, The Wind that Shakes the Barley, Once, The Quiet Man, The Field, The Commitments, The Magdalene Sisters, Waking Ned Divine

Links to a few Irish poems

"The Lake Isle of Innisfree" by William Butler Yeats

"My Hand is Weary with Writing" by St. Columcille (16th century Irish monk)

<u>"The Fairies"</u> by William Allingham

<u>"Digging"</u> by Seamus Heaney

## **Packing Tips**

#### Clothes

Clothing that can be worn in layers is best. Irish summers are not as warm as we might be used to (average temps are usually in the 60's) so bring a sweater or sweatshirt. Wool or fleece is best, as it rains frequently.

No more than one or two (at most) shorts/tank top outfits. If we're lucky we'll get a few nice warm days, but don't count on it.

Bring a raincoat! One that can be packed away easily is recommended. The weather in Ireland is nothing if not changeable, and it is often too windy for umbrellas.

Bring comfortable, sturdy, water-resistant walking shoes. Flip flops are particularly impractical, although sturdy water-resistant sandals are fine. On our field trips we will climb on uneven, rocky paths and walk through uneven, grassy fields.

## What NOT to bring

Towels and sheets. These are supplied with your housing.

Expensive jewelry or valuable, irreplaceable items.

A lot of cash. ATM's are available throughout Ireland, and you get the best exchange rate by using them rather than bringing American dollars to a currency exchange. Also, traveller's checks are unnecessary and difficult to cash and therefore not recommended.

Too much stuff! We will be moving at the end of the second week, and you are responsible for carrying/handling your luggage from cab to bus to airport. You are only allowed to check one bag, weighing up to 50 pounds. Take this into consideration when packing.

If you have any questions about what is allowed, see the Transportation Safety Administration website

at <a href="http://www.tsa.dhs.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-prohibited-

## **Baggage**

Student tickets usually allow one checked bag (up to 50 pounds), one carry-on bag, and a personal item. We don't recommend bringing more than this amount of baggage, and you would be responsible for any excess baggage fees. You can be asked to take items out of the suitcase to bring the weight down to 50 pounds.

Remember, there are restrictions on liquids in your <u>carry-on</u> baggage. You may have no more than a 3 ounce container of any liquid, such as eye drops, mouthwash, moisturizer, hair gel, etc. and all of the liquids must be in a sandwich-sized plastic bag.

#### **Packing List Essential gear:** through an unanticipated preflight delay. ☐ Passport **Course Supplies:** ☐ Color copy of passport ☐ If you require Kurzweil or Voice ☐ Student ID Card Recognition on a computer, you will need your own laptop. none of the computers we will have ☐ Passport (but **don't** pack it in access to in Galway or Dublin has your suitcase!) Voice Recognition or Kurzweil. ☐ Two color photocopies of the ☐ If you bring your laptop: 1) you picture page of your passport must also purchase an electrical (pack this in a suitcase) adaptor ("GUD" style, to allow you to plug into Irish outlets), ☐ ATM card or credit card and 2) you should bring your ethernet cable to access the ☐ Wind-up or battery alarm clock network at DCU. ☐ Prescription medication to last ☐ Notetaking method for in/out of the entire trip, and the original the field: small handheld prescription "script." Medication notebook and/or voice recorder. must be in its original container! Pack in your carry-on ☐ Textbook will be purchased in luggage in case your checked Ireland (+/- 5 euro) baggage is delayed Clothing: ☐ If you have pollen allergies, enough prescription or over-the ☐ See notes under "clothes" above counter allergy medication **Optional:** ☐ An extra pair of glasses/contacts. Having a copy of the prescription is helpful if you need to get ☐ compact travel guide to Ireland (Lonely Planet and Rough Guide replacements. series are good) ☐ Enough American money to buy food at airport, or to get you ☐ washcloth/ face cloth if you use one.

## Tips for the Traveler

## **Passports and Visas**

No visas are required for U.S. citizens to enter Ireland. It is recommended that the expiration date on your passport be at least six months later than the date you plan to leave Ireland and return to the U.S.

## **Money Matters and Suggested Budget**

Ireland adopted the Euro in 2002. You can use this same currency in Ireland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Greece, Italy, Spain and eleven other European nations. As of March 8, 2017 a Euro was worth about \$1.05 American; in other words, 100 Euro will cost you \$106.00 American. For the latest rates, see <a href="http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert.cgi">http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert.cgi</a>

There are ATM machines on the PLUS and CIRRUS networks throughout Ireland, and they offer the best access to your money. Most Irish bank ATM's do not charge a fee, although your U.S. bank will likely charge for transactions in Ireland. (Certain credit cards, such as Capital One, often offer the benefit of no fees for foreign currency transactions. Check before you travel.) With easy access to ATM's there is no reason to carry large amounts of cash. Be sure to notify your bank or credit card company that you will be traveling overseas.

You should keep a record of ATM card numbers, credit card numbers, and a photocopy of the picture page of your passport in a secure location. That way, if you lose any of these items you will be able to get replacements more quickly.

Costs in Dublin are high—similar to those in London and New York. Prices in Galway are comparable to those in Vermont, although some items are more expensive. While student spending varies widely, a minimum estimate of spending money would be 100 -125 Euro per week. This should cover your (moderately-priced) lunches and dinners with some to spare. This estimate does not include extensive personal travel, gift buying, or frequent dining out at restaurants.

#### Water and Food

Breakfasts are included with our housing for the entire three weeks. In addition, we will have three group meals, included in the budget. For all other lunches and dinners, students must purchase their own food. The residences have kitchens, and students can easily buy groceries and prepare simple meals or purchase reasonably priced sandwiches or take-out. See "Money Matters" above for suggested personal budget.

#### In Galway:

Groceries and other shopping: Corrib Village has a very small convenience store, usually open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the summer. There is a larger convenience store on Newcastle Road, and a Dunnes supermarket about 5 blocks from the residence and another downtown. (Hint: take the Corrib Village shuttle bus.)

Restaurants: Near Corrib Village on Newcastle Road are a couple of small restaurants.

Two popular sandwich shops are **Na Bialanna** on the NUI campus, below the Library patio. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At the main entrance to the NUI campus is **Ward's** (hours: M-F 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:30 to 6:00 p.m.).

For a fancier lunch on campus, there is the **College Bar**, with outdoor tables along the canal. Summer hours M-Th 10:00 to 5:30, F 10:00 to 8:00. Lunch served 12:30 to 2:00. And of course

Domino's Pizza (phone # 566 100) delivers, even in Ireland.

Downtown Galway has dozens of restaurants. Student favorites include the **King's Head** on High Street (the main brick pedestrian street) and **McDonagh's Seafood House** on Quay Street (reasonably priced fish & chips, plus Galway oysters). The **Skeffington Arms** on Eyre Square has excellent food at reasonable (but not cheap) prices, and **Monroe's** has good pizza and a "Student's Menu." To get there, cross the Wolfe Tone Bridge at the Spanish Arch, then turn right.

#### In Dublin:

<u>Groceries</u>: The campus convenience store is open 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. There is also a small Spar grocery store, open 7 days a week, at the Ballymun Road entrance to campus.

<u>Restaurants</u>: In the little shopping center at the Ballymun Road entrance to campus is a pub that serves food and a take-away fast food restaurant around the corner. In downtown Dublin, there are too many restaurants to list. Ask Mike Hutcheson or Sara Glennon for recommendations.

Apache Pizza (phone # 842-0888) delivers to DCU.

Please note: The fact that some of these listings are pubs is not intended to promote the consumption of alcohol. You may eat in these places without feeling any pressure to drink alcohol.

## Housing

Please be aware that student rooms in Ireland, as in England and other European countries, can be small by American standards.

When we arrive in Galway and Dublin, there will be a walking tour to familiarize you with services and shopping.

#### In Galway:

We will begin the **Irish Experience course** with two weeks in Galway, a small city of about 75,000 people on the west coast of Ireland. Our home there will be the National University of Ireland-Galway, about a mile from town. The address is:

Corrib Village NUI-Galway Newcastle Road Galway, Ireland

Photos can be seen at <a href="http://www.nuigalway.ie/about/campus\_views.php">http://www.nuigalway.ie/about/campus\_views.php</a>

Corrib Village can accommodate up to 800 people, and is a popular residence for American study abroad programs. The rooms are modern, but include a mix of single and double rooms. The usual accommodation is a flat (apartment) that includes 3 single rooms, 1 double, and a common room and fully-equipped kitchen. A continental breakfast buffet in the residence cafeteria is included in the cost of your room; the only other meals provided are a weekly group meal.

<u>Laundry facilities</u>: There is a coin-operated laundromat in Corrib Village. The hours are usually 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost of washing and drying a large load is 5 Euro.

<u>Recreation</u>: Corrib Village has small soccer cages and a small arcade (cue sticks available at Reception for a 20 Euro refundable deposit). Horse riding, canoeing, and archery can also be arranged through the front desk. You can also pay a weekly fee to use the University Sports Centre.

Galway has a great deal of entertainment available, including a number of cinemas, live theater, and one of the liveliest music scenes in Ireland.

#### **Dublin:**

At the end of the second week (Sunday, July 2), we will take a coach (bus) to Dublin. We will spend our final week at Dublin City University. DCU is a rapidly growing, modern university located about 4 miles from Dublin "City Centre," and 8 miles from Dublin airport. Contact information:

College Park Apartments
Dublin City University
Ballymun Road
Dublin 9, Ireland

Photos and descriptions of DCU can be seen at <a href="http://www.dcu.ie/visinf.shtml">http://www.dcu.ie/visinf.shtml</a>

Most rooms at DCU are singles in flats of 4-5 students, with shared bathrooms. Each group of five rooms has a large common room, with a kitchen and a sitting area. Please note, however, that the kitchen is **not** equipped with pots, pans, and dishes. A full Irish breakfast in the cafeteria is included in the cost of your room; after our first evening meal together, no other meals are provided in Dublin.

The campus of Dublin City University has many services available—a cafeteria, convenience store, pharmacy, bank, and library.

<u>Laundry facilities</u>: Coin-operated unit available in dormitory, open 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Average cost to wash and dry a large load is 5 Euro.

<u>Recreation</u>: Outdoor facilities in Albert College Park (listed on some maps as Hampstead Park) at entrance to campus. Indoor recreation facilities available on campus for a fee—you will need to buy a weekly pass at the Recreation Complex desk.

#### Communication

#### E-Mail/Internet:

If you don't bring your laptop, there are computers in the Concourse and the classroom building at NUI-Galway, and in the Reception area at Dublin City University.

#### **Personal Computers In Galway:**

There is a wireless network in the residences, which has become fairly reliable in recent years. Students who need to print, or who do not bring their own computers can get access to computer labs on campus, open from 8:00 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

#### **Personal Computers in Dublin:**

There is a free local area network that you can plug into at Dublin City University. If you are bringing your laptop, also bring the ethernet cord. If you forget that cord, you can borrow one at the Accommodations Desk. Your 5 Euro deposit will be refunded when you return the cord.

#### Telephones:

At both DCU and NUI-Galway, you will have a phone in your room that allows people to call you. You can also use these phones to call out with a pre-paid phone card, BUT the rates are very high for long distance, equivalent to hotel rates. When you arrive, you should notify your parents of your room telephone number. Pre-paid phone cards and cell phone "top-up" cards are available at the campus stores at Corrib Village (Galway) and DCU. Many students purchase European mobile phones for use during our trip. These cost approximately \$50 plus top-up points. If you want to use your US phone in Ireland, you will need to make arrangements with your provider before leaving the US.

#### Students:

Whatever form of communication you choose, you should contact home soon after arriving in Ireland.

#### **Phone Numbers:**

#### June 18 - July 2: National University of Ireland-Galway

Accommodations Desk (open 24 hours, every day): 527112

Security Office: (between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.): dial 0 or 2207

From elsewhere in Ireland, dial 0 91 before Galway phone numbers.

From the **United States**, dial **011-353-91** before the NUI-Galway telephone numbers

#### July 2 to July 8/9: Dublin City University

Accommodations Desk (open 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day): 700-5736

Security Office (24 hours a day): 700-5999

From campus phones, just dial the last 4 digits;

From elsewhere in Ireland, dial 01 before Dublin numbers.

From the **United States**, dial **011-353-1** before the DCU numbers.

#### Time

In the summer, Irish time is 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (Vermont).

## **In-country Transportation**

Upon arrival at the airport in Ireland, we will take a public bus and then cabs to our first location in Galway.

Corrib Village, our home in Galway, runs a free shuttle bus to and from downtown on the hour each day between noon and 7 pm.

Big O Taxis (Galway): (353) 91 – 585858

Email: info@bigotaxis.com

#### Map of Galway City (courtesy of SoftGuide

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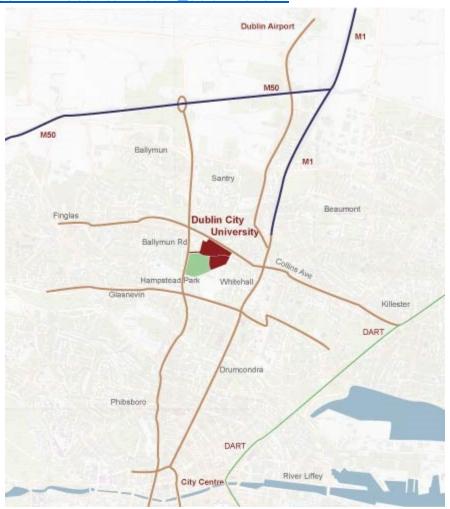
## Corrib Village is at the top of L7

On Sunday, July 2, we will take a public bus across the country from Galway to Dublin (3 hour ride.)

#### Dublin public transportation:

<u>Transportation:</u> You will be provided a bus pass in Dublin. DCU is located on several bus lines (# 19A, 13, 41) that go directly to "City Centre/ An Lár." After 11:30 p.m., DCU is serviced by the "NiteLink Bus," which leaves from the General Post Office and from Westmoreland Street near Temple Bar. The fare is €5.70 —your bus pass cannot be used on the "NiteLink." A taxi from downtown to DCU will cost about 20 Euro.

# Dublin City University in relation to Dublin (courtesy DCU) http://www.dcu.ie/info/in\_dublin.shtml



#### Weather

Average temperatures in Ireland in July are 60 - 67 degrees Fahrenheit, although they are typically reported in Celsius (15 – 20 degrees). It can get cooler in the evening and occasionally warmer in Dublin on a sunny day.

## **Electricity**

If you bring your laptop, you must also bring an electrical adaptor ("GUD" style) to allow you to plug into Irish outlets. In addition, if you bring any other electronic devices, you will need both a <u>convertor</u> and an <u>adaptor</u>.

Here is more information, courtesy of VisitIreland.com:

The electrical supply in Ireland is 230v 50hz. The plugs and sockets are different from the USA involving a three-pronged formation, the same as those used in the United Kingdom. If your appliances operate on a different current (such as those from North America) you will need a power converter and plug adapter.

A plug adaptor does not change the electricity supplied to the appliance, only allows it to be plugged into a different type of wall socket. If the appliance you are using supports dual voltage and dual frequency then a plate/tag will be located on the item stating "120/240v, 50/60Hz".

Most laptop computer and battery chargers are dual voltage, so all you will need to use them with a different supply is a plug adaptor.

Power converters step down the voltage from 240v to 120v, allowing equipment which is not dual voltage to operate at the voltage for which it was designed

Converters can be purchased at travel stores, some discount stores, office supply stores, and electronics stores. Make sure that you select a converter that will accommodate the wattage of the appliances you wish to operate. Some laptop computers, electric razors and hair dryers have built-in power converters. However, an adapter plug will be required.

#### **Health and Immunizations**

For more information on health while traveling in Ireland visit the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel

## **Landmark College Conditions of Participation**

## **Health and Safety**

In a Study Abroad program, as in other settings, participants can have a major impact on their own health and safety through the decisions they make in preparation for and during the program.

#### Participants should:

Read and carefully review all materials issued by Landmark College and any partnering institutions that relate to safety, health, legal, environmental, political, cultural, and religious conditions in host countries.

Consider your health and other personal circumstances when applying for or accepting a place in a program. Note: Some programs may require students to participate in physically demanding activities. If the student feels that s/he is unable to participate due to health concerns, s/he may consult with program leaders to determine an appropriate alternative activity.

Make available to the Program Director accurate and complete physical and mental health information that may relate to your ability to participate safely in the study abroad program and any other personal data necessary in planning for a safe and healthy study abroad experience, and for responding to an emergency situation. This is in addition to information already provided to the Landmark College Health Office.

Assume responsibility for all elements necessary for your personal preparation for the program, and participate fully in all orientations.

Obtain and maintain appropriate insurance coverage and abide by any conditions imposed by the carriers.

Inform parents/guardians/families and other relevant people about your participation in the Study Abroad program, provide them with emergency contact information, and keep them informed on an ongoing basis.

Understand and comply with the terms of participation, codes of conduct, and emergency procedures of the program, and obey host-country laws.

Be aware of local conditions and customs that may present health or safety risks when making daily choices and decisions.

Promptly express any health or safety concerns to the Program Directors and/or other appropriate individuals.

Behave in a manner that is respectful of the rights and well-being of others, and encourage others to behave in a similar manner.

Accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.

Become familiar with the procedures for obtaining emergency health and law enforcement services in the host country.

Follow the program's policies regarding keeping program staff informed of your whereabouts.

#### **Services**

The Landmark College Study Abroad fee covers all scheduled program expenses including international air and most in-country ground transportation, accommodations, tuition, admission fees to scheduled places of interest, and some group meals.

Participants are expected to pay for all personal expenses, including some meals, snacks, laundry, passport fees, and other miscellaneous travel expenses. Students may also be required to purchase textbooks and other course supplies depending on their program.

## Independent travel

Participants are expected to use the transportation arranged by Landmark College between the points of departure and return. Participants who choose to travel independently during the program during non-course-related times must inform the Country Director in writing of his/her planned itinerary, including a full itinerary with time and date of departure and return, mode of travel, contact information of the places staying at, phone numbers, etc. Students are generally discouraged from changing plans to travel back to the U.S. independently, but if they choose to do so, they must inform the Program Director and the Director of International Education in writing of their plans not to return on their scheduled flight.

Landmark College and its employees assume no responsibility for the individual once s/he has separated him/herself from the program.

It is strongly recommended that all students inform their parents/guardian when making independent travel arrangements.

#### Non-sanctioned activities

Students choosing to participate in non-sanctioned activities during their free time at any point in the program release the College from all responsibility and liability associated with such activity. Landmark College strongly discourages participation in dangerous activities, and strongly recommends parents/guardians be consulted regarding the advisability of any potentially dangerous activities.

### Leaving the program

Landmark College Study Abroad students who leave their scheduled program at any time without informing the Program Director in writing and obtaining his/her approval may be subject to disciplinary action, including immediate suspension or dismissal from the program and direction to return to the United States, as detailed in the Intervention Procedures – see below. Landmark College and its employees have no responsibility for the individual once s/he has separated him/herself from the program. All travel expenses associated with an early departure will be borne entirely by the participant.

## Air transportation

Landmark College arranges for the ticketing of scheduled international air transportation and program-related in-country air and ground transport for the participant through commercial airlines or travel agents. Participants agree that Landmark assumes no responsibility or liability for death or injury to the participant or for loss of or damage to property (including baggage) resulting from the provision of air transportation and other services. The passenger contract issued by the airlines will constitute the sole contract between the airline and the passenger.

Landmark College reserves the right to change the air transportation dates, times, prices, and itinerary, and to make aircraft substitutions. Any additional costs resulting from such changes will be borne solely by the participant.

Landmark College will designate the times and ports of departure for group transportation during the program and will arrange for assembly at the designated times and places. Each participant is solely responsible for any missed connections due to his/her failure to assemble in a timely manner. Landmark College will not be liable for the cost of alternate transportation arrangements, or for any losses resulting from the participant's failure to use the designated transportation.

## Travel delays and unexpected layovers

Students traveling to and from the host country will be responsible for all expenses (meals, hotel, transportation, etc.) associated with unexpected delays in travel, including overnight layovers due to, but not limited to, inclement weather, flight cancellations and airport closures. Due to changes in airport security regulations, students may be required to contact the associated airline to book new reservations following an unexpected layover or flight cancellation. In programs where the entire group is returning to the Landmark College campus together, the Program Director may choose to provide hotel rooms for students at the College's expense.

If an unexpected layover results in the student's decision to separate voluntarily from the group, the student will be responsible for making his or her own travel arrangements, and releases the College from any associated potential responsibility.

#### Identification

Prior to departure for the host country, students are required to submit a color photocopy of the first page of their passport. The expiration date should be at least 6 months after the group flight is scheduled to return to the U.S. Upon departure, participants must present a valid passport for international travel and other purposes such as accommodations, in-country travel, and positive ID.

### Lost passports

Students who lose their passport assume sole responsibility for all action and costs associated with arranging for a replacement passport. If this results in missed travel connections, the student will consult with the program leaders as to the most appropriate course of action. If it is determined that a program leader must remain with the student to assist in securing a replacement passport, the student will be assessed those costs associated with the delay, including those that may be assessed to the program leader as a result of their staying behind. This includes, but is not limited to, airline penalties, ground transportation, accommodations and meal expenses. In such situations, the College will attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian to inform them of the situation.

#### Fee amounts

Fees, as quoted in Landmark College's program materials, have been established based on all known circumstances at the time of calculation, and no changes are expected. However, Landmark College reserves the right to make adjustments in these fees based on fluctuations in travel costs, including the costs associated with unexpected layovers and fluctuations in the valuation of U.S. currency. In the event of a fee increase, the participant will be provided with a reasonable amount of time, not less than ten (10) days from the date of notice, in which to withdraw. In the absence of notice of withdrawal, the participant will be committed to any adjusted program fees.

#### **Intervention Procedures**

Students participating in a Landmark College Study Abroad Program are bound by the same rules and subject to similar intervention procedures and sanctions as outlined in the most current version of the Landmark College Student Handbook. This section states additional or different rules and procedures Landmark College has determined are appropriate in the context of Study Abroad programs. In the case of conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and the provisions of the Landmark Student Handbook, the provisions of this Addendum will control.

Program Directors, and in their absence, Academic Directors, have the authority to implement these procedures, including imposing sanctions ranging from an informal warning to the immediate dismissal from a Study Abroad program. Disciplinary sanctions imposed during a Study Abroad program are intended for the duration of the

Study Abroad program. In some cases students may be summoned for an administrative hearing or conduct board proceeding upon their return to the Landmark College campus for additional disciplinary action, which additional action may have consequences on the student's general status as a student at the College outside the context of the Study Abroad program. Program Directors have the option of consulting with or deferring judgment to an appropriate Landmark College administrator.

Some Landmark College Study Abroad programs are held in conjunction with, and on the campus of a partnering institution. Students are expected to know and abide by the rules and regulations of those institutions, with the understanding that failure to do so may result in interventions by both Landmark College faculty as well as representatives from the partnering institution.

The following are some examples of behaviors that would likely initiate a disciplinary intervention. The Program Director or Academic Director may initiate an intervention at their own discretion for behavioral or safety-related issues that are not listed here.

- Failure to attend and participate in the required program elements, including classes, trips, course work, etc.
- Failure to comply with reasonable directions of the Program or Academic Director
- Cheating, plagiarism, or any effort to pass in work that is not that of the student enrolled in the program
- The use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs (by U.S. definition) of any kind
- Use of alcohol to the point where medical or behavioral intervention is necessary
- The misuse or distribution of prescription drugs
- Theft of property, money, etc.
- Assault, including sexual assault as defined by the most current version of the Landmark College Student Handbook
- Harassing behavior, including, but not limited to that of a sexual nature as defined by the most current version of the Landmark College Student Handbook
- Any behavior that puts the group or individual at risk, or that could be determined to be offensive, including drunkenness, vandalism, etc.
- Any violation of Landmark College's Code of Conduct as defined by the most current version of the Landmark College Student Handbook
- Behavior considered potentially detrimental to the health (mental or physical) or safety of the participant or other participants in the program or others in the host country
- Any violation of the rules and policies of cooperating institutions
- Any violation of the host country's laws
- Any other behavior considered inappropriate for a study abroad/cross-cultural program

If a student is suspended from a Study Abroad program, the student will be separated from the program and will need to return to the U.S. Participants are solely responsible for any additional travel costs that may be incurred as a result of suspension or dismissal from the Study Abroad program. No refund of tuition, travel or other related costs will be made, nor will academic credit be issued. The College will attempt to contact the student's parents or guardians to inform them of the situation. Following suspension, Landmark College is released from all obligations to and responsibility for the student. Landmark College, at its discretion, may provide assistance, per the student's request, to attempt to arrange for travel arrangements back home.

Landmark College Study Abroad students are solely responsible for understanding and conforming to all the laws of the host country. When you are overseas you are subject to the laws of that country. U.S. or other citizenship gives you no immunity from local jurisdiction. You should make no assumptions about your "rights," since in many countries legal procedures are very different from what we may be familiar with at home. Students should further understand that law enforcement and the judicial process, including penalties for breaking the law, are likely to be significantly different than those of the United States.

## **Landmark College Safety Statement**

Landmark's goal is to maintain student safety at all times and in all aspects of our Study Abroad Program.

At Landmark College, we believe study abroad is one of the most rewarding and lifechanging experiences students can have during their college years. An emphasis on safety is a critical aspect of ensuring that the programs can be successful in their educational goals. We want to share with you information regarding the preparations we take to make Landmark College's Study Abroad programs a safe and rewarding experience.

Thoughtful planning, professional leadership, solid preparation, and contingency planning ensure that our study abroad programs are safe, fun, and productive learning experiences. Please be assured we will continue to make safety the top priority in all our Study Abroad programs.

#### Insurance

Each student and leader is provided with an International Student ID Card which provides insurance coverage in a number of areas which includes but is not limited to the following:

- Medical and Dental coverage, including hospital benefits
- Emergency Medical Transportation including evacuation, and air evacuation if needed
- Travel Document Replacement
- Baggage and Travel Delay
- 24-Hour Emergency Hotline Services including medical and legal referral, emergency cash transfer, replacement of medication and eyeglasses, embassy and consular services, and interpretation or translation services

A complete description of the coverage, including contact numbers, how to file a claim, and definition of terms, can be found at: <a href="http://www.myisic.com">http://www.myisic.com</a>

In addition, each student is covered by their Landmark College Student Health Insurance policy (if this was purchased) and/or an individual family policy.

## **Staffing**

Each Landmark College Study Abroad program is staffed by experienced leaders. Study Abroad Directors are Landmark College employees with extensive experience working with students with learning differences. Program Directors, who are primarily responsible for coordinating in-country logistics and activities, typically have experience living or working in the host country. Academic Directors are Landmark faculty with an

expertise in their particular academic discipline. Directors are available to provide students with one-on-one support for academic and student-life issues.

#### Communication

Communication is important for the safety and effectiveness of our programs. Study abroad staff based in Putney, Vermont, remain in contact with Program Directors during each trip. A designated primary contact person working at the Putney campus is responsible for fielding questions, requests for information, and managing any emergency situation. The Program Director provides updates to our staff in Putney including notification of safe arrival at the final Program country destination. Students are also encouraged to contact their parents when they arrive in the Program country, and as needed during the trip. Program Directors are accessible by phone, and when possible by Skype, to communicate with students and Study Abroad Program staff working in Putney.

### **Important Information**

Study Abroad Program staff and faculty check a variety of sources for information pertaining to Program safety, including government and news media websites for current information about health and safety issues. Each student is requested to complete a Study Abroad Health Form in which they are asked information about their personal health history, current health concerns and medications. This information is essential in providing appropriate support to students on Study Abroad.

Students and their families are provided with essential information documents with flight information and itineraries, emergency phone numbers, and contact information for the places they will be staying. This information is also included in the Program Handbook which is available on the program webpage.

We realize that occasionally students make individual and short-term travel plans during a Program. Students are required to leave their itinerary and contact information at any place(s) they intend to visit with the Country Director. We strongly recommend they inform their families of their individual plans to travel separately from the Program itinerary.

## **Program Handbook**

The comprehensive Program Handbook contains both general information about Study Abroad programs, as well as information specific to each program. The handbook contains all the information listed above as well as:

- Lists of things to do to prepare for the trip, what to bring, what not to bring back to Landmark College.
- Recommended articles, books, and websites for information about the country and region where the Program will take place.
- The syllabus for the course, a program description, and itinerary.

- Guidelines and information about money, housing, meals and other expenses, and means of communication in the Program country.
- How to access help for academic difficulties or other problems.
- Responsibilities and expectations with regard to Health and Safety.
- The Landmark College Conditions of Participation document includes Intervention Procedures in case of violation of existing Student Codes-of-Conduct, which remain in effect during the Program.

#### Orientation

During orientation meetings prior to departure, Study Abroad Directors carefully review such topics as Health and Safety requirements, travel tips, local customs, guidelines for appropriate behavior and dress, as well as laws and policies related to alcohol and/or drug use. The Directors also provide participants with specific safety guidelines to follow, including who to contact for special needs or in case of emergency. Orientations, which are mandatory for all students, are considered the start of the academic course.