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Ireland: Land of Saints and Scholars

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Social Science Core

Explore Ireland!

Live on a college campus!

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ABOUT

On the western edge of Europe, the Emerald Isle boasts breathtaking natural beauty, mesmerizing music, and a rich history from its Celtic origins, Christian middle ages, and modern republicanism.

Explore twelfth-century monastic ruins hidden in a forest. Witness a vividly illustrated ninth-century manuscript of the Gospels. Take a visit to a remote, craggy island lined with miles of stone walls. Gaze at the stunning cliffs overlooking the wild Atlantic. Learn to dance. Attend a hurling match. Maybe even drink a Guinness!

This tour is open to all majors. Students are required to take POLSC 345: Western Political Thought III during the spring 2027 semester, which will introduce students to the history and politics of Ireland through its great texts and other primary-source documents. Students who have already taken POLSC 345 may enroll in POLSC 380 or HIST 370.

ON-SITE ARRANGEMENTS

The group will live among local students at Maynooth University, a 30-minute train from Dublin. Maynooth University has over 15,000 students.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$3,990 (Tentative until flights are booked)

INCLUDED: Round trip flight from Ohio to Ireland, dormitory accommodations at Maynooth University, hostel accommodations in Galway, daily breakfast, transportation and admission to group day-trips, and international health insurance.

NOT INCLUDED: Lunches and dinners (\$150+), expenses for passport (\$165), mandatory international phone plan, ETIAS travel visa (\$7-\$9), personal spending

DEADLINES & PAYMENTS

November 1 - \$500 non-refundable deposit deadline

February 1 - Remaining balance charged to AU account

HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Submit \$500 non-refundable deposit, check made out to Ashland University or a debit/credit card, to the Study Abroad Office (Bixler 211) prior to the deadline. You can call 419-289-5870 with debit/credit card information.

2. Register for spring course linked to tour

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM
1	Mon. May 10	Departure day. Fly from Ohio to Dublin.
2	Tues, May 11	Arrive at Maynooth University and check into dormitories. Walking tour of Maynooth. Welcome dinner at Brady's Pub with traditional Irish music.
3	Wed, May 12	Guest lecture on the Great Irish Famine and a tour of the Russell Library. Choose between a guided tour of the Castletown House in Celbridge or the Maynooth Castle. Finish the day with an Irish dancing activity.
4	Thurs, May 13	Day trip to Wicklow-Glendalough for hiking in Wicklow mountains. Traditional Sheepdog demonstration. Evening: GAA game or quiz night @ the Roost
5	Fri, May 14	Guest lecture on an overview of historical events tied to Collins Barracks/Kilmainham Jail. Travel to Dublin. Visit the National Museum of Ireland (formerly Collin's Barracks), Kilmainham Jail, and GPO Museum. Finish the day with free time in Maynooth or Dublin.
6	Sat, May 15	Travel to Dublin. Participate in a Trinity College and Book of Kells tour. Visit Chester Beatty Library & Dublin Castle. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Dublin. Finish the day with free time in Maynooth or Dublin.
7	Sun, May 16	Take a coach to Kilkenny. Hurling experience, pub lunch, and Black Cab tour. Enjoy free time to explore the city. Farewell dinner at Stonehaven Restaurant.
8	Mon, May 17	Take a coach to Galway. Check into Kinlay Hostel Eire Square and enjoy free time in Galway.
9	Tues, May 18	Take a boat trip to the Aran islands. Finish the day with free time in Galway.
10	Wed, May 19	Day trip to the Cliffs of Moher. Evening free in Galway.
11	Thurs, May 20	Return to Ohio from the Shannon Airport.