



Academic Focus

The Galway program is accessible to students from virtually any academic discipline as participants will be able to select two courses from the NUIG catalogue. Note that access for international students to some NUIG courses is limited due to such factors as the duration of the course and the nature of course prerequisites. Science students with very specific courses needs are advised to consult with staff at the Center for Global Education before applying to this program.

Eligibility

This program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students may be required to complete a pre-requisite course in the semester prior to participating in the program. If you are accepted to the program, we will let you know about any pre-req course in your acceptance letter. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.

Accommodations

Students on this program will be housed alongside Irish and international students in flats in a complex called “Gort na Coiribe”, located on the Headford Road about a 10-minute walk from the NUIG campus. Fully equipped kitchens are included in the flats and a large shopping center and a cinema complex are nearby. As you are responsible for your own meals on this program you may choose to prepare your own at home; in addition, full meals may be purchased at the university canteen at government subsidized prices. To view the accommodations, visit the Gort na Coiribe website at <http://www.gortnacoiribe.com>

Excursions

Several excursions linked to the Irish Culture and Society course are included as part of this program. They typically include visits to Northern Ireland, Dublin, Cork, Kerry, and the Aran Islands. Some local excursions in and around Galway may be organized as well.

Going Abroad With the CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and room fees and a \$500 administrative fee. This will cover credit for a four-course semester, housing and class-related excursions. Note that no HWS board fee will be charged. Students should plan to bring their board fee to Ireland to cover meal expenses. While these expenses will vary according to individual tastes, we estimate that about \$2,000 should be sufficient for students who typically prepare their own meals. Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books, visa and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at \$700-800 from the East Coast, books at \$250 and visa at \$215. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of \$1,500 above and beyond meal expenses. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

Application Deadline

- This program is offered every fall semester.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office at a selected date in October. For specific date contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change.

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About Galway

Galway, a university town with a vibrant artistic and cultural atmosphere, is the administrative capital of County Galway and the largest city in the West of Ireland. This area of the country is noted for its geographic and cultural distinctiveness. With the largest concentration of Gaelic-speaking communities in Ireland, the West is widely recognized as the most typically "Irish" part of the country. The Gaelic heritage is perhaps most evident in the Aran Islands (Inishmore, Inishmaan, and Inisheer), located just off the coast at the entrance to Galway Bay.

The Program

Hobart and William Smith Colleges maintain an affiliation with the National University of Ireland, Galway to provide students with the opportunity to live and study among Irish students at an Irish university. Participants in the program are also encouraged to join one of the many university clubs and organizations in order to directly experience Irish student life and culture. A service learning project, required of all students and linked to the Director's Seminar, will provide a unique opportunity for students to gain access to the local community.

Courses

This program consists of a combination of special courses taught for the group and regular university courses. All students will take two required courses:

Contemporary Irish Culture and Society (1 credit)

Professor Louis De Paor is Director of The Centre for Irish Studies at NUIG and serves as our on-site Academic Coordinator. He and several faculty colleagues from NUIG will collaborate to offer this survey of Irish culture and society.

Fall 2010 Director's Seminar — Bogs, Bluegrass, and Broadway: Traditional Irish Music and Its American Progeny (1 credit)

"I started with rock 'n' roll . . . then you take it apart . . . and you see that there's blues and there's country . . . Then you go back from country into American [folk] music, and you go back from American folk music and you end up in Scotland or Ireland eventually." Elvis Costello, quoted in *Bringing It All Back Home*, p. 125.

This course will follow Costello's sentence in reverse order. We will look at traditional Irish music first as a form important in itself, then as a way of gaining access to traditional (and current) Irish culture, and finally for what it can tell us about North American music and culture as it made its ways overseas (and back) during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This is not a course on music per se (although we will listen to and study music), but rather on how music shapes and is shaped by larger cultural forces.

Elective Courses (2 courses/2 credits)

In addition, students will select two electives from the regular NUIG catalogue. Following are examples of courses taken by students on previous programs. Consult the NUIG website for further details on course offerings: http://www.nuigalway.ie/arts/overseas_students.html

You should just to look at courses that are offered in Semester 1 (the Fall Semester).

Introduction to Northern Irish Politics
Short Plays of Samuel Beckett
Drama and Theatre Studies
Church and State in Ireland
Anatomy and Physiology
Medieval Ireland 5th-9th Centuries
Shakespearean Comedies
Irish Famine in a European Perspective
The English Language in Ireland

Feminist Thought
Women in Irish Society
Gaelic Language
Contemp. Irish Poetry
Cell Biology
Irish Art
Climatology
Scottish Short Stories

