



Eligibility

This program is open to juniors and seniors (sophomores may be considered in exceptional cases) 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.



Dramatic cliffs of the Aran Islands

Going Abroad With the CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and room fees and a \$550 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 \$2000—\$2200 (somewhat higher in spring due to the longer semester) 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 \$900—\$1100 from the East Coast, books at \$250 and visa at \$400. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of \$1500 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 semester.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office on a selected date in October (for fall programs) and March (for spring programs). For specific dates contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information

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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.



Galway city center



NUIG Quad

The Program

Hobart and William Smith Colleges maintain an affiliation with the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) 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)

This course, an interdisciplinary survey designed to give students insight into important historical events and processes that have shaped Irish culture and society, is organized and taught by faculty from the Centre for Irish Studies at NUIG. A series of excursions are linked to this course and will serve to illustrate key themes and topics.

Fall 2015 Director's Seminar: Writing Place and Displacement (1 credit)

This course explores the twin concepts of "place" and "displacement" as sources of inspiration and creative production through a hybrid of creative writing, critical writing, literary study, and theory. Students will read theory of place and displacement; analyze Irish/Irish-American narratives of exile and return; build a portfolio of creative/critical writing produced "on location" and about location; attend a range of live literary events in Galway and other sites we visit; and interact with local writers in a "literary crawl" drawn from *Galway Stories*, a contemporary collection of fiction focused on Galway itself. By writing both in and about *this* place—the "cultural heart of Ireland" as many call it—students will interrogate their own experiences of being dis-located from home, investigate Galway/Ireland as a new place, determine what these experiences mean for developing a sense of creativity, sense of self, and sense of locatedness in the world.

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

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

Feminist Thought
Women in Irish Society
Gaelic Language
Contemp. Irish Poetry
Irish Famine in a European
Perspective

Shakespearean Comedies
Climatology
Scottish Short Stories
The English Language in Ireland
Irish Art

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.