Program overview:

Few countries capture the American imagination like Ireland. Merely mentioning the word conjures images of sweeping green hills, windswept coastlines, and quaint pubs. Yet Ireland is not just those things; the island is actually comprised of two countries who share an intertwined culture and history that spans thousands of years. While the smaller of the two geographically, Northern Ireland boasts its share of famous people and places, including actor Liam Neeson, authors C S Lewis and Oscar Wilde, musician Van Morrison, and the Belfast shipyards where the Titanic was built. More recently and probably better known for the political and religious turmoil referred to as “The Troubles” or “The Conflict”, Northern Ireland serves as an outstanding case study of the relationships between culture, history, and the growth and evolution of a country.

Based at the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen’s University in Belfast, this Study Abroad Course combines on-site classroom instruction with excursions to give you a fuller picture of Northern Ireland. Your on-site lectures are taught in an interdisciplinary approach by leading academics from various departments at Queen’s University, including history, Irish studies, management, English, and politics. Outside experts present additional information on various topics, both in lectures and site visits. Your evening activities include Irish dancing, music, and cinema. No matter your major or areas of interest, Northern Ireland has something for you.

Course information: UNIV 379 (3 hrs) and HIST 379 (3 hrs) will be taught by Dr. Jennifer McNabb and Queen’s University staff. Class sessions will be held online prior to departure and on-site in Belfast. You are also required to attend a mandatory pre-departure orientation session conducted by the Office of Study Abroad.

Class participation, including contribution to discussions and attendance, is expected in all phases of the Course. Questions about course content should be directed to Dr. McNabb.

Eligibility requirements (degree-seeking students):

1. Completed at least 12 semester hours
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
3. Clearance of Student Judicial Programs

All majors welcome! Total enrollment is limited to 20.

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