



QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

24 JUNE – 19 JULY 2019

SHAPING
A BETTER
WORLD
SINCE 1845

RUSSELL
GROUP

WELCOME

“We love welcoming students from around the world to our International Summer Schools here at Queen’s. The highlight for me is seeing the personal development of our students over the four weeks and also seeing their delight at the opportunity to apply their learning in the classroom, outside the classroom, with a range of historical and cultural field trips. Never underestimate the power of a summer abroad experience to light a fire of inspiration, and countless of our students are testament to that, with many having even returned for graduate study here at Queen’s!”



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PROGRAMME DATES
24 JUNE – 19 JULY 2019



A group of students, mostly wearing blue hoodies, are walking along a rocky pier or breakwater. The ocean is visible in the background, and the scene is brightly lit. The text 'WE LOVE WELCOMING STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD' is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters in the top left corner, framed by a red L-shaped graphic element.

**WE LOVE WELCOMING
STUDENTS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD**



**WORTH A
RECOMMENDED
5-6 US CREDITS**



OUR INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS ARE DESIGNED TO INSPIRE YOU

Join us for four action-packed weeks based in Belfast, Northern Ireland with the choice of studying one of three distinctively tailored programmes.



3 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Perfect for students who are interested in a comparative international perspective on conflict transformation and social justice, drawing on the experience of conflict in Northern Ireland where the School is delivered and around the globe.

IRISH STUDIES

Ideal for students who want an immersive experience studying the history, heritage, culture, politics, language and literature of the island of Ireland, with a unique Irish-British perspective.

EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

Our newest programme is designed to inspire students to view learning as a catalyst for transformation, and is suited to students who are interested in how education can be used as a tool for change.



8 OR MORE FIELD TRIPS

All of our summer school programmes include:

- A unique immersive academic and cultural experience, with the opportunity to pursue your academic interests
- Guaranteed accommodation on campus for 27 nights with arrival on Sunday 23 June and departure on Saturday 20 July 2019
- Optional credit-bearing programme at Year 2 undergraduate equivalent, following assessment
- Opportunity to explore Northern Ireland with various cultural and historical field trips including UNESCO World Heritage site the Giant's Causeway, the Titanic Quarter, UK's City of Culture 2013 Derry-Londonderry and the home of Northern Ireland's government, Stormont Parliament Buildings
- Opportunity to meet and question some of Northern Ireland's decision makers including politicians and community representatives
- A varied social programme including welcome reception, social nights and 'Ceilidh' Night – a night of traditional Irish music and dance



RANKED IN THE TOP 10 FOR UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

(THE TELEGRAPH, 2015)

ACCOMMODATION

Students will stay at Queen's Elms, a modern purpose-built village community in the leafy suburbs of South Belfast. Rooms are private with an en suite bathroom, fully furnished and centrally heated with internet access. The village is a short walk from the main university campus.

Find out more at

www.qub.ac.uk/accommodation

WHY STUDY IN NORTHERN IRELAND?

Northern Ireland is an up and coming tourism destination, famed for our friendly locals, breathtaking landscapes, vibrant arts and cultural scene, amazing food and of course traditional 'craic'!

Queen's University is located in the heart of Belfast, one of Europe's most friendly and fashionable regional capitals, ranked the Lonely Planet's number one destination to visit in 2018. The beauty is that it's all packed into a compact city that is easy, and safe, to explore.

You will study and live in the heart of the leafy Queen's Quarter district, and your home from home for four weeks is packed with arts, culture and great food and drink establishments to suit every budget!

Further afield across Northern Ireland, from the spectacular Giant's Causeway to the historic walls of Derry-Londonderry, there are unique stories to tell, and our summer schools' students will get a flavour of them throughout their four unforgettable weeks.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT BELFAST?

- Belfast selected as one of the top 10 hottest destinations in Europe (CNN, 2013)
- Belfast is one of National Geographic's "Places to Travel for Food in 2016"



BELFAST VOTED
NUMBER 1 REGION
IN THE WORLD TO VISIT IN 2018
(LONELY PLANET, 2017)



**MOST AFFORDABLE
STUDENT CITY IN THE UK**
(MERCER, 2016)





TITANIC BELFAST MUSEUM
**EUROPE'S LEADING
TOURIST ATTRACTION**
(WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2016)



GAME OF THRONES
FILM LOCATION AND
ACTIVITY TOURS



CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's hosts our unique interdisciplinary Summer School in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice.

Located in a society emerging from conflict, the Summer School draws on experts from a range of disciplines including Law, Politics, International Relations, Criminology, Anthropology, Human Rights, Sociology, Film and Theatre.

Core programme

The Summer School provides students with an overview of conflict transformation over four weeks through history, politics, religion and legal systems, focusing on:

- Conflict Transformation in local and global perspective
- Religion and Peacebuilding
- Intervention and Integration
- Transitional Justice
- Cross-border Co-operation
- Discourses and Dialogue in Conflict Transformation in the Arts
- Representing and Dealing with the Past
- Policing and Securitization

The Summer School will also offer the opportunity to put your learning into practice, combining academic study with engagement from different sectors of civic society and communities in Northern Ireland including discussion with academics, former combatants, former paramilitaries, religious leaders, political activists and practitioners as well as a range of staff-led site visits.

The first and final weeks of the summer school will outline the history of political identities, conflicts and legacies that have framed the Northern Ireland Troubles and ensuing Good Friday Peace Agreement.

Choose a strand

Students will have the opportunity to follow their interests and specialise for two weeks in weeks two and three in **one** of three areas:

Resistance, Activism and Peacebuilding

Explore how cultural expressions of memory, emotion and conflict in divided and conflicted societies can act as sites of both healing and resistance, and are harnessed as protest, intervention and critique in the politics of identity, ethnicity and nationality.

You will also engage with political activists and former combatants who use storytelling, public art and film as modes of advocacy and political reconciliation.

Religion, Peace and Conflict

Address the vexed question of why religion can be so readily mobilised for conflict and used as a resource in organised violence. You will also explore what happens to religion when it overlaps with politics. The stream also addresses the religious resources available in the three Abrahamic faiths that make religion a site for reconciliation and peace. The ambivalence of the sacred is that it is both a site of contestation and reconciliation.

Transitional Justice

Focus on transitional justice as one of the most common responses to the aftermath of conflict and human rights abuses. We will address the operation of international criminal courts and issues around the management of emotions, like forgiveness. Key policies and practices in transitional justice are examined including amnesties, apologies, demobilisation and demilitarisation programmes with ex-combatants and policies and support structures for victims.

During the programme students will be inspired to develop their research interests within the wider context of Global Peace, Security and Justice and will understand the intersections of politics, culture, power, violence, legal systems, cultural expressions and religion.



**The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute
for Global Peace, Security and Justice**

fosters collaborations across a range of subject areas which allows us to address some of the key global challenges faced in seeking to achieve fairness, security, prosperity, social harmony and progress. A flagship for interdisciplinary research in areas of major societal challenge, the Mitchell Institute brings together excellent researchers from a wide range of disciplines to tackle some of the greatest global issues of our age.



**1ST IRISH STUDIES
CENTRE IN THE WORLD
ESTABLISHED IN 1965**

The Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's is the oldest centre dedicated to the study and teaching of Irish Studies in the world. Today it is one of the leading centres for research-led teaching in Irish Studies and is an internationally renowned centre of interdisciplinary Irish scholarship.



IRISH STUDIES

The International Summer School in Irish Studies has been offered at Queen's University for over 18 years. This unique, interdisciplinary Summer School is delivered by world leading scholars from a range of disciplines including history and heritage, literature, Irish language, politics, anthropology, archaeology, geography film and theatre. Students can follow their interests in these areas to think, learn and discuss Irish Studies with the opportunity to further specialise in an area of their interest.

Choose one of two strands

- **History and Heritage;** discover the social, political and economic landscape of the island

OR

- **Literature and Culture;** further explore the writers, poets and traditional Irish culture of the island

Over four weeks the Summer School examines the history and influence of our island on the world and uses this to gain a greater perspective on the planet we share. We promise our students an unforgettable and inspiring experience with lectures from world leading scholars, meetings with musicians, poets and politicians, trips to the historic Titanic ship yards and the rugged Antrim coastline.

Lectures will include:

- Ireland's History
- Irish Literature
- The Natural and Cultural Landscapes of Ireland
- Irish Folklore and Legend
- The Musical Traditions of Ireland
- The Ulster Troubles and the Peace Process
- Religion in Ireland, Past and Present
- Language, Culture and Film in Northern Ireland

But it's not all study! The Summer School does not just offer an introduction to Irish Studies but also to the city of Belfast and Northern Ireland. We promise challenge and entertainment all at the same time with a range of panel discussions and excursions.

Some of the programme field trips include:

- The Poet Seamus Heaney's Homeplace
- Guided tour of Belfast's murals and interfaces
- The Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park.



EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

The International Summer School on Education for Transformation offers a unique teaching and learning experience across the field of education and related disciplines including social science, social policy, law, criminology, youth justice and social work. Over four weeks the Summer School will provide the unique opportunity to study a society emerging from conflict with the chance to learn about its many distinct school sectors, including faith schools, Irish language schools, religiously integrated schools and schools involved in the internationally renowned Shared Education Programme. You will be visiting a leading Russell Group university recognised for its world class research and teaching in the field of education and related disciplines. The Summer School presents a unique and challenging opportunity to think, learn and discuss, providing the opportunity to examine and critique theory and practices in educational settings within Ireland and around the world. It will provide students with a critical overview of approaches to education and the many contexts and environments in which education operates, from world-leading practitioners and scholars.

Students will examine theories and practices of education from local and global perspectives, with opportunities to hear first-hand accounts of researching and teaching in different educational contexts and working within other disciplines (justice, social work, social policy) and in partnership with key stakeholders including Governments, charities and NGOs.

Key themes

- 1 Education through Evidence and Social Innovation
- 2 Curriculum in divided and conflict-affected societies
- 3 Epistemic justice and special needs education
- 4 Educational studies and leadership



Drawing on our experiences and research within Northern Ireland, the UK and from around the world, we will examine:

- Introductory lectures to the history and politics of Northern Ireland
- Intercultural education facilitated by our UNESCO Chair relating to divided and conflict-affected societies
- Early intervention and prevention programmes
- Theories of learning and educational leadership
- Engaging young people with controversial political issues

Students are also given the opportunity to meet with some of Northern Ireland's stakeholders and leading educational partners through excursions to educational settings such as various informal learning environments.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



Whitney Parker
Northern Arizona University
Irish Studies

“My favourite part of the Irish Studies Summer School was getting to meet people from different countries and learning about their cultures. Within my friend group, I was the only American, as we had Australian, Canadian, Dutch, Swiss and Taiwanese! I found the whole experience inspirational as it allowed me to learn not only about Ireland, but also about many other countries. It also made me more independent and better-rounded and I am looking forward to visiting Belfast again one day for a reunion with the friends I made! I would recommend the programme to anyone thinking about studying abroad. I would tell them to bring an umbrella and to get ready for a life-changing experience!”



Maeve Devlin
Illinois State University
Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

“My family is originally from Northern Ireland and I received an outstanding education of the conflict locally, to understand how it impacted my family’s lives and understand why my father left for America. Belfast also has a great atmosphere for student life! I fell in love with the city this summer; the nightlife is diverse, the shopping is great and travel was very accessible within Northern Ireland, with two airports located near the city centre, which allowed us to have the world at our finger tips. Travelling is very easy once you’re in Europe, sometimes it’s cheaper to fly than to take a train or bus, unlike the United States. A lot of self-discovery was made, and I have been inspired in several ways, including considering finishing my undergraduate degree or completing a Masters program at Queen’s University. I would highly recommend this program to those considering studying abroad and who want a unique experience studying in a post-conflict city which is now an exciting and vibrant place to study.”



Alyssa Santa Cruz
Arizona State University
Irish Studies

“Studying at the International Summer School was everything I hoped for and more! One of my favourite aspects was the lectures on Irish poetry, such as the work of W.B. Yeats and Seamus Heaney, who was from Northern Ireland and wrote a lot about his hometown and the landscapes around where he lived. We even got to visit his museum in Heaney’s hometown! All of the field trips were amazing, from the historic city of Derry-Londonderry to Stormont Parliament to the breathtaking Causeway Coast with its spectacular views. It was so hard to say goodbye, even though I only knew my classmates for four weeks, it feels like we’ve been friends for longer. Even though my four weeks in Belfast are now over I will never forget this amazing experience I’ve had. I may have said goodbye to Queen’s for now, but I have a feeling this won’t be the last time I visit!”



**PER CENT OF 2017
STUDENTS ENCOURAGED
TO RETURN TO QUEEN'S
FOR FURTHER STUDY**



**NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE
HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE UK**

(OFFICE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS, 2016)



**STUDENTS FROM
24 COUNTRIES
APPLIED FOR 2018**

KEY INFORMATION

FEES

The Summer School is offered at two different fee rates* which include tuition, field trips and cultural visits. The option with en suite accommodation includes a cooked breakfast each morning.

* Fees are inclusive of a £50 administrative charge. Please see the terms and conditions on our website for further information.



£1400 TUITION ONLY

COURSE CREDIT

Queen's offer a credited programme which is worth a recommended five - six US credits or 10 ECTS credits. In order to be assessed for credit students complete an extended essay, and will receive an official Queen's transcript. It is the responsibility of the home institution to determine the credit that will be awarded. We also offer a non-credit bearing option for those who do not wish to be assessed.



**£2600 TUITION AND
PREMIUM EN SUITE
ACCOMMODATION**

APPLY ONLINE

Apply for the 2019 International Summer Schools online by visiting our website <http://go.qub.ac.uk/summer-schools>

The application closing date is Friday 13 April 2019.

As places are confirmed on a first come, first-served basis we recommend that prospective students make their applications and payment as early as possible to avoid disappointment.



**CLOSING DATE FOR
APPLICATIONS**

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