

Welcome to Belfast

- Credit-bearing programmes
- Fieldtrips to sites of historical, political and cultural interest in Belfast and beyond
- Lectures and seminars by internationally-acclaimed scholars from Queen's University, Belfast

The Institute of Irish Studies offers a unique interdisciplinary **Summer School in Irish Studies**. This academic course is delivered by world leading scholars across a range of disciplines. Over three weeks, you will be able to follow your interests in history, literature, languages, politics, anthropology, film and theatre – the choice is yours.

You will be visiting a University recognised for its world class research and teaching, for a unique and challenging opportunity to think, learn and discuss. A chance to examine the history and influence of our island on the world and use this to get a greater perspective on the planet we share.

But it's not all study! We promise challenge and entertainment all at the same time. Students are also given the opportunity to meet with some of Northern Ireland's decision-makers – key politicians, church and community leaders. There are excursions to archaeological, historical and cultural sites in Belfast and beyond, with Irish music and dance evenings as well.



Included in the Summer School is a range of visits to:

- **Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast and the Antrim Glens**, an area of unsurpassed beauty, a unique fusion of tangible heritage and magnificent scenery.
- **Belfast's Titanic Quarter**, where the Titanic was designed and built.
- **Belfast's murals and interface**, guided tour.
- **The Centre for Migration Studies** at the Ulster American Folk Park.
- **Derry-Londonderry (UK City of Culture 2013)**, tour of this splendid city, crammed full of history, heritage, interest and a vibrant cultural scene.

"I would recommend and encourage everyone to do this amazing program. The lectures, the fieldtrips and learning about the identities and social troubles of Northern Ireland. It is an experience you will never forget!"

Tracy Wagner, Western Illinois, USA.



"The Summer School changed my life in so many ways. Not only did I have a wonderful summer in Belfast, but I returned for a full semester study abroad and am currently studying for an MA in Irish Studies. This Summer School gives a taste of the history, politics and culture of Northern Ireland. Perfect choice for anyone interested in this amazing country!"

Kimberly Mack, (MA Irish Studies), Massachusetts, USA.

Irish Studies Summer School

"I liked how balanced this course was in terms of curriculum – it had politics, literature, history, geology – a healthy mix of everything. A fabulous experience and I enjoyed every minute of it!"

Vatsala Joshi, Hyderabad, India.

Our Summer School offers you an introduction to Irish Studies and to the city of Belfast. Lectures from world leading scholars, meetings with musicians, poets and politicians, trips to ship yards and the rugged Antrim coastline. We promise you an unforgettable and inspiring experience.

The Summer School has options available in History, Literature and Language or Heritage.

It will offer lectures and fieldtrips that will cover:

- The history of the people on our island
- Ireland's place in the world
- The extraordinary and powerful history of migration and diaspora

- The turbulent, intertwined and sometimes creative relationships between Britain and Ireland
- The specific part played by the north, particularly Belfast and Derry/Londonderry in our history
- Language, literature, music, dance and art
- Conflict and Peace
- Heritage, identity and varieties of Irishness

You will visit stunning scenery and also get an insight into the harsh realities of industrialisation.

We hope you will be inspired by studying in Ireland and also have the time of your life.

