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Emergency

Security staff are on duty at all times

T. +44 (0)28 9097 5099

In an emergency where there is an imminent and serious danger to people or property, then the appropriate emergency services should be called. To do this from a University telephone, dial 2222 to contact the University Control Room operator or 9-999 to contact Police, Fire and Ambulance services.



ARRIVAL TO ELMS VILLAGE

For those participants who have selected the accommodation package, the accommodation is booked from Sunday 3 July until Friday 22 July 2016 inclusive (20 nights) - arrival on Sunday from 2pm and departure on Saturday morning by 10.30am.

If you want to stay additional nights at the Queen's Elms Halls of Residence, you can book and pay for these separately by e-mailing Queen's Elms at accommodation@qub.ac.uk

Please refer to the Accommodation Section within this booklet.

TRAVELLING TO QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

By air

Belfast is served by two airports: George Best Belfast City Airport and Belfast International Airport; both are linked to the city by regular bus services.

George Best Belfast City Airport

The airport is situated just three miles from Belfast City Centre. Please check www.belfastcityairport.com for flight information.

For connections from Britain and Europe Aer Lingus and FlyBe offer direct routes to many major airports.

The Airport Express 600 bus service runs from the airport terminal to the city centre every 20 minutes (05.30–22.05) Monday to Friday. Please check www.translink.co.uk for services on Saturdays and Sundays.

Belfast International Airport

Belfast International Airport is 30 minutes drive via the M2 Motorway. Please check www.belfastairport.com for flight information.

The Airport Express 300 service operates between the airport and Belfast City Centre every 15 minutes Monday to Friday, every 20 minutes on Saturday and every 30 minutes on Sunday. This service operates 24 hours a day however night services are less frequent.

Please check www.translink.co.uk for services during off peak times and weekends.

Belfast is just a short flight from all other major UK cities, including London, Edinburgh and Manchester. We're also just a couple of hours' drive from Dublin.



By road

Queen's is located close to Northern Ireland's motorway network, and the campus is reached from the city centre.

The journey to the University from Belfast Harbour, off-peak, should take no more than 20 minutes.

By sea

Fast ferry services including Stena Line and P&O Ferries make multiple daily crossings.

Services run from Northern Ireland to ports in Scotland and England.

Travel by state of the art superfast ferries with journey times from just 2 hours 15 minutes.

Operators and travel times vary. Please check out Stena Line, P&O Irish Sea and the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company for travel options.

By rail

An Enterprise service runs 8 times daily (5 times on Sundays) from Belfast to Dublin. The journey time is approximately 2 hours.

T. 028 9089 9409
W. www.translink.co.uk

By bus

Dublin Airport Express Coach Service operates to Dublin Airport, with a journey time of approximately 2 hours.

T. 028 9066 6630
W. www.translink.co.uk

Dublin International Airport is located approximately 100 miles to the south.

By road from Dublin

Starting out from Dublin Airport, the M1 Motorway is well signposted for Belfast; this is a toll road and there is one Toll Plaza approximately 31 km from Dublin Airport. Continue on this Motorway signposted for Belfast. Just after passing the City of Newry the road becomes a dual carriageway (A1) and Motorway regulations fall away. At the Sprucefield roundabout (approximately 137 km from Dublin Airport) the A1 joins the M1 motorway (signposted The North, Belfast). Once within the Greater Belfast area the signs will display as City Centre. At Grosvenor Road Junction (approximately 152 km) leave the motorway and follow signs City Centre onto the B38.

TRAVELLING AROUND BELFAST



On foot

Most of you will spend the majority of your time in the area around the main University campus, and the longest journey will be no more than 10 minutes (0.5 mile walk from Elms Village Accommodation).

You'll have two social hubs nearby - Botanic and Stranmillis - and the city centre itself is only a 15-minute walk from Queen's.

To walk from Elms Village, it would take around 40 minutes to walk the 2 mile journey to Victoria Square Shopping Centre in the city centre.

By bike

The Belfast Bikes scheme came to Queen's in 2015, and we have two docking stations on campus. One is outside the Students' Union, and the other is at the McClay library.

Much like the Boris Bikes scheme in London, Belfast Bikes enables you to collect a bike from one docking station and leave it somewhere else in town. Membership is very reasonable for a full year (£20 in 2015) and of course used bikes are widely available if you'd rather take yours home after a lecture. Further information on prices can be accessed below:

www.belfastbikes.co.uk/en/belfast/prices/



By bus

The Metro serves the greater Belfast area and the rest of Northern Ireland is covered by Ulsterbus.

Several major bus routes pass by the Queen's campus on a regular basis, for transport to the rest of Belfast and beyond as well as connections to train stations and airports.

Metro operates regular bus services every 10 minutes during peak times from 6am-11pm Monday - Friday and regular services on Saturdays and Sundays. The services include routes on Botanic Avenue, University Road, Malone Road, Stranmillis and Lisburn Road. **The cost of a ticket (Purple Line Route 8) from Elms to Belfast city centre would be in the region of £2.**

You can view the fare calculator here: www.translink.co.uk/Services/Metro-Service-Page/Fares/

Buses serving the University and bus stops in key locations are shown in the below Metro Network 8 Map www.translink.co.uk/Documents/Services/metro/Route%20Maps/metro%208.pdf

The Belfast Ultimate Travel Map details all bus routes www.qub.ac.uk/sites/media/Media,365977,en.pdf

The Translink yLink card is available for all 16-23 year olds which entitles the holder to 1/3 off cash singles on Metro, Ulsterbus and NI Railways and up to 50% discount on the Enterprise. For mature students over the age of 24 you can purchase a Smartcard to save 1/3 off bus travel or purchase weekly/monthly NI Railways tickets. Smartlink cards can be topped up at any Smartlink or PayPoint Agent or the Metro Kiosk, Donegall Square West. Further information on yLink cards, including cost, can be found at <http://go.qub.ac.uk/studenttravel> or Smartlink at <http://go.qub.ac.uk/smartlink>

By rail

NI Railways operates regular trains to Bangor, Larne, the seaside resort of Portrush and Derry/Londonderry as well as Dublin.

The stretch of railway line from Coleraine to Derry/Londonderry is justifiably regarded as one of the most beautiful in the world, with scenery including lush forest, waterfalls, cliffs and unspoiled beaches.

Taxi

Fonacab is one of the local private taxi companies. Fares Minimum Fare: £2.50 Rate: £2.50 for 0.1 miles, then £1.25 per mile thereafter.

T. +44 (0)28 90 33 33 33
W. www.fonacab.com

TRAVELLING AROUND CAMPUS



Interactive campus map
<http://queensub.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Solutions/s2.html?appid=16ccaa85174740a2adcedf6c4e7adea1>

SCHOOL OFFICES

Biological Sciences	A	Estates	3
Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	B	Festival Office	1
Creative Arts	P	Finance	3
Education	C	Great Hall	1
Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	D	Harty Room, School of Creative Arts	5
English	E	Health Sciences Building	26
Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology	F	Human Resources	3
History and Anthropology	G	Information Services	11
Law	J	Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS)	34
Mathematics and Physics	L	Institute of Theology	12
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	M	International and Postgraduate Student Centre (I&PSC)	4
Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences	N	International Office	1
Modern Languages	H	INTO at Queen's	33
Nursing and Midwifery	Q	Jobshop	13
Pharmacy	R	Lanyon Building	1
Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering	S	Mathematics	10
Politics, International Studies and Philosophy	T	McClay Research Centre	25
Psychology	V	Medical Biology Centre (MBC)	22
Queen's University Management School	K	Naughton Gallery at Queen's	1
Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work	W	Northern Ireland Technology Centre (NITC)	31
		Occupational Health	35
		Peter Froggatt Centre (PFC)	2
		Pharmacy	25
		Physical Education Centre (PEC)	37
		QUBIS Ltd	17
		Queen's Film Theatre (QFT)	8
		Registrar	1
		Research and Enterprise	17
		Riddell Hall	38
		Sonic Arts Research Centre (SARC)	30
		South Dining Hall	6
		Student Guidance Centre (SGC)	13
		Student Plus	1
		Students' Union	15
		The McClay Library	11
		University Health Centre	35
		Vice-Chancellor's Office	1
		Welcome Centre	1
		Whitla Hall	7
		Whitla Medical Building	23

FACULTY OFFICES

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	X1
Engineering and Physical Sciences	X2
Medicine, Health and Life Sciences	X3

LOCATION

Academic and Student Affairs	3
Administration Building	3
Ashby Building	32
Belfast City Hospital	27
Bernard Crossland Building	28
Canada Room/Council Chamber	1
Careers, Employability and Skills	13
Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB)	24
¹⁴ Chrono (Radiocarbon dating centre)	20
Clinical Research Facility	27
Counselling Service	13
David Bates Building	10
David Keir Building	29
Development and Alumni Relations	1
Disability Services	13
Drama and Film Centre at Queen's	8
Dunluce Health Centre	21
Elms Village	36
Elmwood Hall	14
Elmwood Learning and Teaching Centre (ELTC)	19

OFF-CAMPUS SITES

ECIT at Titanic Quarter
Medicine and Dentistry at Royal Victoria Hospital
Marine Research Centre at Portaferry
Northern Ireland Advanced Composites and Engineering (NIACE) Centre at 2A Airport Road
Queen's Sport Upper Malone

Details correct at time of going to print. For an up-to-date University campus map, please visit: www.qub.ac.uk

ACCOMMODATION ELMS STUDENT VILLAGE

78 MALONE RD, BELFAST BT9 6FT

RANKED IN THE UK'S TOP 10 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

The Telegraph ranks Queen's amongst the top universities for student accommodation in the UK.

For those participants who have selected the accommodation package, the accommodation is booked from Sunday 3 July until Friday 22 July 2016 inclusive (20 nights) - arrival on Sunday from 2pm and departure on Saturday morning by 10.30am.

Elms Student Village is only 10 minute's walk from the campus (0.5 mile distance).

Rooms are private spaces to look after and enjoy, and Elms residents enjoy an active social diary.

Dedicated support is provided by Student Accommodation staff. Rates include utility bills, 24-hour security, 24-hour reception, regular cleaning of communal areas and internet service. If you require access to the Wifi internet in your bedroom please click [here](http://www.stayatqueens.com/sites/media/Media,396358,en.pdf) for details. <http://www.stayatqueens.com/sites/media/Media,396358,en.pdf>

Accommodation is in single en suite or non en suite rooms. Rates include linen and towels, and a cleaning service every 3rd day. Rooms are typically in blocks of a maximum of 33 rooms with 11 rooms on each floor. Each floor has a kitchen and common room with TV and tea and coffee making facilities. Kitchen equipment, such as plates, cups, cutlery, small pot set and ovenware etc will be available for use.

Groups are normally allocated to rooms together and access to each block is restricted to maintain security and safety of the group members. There is 24 hour reception and security on site and Pay Per Use car parking is also available.

At the centre of Elms Village is the Treehouse where breakfast is served from 07.30-10.00 daily.

The MACE shop on site is open from 08.00-16.00 Monday-Friday.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I REQUIRE MEDICAL TREATMENT?

EU members will receive treatment as they would at home. A European Health Insurance card (EHIC) is required. The form can be obtained on their website, post office or telephone: 0845 606 2030.

Visitors are strongly advised to take out private travel insurance. www.ehic.org.uk

Even if you are entitled to free NHS treatment whilst in the UK, you should consider taking out insurance which covers other medical-related costs. An insurance policy may cover, for example:

- lost fees if you are unable to complete your course;
- costs of returning home if a relative is ill;
- costs of a relative visiting you in the UK if you fall ill;
- cost of returning to your home country for treatment;
- or in the worst possible situation, returning a body home for burial.

There is often a long wait for NHS treatment, sometimes many months. An insurance policy which gives you access to private medical care could give you much quicker access to the treatment you need.

www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Living-in-the-UK/Health-and-healthcare#layer-5179

Visitor visas and short-term visas
www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa

If you are on a visitor visa / short-term visa, you don't have to pay the healthcare surcharge (called the 'immigration health surcharge' or IHS) if you're applying from outside the UK for a visitor visa or any visa that lasts 6 months or less.

You can stay in the UK for 6 months - for any short course (including English language courses), or short period of research if you're 18 or over.

Fees £89 for a 6 month visa

How long it takes

You can apply for a visa up to 3 months before your date of travel to the UK.

You should get a decision on your visa within 3 weeks. Please see our visa section.

Students can also register with our University Health Centre at Queen's.
www.universityhealthcentreatqueens.co.uk/index.aspx

EU members will be required to provide their passport or ID card.

All non EEA members would be required to provide their visa.

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Belfast, BT7 1NP

Appointments:
+44 (0)28 9066 4634

Out of Hours:
+44 (0)28 9079 6220

Our closest hospital is:
Belfast City Hospital
www.belfasttrust.hscni.net/contact.htm
Lisburn Road
Belfast, BT9 7AB

+44 (0)28 9032 9241
Emergency 999
Map goo.gl/maps/GwGtGUQ85sJ2

VISAS

Upon payment of your place, we will issue you a letter of acceptance to our Summer School. This will detail:

Title of Course: International Summer School on Conflict Transformation

Qualification: Certificate of Participation or award of credit to home university

Awarding Body:
Queen's University Belfast

Mode of Study: Full-Time

Address of Study: The Queen's University of Belfast, University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NN

Length of Programme: 3 weeks

Method of Study: Taught

Contact e-mail address:
summerschools@qub.ac.uk

Course Start Date: 04 July 2016

Course End Date: 22 July 2016

Course Fees: £

Amount Paid: £ as per date of this letter

Accommodation costs:
Room Type: Included in course fee above Ensuite or Non-Ensuite

We recommend that you contact the University International Student Support Office as early as possible. The e-mail address for the International Student Support Office is: iss@qub.ac.uk.

They will provide you with a letter to support your Visa application.

It is suggested that students begin to prepare their visa application and supporting documents about 2-3 months before they are required to begin their studies. This should allow them sufficient time to have everything in order for their arrival at Queen's.

Participants on the International Summer School may contact the staff of the International Student Support Office for expert and up-to-date visa information and guidance - it is important to inform them that you are attending the 3-week International Summer School. You must also make arrangements to travel to Belfast through a UK airport (including Northern Ireland) so as your visa can be stamped into your passport (or endorsed if you have pre-applied for your visa in your home country).

Please note that Dublin and Cork airports or any airport in the Republic of Ireland are NOT UK ports of entry and you should therefore avoid booking travel to any of these airports.

Visas are a very complex and specialised area and the International Summer School is not qualified, nor permitted, to give the necessary advice.

Short-Term Study Visas

This is a visa route option for students who are coming to the United Kingdom (UK) to study a short programme (i.e. for less than six months), such as one of the Queen's University Belfast, International Summer School programmes (without a work placement).

How and where you apply for a Short-Term Study will depend whether you are a (A) Visa national or a (B) Non-visa national.

(A) Visa national

A visa national is a national of a country that is required to apply in advance of travelling for a visa to come to the UK for whatever purpose they intend and for any length of time. You may check if you require a visa prior to travelling to the UK on the Home Office website here: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa.

(B) Non-visa national

International Student Support always recommends that you obtain a visa before you travel to the UK to ensure you do not face any travel complications. However, a non-visa national is a national of a country (for example USA, Canada and Australia etc.) that may apply in advance for a visa to come to the UK OR may choose to apply for a Short-Term Study visa when they arrive at a UK Port of Entry. You may check if you require a visa prior to travelling to the UK on the Home Office website here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>.

Non-visa national: Leave to Enter at the port of entry as a Short-Term Study Visitor

A short-term study visa can only be issued at a UK Port of Entry in limited circumstances (if you are a non-visa national and have a Short-Term Study Visa letter issued by Queen's University). The short-term study visa issued at the port of entry will involve your passport being stamped

with an endorsement stating 'Short-term Study' and normally you will be admitted to the UK for 6 months. **It is your responsibility to ensure that you present evidence of your intention to study, i.e. the original support letter we issued to you, when you arrive at the UK Border and also to check the stamped endorsement authorises 'Short-term study'.**

Your travel plans

If you are a non-visa national and intend to apply for Leave to Enter at a **UK Port of Entry** then you **MUST** arrive via a UK airport (e.g. Belfast International Airport or Heathrow Airport) in order to obtain the correct visa stamp.

If you are intending to arrive via the Republic of Ireland (e.g. Dublin) and then travel to the UK, then you MUST apply for a Short-term study Visa BEFORE you travel to the UK.

If you arrive via Dublin the UK Short-Term Study Visa vignette in your passport (you will have a vignette in your passport if you apply for a visa before you travel to the UK) will not be stamped by a UK Border Official but this is fine. You must keep all evidence of travel (e.g. bus/train tickets) between ROI and Northern Ireland in case the date of entry ever becomes important.

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Supporting documentation required to apply for a Short-term study visa

When applying for a Short-term study visa you must ensure that you have the appropriate supporting documents prepared.

You should include:

- The original Short-Term Student Visa Letter we issued for you
- The letter will be posted to you after you have paid the programme deposit and emailed a copy of your passport, postal address and telephone number to iss@qub.ac.uk.
- A valid passport
- Two passport photographs
- Several months bank statements showing that you have enough money to support yourself during your stay in the UK. We recommend showing evidence of around £1015 per month of your visit.
- Evidence of where you will be staying in Belfast for your studies (if you have reserved University accommodation we will have confirmed in the visa letter that you have booked a room in the University's Halls of Residence for the duration of the International Summer School).
- Evidence that you intend to return home at the end of your studies, i.e. return ticket, (or enough money to buy a plane ticket)
- The £89 Short-term study visa fee

You can find more Short-term Study visa guidance and how to apply in advance of travelling here:

www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa

www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Short-term-student-visa

For the July 2016 summer school, credits will follow the summer school programme information listed on the website: "The summer school programme comprises at least 80 hours contact (teaching) time."

Three US credits are recommended for this programme. Your home university must decide if it wants to award you this credit - they may contact us for more details of the programme before making a decision. When your work is graded you will be given a percentage mark ([grade conversion from United Kingdom into US letter grade](#)). Please see table on page 21.

Information in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section of this website also gives more detail. On successful completion of the programme, we will provide you with a transcript and a grade for your essay to enable your home university to make a decision about credit.

Course Work for Assessment

Students of the summer school wishing to be considered for credit are required to complete an essay of not more than 3,000 words, including bibliography, on a topic listed below, or on a subject of their own choosing. **If students opt for the latter, a written proposal of 500 words should be e-mailed to the academic director before the end of Week 2 (summerschools@qub.ac.uk).** Students wishing to be considered for credit will normally satisfy the attendance requirement outlined below. The completed essay should be handed in by 12 noon Friday 26 August 2016.

Attendance

Students who do not opt for assessment will be issued with a certificate of successful participation on completion of the programme. This will be dependent on a satisfactory attendance record for the duration of the summer school. A register will be taken for each class. Students wishing to be issued with a certificate of participation should be absent for no more than two sessions in total.

Please note: Queen's University recommends the award of three credits for those who complete requirements. It is, however, up to the university you attend to accept this recommendation.

ESSAY TOPIC

EITHER compare some key concerns and insights in researching conflict transformation in Ireland and overseas
OR explore the nature of contemporary conflict transformation focusing on **ONE** of the following subject areas:

1. Culture and identity
2. Conflict resolution approaches
3. Justice frameworks and/or politics
4. Religious peacebuilding

In setting this assignment what we are looking for is sound judgement, evidence of interest in and close attention to lectures, readings and field trips. **It is essential to supplement knowledge gained from lectures with extra reading.**

The essay, which should be typed or word-processed, is worth 100% of the final mark (unless alternative



CRITERIA FOR CREDIT AND ASSESSMENT

Aim Overseas Students Only

arrangements have been made with your college), and should be no longer than 3,000 words. Maps, drawings and photographs are not essential but may be appended if you wish. A list of Works Cited is expected.

The completed essay can be handed in at the evaluation session on Friday 22 July. Participants who wish to do so may complete their essays after returning home, in which case the essay must arrive at the office by e-mail (summerschools@qub.ac.uk) no later than 12 noon on Friday 26 August after which date submissions will not be accepted. An e-mail will be sent to you confirming receipt of your essay - please contact the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice if you do not receive this confirmation.

See cover sheet at the end of this outline which must accompany your field journal.

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W. summerschools@qub.ac.uk
T. +44 (0) 28 9097 3609

The assessment for AIM Overseas Students in Australia is made up of the following components:

Essay - see guidelines above	60%
Class attendance	10%
Field journal	30%

Due 22 July 2016

FIELD JOURNAL: CRITICAL ANALYSIS

30% of the credit for this course will be given for the completion of a critical analysis of a field journal to be handed in on the final day of the course, 22 July 2016. Students should choose **ONE** field trip to analyse from the following day/half day events:

- The historical city of Derry/Londonderry
- Tour of Belfast: Murals, Interfaces and Economic Development
- Field Trip to the Centre for Migration Studies, Ulster American Folk Park
- Trip to Crumlin Road Gaol
- Visit to Stormont
- Visit to PSNI Antrim Police Station

You will be expected to take notes on the activities of the field trip and critically discuss how they relate to the themes of your class learning. This journal should not simply be a description of the outing; rather it should show how key issues from the literature and class discussions can be applied to the history, content, display and practices of the centre or region you have chosen to study.

The final critical field journal should be no longer than 2000 words.

Learning Aims

In this assignment we are looking for evidence of the following

1. What was the significance of the site visit in your experience of it?
2. How has the site visit expanded your awareness and understanding of conflict transformation and social justice issues in Northern Ireland?
3. What theoretical perspectives have you gained from the literature and how can they be applied to analyse the site visit?
4. Critically reflect upon the issues that you think the site visit raises for the analysis of conflict transformation and social justice.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be expected:

- To demonstrate some background knowledge of the issues relating to the chosen field trip
- To discuss some key issues that the field trip presented
- To be able to apply theoretical insights to practice-based learning
- To analyse critically and reflect upon the significance of the issues arising from the field trip for conflict transformation and social justice

Submission

The field journal should be word-processed with correct referencing and citation practices. Maps, drawings and photographs are not essential but may be appended if you wish. The completed field journal can be handed in at the evaluation session on Friday 22 July or emailed no later than Friday 22 July to summerschools@qub.ac.uk

See cover sheet at the end of this outline which must accompany your field journal.

MARKING CRITERIA FOR WRITTEN WORK

Please note that this is not an exhaustive checklist. The descriptions in each category should be taken as general indicators of the kinds of qualities the examiners are looking for in order to award a particular mark.

First Class work (73-100%)

Exceptional (100%)

- An exemplary answer, exceptional in quality.

High/Excellent I (90%)

- The student shows an excellent grasp of the issues, the material and the theoretical points put forward by the various authors.
- The student demonstrates a high level of originality and critical synthesis.
- The student shows a very high level of insight in the conclusions drawn.
- The student shows an in-depth knowledge and understanding across a wide range of relevant areas, including areas at the forefront of the discipline.
- The student has read very widely and carefully, including material not discussed directly in the course itself.
- The written work offers substantial reflection on the question itself – the interpretations are well supported by the material the student has read.

Definite I (80%)

- The student shows significant independence of thought and critical judgement.
- The student demonstrates a substantial degree of originality.
- The student shows an excellent understanding of the link between theory and evidential material: of how the evidential material has or can be used to prove or disprove particular theoretical points.
- The written work incorporates original thoughts and insights about the material which the student has read.

Low I (73%)

- The student demonstrates a thorough understanding of all the main issues involved and their relevance.
- The student has been able to put this understanding into the service of a balanced and well-structured argument.
- The student realises that different authors are engaged in a debate around a series of issues, and has a very good understanding of their particular contributions to that debate.
- The written work has a very good introduction which sets out how the student understands the issues involved and why they are relevant.
- The written work works its way to a conclusion well-grounded in what has been written.
- The written work demonstrates very good presentation throughout and really pays attention to referencing techniques, spelling, grammar, etc.

2:1 Work (62-68%)

- The student has read the relevant material carefully.
- The student may have used the lecture notes and handouts as a basic guide to the reading, but the written work does not simply replicate arguments put forward in the lectures. The student puts forward their own argument using adequate material.
- The argument is clear and coherent. The written work is well structured.
- The student demonstrates a good understanding of the issues: they have a good grasp of the evidential material and of the theoretical points put forward by the various authors.
- The student realises that different authors are engaged in a debate around a series of issues and understands their particular contribution to that debate.
- The written work has a good introduction which sets out how the student understands the issues involved and why they are relevant.
- The written work works its way to a conclusion well-grounded in what has been written.
- The written work demonstrates good presentation throughout and pays attention to referencing techniques, etc.

2:2 Work (52-58%)

- The student has done some reading.
- The student relies on the lecture notes and handouts to construct an argument, although there may be some original points made on independent interpretations of the material.
- The student's understanding of the material is adequate. There may be some confusion as to how theory and evidential material are linked.
- The student's understanding of the contribution of various authors to a debate may be limited.
- The structure of the written work is adequate.

- The argument may not be completely clear.
- The written work demonstrates adequate presentation but there may be problems with structuring of paragraphs, referencing, spelling and grammar.

Third Class work (42-48%)

- The student demonstrates a limited but 'passable' understanding of the topic(s) examined in the written work.
- There is no evidence of reading and even the knowledge of the material arguments discussed at lectures and workshops is very limited.
- The material may adopt a scattergun approach, little at all is linked to a common thread and musings will wander here and there without any reference to any clear interpretation.
- The written work at least shows that they know something about the topics examined.
- The written work's presentation is often very poor, with bad structure and serious problems with referencing, spelling and grammar.

Failed Work (0-35%)

Marginal Fail (35%)

- The student displays a very limited understanding of the topic(s) examined in the written work.
- The written work is sparse in material and lacking in organization.
- The written work contains material that is inappropriately used or of limited relevance.
- The written work proceeds by way of assertions unsupported by appropriate evidence.
- The written work demonstrates extremely poor use of language with significant grammatical and other errors.



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Weak Fail (25%)

- The student shows little understanding of the major issues.
- The student shows little familiarity with the main issues discussed in lectures and other teaching sessions.
- The written work contains many major inaccuracies.
- The written work is limited in its coverage and length.
- The written work demonstrates extremely poor use of language.

Poor Fail (15%)

- The student demonstrates major misunderstandings of the material.
- The student has made no real effort to answer the question.
- The written work is extremely limited in its coverage and length.
- The bulk of the answer is irrelevant or inaccurate.

Nothing of Merit (0%)

- The student shows no recognition or understanding of the question.
- The written work contains little or no material of value to the question asked.

CONCEPTUAL EQUIVALENCE

Exceptional first	100
High/excellent first	90
Definite first	80
Low first	73
High/excellent 2.1	68
Definite/solid 2.1	65
Low 2.1	62
High 2.2	58
Definite/solid 2.2	55
Low 2.2	52
High 3rd	48
Definite 3rd.	45
Definite pass	42
Marginal fail	35
Poor	25
Weak	15
Nothing of merit	0

American Letter Grade	Australian Grade (Numerical Mark)	Canadian Letter Grade and Mark Range	QUB Numerical Mark	QUB Honours Class
A	High Distinction (85-100)	A (80-100)	70+	I
A-	Distinction (80-84)	B (65-79)	66-69	Iii
B+	Distinction (75-79)		63-65	
B	Credit (70-74)		60-62	
B-	Credit (65-69)	C (High) (58-64)	57-59	Iiii
C+	Pass (60-64)		53-56	
C	Pass (55-59)		50-52	
C-	Pass (50-54)	C (Low) (50-57) (Pass mark 50%)	45-49	III
D	Pass Conceded (45-49)		43-44	
F	Fail (0-44)		40-42	
F	Fail (0-44)	F	0-39	Fail

NB. These conversions are approximate only, and the Board of Examiners may interpret differently the grades/marks you achieve at your Exchange University.



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(if applicable)

Word length

Date of submission

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Presentation please attach this cover sheet to all assessed work

Delete as appropriate: essay/ field journal (Please note different dates for submission)

1. Essays should be typed or word processed in 12pt double-spacing.
2. Please do not submit assessed work **in a folder or binding**.
3. Assessed work should be stapled together at the top left hand corner

SUBMISSION DATES:

Essays: Essays can be handed in at the final evaluation session on **Friday 22 July** or sent by e-mail to summerschools@qub.ac.uk no later than 12 noon on **Friday 26 August 2016**

Field Journal: The field journal can be handed in at the final evaluation session or sent by e-mail to summerschools@qub.ac.uk no later than **the last day of the course, i.e. Friday 22 July**.



CLIMATE

The climate of Northern Ireland is influenced most by the Atlantic Ocean. As a result, it doesn't have the extreme temperatures that other countries at similar latitude would have.

A major warm ocean current called the North Atlantic Drift keeps sea temperatures mild too. Hills and mountains, mainly around the coast, shelter the rest of the island from strong winds coming off the ocean. However, the indented shape of the coastline and the presence of high ground introduce localised differences in temperature, cloud and precipitation.

Our weather can be unpredictable, so we like to discuss it! So while the weather can be changeable - it's rarely extreme. But do prepare for rain, as it's called the Emerald Isle for a reason!! Click here to view weather forecasts for July and August.

July is normally the warmest month in Northern Ireland, with mean daily maximum temperatures varying from about 17.5 °C in the upland areas

and along the north coast to almost 20°C in low lying areas south of Lough Neagh and in Fermanagh. The highest temperature ever recorded in Northern Ireland is 30.8 °C at Knockarevan in County Fermanagh on 30 June 1976.

The warmest months, July and August, get about 18 hours of daylight and it gets dark only after 11pm. Hence the well-worn phrase in Ireland; "*sure there's a grand stretch in the evenings*".

A Weather-Friendly Wardrobe

Wondering what to bring? You'll need to be adaptable. So go for layers that you can put on or take off as the temperature changes. Bring a sweater, even in summer; waterproofs to accompany all outdoor activities; sunglasses; comfortable walking shoes and an umbrella.

Don't be fooled into thinking you won't need sunscreen in the summer months - when the sun shines in Northern Ireland it's quite strong, so wear a high factor and bring a sunhat.

FAQs

What is the currency?

Northern Ireland uses the £ sterling, the currency in circulation in England, Scotland and Wales. Unlike the Euro which is used in the Republic of Ireland, £ sterling is not linked to the Euro.

Currency exchange service is available from the Ulster Bank, located beside the Student Guidance Centre, University Road.

Is Northern Ireland safe?

Yes. Northern Ireland has the second lowest crime rate in Europe.

What is the cost of eating out?

The average lunch (without drinks) costs approximately £8 per person. Dinner for two without wine in a mid-priced restaurant costs approximately £30. There are many restaurants and cafes nearby, and prices range.

Please see Trip Advisor:

www.tripadvisor.co.uk/RestaurantsNear-g186470-d190026-Queen_s_University-Belfast_Northern_Ireland.html

Eating on Campus

The University has numerous retail catering facilities and you can find them listed below:

www.eatatqueens.com/sites/EatAtQueens/RetailCatering/

Local Shops and Amenities

There is a MACE store at the Treehouse in Elms, the heart of the student village. For all your shopping needs the Mace has general grocery items, a deli which

offers hot and cold snacks, ready meals, frozen goods, and useful items such as stationary and toiletries. There is also an ATM located on the premises.

QUB SU Shop

Ground Floor
Students' Union, main Campus

Opening Hours

Mon - Thurs: 8.30am - 7pm
Friday: 8.30am - 6pm
Saturday: 9am - 5.30pm
Sunday: Closed

Spar Petrol Station

70-74 Malone Road Open 24 Hours (just located beside Elms Village)

Post Office

University Road
Located opposite Botanic Gardens

Tesco Supermarket

369 Lisburn Road
Opening hours and location can be viewed here
www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk/?bID=2834

Asian Chinese Supermarket

189 Ormeau Road

Please also remember that your accommodation in Elms includes a communal kitchen and common room with TV and tea and coffee making facilities. Kitchen equipment, such as plates, cups, cutlery, small pot set and ovenware etc will be available for use.

Reading Lists

Once you have fully registered for our programme and paid the fees, a full reading list will be made available online [here](#) by 31 May.

You will have received the link, username and password in your acceptance letter. (This is issued to you upon full payment for the course by the stipulated registration deadline.)

You can also access the current programme, lecture information and reading lists below:

www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/isctsj/filestore/Fileupload,545517,en.pdf

Useful Links

You may find some of these online videos very handy and a great insight to your forthcoming trip!

Virtual Campus Tour of Queen's

<https://youtu.be/G3Cf1GxaOaE>

Life In Belfast

Choose to Study at Queen's
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_2-HCq50z8&feature=player_embedded

Queen's Accommodation Video

<https://youtu.be/PNFFGPe3A8c>

International Summer School on Conflict Transformation Video

<https://youtu.be/mXXBwhVDtJY>

Visit Belfast

<http://visitbelfast.com/>

Northern Ireland Tourist Board

<http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/>

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