



**QUEEN'S  
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BELFAST**

**INTERNATIONAL  
SUMMER SCHOOLS**



# **EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS**

**CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  
STUDENT HANDBOOK 2019**

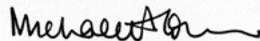
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# WELCOME TO SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

## FROM THE FACULTY

On behalf of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, we are delighted to welcome students from across the globe to our International Summer Schools at Queen's. Over the next four weeks we hope to inspire you to open your mind to new possibilities, allow you to create new connections locally and with peers from around the world, immerse yourself in the cultural landscape of the thriving city of Belfast, and of course challenge you to question the world we live in.

By choosing to study at Queen's you will be at a world-class university with a global outlook that's ranked 20th in the world and you will be taught by outstanding academics who are world leaders in their field. Our summer schools students in the past have returned home reinvigorated and inspired, and I hope that this experience will have a lasting impact on you and shaping your own future. I look forward to meeting you all during the course of the summer school, and remember, this could be the start of something very special!



**Professor Michael Alcorn**  
Faculty Dean of Internationalisation

## FROM YOUR ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

We warmly welcome you to the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute's International Summer School on Conflict Transformation and Social Justice. Across four weeks, you will engage with international scholars, practitioners and experts on conflict transformation and peacebuilding in Northern Ireland and around the globe. A wide range of lectures, workshops, practitioner-led training and fieldtrips will provide unique opportunities for you to learn about theoretical and practical approaches to transforming conflicts from diverse cultural, religious, political and legal perspectives. We hope that you will enjoy the summer school, have a great time in Northern Ireland and be inspired to continue your journey with us in the future.



**Professor Fiona Magowan**  
Academic Director

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## KEY CONTACTS



### THE SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL INSTITUTE

If you have any queries relating specifically to your programme please contact Brett.

Brett Walker  
Mitchell Institute Clerical Support

**e:** [b.walker@qub.ac.uk](mailto:b.walker@qub.ac.uk)  
**t:** +44 (0) 28 9097 1346  
(office hours 9am - 5pm)

### SUMMER SCHOOLS' OFFICE

If you have any queries or need any assistance during the summer school programme please contact the Summer Schools Office in the first instance:

**e:** [summerschools@qub.ac.uk](mailto:summerschools@qub.ac.uk)

### VISAS (INCLUDING LOST PASSPORTS)

Queen's University Belfast International Student Support, 1st Floor Student Guidance Centre

**e:** [immigration@qub.ac.uk](mailto:immigration@qub.ac.uk)  
**t:** +44 (0) 28 9097 3820  
[www.qub.ac.uk/sites/iss](http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/iss)

### SECURITY

Queen's University Belfast Security staff are on duty at all times, and may be contacted on:

**t:** +44 (0) 28 9097 5099

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

The telephone number for emergency services in Northern Ireland is 999. In the case of 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 028 9097 2222 to contact the University Control Room operator or 9-999 to contact Police, Fire and Ambulance services.

Students can also familiarise themselves with the University Protocols and Major Incident Plan:

[go.qub.ac.uk/emergency](http://go.qub.ac.uk/emergency)

The public emergency number (police, fire ambulance) in the UK is 999.

Please note, the non-emergency number is for the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is 101.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink is the public transport provider in Northern Ireland, and operates all buses and trains. For up to date timetable information you can contact them on:

**t:** +44 (0) 28 90 66 66 30  
[www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk)



### VISAS

International students (ie students who do not hold an EU/EEA passport) will be unable to enrol on the programme unless they have the correct study visa on arrival at Queen's University Belfast. Therefore it is essential that students acquire the correct short term study visa before or when entering the UK.

Students should begin to prepare their visa application and supporting documents as early as possible 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.

If you are an international student you will receive a visa supporting letter from our International Student Support Office, once payment of fees is received in full. Letters are usually posted in May.

If you have any further queries relating to visas please contact our International Student Support Team [immigration@qub.ac.uk](mailto:immigration@qub.ac.uk) Remember to inform them that you are attending the four week International Summer School.

### TRAVEL

For international students you must arrive in a Belfast airport (either direct or through a UK airport) so your visa can be stamped in a UK port of entry (or endorsed if you have pre-applied).

Dublin and Shannon airports are NOT included and you will NOT be able to get a study visa stamped or endorsed via these airports.

Please refer to the Short-Term Study Visa Guidance on our website for further information.

**Link - <http://www.qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Studyabroad/Summer-Schools/SummerSchoolFilestore/Fileupload,791353,en.pdf>**

Please note: The Summer School ends on 19 July 2019, your short term study visa regulations state you must leave the UK within 30 days of this date.

If you do not leave the UK within this time, it could affect any future immigration applications to the UK (such applications could be refused and a time-bar applied if the Home Office believes you exercised deception about your intention in your short-term student immigration application)

# GETTING TO QUEEN'S



With almost 19,000 undergraduates and nearly 5,000 postgraduates, Queen's is a dynamic and diverse institution at the heart of the city's cultural, arts and social scenes.

Part of the elite Russell Group – the UK's Ivy League – Queen's University Belfast is the 9th oldest university in the UK and is ranked in the world's top 200 universities.

Over the past decade, Queen's has invested over £350m in cutting-edge facilities, including the £50m McClay Library, placing us joint 2nd in the UK for university facilities (Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017)

For the QUB campus map [click here](http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/btm30/campusmap.pdf) (http://www.qub.ac.uk/puremaths/btm30/campusmap.pdf) or to alternatively to view our interactive map [click here](#).

Queen's University is conveniently located in the heart of Belfast in Northern Ireland. Belfast is just a short flight from all other major UK cities, including London, Manchester and Edinburgh.

Belfast is served by two airports, the **George Best City Airport** and **Belfast International Airport**. As Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom international students are advised they enter via a **UK** port of entry, where there are many connecting flights to Belfast from Great Britain and Europe.

For international students you must arrive in a Belfast airport (either direct or through a UK airport) so your visa can be stamped in a UK port of entry (or endorsed if you have pre-applied) Note: Dublin & Shannon airports are NOT included and you will NOT be able to get a study visa via these airports.



## BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

CODE: BFS

DISTANCE: 20 miles from Belfast City

WEBSITE: [belfastairport.com](http://belfastairport.com)

### By taxi:

A taxi from the Belfast International Airport to Belfast City will cost approximately £30, but please check with the driver for an estimate before setting off.

Only taxis approved by Belfast International Airport are permitted to use the taxi rank. A list of sample fares is displayed in the exit hall of the terminal building. A taxi share scheme to Belfast is available for those who wish to use it.

For more information or to book a taxi please contact the Belfast International Airport Taxi Company on +44 (0)28 9448 4353 or visit [belfastairporttaxi.com](http://belfastairporttaxi.com)

### By bus:

The Airport Express Bus Service (Service 300) goes from the airport to the Belfast Europa Bus Centre, in the heart of the city. Currently a single is priced at £8.00 and a return costs £11.00.

The timetable can be viewed [here](#) or on the Translink website.

([www.translink.co.uk/Routes-and-Timetables](http://www.translink.co.uk/Routes-and-Timetables))

## GEORGE BEST BELFAST CITY AIRPORT

CODE: BHD

DISTANCE: 5 miles from Belfast City

WEBSITE: [belfastcityairport.com](http://belfastcityairport.com)

### By taxi:

A taxi from Belfast City Airport to Belfast City Centre will cost approximately £10.

Only taxis approved by Belfast City Airport are permitted to use the taxi rank. All fares are subject to a £2 surcharge.

For more information or to book a taxi please call Value Cabs on +44 (0) 28 9080 9080 or visit the **Value Cab website**. ([www.valuecabs.co.uk](http://www.valuecabs.co.uk))

### By bus:

The Airport Express Bus Service (Service 600) goes from the airport to the Belfast Europa Bus Centre, in the heart of the city. A single is £2.50 or a return is £3.80.

The timetable can be viewed [here](#) or on the Translink website.

([www.translink.co.uk/Routes-and-Timetables](http://www.translink.co.uk/Routes-and-Timetables))



## ACCOMMODATION

If you have selected the accommodation option, you will be staying in our brand new facility in Belfast City Centre.

Our new accommodation at BT2 opened in Autumn 2018 and is located just 15 minutes from Queen's main campus (0.9 miles). You'll be neighbours with the vibrant city-centre nightlife, popular restaurants and local supermarkets.

You will be nestled in the middle of a fantastic coffee culture featuring some of Belfast's most popular independent coffee shops.

Each apartment is comprised of a maximum of 6 en suite private bedrooms and a communal equipped kitchen and living room area with television and sofa.

### Check in and out times

**Check in:** Sunday 23 June 2019 from 2.00pm

**Check out:** Saturday 20 July 2019 by 10.30am

If you are arriving or departing outside of these times please email the Queen's Accommodation team

E: [accommodation@qub.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@qub.ac.uk)

Please note it may not always be possible to facilitate such requests so when booking travel you should try to work around these times.

### Booking extra nights

If you would like to stay additional nights at Queen's accommodation outside of the dates provided, you can book and pay for these as a separate booking by e-mailing [accommodation@qub.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@qub.ac.uk)

Please let the team know that you are staying as part of the Summer Schools.

Your booking will include:

- Private room
- Private en suite bathroom
- A breakfast every morning
- Utility bills
- WiFi Internet
- Bed linen and towels changed 3 times a week
- Cleaning service: Kitchen and communal area cleaned twice a week. Please note students are responsible for washing the dishes and cookware themselves
- Communal kitchen and common room with a TV and kitchen equipment
- 24-hour safety staff
- Reception

### Kitchen facilities

Your kitchen comes equipped with the following:

- Kettle, Fridge / Freezer, Oven / Hob, Microwave, Toaster, Crockery, Cutlery, Cooking utensils, Frying pans / Skillets, Saucepans, Baking trays / sheets, Chopping boards

### WiFi

WiFi is available both wired and wireless. It is managed by Ask 4, a specialist UK University internet provider. Details will be provided in your key envelope at check in. If you have any issues with using the WiFi, you can log a call or text with them once you have created an account, or you can speak to the accommodation Reception staff.



## REGISTRATION AND INDUCTION

### WHAT TO EXPECT ON DAY ONE?

The first day of your programme, Monday 24 June 2019, will be set aside for your induction and registration. Your dedicated team of Student Assistants will meet you at the reception of your accommodation in the morning to lead you to your induction.

### The induction will:

- Provide your induction welcome pack full of useful items, including a hoodie and copy of your handbook and programme
- Provide tea/coffee on arrival
- Introduce you to your Academic Director and key staff associated with the summer school programmes
- Introduce you to the course content
- Include an introduction to Queen's main campus with a campus tour
- Provide the opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow students
- Include a class of 2019 photo taken outside the iconic QUB Lanyon building

### The student registration will include:

- A right to study (RTS) check if you are an international student
- Once the RTS is complete you will start the QUB registration process. Once this is complete you can use these credentials to log into the QUB student WiFi network in campus buildings
- Completing the matriculation process and getting your photograph taken for your student card which will be issued to you there and then
- Your student card will give you access to the QUB library and computing facilities for the duration of your programme

**IMPORTANT:** You must **bring your passport** with you to registration and induction on Monday 24 June to enable the right to study check to be completed.

More information will be provided on all of the above in your weekly email communications during the month of June.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## WEATHER

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.

July is normally the warmest month in Northern Ireland, the average daily maximum temperature is 19°C and average low is 11°C. Although in July 2018 Northern Ireland had one of their hottest summers on record reaching 30.1°C in Thomastown, Co Fermanagh.

The warmest months, July and August, get about 18 hours of daylight and it gets dark only after 11pm.

### A Weather-Friendly Wardrobe

Wondering what to bring for your four weeks in Northern Ireland?

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 sun hat.

## CURRENCY

### £ Pound Sterling

Northern Ireland uses the £ pound sterling, the currency also in circulation in England, Scotland and Wales.

In the Republic of Ireland the currency is in Euro. Please note: Northern Ireland businesses do not accept Euros.

A currency exchange service is available from the Ulster Bank, located beside the Student Guidance Centre, University Road. ATMs are numerous and most credit cards (especially Visa and Mastercard) are accepted.

**TOP TIP: The 4 main banks in Northern Ireland issue their own £ sterling banknotes in addition to Bank of England notes, so be prepared for a variety of designs!**

## MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE

### EU/EEA students

EU state residents will receive treatment as they would at home at the University Health Centre at Queen's. The Health Centre is located right beside the Student Guidance Centre on the main campus. A European Health Insurance card (EHIC) is required. EU/EEA state residents will be required to provide their passport or ID card.

Advice on how to apply for this in your home country can be found at [ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563](http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563)

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.

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.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

- Sunglasses
- Waterproof jacket and other rain gear
- Sun cream
- Sun hat
- Essential medical items
- Laptop / tablet
- Mobile phone and charger
- UK adapter for; hairdryer, phone and electronic devices
- Passport
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Backpack
- Band aids / sticking plasters
- Visa letter
- Credit / Debit cards or cash (£ Sterling)

# EXPLORING BELFAST

## BELFAST

Belfast is one of Europe's most friendly and fashionable regional capitals, described by Lonely Planet as a 'must-see visitor destination'. The beauty is that it is all packed into a compact city that's easy and safe to explore.

Why not try a free walking tour or a free public tour of one of Belfast's most iconic buildings, Belfast City Hall which first opened its doors in August 1906 and is Belfast's civic building.

Queen's University is located in the heart of Belfast, in the leafy Queen's Quarter district, crammed with arts, culture and great food and drink establishments to suit every budget for visitors to discover!

You can find out lots more about our great city by reading the **Queen's University Belfast Student Guide**. You will also receive a copy of this in your welcome pack at registration and induction on your first day.

## QUEEN'S QUARTER

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 15 minutes.

## By bike

The Belfast Bikes scheme came to Queen's in 2015, and we have two docking stations on campus. One opposite The Lanyon Building, and the other is at the McClay Library.

The Belfast Bikes enables you to collect a bike from one docking station and leave it somewhere else in town. Further information on costs can be accessed below:

[www.belfastbikes.co.uk/en/belfast/prices/](http://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.

There are regular bus services from Belfast City Centre to Queen's University and return.

The Metro 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D all run 7 days a week. The cost of this journey is £1.60 single but multi journey cards can be purchased online in advance at a discounted rate.

You can view the fare calculator here:

[www.translink.co.uk/Services/Metro-Service-Page/Fares/](http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/Metro-Service-Page/Fares/)

For information on timetables visit [www.translink.co.uk/Services/Metro-Service-Page/timetables/](http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/Metro-Service-Page/timetables/)

## Taxis

A taxi is a handy way of getting around Belfast, particularly in the evenings. Some handy telephone numbers are below:

 Value Cabs: +44 (0) 9080 9080

 FonaCab: +44 (0) 9033 3333

Taxis are metered and you can find out more information about taxis and fares here: [www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/changes-taxi-drivers-and-operators](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/changes-taxi-drivers-and-operators)



# FURTHER AFIELD

## TRAIN

Trains from Belfast to Dublin depart from Lanyon Place Railway Station and the journey time is approximately 2 hours 10 minutes. To get to Lanyon Place Railway Station you can take a train from Botanic Train Station which is a 5 minute walk from the main University campus.

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

Information on tickets and timetables can be found here [www.translink.co.uk/Services/NI-Railways/](http://www.translink.co.uk/Services/NI-Railways/)

## PLANE

Belfast is serviced by two airports, with regular flights to other cities in the UK and continental Europe if you wish to explore further on your weekends. Most flights from Belfast to the rest of the UK take less than an hour, and if you book early in advance they are reasonably priced.

Ryanair, Easyjet, FlyBe, Aer Lingus and British Airways are just some of the main airlines who fly in and out of Belfast airports.

Flight times from Belfast:

Amsterdam	1 hour 35 mins
Barcelona	2 hours 50 mins
Edinburgh	50 minutes
London	1 hour 20 mins
Milan	2 hours 25 mins
Paris (CDG)	1 hour 45 mins



## TOP TIPS

### 1. Hike Cavehill

Cavehill Country Park is an iconic landmark situated in North Belfast, rising to 370m (1,207ft) to reveal stunning scenery with views across Belfast. Much of it is uphill, so if you want to discover the wonderful views best choose a sunny day and wear comfortable walking shoes!

See if you can spot Napoleon's Nose from a distance – the distinctive basaltic outcrop which resembles the profile of the famous emperor Napoleon, is said to have inspired the giant in Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels.

### 2. St George's Market

St George's Market is the last surviving Victorian covered market in Belfast. There has been a Friday market on the St George's site since 1604.

As well as being home to some of the finest fresh produce, with customers travelling near and far to sample the delights of Friday, Saturday and Sunday markets, it has become one of the city's most popular places to visit. The most popular being Saturday's City Food and Craft Market, which includes local and international specialty foods, handmade crafts, flowers, local photography, pottery, glass and metal work. With a vibrant atmosphere and live music it is one not to be missed!

### 3. View from the Dome

With panoramic views that stretch for miles across the city, the iconic Dome in Victoria Square Shopping Centre is a must visit when in Belfast!



### 4. Bank Holiday Reminder

Remember the 12th and 13th of July in Northern Ireland are bank holidays, so you may find some shops have different opening hours and some organisations and businesses may be closed.

### 5. Grab your discount

Once you receive your student card on the first day, you can then flash it to get some student discount! Numerous places in Belfast from clothes stores to restaurants offer student discount ranging from 10% to 25% off. Remember to ask!

### 6. Sample an Ulster Fry

Make sure you experience an Ulster Fry at least once! Queen's students are particularly fond of Maggie Mays, an affordable café which has two sites in the Queen's Quarter, one on Botanic Avenue and one at the foot of the Stranmillis Road.

### 7. Electrical Adapters

Plugs in Northern Ireland are three-pronged and the electricity supply is 240v.

## EATING OUT



### ON CAMPUS

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

[www.eatatqueens.com/sites/EatAtQueens/RetailCatering/](http://www.eatatqueens.com/sites/EatAtQueens/RetailCatering/)

When you are in lectures on campus you can visit one of these sites to purchase lunch.

### Costs

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 vary so you can choose according to your budget.

Check out

[www.visitbelfast.com/eat-drink](http://www.visitbelfast.com/eat-drink)

and

[www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurants)

### OFF CAMPUS

Belfast is a city known for its wonderful food and has options to suit all budgets!

Belfast has an amazing choice of restaurants and culinary experiences. From fresh seafood straight from the Irish shores and perfectly cooked outdoor grass-fed Irish steak to exciting healthy and vegan options. Here are a few of our top picks:

<b>Cheap:</b>	Maggie Mays
<b>Mid:</b>	French Village
<b>Special occasion:</b>	Epic (Deanes)
<b>Italian:</b>	Coppi
<b>Asian:</b>	Zen
<b>Burger/Cocktails:</b>	Bootleggers
<b>Coffee:</b>	The Pocket
<b>Healthy:</b>	Tony and Jens
<b>Vegan:</b>	387 Ormeau Road

**TOP TIP: Many outlets also offer loyalty cards, so you can get more value for your money!**

# LOCAL AMENITIES

## CONVENIENCE STORES

- The QUB SU Shop is located 3 Elmwood Ave, Belfast, BT9 6AY just opposite from the main Lanyon building. They do a meal deal of drink, snack and sandwich for £3.50, and run a loyalty card scheme.
- Tesco is one of the biggest grocery chains in Northern Ireland. Tesco superstores are large grocery stores with Tesco Express being smaller city based stores with longer opening hours.
- Tesco Express, Belfast University Rd, Express, 32–36 University Rd, BT7 1NH
- Tesco Express, 60–66 Dublin Rd, BT2 7HE, Great Victoria St
- Tesco Express, 20 Great Victoria St, BT2 7BA
- Tesco Superstore, Lisburn Rd Superstore, 369 Lisburn Rd, BT9 7EP

Opening hours and location can be viewed here: [www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk/?bID=2834](http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk/?bID=2834)

## Asian

- Lee Foods Oriental Supermarket  
98 Donegall Pass

## Mediterranean

- Istanbul Market  
1 Botanic Avenue

## Gourmet/International

- Sawers  
Fountain Centre, College St

## PHARMACY

The most convenient pharmacy to Queen's BT2 accommodation is Medicare Pharmacy on Howard Street. There is also a pharmacy near Queen's main campus on Botanic avenue.

Please note: Most convenience stores stock widely used medications.

## BANKS

There are several banks and multiple ATMS located in the immediate Queen's area.

## ATMS can be found at:

- In the Students' Union building
- Outside any of the banks on University Road
- Outside the Tesco Metro on University Road
- Outside the Spar shop on University Avenue
- Various situated along Botanic Avenue

## GYM AND SPORTS CENTRE

The hub of Queen's Sport is the Physical Education Centre (PEC) located in Belfast's beautiful Botanic Park. Opened in 1971, the facility boasts an amazing range of sporting facilities and services, including a gym, swimming pool and fitness classes.

As an international Summer School student you are entitled to special rates at the PEC. Inform reception and show your student card to get your discounted rate.

## POSTAL SERVICES

The most convenient Post Office near Queen's BT2 accommodation is located on Howard Street. There is also a Post Office opposite Queen's main Lanyon building beside the Student Guidance Centre.



# CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RECOMMENDED READING LIST

You may wish to read some background material in advance of the Summer School programme. We realise it may be difficult to obtain books but the websites listed will give a very useful introduction. It is entirely up to you how much or little material you want to read in advance.

A full reading list and documents for the 2019 Conflict Transformation and Social Justice programme will be available in a special password protected area on our website.

The website link, username and password will be sent to all confirmed students via email closer to the Summer Schools start date.



# ASSESSMENT FOR CREDIT

Summer School students can choose if they wish to be assessed in order to seek credit with their home institution, and you will have indicated this on your application form.

Components for assessment:

Essay 100%

The deadline for submitting the essay is **12 noon BST (UK time) Monday 12 August 2019.**

## How do I transfer the credit to my home university?

Students successfully completing one of these Summer Schools following satisfactory assessment will be awarded 20 CATS points at Year 2 undergraduate equivalent. Queen's recommends that this credit equates 10 ECTS credits or five –six US credits. It is at the discretion of your home university whether they choose to award this credit, please ensure you speak to them in advance regarding this.

**Please note: AIM students will have a different assessment process which will be advised in correspondence**

**Please note** it is at the discretion of your home institutions as to how they wish to convert the 20 CATS into their own credit system. The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences recognises that there is no common scheme for converting credits and that each institution should convert according to its own expectations regarding student work and assessment loads. Your home institution can contact us at [summerschools@qub.ac.uk](mailto:summerschools@qub.ac.uk) if they require more information on this.

## What if I don't want to complete an assessment?

Students who do not opt for assessment for credit 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. Students wishing to be issued with a certificate of participation should ensure they attend **at least 80% of sessions.**



# CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION ESSAY TOPIC

## EITHER

Option 1: Compare some key concerns and insights in researching conflict transformation in Ireland and overseas

## OR

Option 2: Explore the nature of contemporary conflict transformation focusing on **ONE** of the following subject areas:

- Culture and identity
- Conflict resolution approaches
- Policing
- Justice frameworks
- Politics
- Borders and/or securitization
- Religious peacebuilding
- Film and/or theatre

## What are you being assessed on?

In this assignment, the analytical focus, approach and issues are up to you to develop. However, be aware that it is very important to ensure that you set yourself a question to answer and that you develop a coherent argument that addresses the points highlighted in your introduction. What we are looking for is sound judgement, evidence of close attention to readings and critical reflections upon lectures and field trips where appropriate. **It is essential to supplement knowledge gained from lectures with extra reading.**

The essay, which should be typed or wordprocessed, is worth 100% of the final mark (unless alternative arrangements have been made with your institution), and should be no longer than 4,000 words. Maps, drawings and photographs are not essential but may be appended if you wish. A list of Works Cited is expected.

## What is the deadline to submit the assignment?

You can submit the essay before or after you complete the course. The submission deadline by email is **12 noon BST (UK time) Monday 12 August 2019**, after which date submissions will not be accepted without submission of exceptional circumstances.

To submit your essay please upload an electronic copy of your assignment via the 'Assignment' function to one of two folders marked 'Conflict Transformation Essay' (all students excluding AIM Overseas) or **AIM Students** (AIM Overseas students only) on Queen's Online prior to **12:00 noon on Monday 12 August 2019**. A coversheet is required for submission of essays which will be provided to you by email in advance. This must constitute the first page of your essay and should not be submitted separately.

The School uses a system of anonymous marking, so do not include your name on the assignment. Please include your student number, module code, title of assignment and the word count. Please keep an electronic receipt for all Submissions. All assignments are retained by the School for scrutiny by internal and external examiners.

## Further information

For further enquiries relating to assessment you can contact Summer Schools.

**e: [summerschools@qub.ac.uk](mailto:summerschools@qub.ac.uk)**

# KEY INFORMATION

## WORD COUNT PENALTY

Coursework which is in excess of the specified word limit (4,000 words) will have marks deducted for every 10% of excess, up to a maximum of 50%, whereupon the work will not be accepted and a mark of zero will be recorded. The deduction only comes into effect after 10% excess and coursework which is over 10% of the specified word limit will be penalised as follows:

Percentage of excess	Deduction from final mark
Over 10%	5 marks
Over 20%	10 marks
Over 30%	20 marks
Over 40%	30 marks
Over 50%	Work not accepted and mark of zero awarded

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Any deduction for excess will be made before any deduction for lateness.

Students are required to put an accurate word count on their essay. The word count includes all the material in the body of the assignment (including sub-titles, references cited in the text, and figures, diagrams or tables). It excludes the title of the assignment and the list of references/bibliography at the end of the assignment.

## EXTENSIONS AND EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Students who are unable to submit themselves for assessment by the published deadline should consider whether their circumstances are suitable for consideration under the 'Exceptional Circumstances' procedure within the University. This includes requests for additional time to

submit coursework. Details can be found at:

**[www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/AcademicStudentAffairs/AcademicAffairs/StudentGuidance/ExceptionalCircumstances-AStudentGuide](http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/AcademicStudentAffairs/AcademicAffairs/StudentGuidance/ExceptionalCircumstances-AStudentGuide)**

As part of the Exceptional Circumstances procedures, students who believe they will miss an assignment deadline because of illness, etc., must request an extension via the 'Request for an Extension to an Assignment Deadline' form (which can be found in your online password protected reading area), to **[summerschools@qub.ac.uk](mailto:summerschools@qub.ac.uk)**

The form should be submitted in advance of Monday 12 August or, in exceptional circumstances and prior permission, within three days following the stated deadline. Students should ALSO email their Academic Director directly to discuss the reasons for the request and agree a new deadline. Extensions will not normally be longer than five working days.

**ALL requests MUST be accompanied by supporting evidence (usually medical documentation as detailed in the guidance on the Request form. Requests without supporting evidence may be rejected.)**

Students are strongly encouraged to speak to their Academic Director for support and guidance should any circumstances arise that affect their attendance or assessment in the module.

**IMPORTANT:** If your exceptional circumstances are such that an extension of beyond five working days is granted, you **will not** receive your final confirmed marks in the expected timeframe of mid-late September 2019, as your assignment will miss the deadline for the School examinations board. Please be aware you may not receive communication of your marks until later in the year, dependent on when the next School examination board will meet.

## PLAGIARISM

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to iParadigms for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the iParadigms reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers.

Use of the TurnitinUK service shall be subject to such Terms and Conditions of Use as may be agreed between iParadigms and the Institution from time to time and posted on the TurnitinUK site.

Furthermore, students also agree that the School can make, distribute and retain electronic copies of their work for the purpose of assessment.

For details of University Regulations on Academic Offences, see:

[www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/AcademicStudentAffairs/AcademicAffairs/ExaminationsandAssessment/AcademicOffences/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/AcademicStudentAffairs/AcademicAffairs/ExaminationsandAssessment/AcademicOffences/)

The page also provides a link to guidance on how to identify and avoid plagiarism.

For further help with research, essay writing, referencing, avoiding plagiarism and other similar issues with your studies, please see your Academic Director. The Learning Development Service is an excellent resource for your continued learning, academic support, and the enhancement of the university experience: [www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/learning/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/learning/)

## REFERENCING

Please use the academic referencing and bibliography conventions most familiar to you from your work at your home university for the assigned essay.

# 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.



# MARKING CRITERIA FOR WRITTEN WORK CONT'D

## 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.

### 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



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our International Summer School students are a diverse range of people from across the globe. We hope that during your four weeks here at Queen's that you want to share your experiences and let friends and family back home know what you are up to, and that you will continue to interact with Queen's as an alumni upon your return home!

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