A TALE OF TWO CITIES: PLACE, IDENTITY, AND LITERATURE IN BELFAST AND DUBLIN

Summer Study Abroad Program: June 8-23, 2016

SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES 3 SEMESTER HOURS

THE PROGRAM
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APPLICATION INFORMATION
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Transient Students: please see the Transient Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

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June 21: Black Taxi Tour of Shankill Road / Falls Road neighborhoods and murals
June 22: Free day to explore Belfast and Northern Ireland (recommended: Giant’s Causeway tour)
June 23: return to Dublin airport and Atlanta

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CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduates should register for ENGL4202, and graduate students should register for ENGL8756. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

ACCOMMODATIONS
In Dublin, we will stay in apartment-style dorms at University College Dublin (UCD). Each unit has four separate bedrooms, with two bathrooms plus a living room and kitchen. The kitchen is fully equipped; the university provides linens for bed and bath as well as housekeeping services three times per week.

Housing images and information at http://www.ucd.ie/summeratucd/accommodation/
UCD has several restaurants and cafes on campus, as well as a grocery located minutes from the dorms. See http://www.ucd.ie/catering/facilities/#d.en.184841

In Belfast, we will stay in two-person rooms at the Hotel ETAP, which is centrally located and within walking distance of the major sights of the city. Hotel images and information at http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-7186-etap-belfast/index.shtml

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are in good academic standing at Georgia State University. Undergraduate applicants should have completed ENGL1101/1102 with a grade of C or better; ENGL2120 is recommended but not required.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

COSTS
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $1,180, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

Program Cost Includes
• Excursions and entrance fees;
• 3 dinners and 3 breakfasts;
• Travel between Dublin and Belfast;
• Accommodations in Dublin and Belfast
• Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
• Georgia State tuition and fees
• Airfare from Atlanta to Dublin (currently from $775 with one stop; $1400 non-stop)
• Public transportation in Belfast and Dublin
• Passport
• Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
February 10, 2016: $200 Deposit with application
February 29, 2016: $200 First Payment
April 10, 2016: $780 Remaining balance
All payments are non-refundable upon receipt.

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

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