The Location: Queen’s University Belfast

Queen’s University Belfast is a UK top ten research-intensive university, and is one of the leading centres for research in conflict transformation and Irish Studies on the island of Ireland. It plays a pivotal role in the educational and cultural life of Northern Ireland. Alumni of Queen’s University Belfast include Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney and actors Liam Neeson and Stephen Rea.

Campus Accommodation

Summer School participants will stay at Queen’s Elms, a modern, purpose-built village community in the leafy suburbs of South Belfast. Rooms are private, fully furnished and centrally heated, with internet access. And all within a short walk of the main university.

Fee Package

The fees are extremely competitive at £1690 which includes all tuition, fieldtrips, cultural visits and accommodation with cooked breakfast each morning. See website for further details and options.

Scholarships

The School is delighted to offer several scholarships for its summer programme in 2016. Full details can be found on the Summer School web pages.

Credit

For those seeking credit, three US credits are recommended for these programmes. Your home university will make the decision about the award of this credit. In order to be assessed for credit, students complete an extended essay.

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International Summer Schools

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Welcome to 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.

Irish Studies Summer School

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
- Conflict and Peace
- Heritage, identity and varieties of Irishness
- The turbulent, intertwined and sometimes creative relationships between Britain and Ireland

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.

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