

UW Summer Launch in Ireland: Battles, Borders & Bogs Program Handbook

Summer 2022

The UW Summer Launch in Ireland: Battles, Borders & Bogs program is a collaboration between CIEE and International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This IAP Program Handbook provides you with information and advice available at the time of posting. This handbook will be expanded as program details are finalized in the coming months. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad, and you will receive notification of these changes through your wisc.edu email.

Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, course credit, health and safety, billing, etc.) should be directed to IAP.

This program handbook contains information about:

- Program Contacts
- Program Dates
- Pre-Departure Preparation
- Packing
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Contact Information

CIEE On-Site Contact Info

CIEE operates a 24/7 Emergency Line: **1 (888) 268-6245**.

UW-Madison IAP Contacts

IAP contacts are listed under the My Contacts tile in your MyStudyAbroad portal.

IAP Emergency Contact Information

In case of an emergency, call the main IAP number **(608) 265-6329** between 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (Central Time). After-hours or on weekends, call the IAP 24/7 Emergency Line at **(608) 516-9440**.

Contact information for your fellow program participants is located in your MyStudyAbroad portal under the Contacts tab if you wish to contact fellow UW students before your program.

Embassy Registration

All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country's embassy or consulate.

U.S. Embassy in Dublin
42 Elgin Road
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4
Ireland
+353 1 668 8777
+353 1 668 8056 fax
<https://ie.usembassy.gov/>

Program Dates

SOAR session: register and attend any session prior to the program dates

Program Orientation on UW Campus: July 25 (noon) – July 26, 2022

Departure: July 26 on group flight departing together from campus on July 26

Ireland: July 27 – August 11, 2022

Return to campus: August 11 (or 12 depending on flights)

IAP will inform you about additional departure and returned details once flights are confirmed.

If you are living in on-campus housing this fall, you will likely learn your fall housing assignment around mid-June. Proposed move in dates for Fall 2022 are August 29 – September 1. IAP will not be arranging for early move in or lodging on the day of return. Please arrange for your own lodging or pick up on August 11 (or 12). More information will be provided before orientation about the timing of your return.

Please note that IAP pays CIEE your fees for the program, so please do not pay CIEE directly.

Pre-Departure Preparation

Pre-Departure Orientations

Students and families will be invited to participate in a web-based pre-departure orientation co-hosted by CIEE's Dublin Center staff and UW-Madison International Academic Programs.

Topic: University of Wisconsin Madison in Dublin - Online Pre-Departure Orientation

Time: Jul 14, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ciee.zoom.us/j/82908248147?pwd=eWpPL0RyOWhJZUovL21JNlJjVjhsQT09>

There will also be an in-person orientation for both students and families the afternoon of July 25 on the UW Madison campus. More information will be provided via email.

Immigration Documents

Passport

A passport is needed to travel to Ireland. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one, as your passport information will be needed to confirm your flight shortly after program acceptance. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website (<http://travel.state.gov/passport>). If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least six months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Visa

A visa is not required for U.S. passport holders. U.S. citizens may enter Ireland for up to 90 days for tourist or business purposes without a visa.

Packing

Most past study abroad participants will tell you that they brought too much with them. Think carefully about what you really will need (and must carry on your own) as you plan for packing.

In addition to clothing, past participants on Ireland programs have recommended bringing the following items:

- Small weekend bag/daypack for short trips
- A lightweight bath towel
- Raingear and a sturdy travel umbrella
- Comfortable shoes (lots of walking)
- Laptop, charger, and adapter
- There may be a theater event or outing where something a bit dressier will be in order; bring whatever you think is appropriate for you in this regard.

You will be able to find most toiletry items easily in Ireland, although they may be under different brand names. Contact lens care products can be very expensive. If you take prescription drugs, you must bring those with you in their original containers and bring a supply to last you through your time abroad; do not plan on having medications sent to you by mail as they will be held up in customs.



Electronics

Ireland runs on 220V (volts), 50Hz (cycles) AC and uses the British Standard 1363 three-pin plug. If you plan on bringing any electronics from the United States, keep in mind that they will require adapters/converters which you should purchase before departure. It may be less expensive to purchase small appliances in Ireland (such as a hair dryer) if you find them necessary.

Travel and Arrival Information

IAP will book your transportation from the UW-Madison campus to Dublin and back to the UW-Madison campus. This is likely to be a chartered bus from campus to O'Hare International Airport followed by a flight to Dublin and the reverse. CIEE will provide group airport shuttle service in Dublin.

Tentative Flight schedule to be confirmed and communicated one month prior to flight:

Tentative	 United Airlines #980 - Coach/Economy
	Departs: Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) - Tuesday July 26th 2022 at 9:20 pm map
	Arrives: Dublin Airport (DUB) - Tuesday July 26th 2022 at 11:10 am map
	<i>*United</i>
	 United Airlines #981 - Coach/Economy
	Departs: Dublin Airport (DUB) - Thursday August 11th 2022 at 11:50 am map
	Arrives: Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) - Thursday August 11th 2022 at 2:25 pm map
	<i>*United</i>

Upon arrival, you will participate in an in-country orientation, which will cover academic matters, practical matters related to cross-cultural living and learning, a tour of facilities, health and safety matters, program-specific rules and regulations, local transportation modes, and a tour of the local area. A welcome meal is also provided.

The Academic Program

General Information

Ireland is known for its natural beauty: rolling pastures full of sheep, the rocky landscape of Connemara; the vibrant green heights of the ring of Kerry; countless seaside towns and villages. The beautiful land of Ireland, though, has been the subject of centuries of political conflict. UW Battles, Borders and Bogs will focus on five moments:

- Early Ireland. We'll start by considering the discovery of "bog bodies," and we'll visit the "Kingship and Sacrifice" exhibit of the National Museum of Archeology. We'll also explore early Viking activity in Dublin and see Viking artefacts.
- The Plantation Period. The political and religious conflicts that animated "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland in the late 20th century have their roots in conflicts over the land during the "Protestant Plantation" period of the 17th century. We'll read and discuss primary texts from the period, and we'll visit historic Christchurch Cathedral in Dublin
- Famine and Land War. Through the 19th Century, Irish political played out in the context of struggles with and for the land, with the Irish Famine followed by the late century Irish Land Wars. We'll read arguments made on all sides of these controversies, explore the EPIC Museum of Irish Immigration, and tour a 19th century tenement house
- Independence and Partition. The 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic declares "the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland." Irish Independence, though, brought partition of the island, not unified "ownership." We'll visit sites around Dublin where the 1916 Easter Rising played out, study the documents that established the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and talk about the past, present and future of the border.
- The Future of the Land. We'll end our class by talking about the future of Ireland, its land and politics. Our overnight excursion south of Dublin will take us to a bog restoration site and to an experimental ecovillage, where residents are attempting to live sustainably.

As this description suggests, we'll spend some of our time (most every morning, actually) together in the classroom, discussing shared readings and other course materials. We'll also be out and about in Dublin and, later, in the countryside. You'll also have some time to explore.

Course and Credit Information

Upon successful completion of the program, you will earn 3 credits and be able to select one of the following approved equivalents:

- Political Science 100: Freshman Topics Seminar
- History 200: Historical Studies
- Environmental Studies 404: Topics in Environmental Studies

Refer to the program page for the full listing: <https://my.studyabroad.wisc.edu/CourseList/Index/666>

Participants will be invited to enroll in a one credit post-program course, [CP 125](#), the following fall semester and will receive additional information about enrolling prior to their pre-departure orientation.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit

Students are expected to enroll in the full-time academic program. The academic course may not be dropped during the program. Please refer to the [IAP Study Abroad Handbook](#) for additional Academic Policies.

Grades and Grade Conversions

You will receive a letter grade for the program course, and that grade will be factored into your UW-Madison GPA.

Living Abroad

Ireland

Ireland is an island of five million people located in the Northwest of Europe and is a member of the European Union. Long renowned for its culture, it has a strong tradition of developmental and educational links with other nations.

Almost 40% of the Irish population is under the age of 25. Ireland has an excellent educational infrastructure and a high rate of participation in third-level education. Its highly-skilled workforce makes Ireland an attractive location for international corporations and industrialists. Irish graduates have distinguished themselves as leaders of economic, social and cultural development in Ireland and throughout the world.

Ireland is one of six Celtic nations with its distinctive Irish (Gaelic) culture and language. Although Irish is its first official language, English is now the most common language in daily use. However, Irish is still the first language of Gaeltacht (Gaelic speaking) communities, which are located mainly on the west coast of Ireland.

Irish Times: www.irishtimes.com

Irish Tourism: <https://www.ireland.com/en-us/>

Dublin

Dublin has been the capital city of Ireland for almost all of its thousand-year history. Originally a Viking settlement, Dublin is situated between Dublin Bay and the mountains within bus and train access to the renowned scenic areas of Kerry, Clare Cork, Galway, Waterford and Donegal.

Dublin is noted for its vibrant culture, life, and atmosphere, and has been home to many of the world's leading writers and playwrights including Sheridan, Shaw, Swift, Joyce, O'Casey and Beckett. Contemporary actors, film makers, poets and musicians, from Neil Jordan to U2, have continued to contribute to popular culture in Dublin.

Housing

Program participants will be housed together at Highlight, just west of the Dublin City Centre in the heart of the Medieval District. Each student will have their own room with a private bathroom and shared kitchen/living space (shared with UW-Madison students only). Bedding/linens are provided and there is access to laundry facilities. More information on housing is available here: <https://freshstudentliving.co.uk/property/highlight/>

Students under the age of 18 during the time of participation will be housed with other program participants under the age of 18.

Accommodations and private bus transportation are also provided for the three-day, two-night excursion to County Mayo to study sustainability and bog restoration with visits to EcoVillage, Strokestown Park House and Michael Davitt Museum.

We typically place students in rooms with others of the same sex. In some locations, this is necessary for legal or cultural reasons. We understand that not all students may identify as female or male, and we want to create a welcoming environment for you while you are abroad. We are happy to work with students who identify as transgender, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, and/or non-binary regarding life abroad. If you have questions or concerns regarding housing as it relates to your gender identity, please contact your Study Abroad Advisor, Carmen Pitz – carmen.pitz@wisc.edu

Handling Money Abroad

There will be regular opportunities for students to buy personal supplies, food, medicines and souvenirs, so please plan accordingly with regard to personal spending money. The cost sheet for your program provides an outline of the basic costs you can expect while in Dublin.

The Euro is the currency of Ireland. Money can be exchanged at the airport or at banks throughout the city. Credit and debit cards are very widely accepted; Visa and Mastercard are preferred, whereas American Express and Discover are less widely accepted. **Please notify all credit and debit card institutions that you will be using your card in Ireland.** It's also helpful to check with your banking institutions on any foreign transaction fees you may incur while using your card abroad, so you are aware and can budget accordingly.

Current Dollar-Euro exchange rate is available here: <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

Shopping in Dublin

Shops are normally open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. Shops are open until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday nights. Tesco is a large grocery store chain with numerous locations in the city. There are also large grocery stores in the city center such as Dunnes Stores, Supervalu, and Superquinn. There is a small food store right beside the accommodation, which caters to basic needs.

Public Transportation

Students' travel for academic excursions will be facilitated by CIEE, and students will be provided a local transportation pass for the duration of the program.

For independent travel beyond walking distance, there are a variety of local transportation options, including:

- DART local suburban rail system (DART) www.irishrail.ie
- LUAS tram system www.luas.ie
- Local bus network www.dublinbus.ie

Bus, LUAS, and DART schedules can be accessed online or in the central Dublin Bus office located on O'Connell Street. A local bus, rail, or tram ride costs approximately €1.50 - €2.50, while a taxi costs approximately €7.00-15.00 (within 3 miles of the city center).

Safety

You are required to participate in IAP's Health and Safety Orientation online, which will provide general information on how to minimize risk, as well as health and safety resources available to you abroad. Carry your emergency card and insurance card throughout your program.

Your on-site orientation will provide specific information once you arrive to Dublin, but some general tips to encourage safety in any location include:

- Use caution when traveling around the city.
- Do not travel alone after dark.
- Tell someone your whereabouts.
- Have a working telephone on your person.
- Intoxication compromises your ability to make safe choices and may increase your risk for being a target of crime.

The UW Code of Conduct applies during your time abroad and means that alcohol consumption is not allowed during any program events or activities, regardless of whether you are of legal drinking age in Ireland. Additionally, alcohol is not permitted in program housing, regardless of whether you are of legal drinking age in Ireland.

For emergency response by Ireland's Fire, Police, Ambulance and Coastal Rescue, Mountain and Cave Rescue, dial **112** and ask the operator for the emergency service you require. There is no charge for this service.

Health

Students will be covered by CISI supplemental health insurance for the duration of their program. More information on the CISI health insurance coverage can be found in My Study Abroad under the Health Insurance section. If you need to see a doctor, you will most likely have to pay out of pocket and submit a claim to CISI to be reimbursed.

You should observe health precautions similar to those that would apply while traveling in the United States. For more information on recommended immunizations for travel to Ireland, please see the Center for Disease Control (CDC) web site: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/ireland.aspx>

Communication

When making calls, keep in mind time zone differences (www.timeanddate.com/worldclock). To make an international call to the United States, dial the access code for the country from which you are calling plus the United States country code (always “1”) followed by the appropriate U.S. area code and local number. To call internationally from the United States, dial “011”, the country code, city access code (if necessary) and the phone number. Country and city codes can be found online (www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html).

Wifi is available at Dublin Airport if you would like to check in with family upon arrival.

An increasingly popular option for students is to get an international plan on their US phone just for the duration of their time abroad. Check with your provider for rates. Another option, if you have an unlocked phone, is getting an Irish SIM card. Skype, WeChat, WhatsApp, and other platforms are cheap or free ways to call/text home online instead of via phone.

Additional Relevant Information/Websites of Interest

U.S. State Department:

<http://travel.state.gov>

Centers for Disease Control:

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>

Current exchange rates:

<http://www.oanda.com>

Cost of living info:

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

Lonely Planet:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

...and many more in your MyStudyAbroad portal!