International Summer School

Student Prospectus 2014
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1. Introduction

STUDYING IN IRELAND

For those wishing to meet and study with fellow international students from all over the world as well as making lasting friendships with friendly locals, Ireland is the perfect study abroad destination. It was voted by Lonely Planet as the world’s friendliest country by Lonely Planet in 2008 and 2010.

Students experience Ireland’s rich cultural heritage and enjoy exploring it’s beautiful ancient landscapes. Many of Ireland’s famous writers such as Oscar Wilde and James Joyce are truly household names throughout the world. Students have the opportunity to visit world famous sites such as the Cliffs of Moher, the Blarney Stone and the prehistoric passage tombs at Newgrange.

Many of the world’s leading companies have chosen Ireland as the location of their operations in Europe; Google, Facebook, Apple, Intel, Paypal, Microsoft, Twitter, Pfizer, Cisco, Amazon.com, eBay, Dropbox, Oracle, Salesforce.com, the list goes on! This is a direct reflection of the high standard of graduates that the Irish education system consistently produces.

Frommer’s Guidebooks described Ireland as ‘a magical destination in nearly every way’. They named it their ‘favourite holiday destination 2011’ as it topped their global poll because of it’s ‘spectacular landscape, history and opportunities to ramble and explore’. Our hospitable nature coupled with an unrivalled sense of fun ensures that studying in Ireland is an unforgettable experience.

STUDYING & LIVING IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth is Ireland’s only university town. It traces its historical significance back to the 12th century and combines this legacy of medieval origins with its location in the beautiful Irish countryside while being just 15 miles west of the centre of Dublin, Ireland’s capital city.

Today it is a charming and busy town with many shops, cafes, public transport options and general services. It is home to a vibrant local community that offers students abundant opportunities for a very enjoyable social life. Maynooth has excellent transport connections to Dublin city centre and the rest of Ireland, providing the ideal location from which students can explore the capital city as well as the whole Island of Ireland during their time here.

The National University of Ireland Maynooth’s location gives it a unique character among the Irish universities. It has resulted in the development of a strong sense of community both within the college and in its relationship with the surrounding area.

“Time spent as a student at NUIM is very special. Both highly collegiate and very personal, you will find it challenging and exciting”

Professor Philip Nolan
President, NUIM
“You will be taught by a community of lecturers who are passionate about their subject and offer the support needed to complete your studies successfully.”

Professor Philip Nolan
President, NUIM

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The National University of Ireland Maynooth International Summer School Programme offers students the opportunity of a lifetime. They will study in a beautiful institution with a history of high quality education stretching back over 200 years. The programme provides students with the option to earn credits towards their studies in their home institutions. Each module/course carries 3 US credits/5 ECTS. Students will have the opportunity to explore the amazing beauty of the Island of Ireland and also meet and make friends with both international students and Irish people. All of this in the world’s friendliest country.

Students arrive in Ireland the day before the academic start date of the programme and are transferred from the airport to the National University of Ireland Maynooth. Once they arrive, they are welcomed and checked into their rooms on-campus. The formal welcome and orientation takes place the following day. Students then start their academic programme with each module/course taking 2 weeks to complete. Each week there is one day set aside for academic reading and project work.

Along with the academic programme there is also a programme of cultural heritage, historical and sightseeing tours arranged for the students during the week. On weekends there are various optional tours for students to choose from allowing them to travel and explore Ireland. Alternatively students may prefer to take advantage of the many low fares airlines that offer opportunities to explore some of the Europe’s famous cities (London, Paris, Rome, Prague, etc.).

Students stay in on-campus apartments that are close to lecture halls as well as sports facilities and just a short stroll to Maynooth town for shopping, bars, restaurants and transport links. Each student has their own single room in a shared apartment with 4 or 5 other students. The campus has a welcoming and friendly atmosphere in which students thrive.
WHAT’S INCLUDED

All-Inclusive Program Fee: €2,950.00

Fee Includes:
- Transport: Airport transfers*, tours and activities.
- Tuition: 2 academic module/courses (6 US Credits/10 ECTS in total).
- Housing: Single rooms in on-campus University apartments.
- Meals: 3 meals per day, Monday to Thursday and breakfast plus lunch on Friday. Includes welcome and farewell dinners.
- Activities: Walking tours, traditional Irish dancing/music and various events in Dublin.
- Excursions: Glendalough & Newgrange - for more information, see below.

Fee Excludes:
- Textbooks: Students should budget €60.
- Transport: All transport outside of what is outlined above.
- Food: Students are responsible for arranging their own dinner on Fridays and all food during weekends.

*Scheduled airport transfers will be provided. Students arriving outside of the schedule will be able to take the public airport shuttle bus to Maynooth at their own expense.

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Above Left: Students relaxing between lectures. Middle: Computer and Internet services at NUIM. Above Right: Sport is a key part of student life at NUIM.

“The National University of Ireland Maynooth has loads to offer and the campus is so beautiful!”

Mike Hennessey
Idaho, USA
ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Students take two elective modules/courses while studying at the National University of Ireland Maynooth. Each module/course carries 3 US credits/5 ECTS and students can choose from a range of subject areas and module/course choices.

MODULE/COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Not all pairings will be possible so students are asked to choose 3 potential module/course pairings. Where possible, NUIM will endeavour to make the students’ first choice pairing available.

EN 253/English
Enlightenment and Romanticism
Literature of the so-called “long” eighteenth-century (1660-1830) in the context of broad contemporary issues of imperial expansion and revolutionary change. Poetry in this period became politicized both in support of and in response to a ruling order that is under ever greater pressure to legitimate itself in new ways and to an ever larger percentage of the population. The novel emerges as a genre with literary pretensions and literary anxieties for the first time. Students will be able to understand how “Literature” itself was institutionalized as a reflection of national and imperial self-definition.

GY 327/Geography/Politics
Environmental Politics
An introduction to theoretical thinking relating to the areas of environmental politics and policy-making, as well as the history of the environmental movement and the emergence of “green parties” in western democracies. Trans-boundary environmental issues will be discussed. The manner in which environmental regulation has been shaped by political concerns will be a key theme, illustrating the degree to which such legislation is often the result of a political balancing act between environmental concerns and economic pressures in which the latter tend to hold the greater influence.

HY 213/History
Early Modern Ireland and Great Britain
This module/course examines the impact of the sixteenth-century Protestant and Catholic Reformations on Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, and the wars and rebellions of the early seventeenth century.

MN 214/Management
International Human Resource Management
Organizations now operate in an increasingly global economy. An awareness and understanding of the impact of operating across national borders on managing (international) people in (international) organizations is fundamental in contemporary management. This module/course focuses on aspects of Human Resource Management in multinational firms, such as staffing, human resource development, performance management and career issues. It explores the implications of the process of internationalization for HRM activities and policies, as well as exploring how HRM is practised in multinationals.

MN 215/Management
Managing in International Environments
Businesses operate in an increasingly globalized environment and most business graduates will develop careers which will involve some degree of working and managing in international environments. This module/course focuses on international aspects in management theory and literature, which are relevant across international cultures and borders. Particular focus is placed on comparing the institutional context and cultures of countries as the basis for analyzing managing in international environments, considering approaches to ethics, negotiation, motivation, and management and leadership across countries. The applicability of theoretical concepts in different international environments is explored, encouraging participants to consider and recognize the importance of understanding and embracing difference across countries.

EC 217/Economics
European Economy
This course examines the economics of the European Union. Topics covered may include the structure of the European Union; basic trade theory; the single market; the theory of optimal currency areas and monetary union; European labour markets; the Common Agricultural Policy; competition policy; and EU trade policy.

EC 318/Economics
International Trade
The course focuses on four questions: (i) Why do countries trade?; (ii) What do countries trade?; (iii) Who gains from trade?; (iv) How and why do governments intervene in trade? These questions are addressed by examining a few simple trade models.

GRADES

Students receive letter grades on this scale:

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CREDIT TRANSCRIPTS AND CERTIFICATES

Students receive certificates of attendance and transcripts issued by the National University of Ireland Maynooth for 3 US credits/5 ECTS per module/course upon successful completion of the prescribed assessments. Certificates of attendance are handed out at the conclusion of the summer school; transcripts are issued at a later date once assessments have been corrected.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is obligatory. Credits will only be awarded to students with full attendance at the end of the programme.
2. Living at NUIM

ABOUT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND MAYNOOTH

With over 9,000 students from more than 90 countries the National University of Ireland Maynooth is Ireland’s fastest growing university. It is the highest ranked Irish university in the 2012 Times Education World’s Best New University rankings.

The National University of Ireland Maynooth is a University of contrasts. It has a tradition of academic excellence tracing back to the founding of St Patrick’s College in 1795, but also having been established as the National University of Ireland Maynooth in 1997, it is both Ireland’s youngest university and Ireland’s second oldest university at the same time! This contrast is mirrored in the National University of Ireland Maynooth’s two beautiful campuses. The South campus, an older complex of fine nineteenth century buildings, and the North campus, a modern complex of teaching, research, accommodation and support facilities.

ACCOMMODATION

Student accommodation will be in on-campus apartment–style residences. Each student will have their own single, en-suite room within a 4 to 5 bedroom apartment. Each apartment has a fully furnished kitchen and a living room/dining room area. Internet will be available through LAN cables in each bedroom. Cables are available at reception and a €5 refundable deposit is required.

FOOD

Students will receive meal vouchers for the university cafeteria: 3 meals per day, Monday to Thursday and breakfast plus lunch on Friday.

During the weekends, students can do their own cooking or can purchase low-cost meals at the cafeterias and cafes on campus.

There are various supermarkets within easy walking distance of the campus and student apartment kitchens are fully equipped.

“I knew from the moment I stepped foot on campus that I made the right choice in coming to National University of Ireland, Maynooth.”

Kelsi Hattaway
California, USA

Above: NUIM students relaxing in their on-campus accommodation.
Above right: The Phoenix restaurant, NUIM North Campus.
TRANSPORTATION

There is less than a 10 minute walk between all classrooms, libraries, shops and public transport links. Frequent commuter trains to Dublin city take less than 40 minutes and cost about $8 round trip. There are also various busses available to students with late night options at weekends. All transport information will be provided to students at orientation.

COMPUTER ACCESS AND WIFI

Computer facilities are widely available for students on campus. Students that have their own internet enabled devices will find free wifi throughout most of the campus. Students will receive their login codes for the network at orientation.

LIBRARY

The library contains over 450,000 books and eBooks as well as 42,000 ejournals. The staff provide a range of information skills and training courses to enable students to identify, obtain, evaluate and use information efficiently, effectively and ethically. There are many computers for students to use, self service photocopying and also laptops and kindles, which can be found at the main desk. The staff are extremely helpful and will deal with all students queries promptly.

SPORTS

On-campus sports facilities for students include a fully equipped gymnasium and an indoor sports hall which accommodates a wide variety of indoor sporting activities including badminton and basketball. There is a swimming pool as well as numerous outdoor pitches which cater for sports such as hurling, soccer, camogie and rugby.

“Immediately upon arrival, I met two friendly people from the University who helped me gather my luggage and make my way to campus.”

Holly Henning
Mississippi, USA

Above Left: Computer facilities in the library at NUIM. Middle: NUIM is well served by public transport. Above Right: The swimming pool at NUIM.
“The friendly people and quaint college town make Maynooth the perfect choice when studying abroad.”

Kelsi Hattaway
California, USA

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Students continue to learn and encounter new experiences outside the classroom. There is a comprehensive schedule of cultural activities and excursions included in the programme fee to ensure that students get a true taste of Irish culture. Activities may include:

- Irish sports and music events
- Walking tours
- Traditional Irish music concerts
- Visits to cultural attractions

As the National University of Ireland Maynooth is in the greater Dublin area, students are fortunate to be able to take advantage of the many opportunities in and around Dublin city. Trips will include some of the following:

- Newgrange
- Glendalough
- Boyne Valley
- Dublinia
- Guinness Store House
- Croke Park
- Dublin Zoo
- Kilmainham Gaol
- Malahide Castle
- Phoenix Park
- Science Gallery
- National Gallery
CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

Glendalough
Glendalough is one of the most popular tourist sites in Ireland. St Kevin established a famous monastery at Glendalough in the 6th century and it continued to flourish as a place of pilgrimage until the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century. Many of the ruins were destroyed in the 19th century. The picturesque lake and surrounding mountains create a wonderful landscape combined with the monastic ruins.

Newgrange and the Boyne Valley
Newgrange is the finest Neolithic tomb in Ireland, located in the river valley named for the Boyne River. The Boyne Valley is considered the cradle of Irish civilization. Among the most important remains of the Neolithic settlements, Newgrange is considered the most important “passage grave”, built over 5,000 years ago. The burial chamber is the world’s oldest solar observatory.

Optional Tours
There will be a range of optional tours for students to choose from on weekends. This enables them to shape their own experience while in Ireland.

“The location is amazing. Studying in the beautiful Irish countryside with Dublin city so close. You really get the best of both worlds at NUIM!”

Barbara Greenwich
Missouri, USA
3. Application

FEE INFORMATION

€2,950.00 payable in full on application.

ELIGIBILITY

College sophomores, juniors and seniors with minimum 2.5 GPA.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students should apply online at: http://international.nuim.ie/study-atnuim/summer-schools

The application deadline is 31st May 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact us at summer.school@nuim.ie and we will be happy to help.

“The town itself has all of the amenities one needs, including a variety of restaurants. Dublin was easy to get to by train, which was convenient for traveling around Ireland on weekends.”

Katie Burant
Wisconsin, USA

Above Left: Students taking advantage of the free wi-fi facilities available at NUIM.
Middle: Students meeting outside the English Department at NUIM.
Above Right: Students attending a lecture at NUIM.
“After settling in I attended the International Office’s informative orientation which answered all of my study abroad questions”

Kelsi Hattaway
California, USA

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