

JUNE IN IRELAND

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Faculty instructors [George Cusack](#) and [Julia Ehrhardt](#) have designed a program that will offer students an excellent introduction to Irish culture, history, and literature. Dr. Cusack was one of the leaders for the 2012 summer program in Ireland and is delighted to be going back with another group of OU students. Dr. Ehrhardt, an Honors College professor, is also an experienced study abroad leader and has taught a food and culture course to OU students in Italy.

The days in Dublin at the program's start allow participants to adjust to European time and to begin exploring Irish history and culture. Participants will stay in the heart of Dublin in dormitories at Trinity College, with breakfast provided as part of the accommodation. They will have two different tours -- one focused on history, the other on food and culture -- with some free time as well. An arrival meal will feature traditional music and typical Irish food.

After Dublin, the group will travel to Cork on a charter bus by way of [Glendalough](#), a 5th-century monastery in County Wicklow

and one of the most beautiful and mystical places in Ireland.

In Cork the students and faculty live in dormitory apartments at University College Cork, one of OU's partner institutions abroad. Each student will have an individual bedroom and private bathroom, and share a fully equipped kitchen and living room with up to 4 other OU students. Bed linens are provided and there is a laundry facility in the building.

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday, with possible day trips on some Fridays. The program cost includes a two-night, three-day excursion to the Aran Islands, Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, and Connemara National Park. An open 3-day weekend mid-program will allow time for independent travel. In the past, participants have traveled as far as Paris, London and Edinburgh, but some have remained closer, staying in Ireland and visiting Killarney, Kinsale and other destinations within Ireland.

The maximum number of students is twenty-two. Places are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. First-year students who want to apply before they have an OU grade point average should contact [Karen Elmore](#), Arts & Sciences International Programs Coordinator, for more information.

