

JULY IN IRELAND

SUMMER 2017



University College Cork

Professors George Cusack and Julia Ehrhardt have designed a program that will offer students an excellent introduction to Irish culture, history, and literature. They have both led several study abroad programs, including two previous trips to Ireland, and they are eagerly looking forward to sharing their love of that country with another group of students.

The program begins upon arrival at Shannon airport and continues on a 3-day chartered bus trip to several locations. Students will spend time in the city of Galway and visit one of the Aran Islands, as well as Killarney National Park, the Cliffs of Moher and Gougane Barra before arriving in Cork, the base for the rest of the program. On the second overnight excursion mid-program, students will visit a number of other attractions, including the Beara Peninsula, and Connemara National Park. That trip will also include W. B. Yeats' home at Thoor Ballylee, the Lissadell House and Gardens, Yeats' grave, Blarney Castle and the city of Sligo. In addition, students will visit a working organic farm.

One open 3-day weekend for independent travel is also included in the program design. In the past, some students have ventured as far as

Paris, London, or Edinburgh, while others have traveled to Irish cities and destinations not included in the group trips.

During the program, classes are held Monday through Thursday at University College Cork, one of OU's partner institutions abroad. In Cork, professors and students live in dormitory apartments adjacent to the campus. Classes take place within walking distance of the students housing. Each student has an individual bedroom and private bathroom and will share a fully equipped kitchen and living room with several other OU students of the same gender. Linens are provided and laundry facilities are available on-site. Students may also purchase a gym membership for the duration of their stay.

While in Cork, students have plenty of time to explore the city—to study or relax in nearby Fitzgerald Park, the English Market (one of the most famous public markets in Europe), the majestic St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, and the coffee shops and cafes in the city's Huguenot Quarter. Even a short stroll along the River Lee offers glimpses of the City's historical past and vibrant present.

Participants are limited to 24 and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A meeting with [Karen Elmore](#) is a required component of the application.



Cliffs of Moher