The purpose of this 6-week service learning program is to provide a transformational experiential learning experience in the context of youth development in Galway and Gweedore, Ireland. This program will provide youth development, service-learning, and Irish cultural immersion experiences and learning opportunities, along with collaborating with community youth development-based organizations. We will also have pre-departure orientations at UF, prior to leaving for Ireland.

**LOCATION**

Galway, Ireland is known for its brightly colored cafes and pubs, boundless live music, eclectic street performers and world-class arts and entertainment. History and modernity unite in this city to create an ideal environment for discovering the essence of Ireland’s culture, language and people. Gweedore, Ireland is known for being one of Europe’s most beautiful and densely populated rural areas. It is the largest Irish-speaking counties in all of Ireland.

**EXCURSIONS**

Excursions to cultural sights are planned. Possibilities include: Spiddal, Aran Islands, and Cliffs of Moher. Along with several visits around County Galway and County Donegal to experience Irish Culture, including local music venues, local festivals, and natural resources.

**HOUSING**

In Galway and in Gweedore, you will be paired together to stay with host families in a central location to your service-learning placement. Breakfast and dinners will be provided by your host families.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

- **FYC 4951: Youth Development, Irish Culture, & Service Learning** (3 credits)
- **FYC 4950: Ireland Field Study** (3 credits)

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6 UF GPA

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
Department of Family, Youth, & Community Sciences
Courses are taught by UF faculty

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Application Deadlines
- **October 1, 2023** (priority)
- **February 1, 2024** (final)
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, IRISH CULTURE, & SERVICE LEARNING
SUMMER B 2024: (Dated TBD)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to all majors
- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Must be in good standing
- Entry-level youth development course required
  (e.g. FYC 3001, FYC 3201, EDF 3110, or PSY 2012)
- Will be required to interview

2024 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: $TBD
Graduate Program Fee: $TBD

A $425 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

Tuition for 6 credits, housing with Irish host families, breakfast and dinners M-F, a welcome dinner and a farewell dinner, in-country transportation for all program excursions and to and from service-learning sites, service-learning placements, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, lunches and weekend meals, personal travel and expenses.

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2022 scholarship deadline is February 10, 2022. Apply on our website!