UF in Galway & Gweedore:
Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning

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College: Agricultural & Life Sciences

Up to 25 UF Students will spend 6 weeks in the Summer (B) of 2022 immersed in youth development, Irish culture, and service-learning in Galway and Gweedore, Ireland!

Courses Offered:
FYC4951: Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning in Galway & Gweedore, Ireland (3 credits)

FYC4950: Ireland Field Study (3 credits)

Program & Excursion Highlights

- **Galway**
  - Work directly with youth at 1 of 4 NGO’s
  - Live in homestays
    - Breakfast & Dinner included M-F
  - Approximately 4 weeks
- **Gweedore**
  - Work directly with youth at 1 NGO
  - Work on a sustainable team project that is community driven
  - Live in homestays
    - Breakfast & Dinner included M-F
  - Approximately 2 weeks
- **National University of Ireland at Galway (NUIG) & Local Organisations**
  - Lectures at NUIG
  - Workshop at Galway Autism Partnership
  - Workshop at Muintearas
- **Irish Culture**
  - The Irish language has a unique position in Galway and Gweedore, predominantly due to its proximity to Connemara (largest Irish-Speaking region in Ireland)
  - Galway has many historical sites
  - Irish Cultural Immersion in Gweedore
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- Accountability Partners (AP)
  - Each person on our trip will have an accountability partner.
  - We hope that having an AP will allow for accountability when we travel, when you journal, to build relationships, & comradarie
- Traditional Irish Music Nights (Trad Night)
  - Galway (1 – 2)
  - Gweedore (2 – 3)
- Farmers Market Galway
  - Saturday Market
  - Sunday Market
- Aran Islands – day trip
- Cliffs of Moher & Ailwee Caves
- Galway International Arts Festival
- Weekend to Cork, Ireland
- Cultural Immersion Weekend in Gweedore
  - Irish Dance Lessons,
  - Irish Language Lesson
  - Gola Island
  - Glenveagh National Park
  - Coastal & Estuary Walks in Gweedore

Climate:
- Galway: mild, moist, temperate & changeable climate
  - Average High/Low = 60F/43F;
  - Average Rainfall = 2.68” – 3.19”
- Gweedore: Avg. High/Low = 66F/50F

What Clothing to Bring:
- Rain jacket
- Layers
  - Some days are absolutely gorgeous (mid 70’s) and other days can rain sideways, be cold, and breezy (low 60’s)
  - Bring shoes that are comfortable to work with children, go on outdoor excursions, & shoes for fun nights out to enjoy the local entertainment (Trad Nights)
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Service–Learning Sites in Galway:
1. Bohermore Youth Development Project
   Work with children and youth from the Bohermore area in Galway City, from the Traveller community to help assist with their summer camp for 3 weeks
2. Galway Autism Partnership (GAP)
   Work with children and youth from GAP community to help assist with their summer camp for 3 weeks.
   Each week you’ll be paired up with a GAP Buddy
   There may be opportunities to design & implement ideas
   There may be opportunities to assist with potential fundraising & fundraising ideas
3. Eglinton Refugee Centre
   Work with children and youth to host a summer camp for 3 weeks
   These children and youth are refugee and/or asylum-seeking children who are living in one of Ireland’s Direct Provision Centre’s while they await on their paperwork to be fully processed to become Irish Citizens
4. ARD Family Resource Centre
   Work with children and youth to assist with a summer camp for 3 weeks
   Many of these children and youth are now Irish Citizens originating from other parts of the world
   Some of these children may be part of the Traveller community

Service-Learning Site in Gweedore:
1. Ionad Naomh Pádraig Dobhar
   Work with children and youth to assist with a summer camp for ~1 week
   Work on a variety of community-based projects both at the Centre and throughout the Community of Gweedore

Program Fees & Due Dates
2022 Undergraduate Program Fee: TBA
• UF Students will be registered for FYC4951: Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning and for FYC4950: Ireland Field Study (UFIC/FYCS will register each student)
• You will earn 6 credits of UF/FYCS credits for the 6-week session.
• Cost for the 6-weeks includes: most excursion, workshops, lectures, homestays, breakfast & dinner M-F, transportation to & from the airport, access to free wifi (in your homestay and at NUIG via Eduroam), UF international health insurance (CISI), liability coverage (via UF) and two group meals.
• Not included: airfare, personal expenses, and some meals (lunches with homestay not included)
• Please apply online via www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas
• Interviews will also take place during Fall (October – November) and Spring (January), prior to final selection of the ~25 UF Students
• Deadline to apply: February 1st
• A $425 nonrefundable deposit is due at the time of the application
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**Proposed Program Itinerary**

- 19th June Sunday – Arrive in Dublin, Transfer to Galway, Location & Program Orientation, City Centre walking tour, & Welcome Dinner
- 20th June Monday – Scavenger Hunt
- 21st June Tuesday – Trainings &/or Orientations
- 22nd June Wednesday – Bus route expedition & Trad Night (evening)
- 23rd June Thursday – Reflection Session
- 24th June Friday – Leave for weekend (Cork)
- 25th June Saturday – Weekend in Cork
- 26th June Sunday – Weekend in Cork, return to Galway (evening)
- 27th June Monday – Service-Learning Placements (SLP)
- 28th June Tuesday – SLP
- 29th June Wednesday – SLP
- 30th June Thursday – SLP & Reflection Session (evening)
- 1st July Friday – SLP

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**Proposed Program Itinerary**

- 2nd July Saturday – Aran Islands day trip
- 3rd July Sunday – Free Day/Sunday Galway Market
- 4th July Monday – SLP
- 5th July Tuesday – SLP
- 6th July Wednesday – SLP
- 7th July Thursday – SLP & Reflection Session (evening)
- 8th July Friday – SLP
- 9th July Saturday – Free Day/Saturday Galway Market
- 10th July Sunday – Cliffs of Moher & Aillwee Caves
- 11th July Monday – SLP
- 12th July Tuesday – SLP
- 13th July Wednesday – SLP
- 14th July Thursday – SLP
- 15th July Friday – SLP & Reflection Session (evening)
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- 16th July Saturday – Free weekend/Galway International Arts Festival
- 17th July Sunday – Free weekend /Galway International Arts Festival
- 18th July Monday – Galway final reflection & pack
- 19th July Tuesday – Transfer day – coach from Galway to Gweedore, stop in Sligo for lunch, check in to Homestays
- 20th July Wednesday – Orientation at Ionad Naomh Pádraig Dobhar
- 21st July Thursday – Capstone Preparation & Reflection (evening)
- 22nd July Friday – Capstone Project (CP)
- 23rd July Saturday – Glenveagh National Park and Castel
- 24th July Sunday – Free day
- 25th July Monday – CP & Summer Camp, Evening: Hiúdaí Beag - Trad Irish Session
- 26th July Tuesday – CP & Summer Camp & coastal walk of Bunbeg
- 27th July Wednesday – CP & Summer Camp, Evening: Céilí night in Leo’s Tavern - Trad Irish Session
- 28th July Thursday – CP & Summer Camp & Reflection (evening)
- 29th July Friday – CP & Summer Camp
- 30th July Saturday – Farewell dinner with Mary Coyle & Community
- 31st July Sunday – early morning departure to Dublin International Airport by private coach

All aspects of this schedule are subject to change due to unforeseen occurrences, circumstance, and weather.

Some evening activities are optional.

Taxi transport is arranged and costs are covered by students.
Garda Vetting (similar to a level II background check)
- Due to working with vulnerable populations each student is required to pass a Garda screening
- Each student participating in this study abroad program must pass the Garda Vetting (background check).

Mobile Phones
- 20 euro/month you may purchase a Sim card w. unlimited data, you may quit whenever. Your phone must be “unlocked”
- 80 euro for a cheap smart phone
- Contact your mobile phone company prior to departure to setup your international plan (may not available with all carriers)
  - Verizon & T-Mobile/Sprint have this feature
- We have access to free Wifi at NUIG via Eduroam
  - Eduroam is accessed via your ufl username and password

But, How Do I Pay for This Trip?? – check each site for due dates & requirements

Scholarships
UF/CALS Scholarships:
http://cals.ufl.edu/global-gators/study-abroad-scholarships.php

UFIC Scholarships*:
https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/ScholarshipApplication.html

UFIC SAPA*:
https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/ScholarshipSAPA.html

Study Abroad Scholarships:
http://www.studyabroad.com/study-abroad-scholarships

Go Abroad Scholarships:
http://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad

Gilman Scholarship:
http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program

*Additional information can be found at UFIC
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Youth Development, Irish Culture and Service-Learning in Ireland: Next Steps

1. **Apply** – via UFIC to our Program – applications open 2nd August 2021

2. **Email** – Once you’ve applied through UFIC, we will contact You via your ufl email to set up an interview

3. **Interview** – we will send a link to sign up for an interview, these interviews typically take place during October and early November

4. **Decision** – Dr. Pracht & I will email all that have interviewed on the Monday of Thanksgiving week to inform you if you have been selected to join our Program the following summer

5. **Complete** – your UFIC application, pay your $425 deposit

6. **Priority** – is given to students who have completed their entire UFIC application and paid their deposit

7. **Paperwork** – in January we will begin the paperwork to become Garda vetted in Ireland

8. **Pre-Departure** - we will meet several times in the Spring semester to prepare the team to travel to Ireland