








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

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Faculty Directors: Kate Fletcher, M.S. & Dale Pracht, Ph.D.

Department: Family, Youth and Community Sciences

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)

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FYC4950: Ireland Field Study (3 credits)



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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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Program & Excursion Highlights

- **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, & camaraderie
- 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

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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



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



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- 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:

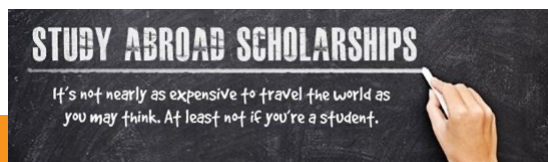
<http://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad>

Gilman Scholarship:

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



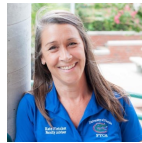
*Additional information can be found at UFIC





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1. **Apply** – via [UFIC](https://ufic.ufl.edu) 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