

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

20 JULY - 7 AUGUST 2015



Irish Studies Summer School
Conflict Transformation Summer School

Welcome to Belfast

Queen's University Belfast offers two exciting interdisciplinary Summer Schools in Irish Studies and in Conflict Transformation. These academic courses are delivered by world leading scholars across a range of disciplines. Over three weeks, you will be able to follow your interests in history, literature, law, languages, politics, anthropology, sociology, film and theatre – the choice is yours!

You will be visiting a University recognised for its world class research and teaching, for a unique and challenging opportunity to think, learn and discuss. A chance to examine the history and influence of our island on the world and use this to get a greater perspective on the planet we share.

But it's not all study! We promise challenge and entertainment all at the same time. Students are also given the opportunity to meet with some of Northern Ireland's decision-makers – key politicians, church and community leaders. There are excursions to archaeological, historical and cultural sites in Belfast and beyond, with Irish music and dance evenings as well.

- Credit-bearing programmes
- Fieldtrips to sites of historical, political and cultural interest in Belfast and beyond
- Lectures and seminars by internationally-acclaimed scholars from Queen's University, Belfast

Included in the Summer Schools are a range of visits to:

- Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast and the Antrim Glens, an area of unsurpassed beauty, a unique fusion of tangible heritage and magnificent scenery.
- Belfast's Titanic Quarter, where the Titanic was designed and built.
- Belfast's murals and interface, guided tour.
- The Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park.
- Derry-Londonderry (UK City of Culture 2013), tour of this splendid city, crammed full of history, heritage, interest and a vibrant cultural scene.



Irish Studies Summer School

"I liked how balanced this course was in terms of curriculum – it had politics, literature, history, geology – a healthy mix of everything. A fabulous experience and I enjoyed every minute of it!"

Vatsala Joshi, Hyderabad, India.

Our summer school offers you an introduction to Irish Studies and to the city of Belfast. Lectures from world leading scholars, meetings with musicians, poets and politicians, trips to ship yards and the rugged Antrim coastline. We promise you an unforgettable and inspiring experience.

The summer school has three course options:

- (i) Culture and Identity
- ii) History
- (iii) Heritage

It will offer lectures and fieldtrips that will cover:

- The history of the people on our island
- Ireland's place in the world
- The extraordinary and powerful history of migration and diaspora

- The turbulent, intertwined and sometimes creative relationships between Britain and Ireland
- The specific part played by the north, particularly Belfast and Derry/ Londonderry in our history
- Language, literature, music, dance and art
- Conflict and Peace
- Heritage, identity and varieties of Irishness

You will visit stunning scenery and also get an insight into the harsh realities of industrialisation.

We hope you will be inspired by studying in Ireland and also have the time of your life.



Conflict Transformation Summer School

"I would recommend and encourage everyone to do this amazing program. The lectures, the fieldtrips and learning about the identities and social troubles of Northern Ireland. It is an experience you will never forget!"

Tracy Wagner, Western Illinois, USA.

The Conflict Transformation Summer School will provide students with a critical overview of approaches to conflict resolution, from world-leading scholars and practitioners.

Drawing from our experience in Northern Ireland and case studies from across the globe we will examine:

- Conflict Transformation in local and global perspective
- Religion and Peacebuilding
- Intervention and Integration
- Transitional Justice
- Human rights and Social Justice
- Cross-border Co-operation

- Discourses and Dialogue in Conflict Transformation
- Representing and Dealing with the Past
- Research Methods and Ethics in Conflict Transformation
- Policing and Securitization

The Summer School addresses how international securitization, mobility, border control and restorative justice have implications for the kinds of strategizing occurring at local and regional levels.

There will be exciting opportunities to hear first-hand accounts of the practical dimensions of conducting research in conflict zones and to debate the implications for policy and practice.



The Location: Queen's University Belfast

Queen's University Belfast is a UK top ten research-intensive university, and is one of the leading centres for research in conflict transformation and Irish Studies on the island of Ireland. It plays a pivotal role in the educational and cultural life of Northern Ireland

Alumni of Queen's University Belfast include Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney and actors Liam Neeson and Stephen Rea.

Campus Accommodation

Summer School participants will stay at Queen's Elms, a modern, purpose-built village community in the leafy suburbs of South Belfast. Rooms are private, fully furnished and centrally heated, with internet access. And all within a short walk of the main university.

Fee Package

The fees are extremely competitive at £1,750 which includes all tuition, fieldtrips, cultural visits and accommodation with cooked breakfast each morning.

Scholarships

The School is delighted to offer several scholarships for its summer programmes in 2015. Full details can be found on the summer school web pages.

Credit

For those seeking credit, three US credits are recommended for these programmes. Your home university will make the decision about the award of this credit. In order to be assessed for credit, students complete an extended essay.

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