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**COURSES**

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels/Airbnbs (typically between double to quad occupancy depending upon location)

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This interdisciplinary study abroad course takes students to the green lush countryside of Ireland for fifteen days, encompassing May 30-June 14, 2019. The course is open to all students in good standing. The course explores the history and culture of the Irish people as well as development issues within the Agricultural/Horticultural industry. Students will gain an appreciation for the land and climate of Ireland, the political, religious, and cultural issues that affect the agriculture sector of Ireland's relationship with the global community. Students are exposed to Agricultural and Horticultural practices where we will compare how they relate to the United States.

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**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- Students will compare the agriculture production issues in Ireland. In particular, they will study botanic garden as well as production for the local and world markets, potato production, corn production, dairy and beef production
- Students will compare the infrastructure for agriculture production that exists in the country to that existing in the USA today. Issues of disease control, trade and marketing, and public policy will be discussed.
- Students will experience living in another culture and the challenges of international travel
- Students will observe the many diverse ecosystems that exist in Ireland
- Students will adapt the knowledge from this experience to further their appreciation for the inter-relationships that exist amongst ecosystem, political entities, and businesses
- Students will interact with producers, scientists, businessmen, and government officials to gather information for their final reports

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**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**LOCATION:** Ireland

**ACADEMIC TERM:** Summer 2019- May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY** (*subject to change*) for full itinerary see syllabus

**May 30:** Depart Nashville Airport as Group for Dublin

**May 31:** Arrive in Dublin; Meet & Greet Tour Guide; Visit Boyne Valley Region; Visit Trim Castle

<b>June 1:</b>	Visit Loughcrew Gardens & Estate and Loughcrew Megalithic Cairns; Visit prehistoric burial chamber, Newgrange
<b>June 2:</b>	Visit Giant's Causeway; Explore city of Belfast
<b>June 3:</b>	Visit Alltech European Headquarters and Bioscience Centre; Explore town of Athlone
<b>June 4:</b>	Visit Sheep Farm; Travel Through Connemara Region; Visit Kylemore Abbey and Gardens
<b>June 5:</b>	Explore day in Galway City
<b>June 6:</b>	Visit Beef Farm; Travel Through the Burren Region; Visit the Cliffs of Moher
<b>June 7:</b>	Take Ferry to the Aran Island, Inis Oirr; Day on Island
<b>June 8:</b>	Visit Blarney Castle and Gardens; Explore City of Cork (English Markets, Saint Anne's Church, Butter Museum, Cork Goal)
<b>June 9:</b>	Travel to West Cork region, known for artisan food production; Visit Irish Dairy Farm; Visit Pig Farm
<b>June 10:</b>	Visit Jameson Whiskey Distillery; Explore medieval city of Waterford
<b>June 11:</b>	Visit Organic Orchard and Apple Juice Producer; Explore City of Kilkenny; Beef Masterclass in Redmond Hotel
<b>June 12:</b>	Tour Redmond Family Farm; Visit Wheellock Fruit Farm; Visit Powerscourt Gardens
<b>June 13:</b>	Visit Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens; Explore Dublin
<b>June 14:</b>	Depart Dublin for Nashville

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Student must be in good academic standing. Undergraduate catalog - <https://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/index.php>
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (participants under the age of 18 will be considered on a case by case basis).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by the Office of Student Conduct.
  - Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Study Away when they become aware of this ineligibility.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.

- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly.

**By applying, you also acknowledge that the full cost is due before the program departure date, and you are reminded and encouraged to complete the FAFSA even if you have not received financial aid in the past.**

**If a student completes a program without full payment prior to the departure, the student should receive an incomplete until the obligation is paid. The Office of Study Away will inform faculty leaders if a student is in this situation prior to the Study Away term grade deadline.**

## **BASE PACKAGE**

**Estimated Cost: \*\$4500 to \$4600 (estimate)**

### **Included in Base Package**

- Undergraduate/Graduate tuition for 3 credit hours
- Round-Trip Airfare between Dublin and Nashville
- Lodging Accommodations
- Entrance fees for all program related excursions
- Designated group meals
- Course-related ground transportation
- International medical insurance

### **Excluded from Base Package**

- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program, see syllabus
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.**

**\*Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Contract of Acceptance subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

## **LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The student **must inform the Office of Study Abroad and Global Learning directly and in writing** (email accepted) if he or she chooses to withdraw from a program. No other statements of withdrawal will be considered as notification of withdrawal, therefore, the student will still be considered a program participant until this written notification is received. Withdrawal penalties will be based on the notification date as listed in the Terms and Conditions section of the program details/Contract of Acceptance.

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>February 1, 2019</b> – Priority Deadline. Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account (minus \$250 non-refundable deposit). Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p><b>Deposit Non-Refundable</b></p> <p><b>After February 1:</b> 25% of program cost billable to student  <b>After March 1:</b> 50% of program cost billable to student  <b>After April 1:</b> 75% of program cost billable to student  <b>After May 1:</b> 100% of program cost billable to student/(No refund)</p> <p><b>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</b></p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program's Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu).

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