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This pre-departure guide will provide you with detailed information about the Summer in Dublin program in order to help you plan your trip. With its lively cultural life, friendly people, and rich history, Dublin has much to offer. Your summer will be a busy one, with challenging courses, exciting weekend excursions, and many adventures within the city itself. During your six weeks in Dublin, you’ll experience the best of this vibrant city and highlights from the rest of the country.

Expectations

Please remember that you are representing many things while you are abroad: the United States, New York University, etc. Always be respectful and tolerant of the people around you and each other. You'll find that some things abroad will be different from what you are used to at home. We encourage you to embrace these differences—after all, learning about cultural differences is exactly the point of studying abroad. If you remain open-minded and flexible you will have a much more enjoyable experience.
Flights

NYU does not require the use of any particular travel agency or airline; you may choose your own flight and book yourself or with a travel agent. You may wish to consider booking with a student-based travel agency that charges low or no fees for flight changes.

Typically, flights from the New York area depart in the evening and arrive the morning of the following day. If you are traveling to Dublin from the United States, your flight should leave no later than Friday evening, June 15th in order for you to arrive at Trinity College Dublin on the morning of Saturday, June 16th in time for orientation (which will take place at 3pm that day).

We recommend that you bring a copy of your NYU in Dublin acceptance letter and keep it in your HAND luggage with you. Our students have never had problems at Dublin Airport passport control, but we recommend that you bring the letter as a precaution.

Transportation to Trinity College

Directions from Dublin Airport:
Trinity’s large, gated campus is located at the heart of Dublin’s city center, about five miles from Dublin Airport. Because it is so central, everyone in Dublin knows exactly where it is, so you’ll never have to give directions to a taxi driver!

Upon arrival at the airport, exit via the customs lanes after picking up your luggage and follow the signs to the bus stops and taxi stands. You have several options to get you to Trinity:

Aircoach: One option is to take the bright blue Aircoach bus, which picks up at Dublin Airport approximately every ten minutes during the day. Its “Ballsbridge” route will let you off at the front gate of Trinity College; the journey takes about 30 minutes. The fare for the Aircoach is 7 Euro; you can purchase a ticket either at the bus stop or from the driver. For further information, see www.aircoach.ie.

City bus: The Dublin city buses, though less expensive, do not cross the river to Trinity College. If you choose to take a city bus, you’ll have a ten minute walk to Trinity from the bus stop.

Taxi: If you decide to take a taxi (20-25 Euro), ask the driver to drop you off at the front gate of Trinity College.
Once at Trinity College, make your way to the Accommodation Office, which is located near the main gate, in Front Square. As you walk through the main gate, the office is approximately 100 yards away, on the left side of the block of buildings that lines Front Square, before the West Chapel. It's well-signposted; you won’t have a problem finding it.

Please inform the Accommodation Office staff that you are part of the NYU in Dublin program. They'll check you in to your room and give you a key. If you have any problems, please contact Conor (087 683 5488; you can use a phone in the office) or Becca (number TBD).

The Accommodation Office opens at 8am. If you arrive very early your room may not be ready for you immediately. If this is the case, the Accommodation Office can store your luggage while you wait. If you have time to spare, we suggest you adjourn to The Buttery on the Trinity campus, where you can enjoy your first Irish breakfast, or explore the shops and eateries of nearby Grafton Street. It’s also important to check in with someone at home once you’re settled in to let them know you’ve arrived safely. If your flight is delayed or you experience other issues that will delay your arrival, please let us know via phone or email as soon as you’re able, and tell us when we should expect you at Trinity.

**Orientation**

Our onsite orientation will take place on Saturday, June 16th at 3:00 PM at the Graduates Memorial Building on the Trinity Campus (see map above). It is mandatory that you attend the entire session. At orientation you will meet the staff, other students, and faculty members. We will distribute maps of the Trinity campus and surrounding neighborhood and give you key details about classes, the facilities at Trinity, navigating Dublin, and our summer itinerary.
Housing Dates

The program housing fee covers the nights of **Saturday, June 16th through Friday, July 27th**. If you plan to arrive before Saturday, June 17th or depart after the morning of Saturday, July 29th, you must make your own arrangements with the Trinity Accommodation Office (or a hotel, hostel, etc.) prior to arriving in Dublin. You will be responsible for any additional housing costs incurred. To arrange a stay at Trinity beyond the dates of the program, contact Aoife Dempsey (aoife.dempsey@tcd.ie; ph: 353 1 896 1497) and tell her that you are part of the NYU group. Note that Trinity College won’t be able to guarantee that you will be able to stay in the same apartment or building before or after the program dates.

### Botany Bay

Our accommodations are in Botany Bay (so named because it was the site of a garden in the 19th century), a pretty, ivy-covered terrace with tennis courts in the center. Here’s a virtual tour of the square:

http://www.tcd.ie/virtualtour/botanybay/

Each student will have a separate bedroom in a shared apartment with one other student (or, in certain cases, two other students). Each apartment includes a shared bathroom, kitchen, and living room. Bed linens and towels are provided and are changed regularly by the Trinity housekeeping staff. Basic kitchen equipment is also provided. Students are responsible for keeping their apartments in appropriate condition.

Trinity College Dublin and NYU Summer in Dublin do **NOT** allow overnight guests in student apartments. If you have friends or family coming to visit, they may stay at Trinity, but they will need to reserve (and pay for) their own accommodations through Trinity’s Accommodation Office. After midnight, everyone entering Trinity’s gates must show a room key; security is very tight.
Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory. This includes attendance at all field trips and excursions, since these count as contact hours for many of the courses. Any absence must be explained to the program directors and to your professor, who will inform you of the effect of the absence on your final grade. The program director will act as your academic advisors during the program.

You will receive information about required books for your courses before your departure. Although there are several bookshops near the Trinity College campus, you may want to consider purchasing your books before your departure; due to the dollar/Euro exchange rate you may save money by buying some books in the US and bringing them with you.

**Course Schedule**

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Wi-Fi and computing: You’ll receive your code for Trinity’s Wi-Fi network at our onsite orientation. The network is accessible from all public areas of the campus, though reception in some dorm rooms may be weak—the thick Georgian stone walls aren’t necessarily conducive to Wi-Fi signals! We’ll have a printer for students to use for printing class assignments and travel documents.

You’ll also receive an access code to the computer lab in Trinity’s Hamilton Building. That code will allow you to log on to the TCD system and use the university printing system if you need it.

Library: You'll have access to Trinity’s University Library, which is the only copyright deposit library in Ireland and which houses more than 5 million books. You may also want to avail yourself of the research facilities of the National Library of Ireland, only a few blocks from Trinity’s campus.

Laundromat: A self-serve laundromat is available on campus; you’ll receive an access code at onsite orientation. There is also a laundromat for self-service laundry or drop-off service on South Great George’s Street, a ten-minute walk from campus. Dry cleaning is more expensive in Ireland than in the US, so if you wish to dry clean an item, make sure that you inquire about the price beforehand.

Fitness: Trinity boasts a gym featuring standard fitness equipment, a pool, and several fitness classes. You can purchase memberships by the day or month, or for the whole summer. We’ll also be living beside the campus tennis courts, so bring a racket if you play.

Health services: If you need to access health care, contact Conor or Becca for details of local providers who take your mandatory GeoBlue insurance. After-hours medical needs or needs that go beyond basic services may be referred to other local health services; more information is provided on page 12.

Maps: Printable and interactive maps of the Trinity College campus can be found online at: http://www.tcd.ie/Maps/. We will also give you maps at orientation.
We have several events planned for the summer, including two multi-day excursions to different parts of Ireland. Attendance at field trips and excursions is mandatory; transportation and accommodation costs are covered by the program fee.

On our excursions, you will have the chance to:

- spend two nights on beautiful Inishbofin island, site of exciting recent archaeological findings
- see the magnificent Cliffs of Moher
- walk the valleys of Sligo
- walk the stunning landscape of Connemara and stay at the stunning Kylemore Abbey
- see the famous murals of Belfast
- hear traditional music sessions at the Willie Clancy music festival
- visit the beautiful monastic site at Glendalough
- explore the ancient passage tomb of Newgrange

You can also add your own items to this list—our free weekend is July 14th-15th. You can spend that weekend visiting other parts of Ireland or Europe, or exploring Dublin with visitors or friends from the program. This is the only weekend that students are permitted to leave Dublin, as we have a busy schedule of activities during the rest of the program.

Our program has a strong emphasis on getting out and about in the beautiful Irish landscape, so we’ll be going on several extended walks on our weekend trips. These are the highlights of the summer for many students, but it’s important to be prepared. Make sure you have a suitcase or bag suitable to bring on a 5-day trip. You’ll also want to make sure that you bring the following things on our weekend excursions (these are all included on the main packing list on page 14):

- Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots, ideally waterproof
- A raincoat
- Layered clothing, suitable for Ireland’s changeable weather
- A small backpack to carry a water bottle, sweater, camera, etc.
- Flip-flops for showers and wearing on the bus, if your main shoes get wet
Calendar of Events

NYU Summer in Dublin 2018 Calendar (Provisional)

June:

Saturday 16th:
3pm: Orientation
5:45pm: Meet at Chapel steps for welcome dinner at Irish Film Institute

Sunday 17th:
10:45am: Meet at Chapel steps for tour of Trinity College & the Book of Kells
1pm: Lunch
2:45pm: Meet at Chapel steps for historical Walking tour of Dublin

Monday 18th:
Classes begin.
6pm: Meet at Chapel steps for getting around Dublin tour

Tuesday 19th:
2:45pm: Meet at Chapel steps for visit to National Library and National Museum of Archaeology

Thursday 21st:
Excursion to Sligo, Connemara and Inishbofin.
8:00am: Meet at Nassau St gate.
12:00pm: Arrive Sligo, check in to Beehive hostel. Lunch in Sligo town.
2:30pm: Back on bus to visit the beautiful Lissadell House, former home of Countess Markievicz.
5:00pm: Nature excursion.
7pm: Dinner in Sligo town.

Friday 22nd:
9:30am: Archaeological day trip in the Sligo/Mayo countryside.
6:30pm: Arrive Kylemore Abbey

Saturday 24th:
10:00am: Archaeological trip in Connemara countryside.
6:45pm: Ferry to Inishbofin Island

Sunday 25th:
9:30: Beach walk
11:00: Archaeological field trip with Michael Gibbons on Inishbofin. This will be in two parts, with a break for lunch

Monday 26th:
8am: Ferry to mainland, visit Galway City.
6pm: Return to Dublin
Thursday 28th:
1:15pm: Visit to Kilmainham Gaol

Friday 29th:
8:00am: Meet at Nassau St gate for day trip to Belfast.
10am: Arrive Belfast, tour murals with Prof. Bill Rolston
3pm: Walking tour of Belfast
6:30pm: Return to Dublin

July:

Sunday 1st:
2:30pm: Meet at Chapel steps for Leinster Hurling Final.

Tuesday 3rd:
3:30pm: Irish dance lesson.

Thurs 6th – Mon 9th
Excursion to Counties Kerry and Clare, details to follow. Visiting Dingle, Doolin, the Willie Clancy music festival, the cliffs of Moher, and more!

Sat 14th – Sun 15th:
Free weekend.

Thurs 19th:
12:15pm: Meet at Nassau St gate for trip to Newgrange and Monasterboice.

Sat 21st:
9am: Meet at Nassau St gate for trip to Glendalough and Powerscourt house and gardens.

Sunday 22nd:
10:30am: Meet at Chapel steps to visit Howth Head (optional)

Thursday 26th:
Farewell dinner, Graduates Memorial Building
Weather

Ireland has a temperate maritime climate, due to its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and the presence of the Gulf Stream. Generally, summers in Ireland are warm and sunny. Light rain occasionally occurs, but summer rain is usually restricted to a few days here and there. In July it can get very humid, giving rise to occasional thunderstorms. The average July temperature is around 70 degrees Fahrenheit, but it can also sometimes be significantly cooler than that, so bring some warmer clothes just to be on the safe side. The main thing to be prepared for is rapidly changing weather: you may experience sun, rain, wind and clouds all in the same day.

Eating in Dublin

The question of how much you should budget for meals depends on what kind of lifestyle you plan on having in Dublin. If you go to the supermarket, buy groceries, and cook for yourself in the (sparse, but functional) kitchens at Trinity, food costs can be very reasonable—groceries are priced about the same as they are in Manhattan supermarkets. There are also food markets and discount supermarkets where you can stock up for not much cash.

We suggest you coordinate with other people on the program and cook together—this will probably happen naturally as you make friends during the first weeks in Dublin.

In terms of eating out, there are a lot of nice places in Dublin where you can eat dinner for about 10 to 12 Euro, and a few cheaper places, but there aren't quite the same numbers of cheap and good restaurants that you find in New York. That said, the standard of food is pretty good in Dublin. We'll provide a list of reasonably priced local restaurants, as well as local grocery stores, at our onsite orientation.
Practical Information

Phones

Prepaid mobile phones are very popular in Ireland, and quite affordable. You can buy credit from any newsagent or grocery store and add it to your phone by calling a number and entering a code. There are three major networks: Vodafone, O2, and Meteor. You may also have your US phone unlocked and purchase a SIM card and credit from an Irish network, which will give you an Irish phone number to use for the summer on your own phone. Many students use Irish phones or phone numbers for the summer; having a local phone number in Dublin is useful for making plans and getting around.

Receiving calls is free on all of the Irish networks—even international calls. However, making international calls via mobile phone is expensive. We recommend using Skype or another free option over Wi-Fi.

Ireland’s country code is 353. To dial an Irish phone from the US, dial 011-353, then the 1- or 2-digit area code (often 1 or 87 within Dublin), then the phone number. Phone numbers vary in length from 5 to 7 digits. For example, to call Conor from the US, dial 011-353-87-683-5488. Within Ireland, you’ll need to dial a 0 before the area code. So, to call Conor from within Ireland, dial 087-683-5488.

Electricity/Voltage

Ireland operates on a 220V electric system (as opposed to 110V in the US). Items like laptops, cameras, phones, etc. usually have an internal converter, so you’ll just need a plug adapter to charge and use them in Ireland. (Note: an adapter simply makes your device’s power cord fit into the shape of Irish outlets; a converter changes the voltage of your device from 220 or 240V to 100 or 110V.) Check your computer’s power source before leaving: the power cord for your laptop should say something like “input 100-240V.” If this is the case, you simply need a plug adapter.

Plug adapters are inexpensive; you can purchase them in the US before you leave or in Dublin. They’re usually available at any store that sells electronics, or stores that sell luggage or other travel supplies. Irish outlets take a three-pronged plug, the same kind that is used in the UK, but different from the plugs in continental Europe.

Smaller electronic items such as hair dryers, irons, electric razors, etc. often do NOT have internal converters and cannot reliably be used with external converters; these items may be destroyed by the higher voltage level. If you need such an item during your stay in Dublin, purchasing a compact travel iron, hair dryer, etc. is the best option.
Currency and Banking

Dublin’s currency is the Euro, which, at the time of writing, is roughly equivalent to $1.19.

ATMs abound in Dublin as they do in New York, so you do not need to bring a large sum of cash with you. Instead, you can plan on withdrawing money from ATMs as you would do in the US. The exchange rate at ATMs is generally favorable, though you should check with your US bank to see what sorts of fees you will be charged for international withdrawals. ATMs in Dublin work with a standard four-digit PIN. You will not be in Ireland long enough to warrant opening an international bank account.

Credit cards are also widely accepted in Ireland, especially Mastercard and Visa. American Express is not as widely accepted in Ireland as it is in the US.

You should plan on contacting your bank and your credit card company before you leave to let them know you’ll be using your cards in another country; this will prevent them from putting a hold on your account due to suspicious international activity.

Please note that we’ll be traveling to Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom, during one of our excursions. The UK’s currency is the British pound. If you need cash during our day in the UK, you can withdraw pounds from an ATM there. You can also use credit/debit cards.

Health

Your GeoBlue insurance provides cover in case of illness—in our Dublin orientation we will give you details of providers in the GeoBlue network.

If you need medical attention outside of regular business hours, contact Conor or Becca. Our phones are always on!

In the event of an emergency, call 999 immediately, then call us. If you have an emergency between midnight and 7am, you should also call the Trinity College Emergency Line on 01-896-1999, since they will need to open gates to allow an ambulance access to the campus grounds.

Dublin has a good emergency response system. However, for minor injuries, we suggest you try to avoid visiting the emergency room, since there may be a long wait for non-critical cases. There are a number of private clinics that offer much faster service; we will provide more details about these at our onsite orientation.
We strongly recommend that you pack lightly and bring primarily wash-and-wear clothing. There are no formal functions, so you don’t need to bring anything dressy. Pack clothing that’s suitable for layering, so you can be comfortable in Ireland’s quickly-changing weather. Over the course of the summer, there will be some days when you’ll be comfortable in shorts and a t-shirt, and others on which you’ll need jeans and a sweater. Our trips outside of Dublin will take us to some spectacular beaches, so you should also bring a swimsuit and beachwear, if you’re so inclined. Remember that towels, bedding, and kitchen supplies are provided.

We can’t emphasize this enough: PACK LIGHT! You’ll have to transport your luggage yourself to and from the airport, and charges for overweight luggage are very steep on international flights. Check with your airline to see the rules for baggage size and weight. Remember that you’ll also want a bag that’s suitable to take on our two multi-day excursions. This bag should be something you can easily carry on and off the bus and into different hotels and hostels. A duffel bag or small rolling suitcase is fine.

The following items are a must:

- Comfortable walking shoes for around Dublin—you’ll encounter a lot of cobblestones, on the Trinity campus and elsewhere.
- Hiking boots or walking shoes for our excursions—ideally waterproof.
- Medications: make sure you have enough for the duration of your stay. You will not be able to have a US prescription filled in Ireland, but we suggest you bring copies of any current prescriptions so you know the name and dosage of your medications.
- Raincoat (a packable one is ideal for our weekend excursions).
- Swimsuit, beach towel, sunscreen.
- Flip-flops for beaches, hostel showers, and wearing on the bus between hikes.
- Light jacket and sweater(s).
- Power adapters.
- Backpack for day trips.
- Umbrella.
- Tote bags for the grocery store—grocery stores in Dublin do not provide free plastic bags, so it’s worth bringing your own or purchasing reusable ones rather than having to pay for bags in the store.
In Dublin:

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(NYU Public Safety; they will contact us in Dublin if needed)
In Dublin:
087-683-5488 (Conor)
(number TBD) Becca
999 (Irish emergency services number)
Please give this page to your parents or guardians before you depart

The NYU Office of Global Programs works to create a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to pursue their educational and professional goals and aspirations. The NYU Student Health Center and the Department of Public Safety work closely with program staff to plan for safe, healthy, and enriching opportunities long before students arrive. Students are introduced to many of the necessary health and emergency services in the months leading up to their departure; others will be explained in detail during the mandatory onsite orientation. While an issue is unlikely to arise, should an emergency occur, the Dublin program staff is on call 24 hours a day. Additionally, the NYU Department of Public Safety in New York will assist with international emergencies.

The University provides students with medical coverage by GeoBlue Worldwide, an international insurance company, to ensure that treatment is available by qualified professionals when needed with no out of pocket expense. Students are also required to maintain insurance with their home policy. For assistance in extremely rare situations, the University has contracted with International SOS, the world's leading provider of international customer care, which includes evacuation services.

Emergency contact information:
- From the US: (212) 998-2222 (NYU Public Safety)
- In Dublin: +353 87-683-5488 (Conor Creaney, Program Director)
- 999 (Irish emergency services number)

Billing Information

Your place in the program cannot be confirmed until the NYU Office of Global Programs receives your confirmation form along with a $500 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit. The confirmation form was sent to you with your initial acceptance email from the NYU Office of Global Programs. Your deposit will be applied toward your tuition. Please mail your deposit to the Office of Global Program at the address on page 14.

Once registered, students will be billed for tuition, program fees, housing, GeoBlue international health insurance, and any course fees. All bills must be paid to the bursar in full by the indicated due date.

Please visit the NYU Bursar website at www.nyu.edu/bursar for any payment questions, or call (212) 998-2806.