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## GALWAY SUMMER HANDBOOK

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# William & Mary

## Galway

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# Visa Information and Budgeting

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## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

### Passport

- You should apply as early as possible before departure to secure your passport through a Passport Agency (found in major cities), a local issuing office, a Federal or State Court House, or a Class I Post Office.

Start the process early so that there will be plenty of time to resolve any problems that may arise. If you will be using your current passport, make sure that it is good for six months after your return to the U.S. If it is not, you will need to renew it.

- Guidelines on renewing your passport or applying for a new one can be found at:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>



### Visa

- No visa is required for US citizens for summer study in Ireland. Non-US citizens should consult the foreign ministry of their home government for visa requirements for Ireland. If US citizens plan to travel beyond Ireland either before or after the program, check the State Department website for visa requirements. Travel within the EU does not require visas for US citizens.

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## Traveling to Galway

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**NOTE: You are responsible for your own travel arrangements to and from Ireland**

### **AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION**

You are responsible for your flight arrangements to and from Ireland. You should fly into **Dublin Airport (DUB)**. Students should plan to travel directly from the airport to Dublin via bus service (available at Dublin airport). You should plan to arrive in the morning/early afternoon of **June 19.** **(Please note the program starts in Dublin and ends in Galway. Please keep in mind that it's about a four hour bus ride from Dublin to Galway. Students are responsible for their own transportation to/from the airport.)**

(As flights from the U.S. to Europe are overnight, this means leaving the U.S. on the evening of **June 20.**) The program officially ends July 18 (i.e. you will need to leave on that date or make arrangements for your own housing beyond that day). If you plan to stay in Galway after the program ends, you will be responsible for organizing and incurring all additional housing and food costs. You have no commitments to the program on the day the program ends.

It is advised that students travel in pairs, if not larger groups. Use the Blackboard site and share flight information, or plan travel arrangements during the one-credit course.

After you arrive, remember to call, email, or text your family to let them know you have arrived safely. This will not only save them from worry, but will keep the Global Education Office from receiving panicked phone calls regarding your whereabouts.

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## Coursework

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A list of textbook requirements and syllabi will be distributed in advance of the program sometime in late April or May. At the University, students have computer access, internet, and library privileges.

During your stay in Galway, you will study at the:

National University of Ireland

Galway

University Road, Galway, Ireland.

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/>



With over 16,000 students and more than 2,200 staff, NUI Galway has a distinguished reputation for teaching and research excellence in the fields of arts, social science, and Celtic studies; business, public policy and law; engineering and informatics; medicine, nursing and health sciences; and science. In 2009 NUI Galway was named the [Sunday Times University of the Year](#) for 2009/10, while in the **Times Higher Education World University Ranking**; the University has jumped almost 250 places in two years to rank 243<sup>rd</sup> in the world.

From Queen's College to National University of Ireland, the University's past is intertwined with the history of Galway and Ireland. The Quadrangle first opened its doors to 63 students on 30th October 1849 and the University, then known as Queen's College was born. The University was built at the height of the famine as part of a public works relief scheme and was one of three Queen's Colleges, the others located in Dublin and Belfast.

That Quadrangle building, built in local limestone in a Tudor Gothic architectural style, is a replica of Christ Church at the University of Oxford. The 'Quad' still stands proudly at the heart of the University today as a testament to its past. It is now used primarily for administrative purposes and houses the offices of the President and the Vice-Presidents.

In the first academic year, 1849 -1850, the University began with three faculties, Arts, Medicine and Law, but there were also schools of Agriculture and Engineering. Female students later joined the student body and in 1906 Alice Perry graduated from the college, believed to be the first female engineering graduate in the world to receive a first class honors degree in civil engineering.

There are many historical buildings on campus, such as the James Mitchell Museum, established in 1952. This geological museum contains high quality collections sampling a significant diversity of the planet's geology, with a fine display of fossils, minerals and rocks.

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## Excursions & Activities

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### OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS

The program includes a weekend excursion to Dublin (Friday-Sunday), as well as an possible overnight excursion in Northern Ireland (Friday-Saturday). The program will also include day trips to various locations, including the Aran Islands. Excursions are mandatory, unless otherwise specified by the program director.

### GUIDEBOOKS

Consider purchasing a travel guidebook prior to leaving the United States to help you make personal travel plans. These can be purchased at bookstores like Barnes & Noble, or online. Some guidebook publishers include:

- *Eyewitness Travel Guide* (<https://www.dk.com/ca/9780241007365-dk-eyewitness-travel-guide-ireland/>)
- *Fodor's* (<http://www.fodors.com>)
- *Let's Go* (<http://www.letsgo.com>)
- *Lonely Planet* (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>)
- *Rick Steves' Books*  
([http://www.ricksteves.com/books/update/update\\_menu.htm](http://www.ricksteves.com/books/update/update_menu.htm))



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# Housing and Meals

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## **HOUSING**

Students will share University apartments which come fully furnished, including an equipped kitchen.

## **Meals**

Breakfasts M-F are included, as are lunches M-Th with packed lunches on Fridays for excursions. Three dinners per week are also included, and some meals are covered during overnight program excursions.

**Note:** In keeping with the policy of the W&M Office of Residence Life, the Reves Center does not offer housing for the family of any students participating in W&M-sponsored study abroad programs. Also, family members or friends may not participate in any program activities or excursions. If you have family or friends who want to visit you while abroad it is recommended they do so after the completion of the program.





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## Communication

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The GEO provides local cell phones for all students on William & Mary summer programs with *homestays*. Students that are not participating in a program with a homestay are responsible for researching and arranging their communication plan.

### **PLACING INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS**

See the “Handy Information” section for a time zone conversion chart before you call!

**Calling Galway from the United States:** Dial 011 +-353-91 + Local Number

**Calling the United States from Galway:** Dial 00-1+area code + phone number.

### **Emergency Numbers**

Police: 112 or 999

Medical Emergencies: 112 or 999

Fire: 112 or 999

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## Health & Safety

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### IMMUNIZATION

Students are encouraged to consider updating standard immunizations against meningitis and tetanus. Immunization against *tetanus* and *hepatitis A* are usually recommended; *hepatitis B* may also be recommended for long-term travelers. For current information concerning recommended protection against communicable diseases for those planning to travel abroad, you may check the Center for Disease Control's website at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/ireland.htm>. If you prefer to talk to someone in person about the currently recommended immunizations, you can call Travel Health of Williamsburg at 757-220-9008 (located at 287 McLaws Circle), or consult with a physician in your area who has some expertise concerning immunizations for international travel.

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## Travel & Country Information

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We encourage all students to research their study abroad destination. The State Department has important information available online. Be sure to read up on Irish history, culture, and current events before your arrival, as well. Knowing as much as possible about where you are going will not only make you more comfortable during your time in the country, but will also allow you to talk more knowledgeably with your host family and new friends.

We strongly recommend that you register your travel plans with the U.S. State Department at this website:

<https://step.state.gov/step/>

This will help the State Department contact you if there is a family emergency in the U.S., or if there is a crisis where you are traveling. On this website you can find information ranging from geographic and political descriptions of the country, to special health & safety announcements.

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# CONTACT INFORMATION

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## REVES CENTER CONTACTS

You may call the Reves Center and its advisors at the numbers below between 8am and 5pm (Virginia time), Monday through Friday. In case of an emergency that falls outside of these times, please call William & Mary Campus Police at +001 (757) 221-4596. Campus police will then forward your call to the correct person or office.

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\*To call the U.S. from abroad: 001+ (Area Code) + phone number

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+353 1 668 9612, for emergencies involving American citizens