Marist in Ireland and Northern Ireland

History & Politics of the Irish People

March 12-23, 2015
Program Details
This course will examine the history, politics, and culture of the Irish people with primary emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries. We will explore topics such as the colonization of Ireland, the role of religion in Irish history and politics, the Act of Union in 1801, nationalism, famine and diaspora, the politics and culture of the Home Rule Movement, the 1916 Rising, and the Irish independence and political movements of the 20th century. In addition to class meetings, students will explore this rich history through visits to cultural sites and tours in both Belfast (Northern Ireland) and Dublin (Republic of Ireland). Students taking the class at the 300-level will benefit from additional assignments to fulfill 300-level course expectations.

Course Offerings
The program will include lectures and discussions, as well as visits to select cultural and historical sites. Students will be expected to keep a journal of daily activities and complete other written assignments.

Students will enroll in one of the following 3-credit courses for the program:

- HIST/POSC 285-150 The History and Political Culture of Ireland
- Pathways (New Core) Catholic Studies, American Studies, Global Studies, Contemporary Europe, and Religion and Society

Note: Short-term courses may fulfill elective credit for the Global Studies minor or serve as a foreign culture credit for the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as core/major/minor requirements. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

Program Director
Dr. Sally Dwyer-McNulty, Associate Professor of History, is the program director.

Students interested in the program must meet with the program director to discuss program details and to receive permission to enroll in the program. NOTE: MIP will enroll students into the program.

Academics
This course will be a combination of traditional, face-to-face class meetings, and educational excursions on location. We will meet 8-10 times before departure and have specific class meeting times in Ireland in addition to trips to museums, cultural sites, and performances. The remaining 30 hours of course work will be structured around trips to museums, cultural sites, and performances. Students can expect to:

- Complete exams that assess historical knowledge, and the ability to analyze historical evidence;
- Discuss historical narratives, interpretations, and primary documents (especially those related to historical sites/museums in Ireland);
- Utilize electronic databases and learning platforms to retrieve course materials;
- Write approximately 9-13 pages over multiple assignments (beyond exams);
- Read a minimum of 3 books over the course of the semester (30-80 pages of text weekly).

Students are required to participate in all scheduled academic activities, both at Marist and while in Belfast and Dublin.

Attendance is mandatory for all scheduled orientation/class sessions.

Program Highlights
- Program travels to Belfast and Dublin
- Site visits to select cultural and historical places of interest, such as the:
  - Belfast:
    - St. George’s Market
    - Coiste and Epic Political Walking Tour
    - Titanic Museum
    - St. Patrick’s Day Events
  - Dublin:
    - Trinity Library - Book of Kells
    - 1916 Rebellion Walking Tour
    - The National Museum of Ireland
    - The Easter Rising Exhibit (National Gallery)
    - The Irish Writer Museum
    - Famine Exhibit on the Waterfront
    - Kilmainham Jail
    - Evening Play
    - Glasnevin Cemetery/Museum

Requirements
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- The Program Director must approve each student’s participation in the program
- Students should be physically capable of walking and standing for long periods of time

Housing
Students will stay in budget hotels or dormitories (double or triple occupancy).

Meals
Breakfast is provided; all other meals are the responsibility of the student.

Program Notes
- Program fees may change due to currency exchange fluctuations, and/or other unanticipated cost changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of program participants.
- The MIP Short Term Program Coordinator will provide prospective participants with the program Refund Policy. Do not submit your application until you have reviewed the Refund Policy. Application submission indicates acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants must: have a sincere desire to learn about foreign lands, cultures, peoples; tolerance for ambiguity; ability to adjust to different environments; be respectful of local norms and customs; possess an open mind: “It’s not wrong; it’s different.”
- MIP reserves the right to modify or cancel the program, including changes to the itinerary, scheduled visits, program dates, costs, etc.
- All fees will be refunded if the program is cancelled.
- All information in this brochure is subject to change.

Registration Deadline: November 14, 2014
Program Fee: $4,200

Program Inclusions
- Roundtrip Air
- On-site Airport Transfer
- On-site Program Transportation
- Accommodation (double/triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast) [correct?]
- Welcome and Farewell Dinner
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance (limitations apply)
- Farewell Dinner

Program Exclusions
- 3-credits tuition
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and Visa (if required)
- Departure Tax (if required)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

For Additional Information
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