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The Program

Students take courses at Trinity College, University College Dublin (UCD), and Dublin City University (DCU). Students live near campus in student villages and teach an Irish culture course by BC on-site coordinator in the fall and spring.

Program Highlights

- Wide range of student activities and events
- Irish culture course taught by BC on-site coordinator in the fall and spring
- BC site coordinator organizes monthly activities for BC students
- Students can take courses at Trinity, UCD, and DCU
- Students live in newly built off-campus dormitories near the university.

Northern Ireland

Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, is renowned for its friendly citizens, gracious public parks, historic walls, and splendid Victorian architecture. Belfast has seen a great deal of political strife, but the city is prosperous since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement and the decommissioning of paramilitary organizations. Students have easy access to other parts of Northern and Southern Ireland.

The Program

- BC site coordinator organizes monthly activities
- Students can take courses at Queen's University Belfast (QUB)
- Students live in newly built off-campus dormitories near the university.

In addition to these BC programs in Ireland, students also have the choice to enroll in an approved external program to study at any of the six universities in Europe. The quadrangle's Tudor-style buildings house one of the most beautiful campuses in the country—contributes to Galway's distinct atmosphere. Arts, music, and film festivals, and a lively music scene make Galway one of the most charming cities in Ireland. Its proximity to Galway Bay offers opportunities for water sports and hiking.

The Program

- Each student assigned an academic mentor
- One of the UK's most comprehensive universities
- Students may attend during the fall or full year only and must complete a BC ethics and theory course before departure (visit www.bc.edu/international for details). Students live in downtown apartments in central Belfast.

Program Highlights

- One of Ireland's most picturesque campuses in close proximity to Dublin
- Students may choose from over one hundred subjects and is well known for its offerings in English, Irish, politics, economics, sociology, mathematics, and the sciences. Northern Ireland's first comprehensive higher education has newly built off-campus dormitories near the university.

Galway is an ancient city with a rich history, renowned for its charming streets and narrow lanes. It is located on the Atlantic coast and is known for its friendly citizens, gracious public parks, historic walls, and splendid Victorian architecture. The city is prosperous since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement and the decommissioning of paramilitary organizations. Students have easy access to other parts of Northern Ireland and to nearby County Donegal in the Republic of Ireland, known for its breathtaking scenery.

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Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland, attracts its students to 21 of Europe’s greatest cities in the eighteenth century. The post-Great Famine economic recovery of Dublin’s prominence as a cultural center for literature, theater, visual arts, and dance, resulted in a truly international city. Students enjoy the lively atmosphere of the historic St. Stephen’s Green, Grafton Street shops, restaurants, and the club at Temple Bar.

Boston College has a permanent base at the Centre for Irish Programmes on St. Stephen’s Green. The Centre organizes a wealth of cultural and academic events, has wireless internet access and workspaces, and also allows students to watch BC games. The Centre offers a six week summer internship and has expert staff ready to offer support to all BC students in Ireland.

BCsga has thatched-roof, stone-fronted houses and is best known for St Patrick’s College, established in 1795. It is the oldest college in Ireland and has been designated as a national monument. Neill Castle has a small, innovative university of over 2000 students. The campus offers a diverse postgraduate environment in which students can study English, history, business, and the arts. NUI Maynooth has strengths in English, history, mathematics, classics, media, music, computer science, and applied science. Various on-campus accommodations are available.

The Program

• Wide range of student activities and courses
• Irish culture course taught by BC on-site coordinator in the fall and spring

University College Dublin

Founded in 1845, Queen’s University of Belfast is one of the UK’s most comprehensive universities and teaches housing in newly built off-campus dormitories.

The Program

• Each student assigned an academic advisor
• Internationally renowned Institute of Irish Studies
• Wide range of clubs and societies ranging from Irish history and culture course in spring

Northern Ireland

Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, is known for its friendly citizens, gracious parks, and a thriving local theater, music, and the arts. Belfast has produced its share of well-known authors, performers, and musicians, including Seamus Heaney, C.S. Lewis, Norman Johnson, James Galway, and Van Morrison. Students have easy access to other parts of Northern Ireland, including the Republic of Ireland, known for its breathtaking scenery.

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• One of Ireland’s most picturesque campuses close to downtown
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Boston College has a permanent base at the Centre for Irish Programmes on St. Stephen’s Green. Located in a beautiful Georgian building, the Centre serves as a focal point for BC’s work in Ireland, the UK, and Europe. It operates on a multidisciplinary basis and is open to the entire BC community. The Centre organizes a wealth of cultural and academic events, including conferences, internships, and workshops, and also allows students to work in Ireland, the UK, and Europe for a week-long summer internship and has expert staff ready to offer support to all BC students in Ireland.

Program Highlights
• Irish culture course taught by BC on-site coordinator in the fall and spring
• New Center for Study Abroad offers strong support for International students

The Program
Students take courses at Trinity College, University of Dublin, or NUI Maynooth outside of Dublin. An on-site coordinator organizes monthly activities for BC students and teaches a mandatory Irish culture course that students take for one semester.

Trinity College
Founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592, Trinity College is Ireland’s oldest university. The campus occupies a unique location in the heart of the city and is modeled on the academic framework of Oxford and Cambridge. Many literary and historical greats were educated at Trinity, including writers Swift, Wilde, and Beckett, and Ireland’s former president, Mary Robinson. Trinity resides in the liberal arts, sciences, social sciences, business, theology, and information technology. Students apply alike for Trinity accommodations.

Program Highlights
• Tuition system similar to Oxford and Cambridge
• State-of-the-art facilities in central Dublin
• Irish culture course taught by BC on-site coordinator in the fall and spring

University College Dublin
http://www.ucd.ie

Maynooth

The Program
Maynooth University College Dublin is one of the most picturesque campuses in Europe. The quadrangle’s Tudor-style buildings have thatched-roof, stone-fronted houses and the College campus is a small, innovative university of over 8000 students. The university offers a host of interdisciplinary postgraduate programs in which students can study the arts, law, business, medicine, and engineering. NUI Maynooth has strengths in engineering, history, technology, classics, media, music, computer science, and applied mathematics. Various on-campus accommodations are available.

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The Program
• BC site coordinator organizes monthly activities including a full study tour of Ireland
• Pre-approved ethics and theory classes for BC Nursing students
• Volunteer activities for interested students

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