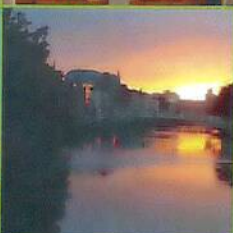
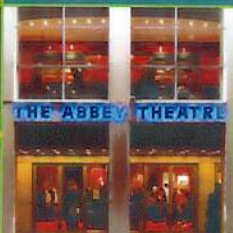
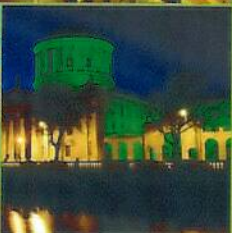
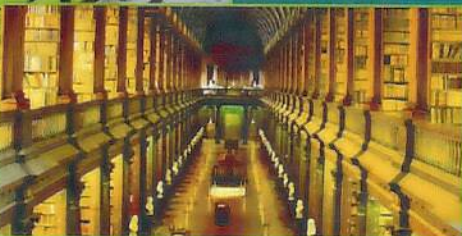


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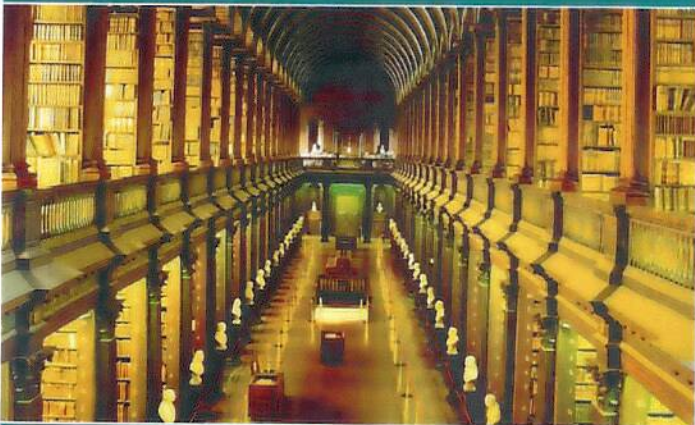
## Ireland in Europe Summer School

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This two week summer program based on campus at Trinity College Dublin is designed for those seeking to get on the inside track in Ireland. With the bonus of a distinguished faculty, a vibrant cultural program, on site seminars and specialist tours, participants can combine learning with leisure, a not for credit experience exploring Ireland's poetry and politics, history and film, archaeology, art, science and business. Discover what attracts both creative writers and innovative technology gurus to this small island at the edge of Europe.

Field visits will include a day with an archaeologist guide to explore the Neolithic and other treasures of the Boyne Valley, a visit and overnight in Belfast, featuring a tour of the famed murals of the Falls and Shankill neighbourhoods. We are also planning visits to both the Dublin and Northern Ireland Parliaments to meet with politicians across the political spectrum.

The school attendees will participate in a range of cultural events: film, performance, art and music, all complementing the academic program. This will offer an opportunity to engage with artists, writers and activists.



### **HISTORY**

Participants will be guided through key stages of Irish history, from the age of the Celts to contemporary times, including colonisation, the Great Famine, the struggle for Independence and the challenges of identity for a small nation perched between the US and Europe.

### **LITERATURE**

This seminar will begin with Yeats and Joyce, major figures in Irish and European literature. We will then look at their legacy and influence for succeeding generation of writers.

### **MODERN IRISH POLITICS**

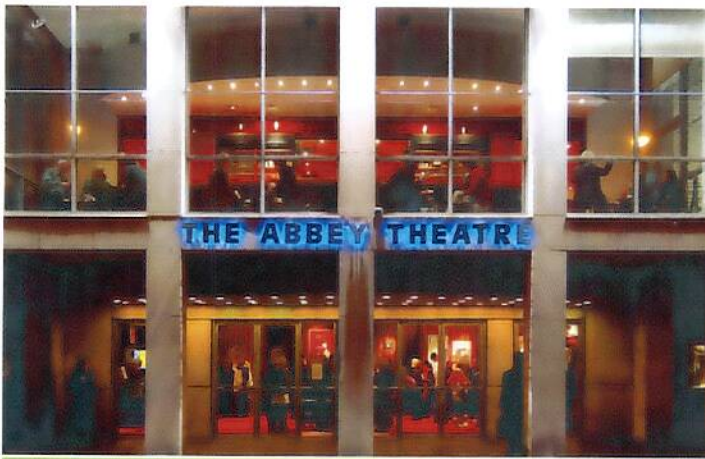
Here students will be introduced to the Irish political system, the developments in Northern Ireland and the relationships between Ireland and Britain and between Ireland and the international community. A guided visit to Dáil Éireann (the Irish Parliament) by a current member will also be included.

### **THE GAELIC TRADITION**

This survey of the Gaelic tradition in Ireland will introduce the wealth of writing in prose and poetry and the strong traditions of earlier centuries. It will also discuss the Irish language, one of the Celtic groups, and how it is enjoying a creative revival through film, media and new writing.

### **SOCIO/CULTURAL PROFILE**

This seminar will offer a perspective on changes in the Irish social order and attitudes including the role of the Catholic Church, Women and Irish Society, the EU-post austerity, Immigration and Ireland's new technology revolution.



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### CONTEMPORARY IRISH THEATRE

This session will focus on the work of modern Irish playwrights including Brian Friel, Tom Murphy Frank Mc Guinness, Marina Carr and Enda Walsh. It will discuss the issues preoccupying these writers and the relationship between cultural change and artistic expression.

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

This session will focus on the work of modern Irish writers and the revival of high creative interest in fiction and the short story. It will look at the concerns and issues that are reflected or re-imagined in the work of young short story writers, playwrights, poets and novelists.

### FEES

The fee for the summer school is €1990

#### Includes

- housing
- program
- cultural events
- field visits

For application and more detailed information please contact [tss@usit.ie](mailto:tss@usit.ie)

### CULTURAL EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

There will be visits to places of historical, archaeological and scenic interest including a visit with archaeological guide to the Neolithic burial chambers of the Boyne Valley, exhibitions at The Irish Museum of Modern Art and independent galleries. Cultural visits will include theatre performances, a backstage tour of the Abbey Theatre, Irish cinema screenings, a literary pub-crawl, poetry readings and traditional Irish music sessions.

### BELFAST

A field visit to Belfast (with an overnight included at Queens University) will include tours of the famed murals of the Falls and Shankill neighbourhoods, a visit to Stormont - the home of the Northern Ireland Assembly and cultural events.

### LOCATION

The summer school classes will be held at Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, founded in 1592, and home of the Book of Kells. Apart from its historical importance, the college with its cobbled courtyard and squares, located in the centre of the capital city, is an appropriate place to embark on a course of Irish studies.

### HOUSING

Summer school students are invited to stay on campus, close to Front Square and the Old Library.

Two bedroomed apartments have shared living and dining areas. Single en-suite rooms are also available on request. In Belfast participants will be housed in single ensuite rooms on campus at Queens University.

