Course Name: Northern Ireland: Conflict, Peace, and Reconciliation
Course Number: COM 597/COM 698
Credit Hours: 3 undergraduate/graduate

Course Objectives
This course is designed to allow students to explore the dynamics of conflict and peacemaking at work in Northern Ireland by traveling to Dublin, Belfast, Derry/Londonderry, and Glencree. The course will examine the historical and cultural roots of the conflict from a multidisciplinary approach by reading and exploring histories, cultural studies, narratives, and film as well as research and writings on conflict, peacemaking processes and reconciliation. This information will provide students with a foundation for understanding the background and evolution of conflict in Ireland and as well as insights into the knowledge, skills, and processes necessary to bring about reconciliation and conflict transformation.

Program Fee: $2,790
Program Fee Includes: Round trip airfare from Springfield, Mo, in-country ground transportation, lodging, guides, meals, program activities, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.
Program Fee Excludes: Passport, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612/750 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate/graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Missouri resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Online applications are due by February 27, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $420 will be billed to your student account. To apply, please:
• Visit the Study Away website at international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/
• Choose Apply Now
• Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
• Choose Simple Search
• Type Ireland under Program Name
• Choose Northern Ireland: Conflict, Peace, and Reconciliation
• Choose Apply Now

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid
Students may apply for the College of Arts and Letters Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 10, 2015. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.
Course Outline & Schedule

Travel to Ireland, particularly Northern Ireland, is a critical aspect of understanding the conflict and peacemaking efforts within this unique cultural context. The travel portion of the course is structured to maximize opportunities for students to not only see people’s experiences and expressions of those experiences (the walls in Belfast separating catholic and protestant communities and the murals in Derry/ Londonderry depicting the evolution from Bloody Sunday to current peace efforts) but also to meet, talk with, and hear the narratives of activists, community members and individuals from conflict management and peacemaking organizations. The travel portion of the class is essential because it will bring students in contact with the individuals and groups most impacted by the decades-long conflict in the region and allow them the opportunity to observe first-hand how conflict is experienced by different groups and how transformational conflict processes are implemented.

PRE-TRAVEL CLASS MEETINGS

June 8, 9, 10, 2015 Students in the course will meet on June 8, 9, and 10 to discuss readings and begin connecting course material to locations of travel in Ireland. We will also discuss in greater detail application projects, deadlines and the like.

STUDY TOUR

Itinerary subject to change.

June 21, 2015 Travel to Derry/Londonderry. Hotel check-in and tour of the walled city. Meet with representatives from INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute) Dinner and Introduction to the “Troubles” and briefing on following day events.

June 22, 2015 Tour of the city walls depicting timeline and events of the “Troubles” and Bloody Sunday, the Apprentice Boys Hall, the Bloody Sunday Museum and the Bogside. Dinner with community activists from the Catholic Bogside, and Protestant Waterside. Briefing on following day events.

June 23, 2015 Choice: Free day or Daytrip via motorcoach transfer to Antrim Coast with visits to Carrickfergus Castle and the Giant’s Causeway. Dinner at Cedar with community members involved in peace and reconciliation processes. Briefing on following day events.

June 24, 2015 Travel to Glencree and processing experiences. Dinner and lodging at Glencree.


POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETINGS

July 2, 2015 Assignments due.

Course Credit & Requirements

Students will complete a reflection journal that includes reactions to pre-travel readings, applications of these readings to in-country experiences and observations. Reflection journals will be graded pass/fail. Students will have the option of writing a traditional research paper on some aspect of conflict and peace processes in Northern Ireland or creating a visual or artistic representation and analysis of in-country experiences. All assignments are due on July 2, 2015.

Required Text: There is not a required text. The course will require students to process readings and writings on Ireland, conflict and peace processes, website, podcasts and u-tube video and films. This information will provide students with a foundation for understanding the different locations and experiences during travel in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $420 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 27, 2015). You will receive a second billing on March 27, 2015 and a final billing on April 24, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($2,370). MSU course tuition ($612/750) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $420 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Feb. 27, 2015. The balance of the program fee ($2,370) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by April 27, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612/750) is also due by April 27, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by May 22, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by April 27, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to April 17, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $420 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.

- If a student must withdraw after April 17, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $420 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.

- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 17, 2015 will receive no refund.

- When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.