Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program  •  Summer Intersession  •  May 18-26, 2015

Course Name: **Irish Heritage Tour - Social History Perspectives**

Course Numbers:
- **IDS 297**
- **SWK 397**

Special Topics in Social Work - SL

Credit Hours: 3 undergraduate

Course Overview & Objectives:
In this international service-learning program, students will learn how early European values and policies influenced the development of U.S. health and social policies. Participants will gain perspective about how policies emerge from historical events, by participating in historical tours and visiting cultural sites, such as the 1916 Rebellion walking tour, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Blarney Castle, an early almshouse and hospital. We will learn more about the origins of the Mercy healthcare system while visiting the Mercy International Center, where the Sisters of Mercy’s began their worldwide healthcare mission. This is an interdisciplinary course, and students from all majors are encouraged to enroll.

Program Fee: $3,065

**Program Fee Includes:** Airfare, accommodation, some meals, admission to tours and museums, reflection journal, Study Away student fee, and insurance.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Ground transportation to St. Louis, passport, some meals, incidentals/misc. personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

MSU Study Away online applications are due by January 20, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $75 will be billed to your student account. To apply, please:

- Go to the Study Away website
- Click Apply Now
- Click Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
- Click Simple Search
- Type in Ireland under Program Name
- Click on Irish Heritage Tour: Social History Perspectives
- Click on Apply Now

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid
Students may apply for the College of Health and Human Services 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.

Informational Meeting:
- October 7, 6-7 p.m. PSU 309
- October 15, 12-1 p.m. PSU 309

Application Due:
- January 20, 2015

Pre-Travel Meetings:
- March 27, 4-6 p.m. Ellis Hall 407
- April 24, 4-6 p.m. Ellis Hall 407
- May 8, 4-6 p.m. Ellis Hall 407

Depart St. Louis:
- May 18, 2015

Return to St. Louis:
- May 26, 2015

Post-Travel Meeting:
- June 12, 4-6 p.m. Ellis Hall 407

Interested in going?
Contact the Program Director,
Susan Dollar, Ph.D., LCSW,
School of Social Work
SusanDollar@MissouriState.edu

EF College Study Tours Enrollment Form and $95 Enrollment Fee due:
January 20, 2015 (The balance of the program fees will be paid directly to EF College Study Tours).
Learning Objectives & Itinerary

1. From a systems perspective, discuss how political, economic, social, and cultural forces can influence the development of policies and services.
2. Identify, from a historical perspective, the underlying values tied to early social welfare policies and services in the British Isles. Compare these values to those of the United States during the same time period.
3. Analyze the historical events leading up to the Irish Poor Laws, and then visit sites that demonstrate the impact of Poor Laws on individuals and families.
4. Analyze the historical events leading to the social rebellions in Ireland, and visit sites that demonstrate the impact of the conflicts on individuals and families.
5. Analyze the historical events leading up to contemporary healthcare systems in Ireland.
6. Gain a unique insight into the origins of the Mercy healthcare system, established in Dublin by Sister Catherine McAuley, of the Sisters of Mercy; and
7. Provide an example of how Irish health and social service agencies address the needs among historically disadvantaged populations (i.e. immigrants, homeless, those with mental and physical illness).

PRE-TRAVEL MEETING

March 27, 2015: Introductions and syllabus review. Discussion of travel preparations and itinerary. I will explain the Systems Perspective, and its importance when viewing social issues.

April 24, 2015: Student research papers due. The paper should be from five-seven pages (with APA formatting and references). Students may choose to write about any of the Seven Learning Objectives listed above. In class, I will provide an overview of Social Welfare History of Ireland and Britain, and discuss similarities with U.S. policy. Travel preparations will be explained.

May 8, 2015: Discuss final itinerary, HTH insurance, and carpooling to St. Louis.

STUDY TOUR

Dates and activities subject to change.

May 18, 2015: Depart St. Louis, Mo. for Ireland. Arrive in Dublin.


May 20, 2015: Sightseeing tour of Dublin, including Phoenix Park, the presidential residence, and O’Conner Street. Visit Trinity College for a campus tour including the Long Room of the Old Library, where you’ll view the Book of Kells, a calligraphic manuscript created by Irish monks over 1,000 years ago. Explore St. Patrick’s Cathedral, whose presence honors the patron saint of Ireland. Visit Mercy International Center, where the Sisters of Mercy’s began their worldwide healthcare mission.

May 21, 2015: Travel to Cork to experience the Queenstown Story Museum to explore exhibits that tell the story of Irish emigration over the past 150 years. Visit an original 18th century workhouse built for employing and maintaining the poor during the Irish Poor Laws period. Group dinner.

May 22, 2015: Travel to Kinsale with a stop in Blarney to visit the famed Blarney Castle. Explore the coastal town of Kinsale. Group dinner.

May 23, 2015: Traverse the Ring of Kerry on a guided tour that includes the Old Monastery, Killareny National Park, the Lakes of Killareny, Macgillycuddy’s Reeks, and Ireland’s tallest mountain, Carrauntoohil. Arrive in Bog village, a winner of the National Heritage Award. This recreation of an Irish village from the early 1800s demonstrates the way of life in rural Ireland. Traditional Irish dinner with the group.

May 24, 2015: Travel back to Dublin to discover the Rock of Cashel, the former seal of the Kings of Munster. Explore the medieval architecture including Cormac’s Chapel and the Round Tower.

May 25, 2015: Explore Dublin on foot and follow in the footsteps of a band of insurrectionists who brought about the event known as Easter Rising during the 1916 Rebellion and ultimately paved the way for the formation of the Irish Republic. Free time to explore the city as you see fit.

May 26, 2015: Depart for St. Louis, Mo.

POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETING

June 12, 2015: Post-travel lecture; reflective journals and presentations due.

Course Credit & Requirements

Students will choose either IDS 297 or SWK 397. Both courses are three credit hour courses with A-F grading policies and include integrated service-learning. The course may be audited for no credit/grade. Students will be assessed on the quality of their pre-trip research paper, their participation in group activities, and the thoroughness of their reflective journal and post-trip presentation. The reflective journal may be in video format or in written and visual formats. Students will present a summary of their Ireland experiences through a post-trip presentation to their class. In their final presentation, individuals will provide an example of how Irish health and social service agencies address the needs among historically disadvantaged populations (i.e. immigrants, homeless, those with mental and physical illness).

Required text: Readings will be provided by the instructor prior to departure.

Application & Payment Procedures

MSU Study Away Application due by January 20, 2015 - Students who are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application, available at the Study Away website and through the Program Director, Susan Dollar. The non-refundable MSU Study Away Fee of $75 and a 2nd billing of $143 which covers insurance, tips, and shared faculty expense, will be billed to your university account.

EF College Study Tours Enrollment due by January 20, 2015 - Once your MSU Study Away application is approved, you must complete the program enrollment form at www.efcst.com/1450309XX. A non-refundable Enrollment Fee of $95 must be paid at this time. The balance of program fees will be billed directly by EF College Study Tours through an automatic monthly payment plan. You may choose to have payments deducted from your checking account or charged to your debit or credit card.

MSU Students: Course tuition will be billed to students’ University accounts and will be due according to their University payment plans.

Visiting Students: (non-degree-seeking students, including students enrolled at another institution, post-baccalaureate students, and other interested community members): Visiting students must submit their $75 non-refundable deposit (by check or money order) to the Study Away Office by the application deadline in the program flyer. All fees must be paid in full before travel commences. Non-MSU students should complete the “Study Away Enrollment Form for Visiting Students”; they do not need to complete an MSU Application for Admission or pay an admission fee.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

Students who wish to withdraw from the program must do so through EF college Study Tours. Participants should become familiar with EF College Study Tours Booking Conditions 2015 (www.efcollegestudytours.com/bc); this document includes details of payment, cancellation, and refund policies. Students who withdraw by March 31, 2015 will receive a partial refund; no refunds will be issued after that date.

A written notification of withdrawal must also be sent to the Program Director, Susan Dollar, and Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403.