

# ICISP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

## Summer Study Abroad in Carlow, Ireland

**Summer 2018 dates:  
June 5, 2018 – June 26, 2018**

### Program Summary

The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) is pleased to provide a three week summer study abroad program to Carlow College, Carlow, Ireland. The program dates for summer 2018 are June 5 – June 26, 2018.

Carlow, Ireland, affectionately known as Carlowtown, is the quintessential Irish country town. With a population of 25,000, Carlow is home to two colleges including Carlow College, known to locals as St. Patrick's College. Learn more about Carlow College at [www.carlowcollege.ie](http://www.carlowcollege.ie) and about Carlow-town at [www.carlowtourism.com](http://www.carlowtourism.com). Dublin is about an hour away and is easily accessible by both train and bus.

### Admission Requirements

This program is open to serious students who have a strong interest in immersing themselves in Irish culture and heritage. The summer 2018 program will focus on Irish literature, culture, history, and society. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of the program start date. The minimum age requirement is strictly upheld. All applicants are required to complete an application form. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following minimum admissions requirements:

- Completion of at least 12 hours of college-level coursework;

- completion of Freshman English Composition or its equivalent with a B or better;
- a cumulative college earned grade point average of 2.75/4.0 or higher; and
- approval and recommendation of their campus ICISP representative.

A personal interview with the program coordinator may be held to determine the participant's maturity and adaptability to a foreign environment. Successful completion of the application process is required for admission to the program. If a participant has special needs, the program will attempt to make reasonable accommodations within the capacity available at Carlow College. Disability accommodations will vary according to need and what can reasonably be provided by a foreign institution. It may be difficult for those with severe physical disabilities to travel to and within Ireland.



## Academics

Students in this program will enroll in two courses: Irish Literature and the Irish Experience, earning 6 semester credits. The cornerstone of the program is The Irish Experience, a course which provides students with an introduction to the history, culture, and people of Ireland. This course includes field trips and a forum for inquiry into the country they reside in for the academic term.



## Cultural Excursions

The foundation of the program is the various cultural excursions included as part of the Irish Experience course. The summer program includes several unique trips such as: County Carlow, including New Ross (Dunbrody Famine Ship), St Mullins, Mount Leinster, Ducketts Grove, and the Brownshill Dolmen; Kilkenny City, including site visits to Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice's Cathedral (Round Tower), and the St. Francis Brewery; Dublin City, including the Bloomsday Festival, GPO Witness History, 'YEATS: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats' (National Library of Ireland), Book of Kells (Trinity College Dublin); County Wicklow, including Moon High Cross, Glendalough Heritage Centre and National Park

Avoca, and the Meeting of the Waters; and overnight trip to Belfast City and the northern coast, with site visits to West Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Bushmills Distillery, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. The cost of transportation and entry fees for all cultural excursions are included in the program cost. Please note that cultural excursions may change based on availability.

## Housing and Meals

The cost of housing is included in the program fee. Housing is provided at Lennon House, a renovated residence hall on the college campus. Residing at Lennon House is a requirement of the program. Each student will have a private bedroom and will share living space, kitchen, and bathroom with two or three other students. WiFi is available in the residence hall. Laundry facilities are located on the premises. Bed and bath linens are provided.

Meals are not included in the program fee. Students are expected to cook or provide meals for themselves. Many students enjoy group dinners in the common area in Lennon House. Additionally, a nice selection of grocery stores and eating establishments are located within walking distance.



## Faculty Liaison

Most terms a faculty member from an ICISP member institution will be on-site in Carlow to serve as a faculty liaison to students, the Carlow College faculty and administration, and ICISP. While his individual will be a support for students, s/he will also provide service to Carlow College as a visiting professor or in another mutually agreed upon capacity.



## Pre-Departure Orientation

Participation in a pre-trip orientation is mandatory. The orientation will be held at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL, approximately six to eight weeks prior to departure. Details will be sent upon acceptance. Carlow College provides an in-country orientation as well.

## Passport and Visa

Students will need to acquire or have a current passport before departure. Applicants should allow at least eight weeks for standard passport processing. An application and information can be acquired at your local post office or at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Passports must be valid for six months after the program ends. A visa is not necessary for the summer program for U.S. citizens. Further details will be provided at the pre-departure orientation.

## Fees and Payment

The cost to participate in this program for summer 2018 is \$3,900. A \$500 deposit, taken off the total program cost, is due with the completed application form and subject to the cancellation and refund policy as outlined in the application. Please note the program price is subject to slight change due to extreme changes in currency values beyond the control of ICISP. Applications received after the final deadline will not be considered.

Please submit all payments to the ICISP representative at the applicant's home institution. Final payments must be made to the home institution prior to the orientation date. Payments must be made on schedule or the student risks being dropped from the program.

The application deadline is February 15, 2018. Applications must be received at the ICISP office by this date. Please note a minimum number of participants, as determined by Carlow College, is required for the program to run.

For more information, contact your ICISP representative: