



**CARLOW
COLLEGE**
ST. PATRICK'S



ICISP SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Summer Study Abroad in Carlow, Ireland

Summer 2023 dates:
May 30 – June 27, 2023
(subject to slight change)

Program Summary

The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) is pleased to provide a four week summer study abroad program to Carlow College, Carlow, Ireland. The program dates for summer 2023 are May 30 – June 27, 2023.

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 and about Carlow-town at 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 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 2.5/4.0 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 requires disability accommodations, 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.



Academics

Students in this program will enroll in two courses: Contemporary Irish Writing 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. This is an academically intensive program with course preparation due prior to departure.



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 field trips: County Wexford/County Carlow: Dunbrody Famine Ship, St Mullins, Mount Leinster; Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park; Belfast City and Northern Coast: Crumlin Road Gaol, Political Murals Tour, Belfast City Centre, the Northern Coast, and Giant's Causeway. 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 and due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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 this individual will be a support for students, they

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. Orientation for the summer 2023 program will be held virtually and will last about three hours. Details will be sent upon acceptance. Carlow College provides a comprehensive 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 four to eight weeks for standard passport processing. An application and information can be acquired at your local post office or at 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.

COVID-19 Information

ICISP requires all participants on its programs to be fully vaccinated prior to the program start date to be eligible to enroll in a study abroad program. There are no exceptions or exemptions for personal, medical, or religious reasons. Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 will be required for all applicants. While proof of vaccination is not required at the point of application, students should be prepared to submit their CDC white card upon acceptance into the program.

COVID-19 continues to have a global impact on public health and travel. Carlow College and ICISP will provide updates to students via the ICISP website at [ICISP.org](https://www.icisp.org) and by email to accepted students. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase the appropriate trip and travel insurance prior to departure.

Fees and Payment

The cost to participate in this program for summer 2023 is \$3,615. 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 and full payment is due to the ICISP office by April 1, 2023. Your institutional deadline may be different; check with your study abroad advisor. Payments must be made on schedule or the student risks being dropped from the program.

The application deadline is February 15, 2023. Applications must be received at the ICISP office by this date. Please note a minimum number of participants is required for the program to run. In the unlikely event that the program is unable to run, a full refund is provided.

