

Summer Study Abroad in Carlow, Ireland



Program Summary

Study abroad in the Emerald Isle at Carlow College, St Patrick’s! The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) is pleased to provide a summer study abroad program to Carlow, Ireland available in the fall and spring semesters. A perennially popular program, studying in Ireland provides a perfect opportunity for students to enhance their educational experience and immerse oneself in a new culture, growing as an individual and making lifelong friends from around the world!

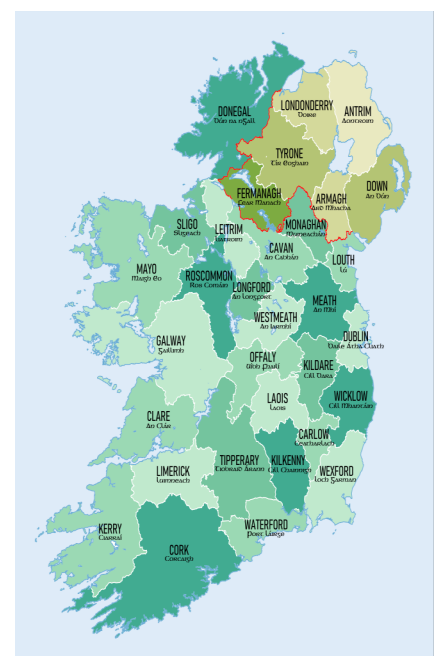
Carlow, Ireland, affectionately known as Carlowtown, is the quintessential Irish country town. With a population of 25,000, Carlow is home to two colleges including Carlow College, known to locals as St. Patrick’s College. Learn more about Carlow College at www.carlowcollege.ie and about Carlow-town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

Carlow College, St. Patrick’s is situated in its own grounds on an eighteenth-century parkland and is known locally as St. Patrick’s College. Carlow College is ideally located in the heart of Carlow town. Tullow Street is only one hundred meters away our students have access to banks, shops, food outlets and a wide variety of social venues on the doorstep.

Summer 2024 Program Dates

May 27—June 25, 2024,
inclusive of travel
Last day to remain in housing is June 25, 2024

**Dates subject to slight change*



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/writing, 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:

1. completion of at least 12 hours of college-level coursework;
2. completion of Freshman English Composition or its equivalent with a B or better;
3. a cumulative college earned grade point average of 2.5/4.0 or higher; and
4. 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



Academics

Students in this program will enroll in two courses: Contemporary Irish Writing and the Irish Experience, earning six semester credits. The cornerstone of the program is The Irish Experience, a course that 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 for the academic term. This is an academically intensive program with course preparation and readings due prior to departure.

Carlow College provides exceptional student support services and small classes with knowledgeable and caring faculty dedicated to academic success.



Cultural Excursions

The foundation of the program is the various cultural excursions included as part of the Irish Experience course. Students on past programs have reported these field trips to be the highlight of the program! Examples of excursions include : Glendalough, Brownshill Dolmen, Moone High Cross; Kilkenny, Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice's Cathedral, and the Medieval Mile Museum; Carlow Arts Festival (optional/free); Wexford Co./Co. Carlow, including Dumbrody Famine Ship, St. Mullins, and Mount Leinster; and a weekend-away trip to Belfast and the Northern Coast, Crumlin Road Gaol (*Jail*), Political Murals Tour, Belfast City Centre, and Giant's Causeway.

The cost of transportation and entry fees for all cultural excursions are included in the program cost. This program is priced competitively for students from ICISP member schools. Apply early to secure your spot! Note: a minimum number of participants is required to run this program.

Housing and Meals

The cost of housing is included in the program fee. Housing is provided at Lennon House, a renovated co-ed residence hall on the college campus. Lennon House is situated within a short distance from the main college buildings and within easy walking distance of the Carlow town center. Residing at Lennon House is a requirement of the program. Each student will have a **private or shared** bedroom and will share a living space, kitchen, and bathroom with several other students, based on gender. WiFi and 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 of the school. An Aldi, Tesco, and other grocery stores provide the materials needed to cook simple meals during your time in Ireland.



Faculty Liaison

Most terms a faculty member from an ICISP member institution will be on-site in Carlow to serve as a visiting 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.

Fees and Payment

The cost to participate in this program for the summer 2024 program is \$3,655. 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 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. Your institutional study abroad 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. Applications must be received at the ICISP office by this date.

Pre-Departure Orientation

Participation in a pre-departure orientation is mandatory. The orientation will be held virtually approximately six to eight weeks prior to departure. Details will be sent upon acceptance. Carlow College provides an in-country orientation as well during the first week.

Passport and Visa

Students will need to acquire or have a current Passport before departure. Applicants should allow ample time for standard passport processing. Information on applying for a passport is available at travel.state.gov. Passports must be valid for six months after the program ends. A visa is not required for U.S. citizens, but ETIAS approval may be required for students arriving in the Schengen Zone, if it is rolled out in time for departure. Further details will be provided at orientation.

COVID-19 Information

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 research and purchase the appropriate trip and travel insurance prior to departure.

For more information, contact your ICISP representative or visit [icisp.org](https://www.icisp.org).

