



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
College of A&S Short-Term Travel Abroad
Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences
 and
Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation Program



Spring Term 2018
(with MAY travel dates)

PSYC408: International Service Learning & Research Program: Northern Ireland

***** Preliminary Applications due October 16, 2017 *****

This off-campus cultural immersion experience is intended to expose students to applicable theories of intergroup contact, direct approaches to conflict transformation, transitional justice, and empirical research specific to "The Troubles" of the Northern Ireland conflict. Emphasis is based on cognitive, social, and peace psychology perspectives.

Service Learning/Research Experience

Based on the pedagogical model of learning-through-doing, students will gain practical service-learning/research experience working directly on a faculty member's on-going research project. Students will develop knowledge of the impact that intergroup contact has in assisting conflict transformation, behavioral and mental health, and multicultural understanding.

Multiple Learning Environments

Students will be engaged in social activism at an international level, connecting directly with the field research activities of the faculty director. While abroad, students will be engaged in multiple learning environments specific to developing a deeper understanding and respect for cultural/ethnic/religious diversity through direct contact and interaction with individuals from Northern Ireland.



Bogside Mural, Derry/Londonderry

Educational Enrichment

Students will gain critical thinking skills that entail effective communication and problem solving abilities and commitment to overcoming our native egocentrism and sociocentrism.

Once selected, students are required to register for the 1-credit hour Spring Term PSYC course: *Intergroup Contact and Conflict Resolution*. These pre-departure sessions will include completion of the CITI Human Subject's Protection Training Basic Course for Social and Behavioral Research and developing a cooperative game-playing workshop to be conducted with Northern Irish adolescents.

Service learning, journal writing while abroad, and a portfolio will serve as the basis for an empirical grade. Self reflection will be an integral process in completing the required portfolio.



10-12 days abroad
 Travel dates to be announced by 2/1/18

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Preliminary application and \$100 deposit (applied to program cost) due 10/16/17.

2018 PROGRAM COST \$4,000 (approx.)

(dependant upon number of students accepted)

- * Round trip airfare from Louisville to Dublin, Ireland
- * All domestic transportation while abroad
- * Accommodations
- * International Student Travel Insurance
- * Excursion fees
- * **6 credit hours (tuition credit)** - NOTE: Grades will not be posted until after return to USA.
- * **Does not include:** passport, personal items, additional spending money, optional excursions, and meals (some are included as part of the accommodation package).

Schedule of Program Fee Payments:

- * Initial deposit of \$100 is due with Program Application on October 16, 2017
- * Remaining balance will be paid through the Registrar's Office. (3-4 Installments)

FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid and/or scholarships may be available through the College of A&S, the International Center, and other sources. Please visit their respective websites for application information.

Applications can be found at: <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/idep/international-programs/study-abroad/2016-2017>

Participation preference will be given to Junior or Senior Psychology majors or minors.



Course Prerequisites

PSYC201, 301, 302 (or equivalent courses), and the required pre-requisite Spring 2018 course. GPA: minimum 3.0 Cumulative and Major Application is open to all majors including those participating in the University Honors, Individualized Major, and enrolled in the PJCT program. Participation preference will be given to Psychology majors and minors.

Interview Required

Each applicant will be required to participate in a one-on-one interview with the Faculty Director before the selection process has been completed.

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