





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

Spring Term 2019
(with MAY travel dates)

PSYC408: International Service Learning & Research Program: Northern Ireland

***** Applications due October 11, 2018 *****

This spring term and off-campus cultural immersion experience is intended to expose students to applicable theories of intergroup contact, direct approaches to conflict transformation, cross-community engagement, 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 and service 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 in the Spring Term course PSYC408 (6-credit hours). 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.

Mandatory pre-departure class attendance and participation, workshop development, 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 2/1/19

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application due 10/11/18. Application is no guarantee of acceptance.

2019 PROGRAM FEE: \$4,000 (approx.)
(dependent 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** - NOTE: Tuition will not be charged. Instead, a program fee will be collected.
- * Grades will not be posted until after return to USA in May.
- * **Does not include:** passport, journal, personal items, additional spending money, optional excursions, and meals (some are included as part of the accommodation package).

Schedule of Program Fee Payments:

- * All program fee payments must be processed directly through the Registrar's Office (1 payment or 3-4 Installments).

SCHOLARSHIP / FINANCIAL AID:

If you are on scholarship or receive financial aid, it is your responsibility to determine if your program fee will be covered by either. This must be done PRIOR TO APPLICATION and confirmed prior to program acceptance in October.

Applications will be available after the start of the Fall 2018 term.

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

Course Prerequisites

PSYC201, 301, and 302 (or equivalent courses).
 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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