



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

MAY 2014

PSYC408: International Service Learning & Research Program: Northern Ireland

***** Preliminary Applications due October 1, 2013 ***
 with \$100 initial deposit**

This off-campus cultural immersion experience is intended to expose students to applicable theories of intergroup contact, direct approaches to conflict resolution/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.

Research Experience

Based on the pedagogical model of learning-through-doing, students will gain practical experience working directly on a faculty member's research project in Northern Ireland. Students will be required to interact on a one-on-one basis with Northern Irish adolescents and adults. Students will develop knowledge of the impact that intergroup contact has in assisting conflict resolution, behavioral and mental health, and multicultural understanding, as they develop their communication and leadership skills.

Pre-Departure Training

Once selected, students are required to register for the Spring Term PSYC course: Intergroup Contact and Conflict Resolution. These pre-departure sessions will include appropriate training in human subject protection, field research methodology, surveying/interviewing skills, and diversity issues.

Multiple Learning Environments

While abroad, students will be engaged in multiple learning environments specific to developing a deeper understanding and respect for cultural diversity through direct contact and interaction with residents of Northern Ireland.

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. 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.



11-14 days abroad

Travel dates to be announced by 2/1/14

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Preliminary application and \$100 deposit (applied to program cost) due 10/1/13.



Bogside Mural, Derry/Londonderry

2014 PROGRAM COST ~\$4,000

- * Round trip airfare from Louisville to Dublin, Ireland
- * All domestic transportation while abroad
- * Accommodations
- * International Student ID Card
- * Excursion fees
- * **6 credit hours (tuition credit)**
- * **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 1, 2013
- * Second payment of \$250 due December 1, 2013
- * Remaining Universal Application materials and third payment (1/2 of remaining balance) due February 1, 2014
- * Final payment due March 1, 2014

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/international>

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



Course Prerequisites

PSYC201, 301(or equivalent course), 302, and the required pre-requisite Spring 2014 course.
 GPA: minimum 3.0 Cumulative and Major
 Application is open to Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, and Political Science majors and minors.

Interview Required

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

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