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# Preparing For Your Semester Overseas

Many people think of Ireland simply as an English-speaking country, where everyone is very friendly and uses expressions like “top o’ the morning,” but Irish people speak a uniquely modified English. From Belfast in County Antrim to the Aran Islands off the coast of Galway, there are many different regional accents in this small island of six million people.

Because there is no major language barrier, many American students do not anticipate culture shock when going to Ireland. While we use many of the same words (with minor spelling variations), our languages are very different in patterns and speed of speech. In short, be prepared for differences in word, tone, gesture and meaning.

Beyond differences in language, remember that the Irish lifestyle will differ from that to which you are accustomed. While you will find similarities during your semester in Dublin, you will also find many things that are different. Experiencing and learning about these cultural differences are some of the reasons students choose to study abroad. If you approach the experience with the attitude that these differences are wrong or inferior you will have a difficult time in Dublin. If, however, you are intent upon viewing Ireland’s unique culture as both different and interesting, you will have the time of your life.

The Dublin study abroad experience is the compilation of classroom learning, skills developed in the workplace, and the self-confidence and personal growth that come from mastering the challenge of living and studying abroad. Responding to the challenges and frustrations you are likely to encounter during your initial weeks in Dublin will require flexibility, a positive attitude, persistence, and a sense of humor. We are confident that you have the skills to handle each new challenge and encourage you to reach out to the Dublin staff if you need assistance.

## RECOMMENDED READING

- *Dubliners* by James Joyce  
Classic collection of stories focused on Dublin.
- *After the Wake* by Brendan Behan  
Collection of short stories based on author’s experiences growing up in Dublin.
- *The Commitments* by Roddy Doyle (Also available on DVD.) A classic look at Dublin Life in early 1990s.
- *McCarthy’s Bar* by Pete McCarthy  
Determined to visit every pub with his surname in the title, McCarthy offers a humorous look at Irish country life, colorful locals, and quirky attractions.

## Irish English

The Irish have a colorful language all their own. Here are a few examples:

American	Irish
apartment	flat
cookie	biscuit/bicky
potato chips	crisps
french fries	chips
drugstore/pharmacy	chemist
eraser	rubber
bathroom	loo, toilet
line	queue
elevator	lift
sweater	jumper
TV	telly
VCR	video
stove (burners & oven)	cooker
vacuum cleaner	hoover
cabinet	press
thing/item	yoke
professor	lecturer
he/him	yer man
she/her	yer woman
eggplant	aubergine
zucchini	courgette
subs/hoagies	filled rolls
cell phone	mobile
City Centre	An Lár
Dublin	Baile átha Cliath
road	bóthar
street	sráid
lane	lána
semi-truck	lorry
fun	craic
“What’s up?”	“What’s the story?”

- *A Sort of Homecoming* by Robert Cremins  
A modern novel about a twentysomething who returns to Dublin after becoming marginally famous.
- *Round Ireland with a Fridge* by Tony Hawks  
Author hitchhikes around Ireland with a refrigerator to win a bet.
- *Fork in the Road* by Denis Hamill  
An intense story about an Irish-American filmmaker doing research for a screenplay in Dublin.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Boston University Study Abroad Dublin Facebook Page (Includes links to additional websites and resources.)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
- Dublin City University (DCU)  
[www.dcu.ie](http://www.dcu.ie)
- Ireland.com (General information on Ireland)  
[www.ireland.com](http://www.ireland.com)
- Irish Times Newspaper  
[www.irishtimes.com](http://www.irishtimes.com)
- Embassy of Ireland (Washington, D.C.)  
[www.irelandemb.org](http://www.irelandemb.org)
- The Dublin Guide (Sports, Entertainment, City Map)  
[www.thedublinguide.com](http://www.thedublinguide.com)
- The Event Guide (Concerts, Films, Festivals)  
[www.eventguide.ie](http://www.eventguide.ie)
- Visit Dublin (Official Dublin Tourism site)  
[www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)
- The Lonely Planet—Dublin  
[www.lonelyplanet.com/dest/eur/ire.htm](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/dest/eur/ire.htm)
- Entertainment in Ireland (Features cinema listings and new release movie reviews, TV and radio listings, concerts and gigs and other event information.)  
<http://entertainment.ie>
- University College Dublin (UCD)  
[www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie)
- St. Patrick's College  
[www.spd.dcu.ie](http://www.spd.dcu.ie)

## NEWSPAPERS AND FIELD GUIDES

To familiarize yourself with current events, we recommend that you read an Irish daily newspaper such as *The Irish Times* (either on-line or from the library) in the weeks before your departure for Ireland.

*Let's Go Ireland* lists hostels, attractions, hours of operation, transportation, Irish history, as well as places to visit in neighboring countries. This and other guides written with the student traveler in mind are wonderful resources when planning your weekend excursions. There are many travel guides for Ireland and Europe available for loan at the BU Study Abroad Dublin office.

# Academics

## COURSES

### Internship Program

Students enrolled in the internship program will attend classes at Dublin City University (DCU). Students on the BU program will have joint BU/DCU affiliation entitling them to most campus services. The DCU calendar is slightly different than the US calendar with the semesters beginning in late September and February. Because the two academic calendars do not match, the courses offered through the BU Dublin Internship Program are designed specifically for our students.

During the first six weeks (core phase) students complete two required intensive courses and attend classes four days per week. Students also begin one required elective course which runs over the duration of the program. During the final seven weeks of the program, students work full-time, four days per week as interns and complete their required elective course, typically on Friday mornings.

You will find that most of the instructors on the Dublin Internship Program are young, lively, and eager to share their knowledge about Ireland. The Dublin Internship Program faculty are drawn from Dublin-area universities and institutes and are specialists in their chosen fields. In addition to an array of high-profile speakers, writers and artists, classes include theatre outings, music sessions, and excursions to various locations outside of Dublin. These excursions complement the curriculum and allow students to engage in the world beyond the classroom. Students should note that they are responsible for the cost of travel to and from most excursions.

You should expect that your Irish professors may have different teaching styles than professors on your home campus. Your professors will expect you to come prepared for class discussions and take greater ownership for your learning. You should also anticipate that your courses may be structured differently and place a heavier emphasis on two or three major assignments.

### Management Internship Program

The Dublin Management Internship classes are held at University College Dublin (UCD) from January through April with a two-week break in March. The internship phase begins in May and ends in late-June. All questions concerning courses at UCD should be directed to Madeline Molyneaux at [madeline.molyneaux@ucd.ie](mailto:madeline.molyneaux@ucd.ie).

## LIBRARIES

You will have access to several libraries during your semester in Dublin. You will have full access to DCU's state-of-the-art library and its collection of books, journals, and other publications in both printed and electronic form. These privileges include access to the Internet. You are also entitled to use the library at St. Patrick's College, an associated college of DCU. Additionally you will have access privileges, free of charge, to the Dublin Corporation Public Libraries (city libraries). Daylong Reader Passes may also be obtained, free of charge, for the National Library.

Libraries in Dublin have limited open hours and are typically closed on Sundays, bank holidays, and other holidays. The DCU library, for example, opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m. during the academic year. It is a good idea to check the open hours before heading off to your favorite library. More information about library resources will be available during on-site orientation.

## ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Courses are offered through Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Fine Arts, the School for Hospitality Administration, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Services, and the College of Communication, whose academic policies and procedures apply. Students are expected to be familiar with the regulations of Boston University. The Boston University Code of Student Responsibilities can be found online at [www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities](http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities) and a copy of the Boston University Academic Conduct Code is at [www.bu.edu/academics](http://www.bu.edu/academics).

### Registration for Your Semester Abroad

You will officially register for courses on-site in Dublin and receive information about changing classes and other academic policies from the Dublin staff. For fall and spring, you must register for and complete three courses plus the internship for a total of 16 semester-hour credits. In the summer, you must register for and complete one course plus the internship for a total of eight semester-hour credits.

### Transfer of Credit

Before the start of the program, please ensure that your credits will transfer to your home university. Approving transfer credit is ultimately your home institution's decision. Once in Dublin, if you are considering enrolling in courses different from those approved by your academic advisor, you should first obtain approval from your home campus. If you complete a course without your advisor's approval, you risk not receiving academic credit for the course.

### Attendance

Attendance and class participation will factor into your final course grades. You are required to attend each class session, tutorial, field trip, internship/practicum, and any other

course-related event unless you are ill and have called in sick. There is no cut allowance. You will be required to account for any undue absences either by personal explanation to the course instructor and/or to the Director of Academics, or by written statement from another authority. If you are ill and will be absent from class and/or your internship workplace, you must notify the program office and your workplace first thing in the morning. It is not enough to send a message to your instructor(s) via a classmate.

Excessive absences from a class may result in a failing grade. If you expect to be absent from a class, notify your instructor and the Director of Studies in advance, preferably in writing. If you are absent from classes for more than two days for medical reasons, please seek medical attention.

### Tardiness

All students must make every effort to be on time for all scheduled meetings and class sessions, and should notify the appropriate persons by phone or written message whenever tardiness results from extenuating circumstances. If you arrive late to class, please be considerate of the lecturer and your classmates and keep the disruption to a minimum.

### Incompletes and Auditing

You are expected to turn in all course assignments on time; submitting assignments late will result in lower grades. Incompletes are not permitted and, as a result, all academic commitments must be completed before you leave Dublin. Students who fail to complete a course on time will receive a failing grade. Auditing courses on a pass/fail basis is not permitted.

The internship is a serious academic endeavor. Students are required to fulfill all the requirements of the program, including the internship and the associated academic component. Any student who fails to successfully complete a course during the core phase may become ineligible for an internship placement. Students enrolled in an internship program must complete the internship and all related academic work regardless of the transfer credit policy of their home institutions.

## BALANCING ACADEMIC COMMITMENTS WITH TRAVEL PLANS

While exploring the host country is a benefit of any study abroad experience, the focus of your time in Dublin should be on fulfilling academic requirements. You will need to make many decisions during your stay, chief of which is determining the sites you can realistically visit given time constraints. Whether you have a limited or substantial travel budget for the semester, you will need to make careful, informed decisions about how to successfully balance your academic commitments with travel plans.



When planning your travel excursions, you are encouraged to cluster many of your trips during the core phase. The core courses are structured to allow students three-day weekends during the first six weeks of the semester (excluding the first week). However, travel plans should **not** be made prior to arrival in Dublin and until you receive the schedule for classes, field trips, and internship interviews. With careful planning, you should have little difficulty balancing academic requirements with weekend travel. Although travel during the internship phase is possible, balancing full-time internship requirements with academic work can be more challenging, especially around key assignment deadlines.

Exploring Ireland is an important goal, but one that should not come at the expense of your academic commitments. **Your travel excursions should be in strict compliance with scheduled class breaks and must not conflict with your academic requirements or internship.** You may not miss class or any mid-term or final exam due to travel arrangements. If you miss the scheduled exams due to travel arrangements you risk receiving a failing grade for the course. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

## The Internship

### THE PLACEMENT PROCESS

#### Preparations Before You Leave

The team that manages the internship placement process in Dublin is called EUSA. All students are asked to complete EUSA's online registration process, details of which will be emailed to you by the EUSA Dublin administrator. One step in the process is converting an American-style résumé to a European-style CV. Instructions for this were sent in your acceptance email, are sent again by EUSA Dublin along with the online registration instructions, and can also be found on the EUSA website at [www.eusa-edu.com/sites/dublin/downloads.html](http://www.eusa-edu.com/sites/dublin/downloads.html).

Sizing up your personal attributes—and completing a self-assessment—are helpful starting points in identifying goals for your internship. There are many self-assessment instruments to choose from. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), a personality inventory, is administered through most campus career centers and is an especially popular tool. This widely-used standardized test can help to deepen your self-knowledge, especially your preferences in social and work situations, but will not identify potential career paths.

Completing standardized tests is one strategy in identifying your strengths and personality traits. With some reflection,

you should have little difficulty reaching conclusions on your own. The following strategies outlined in *The Experienced Hand: A Student Manual for Making the Most of an Internship* (1994) by Stanton and Ali should help in identifying the work setting or specialty in which you feel you would be the most effective:

- List and evaluate your personal and academic interests. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? Why did you choose your major? What courses have you enjoyed?
- Reflect on your career goals. How will the internship fit into your academic and career plans?
- Make a checklist of your organizational preferences. What type of experience do you want? What kind of organization are you looking for? Large corporation? Small company? Non-profit organization?
- Focus on your work values. Do you like to work as part of a team or independently? Are you self-directed or do you prefer a more supervised environment?
- Decide what you have to offer. Even if you have no formal work experience, you have acquired skills in research from writing class papers and, from your job experiences, varying skill levels in public relations, marketing, or management. Social skills—such as flexibility, friendliness, and a good sense of humor—are equally important in the workplace and should not be discounted.

While we encourage you to set ambitious goals for your internship abroad, please be mindful that the internship may or may not be integral to your career plans. For some students, the internship experience has a profound impact on their chosen career. For the vast majority of students, however, the internship affords an opportunity to develop new skills and gain greater exposure to the world beyond the classroom. If you are convinced the internship will be a life-transforming experience, you may be frustrated and disappointed.

Your completed online registration will assist the EUSA team in understanding your background and experience, and serves as a guide in determining preliminary placements. During your pre-placement interview, you will be asked to meet with a placement manager from the Internship Placement Team to discuss your interests and goals for the internship experience. It is recommended that you engage in some research on your sectors of interest in Dublin so that you can have an informed discussion with the EUSA placement manager. EUSA placement manager will work with you to explore the possibilities within those sectors.

Afterwards, the placement manager will send you an email summarizing the pre-placement interview, and the process of finding a suitable placement begins. Once the placement team has matched you with an organization that can offer you a suitable placement, you will receive an internship notification email with the name of the organization, a brief

description of the role, and the dress code. You may receive this notification before you depart for the program, but in some cases it may not be until after you arrive in Dublin.

This is a key moment in the placement process. Please read the offer email carefully and confirm that you have received it by responding to your placement manager. This is also the best moment to bring up any questions you may have about the placement, or seek further information or clarification. Once you have accepted the offer, the placement manager will proceed to make arrangements for an interview.

### Upon Your Arrival

Soon after you arrive in Dublin, you will have a group orientation meeting with the EUSA Internship Placement Team during which the Irish workplace and interview process will be discussed. At the end of this meeting, you will receive an interview contact sheet with the details of your internship confirmation interview. You will also receive guidance from EUSA on how to successfully manage your internship placement in Dublin.

Placements with smaller Irish-owned companies often include significantly more involvement and breadth of experience than widely known corporations. If you lack the grades, academic prerequisites, work experience, or training to qualify for an internship with a major corporation, you might consider obtaining the experience you seek in a parallel but lower profile firm. Lower profile internships in investment banking and journalism often provide greater responsibility and challenge. If, for example, you are not qualified to work at JP Morgan, you might work with a small investment firm to develop such skills as analyzing corporate and economic data, interpreting balance sheets, reviewing and critiquing annual reports, completing on-site investigation of companies, and researching industry sectors. Rather than set your sights on one of Dublin's largest magazines or newspapers, journalism majors might gain greater writing experience producing a newsletter for a non-profit association. As a newsletter editor, your responsibilities might include all aspects of the production process from research, writing, layout, and proofreading to obtaining bids for printing and distribution.

All placements will be accessible by public transportation, but individual commutes will vary from 20 minutes to over an hour. The first criterion in determining an internship is its relevance to your interests and the quality of work available. Like your coworkers, you will face the challenges and time demands of commuting in a major city, including bus transfers and delays. You are expected to budget for a student monthly bus pass which generally costs 84 euros. Though every effort is made to keep commuting times reasonable, many Dubliners spend an hour or more commuting each way.

### Trust the Placement Team:

#### Do Not Arrange an Internship on Your Own

If you have your own internship contact, please share this information with Chris or Hazel during your initial on-site meeting so that they may explore this placement on your behalf. A friend or family member with professional connections in Ireland may urge you to pursue a suggested internship. Though well-intentioned, the friend or relative is unlikely to know whether the company is within a reasonable commuting distance of your accommodation, is downsizing or experiencing a difficult transition, or whether the company is reluctant to host an intern. With their knowledge of Dublin's changing business climate, Chris or Hazel are in the best position to determine whether a prospective internship will satisfy academic requirements and provide an appropriate level of challenge.

Arranging an internship on your own is not permitted; please follow protocol and let the Dublin staff do what they do best. As in the US, Irish managers generally prefer to discuss the arrangements with a University representative before speaking with prospective interns. Although you may believe securing an internship on your own is a demonstration of your enthusiasm, self-confidence, and initiative, prospective supervisors may perceive your behavior as brash and aggressive.

### THE INTERVIEW

The focus of the interview is to determine whether the placement will be a good fit for the student and provider alike. To prepare, read the internship notification email you have received from EUSA again carefully and research the organization online. You will receive expert advice from the EUSA placement team prior to your interview, but you are expected to be prepared.

Anticipate questions about your interests and experience and, if you are nervous, role-play the interview with another student in the program. Role playing and anticipating possible questions can help you to feel more self-confident and relaxed. To ensure that you arrive on time, plan your travel route and allow sufficient time for any delays. Pay attention to neatness and good grooming. Business attire is appropriate for interviews, even for those who interview with companies with casual dress codes. It is better to be over-than under-dressed! Although the placement team will forward a copy of your CV to prospective internship providers, it is your responsibility to bring a copy with you to your interview. Prospective internship providers will ask to see a copy of your CV and, in some cases, your portfolio. CVs are helpful tools in ascertaining your interests, related experience, and skill level. Most supervisors are curious to know about your interests and work experience beyond the CV.

A prospective internship provider will want to learn more about why this internship is of interest to you, how this internship relates to your course of study, career plans, and interests. Additionally, they will want to know what you can contribute to the agency or company and whether you bring any volunteer experience, related work experience, or special skills to the job. Striking the right balance between self-promotion and inquisitiveness is key to your success. A nonchalant attitude and failure to ask questions may suggest disinterestedness. Similarly, avoiding eye contact may be interpreted as timidity and lack of confidence. A “know-it-all” attitude or overusing such fillers as “um,” “like,” and “you know” can also leave a negative impression. In 15-20 minutes, you and your prospective internship provider should be able to exchange enough information to satisfy both your needs. You can communicate your interests and obtain the information you need if you approach the brief interview relaxed and attentive with clearly defined goals and a short list of questions.

### **After the Interview**

After the interview, you must contact your placement manager to let them know how the interview went. Please remember that the placement cannot be formalized until we have received confirmation from you and your supervisor. Some internship placements have fairly long commutes, but offer extraordinary opportunities not available in a site closer to the DCU student residence. The quality of the professional learning experience should outweigh issues of this nature. If you have any issues of a specific nature, they should be raised at this stage, in the absence of which the placement will be formalized and you will be scheduled with a start date and time.

## **FINALIZING YOUR PLACEMENT: PATIENCE PLEASE**

The placement process can take as little as two weeks or up to six weeks to complete. The EUSA Dublin Placement Team are focused on matching your interests and skills with a suitable placement. Placing interns in a competitive work environment requires both a thorough assessment of student’s background, interests and skills and an understanding of Dublin’s changing job market. Please remain patient as the Placement Team works to secure a placement that will best utilize your talents and fulfill your internship goals as closely as possible.

## **DURING THE INTERNSHIP**

### **First Weeks on the Job**

Workplace culture, habits, and attitudes in most Irish organizations can be radically different from that which you may be accustomed to in the US. Frequent tea breaks and smoking cigarettes outside the office—two behaviors discouraged in the US—may be acceptable at your Irish placement. Whether you find these differences endearing or

exasperating will depend on your ability to accept these work values as simply different and not wrong.

Meeting your internship objectives is unlikely during your first and second week on the job. Like any new job, it will take time for you to feel comfortable and confident in your new role. Adjusting to the work schedule and daily commute may be more difficult than you imagined. You may experience moments when you feel overwhelmed or underutilized. You may also discover that the work setting occasionally fails to hold your interest. All of these emotions and challenges contribute to the learning curve during your first weeks on-the-job. With patience, flexibility, enthusiasm, and observation during these initial weeks, you are likely to find your niche in the organization and receive greater responsibility and challenge.

Establishing a rapport with your supervisor should be one of your first priorities. Although your supervisor may recognize the importance of assigning meaningful work and providing ongoing feedback, meeting deadlines and other job priorities may limit his or her ability to provide coaching and support. If you are accustomed to a more structured work environment, you may need to demonstrate a bit more initiative and self-direction than you have in the past. Your supervisor is likely to recognize and appreciate your efforts to take on additional work.

Finding your niche in work environments where staff are extremely busy or overworked may require some initiative on your part. Coworkers may welcome you and include you in their social activities. Others may be friendly and welcoming but have little time to include you in their social activities or answer your questions. With downsizing and restructuring, today’s organizations are often understaffed. Rolling up your sleeves and contributing wherever you can will win your co-workers’ trust and support.

During this introductory period, you may be assigned low challenge tasks to gauge both your attitude and ability to handle simple projects. Although you may be disappointed to receive easy tasks—and have doubts about traveling all the way to Dublin for what initially appears to be menial responsibilities—complete the assignments cheerfully and with as much effort as you would for more challenging projects. Successfully completing minor projects demonstrates your competence and capability and is likely to result in more challenging assignments.

It is common for students to envision their internship placements as exciting and glamorous. Although you may experience moments of excitement and challenge, long hours, mundane tasks, and record-keeping figure prominently in most work settings. In addition to developing new skills, the internship provides opportunities to learn about organizational dynamics and the skills needed to



succeed in busy office environments. Your internship will provide a greater understanding of some of the realities of the work world and should serve you well as you move into your first professional position.

### **If Problems Arise**

If you are dissatisfied or unhappy in your internship placement, your best course of action is to bring these concerns to your supervisor's attention. Without feedback from you, your supervisor may assume incorrectly that you are happy with your assigned tasks. If you are uncertain how to approach your supervisor, the Dublin Placement Team will be glad to help role play the conversation. If, after speaking with your supervisor, you cannot resolve the issue or agree upon an acceptable compromise, your next step should be to speak with Chris or Hazel.

### **Attendance**

Absences from your internship because you are unhappy with the placement, because the credits do not transfer back to your home institution, or because it is not what you expected are unacceptable. Unexcused absences will be reflected in your grade for the course. Frequent unexcused absences may result in a failing grade and expulsion from the program.

### **Grading**

The internship is a serious academic course; the required written work will determine most of your course grade. Your on-site performance should be viewed as academic fieldwork for your assignments and not as the entirety of your internship experience.

### **Appropriate Attire**

Standards of acceptable appearance and demeanor vary dramatically from country to country, and even from business to business. Students seeking to participate in a Boston University Internship, Community Placement, or Teaching Practicum Program must understand that they are emissaries of the University and the United States. Enrollment constitutes an agreement that they will attempt to live and work within the framework of local custom. Some personal choice of dress, hairstyle/color, body ornamentation, etc. that may be acceptable on most US campuses may make an internship placement in a foreign country difficult, if not impossible. By enrolling in the program, students agree to make every effort to adapt their personal appearance to the generally accepted norms of the business community of the host country, and understand that failure to do so may make placement impossible and result in a failing grade. Where dress, hairstyle and body ornamentation are dictated by an individual's religion, race, national origin or ethnicity, every effort will be made to accommodate those needs consistent with our status as guests in a foreign country.

Since you will not know where you are working until after you arrive, it is difficult to anticipate exactly what clothing

you will need for the workplace. You should dress conservatively for your internship interview and bring business clothing for the occasional special event. Men should bring slacks, blazers or sport coats, and several ties. Dresses, skirts, and dressy trousers are fine for women. Perhaps because Dublin can be damp, dressy slacks for women are more prevalent and acceptable than in the US business. Marketing and legal interns of both sexes should expect to dress for a business setting and should bring at least one dark suit. Arts, journalism, psychology and advertising internships tend to be more casual and, as such, jeans and casual clothing may be suitable.

### **IN SUMMARY**

Understanding workplace priorities, demonstrating initiative, and assisting wherever possible are key ingredients to a successful internship. As an intern, you may feel overlooked on occasion as busy staff focus on their work priorities. A proactive, self-directed approach will win your supervisor's favor and may lead to new opportunities. Assert yourself. Take responsibility for your internship and volunteer for projects. Your supervisor is likely to recognize and appreciate your efforts.

## **Travel Essentials**

### **DOCUMENTS**

#### **Passport**

You must have a valid passport to travel to Ireland. If you have not yet applied for your passport, you should start the process immediately. US citizens do not need an entry visa to study in Ireland. If you are traveling on a passport other than a US one, please check with the appropriate Irish consulate for information about visa requirements. The Irish Consulate in Boston ([www.consulategeneralofireland-boston.org](http://www.consulategeneralofireland-boston.org)) can be reached by phone at 617-267-9330 or by E-mail at [irlcons@aol.com](mailto:irlcons@aol.com).

#### **Letter of Certification**

You are studying on an academic program and, as such, do not need a work permit to participate in the Dublin Internship or Management Program. You will, however, need to present a Letter of Certification to immigration officials upon your arrival in Dublin. BU Study Abroad will provide you with a Certification Letter either during the pre-departure meeting or in a mailing. Please contact BU Study Abroad if you do not have this letter at least one week before departure.

#### **Student Identification**

Bring your student ID card should you need an extra form of identification. A school identification card serves as a second form of ID but will not be accepted for student discounts. With its clear expiration date, the International Student

## What to Bring (In addition to clothing)

- A laptop
- Battery-operated travel alarm clock (an electric clock will take up outlet space, is vulnerable to power outages, and will need its own adapter and converter).
- For MP3 players, iPods, laptop computers, and other appliances visit Radio Shack and buy a DC Adapter that works 220V-110V (input) and 3V-12V (output)
- Dual-voltage battery charger and spare batteries
- Travel Adapter Kit
- Any special camera batteries/memory card
- A calculator for determining exchange rates
- Toiletries for the initial weeks
- Small sewing kit
- Small flash drive
- International Student Identity Card (ISIC) (can be purchased at [www.istc.org/student-card/buy-an-istic.aspx](http://www.istc.org/student-card/buy-an-istic.aspx)) (optional)

### Pack in Your Carry-On Luggage

- Valid US passport
- Certification letter from the Dublin Program verifying that you are a study-abroad student
- Return ticket home
- Evidence of health insurance
- A recent original bank statement from your personal US account or that of your parents' listing the account number and balance. The bank statement verifies that you will have adequate financial support during your stay.
- Ample supply of any prescription medication you will require in original packaging
- A good book...it's a long flight!

It is at the discretion of the immigration officials whether or not you will be allowed entry into the country. Immigration officials may ask to see all of the above documents or only a select few.

Identification Card (ISIC) is the most widely-accepted form of student ID. The ISIC card provides student discounts on museums, the theatre, cinema, accommodations, dining, and travel, as well as insurance benefits for US cardholders, and is available for purchase from STA Travel.

## REGISTRATION WITH AUTHORITIES

All semester students will be required to register with the appropriate authorities (Garda National Immigration Bureau) within the first month of your arrival in Ireland. You will need to bring the documentation described below and arrive in Dublin ready to register within the first few weeks. Payment of a 150 euro fee is required as part of the registration process, which is not included in the BU program fee. Summer program students will not need to register with the GNIB.

- Certification letter from BU Study Abroad verifying your student status and the program dates. BU Study Abroad will make these letters available either during the pre-departure orientation or in a mailing to students.
- Passport
- DCU ID Card
- Evidence of Private Medical Insurance: You are required under Irish law to provide proof of medical insurance for that will cover you for a minimum amount of EUR €25,000 (approximately \$34,000) for hospitalization, accident, and/or disease during your stay in Ireland.

Please ask your insurance company to provide you with a certificate of coverage naming you as an insured, and a document verifying or explaining that your coverage is valid in Ireland. Bring these documents with you.

- Evidence of EUR €500 per month to support yourselves while in Ireland (therefore, evidence of EUR €2,000 for the duration of the program, which equates to approximately \$2,700 at today's exchange rate). A copy of a current bank statement is the best option. If you do not have this amount in your own bank account, you may submit a copy of a parent's bank statement along with a notarized letter that they agree to support you financially during your semester in Ireland.
- Credit or debit card to pay the GNIB Registration fee of EUR €150
- DCU ID Card
- Passport

If you plan to stay in Dublin after the program ends, please inform program staff upon arrival for you may need to obtain a separate passport stamp following the expiration of your student stamp.

## CLOTHING

Many former students report that they over-packed for Dublin, especially on clothing. Be ruthless, and bring only what you think you will really use and what you are able to carry yourself as you transfer from the airport to your

student residence. **Closet space will be limited, so pack lightly.**

You will need to bring fewer clothes if you keep color-coordination and layering in mind. Try to bring as many items as possible that coordinate with one another. A jacket, plus a lined windbreaker or shell will be useful. It is a good idea to bring khaki pants or other trousers that dry fairly quickly. Bring comfortable, waterproof walking shoes.

Dublin can be chilly and damp so you would be wise to bring a winter coat or jacket, gloves, scarf, several sweaters, at least one set of long underwear, and a rain slicker and umbrella. The opportunity for hiking is abundant in Ireland, so remember your hiking boots if you are an avid outdoors person.

You might be surprised to learn that Dubliners dress stylishly, especially when they go out on the town. When packing for your semester in Ireland, remember to bring stylish clothing for your internship placement and nights out.

Clothing in Dublin can be expensive. Prices range anywhere from 30–50% more than what you are accustomed to paying in the US. You will also notice that clothing styles in Dublin are quite different from those in the US. If you wish to wear local styles, the program staff would be glad to recommend shops that offer good value.

## APPLIANCES

We recommend that you purchase any small appliances that you will require on-site to save on precious luggage space and ensure that any “electricals” you use are compatible with the Irish 220 voltage. If you choose to bring appliances from home, be sure to purchase a transformer and converter suitable for use with Dublin’s 3-point power outlets. Almost all dorm rooms on-site will be equipped with hair dryers and often straighteners.

## DRUG STORE ITEMS

Visit any US convenience or grocery store and you are likely to find aisles crammed with a wide assortment of soaps and shampoos. Although you will have fewer products to choose from in Ireland, you may discover products you actually prefer over your favorite US brands. Unless there are special brands you prefer, we suggest that you bring an adequate supply of toiletries and replenish these items on site. As with most goods and services in Ireland, toiletries are more expensive. Dublin’s damp climate can contribute to many “bad hair days.” If you use certain styling products to keep your hair straight in damp weather, you might wish to bring these products with you.

## PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Be sure to bring an ample supply of any prescription medications you will require—and any refill prescriptions that you may need during your stay—as well as any preferred over-the-counter drugs. Medications can be expensive overseas. Finding the appropriate Irish equivalent can also be problematic. Any medications you bring with you should be properly labeled and stored in sealed bottles, preferably in their original packaging.

## CONTACT LENSES

Bring an extra pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses and prescriptions for each. Contact lens solution can be fairly expensive in Ireland, so you may wish to bring an adequate supply for the duration of your stay.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Prices on school supplies vary, just as they do in the US. You can find everything you need at local shops or the on-campus store. Reads, a large stationery and school supply store on Nassau Street (adjacent to Trinity College), offers competitive prices, as does Eason’s bookshop on O’Connell Street.
- You should also bring, or plan to purchase, a bath towel for weekend trips away from Dublin, as well as a pair of waterproof flip-flops for use in communal hostel, campground, or swimming pool showers.

# Money Matters

## PROGRAM FEES

For information about the program fee and personal budgeting guidelines visit: [www.bu.edu/abroad/aid/finances.html](http://www.bu.edu/abroad/aid/finances.html).

## TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS

While the DCU library has a copy of each book from the required and recommended reading lists, these books are available on Overnight Loan only; they may only be borrowed after 5:00 p.m. and must be returned by 10:00 a.m. the following morning. You should expect to spend approximately \$100–\$150 on textbooks and course materials at the DCU Bookstore. The program office will provide some books and some other supplementary material.

## COMMUTING COSTS

You should be prepared to pay approximately 80 Euro per month, or roughly \$120, in commuting expenses to your internship site.

## CASH FOR ARRIVAL

Although the amount of money students spend during their semester abroad varies, the average student on our Dublin Internship Program spends roughly \$4,000-\$4,500, or approximately 30% more than what students typically spend on their home campuses. Students on a tight budget can have a full study abroad experience for less than \$4,000. By limiting trips to mainland Europe and focusing more on attractions within Ireland, students on a strict budget can see the sites without bankrupting their savings.

We recommend that you bring a mix of US currency and euros, and suggest further that you exchange \$200 to euros at a bank, foreign exchange broker, or at the airport before leaving the US. You will generally get a better rate of exchange and pay smaller transaction fees if you exchange your money at a bank. You will need enough money to pay for small items as you settle in. If you need additional money upon your arrival, you may withdraw Irish currency from an ATM machine using your US bankcard.

## BANKING

Information on opening a student bank account will be available during on-site orientation. To open a bank account, you must bring your passport and proof of a local address in Dublin.

AIB banks offer free student accounts. Bring your DCU student ID to the AIB branch located on campus, and they will open an account for you within a couple of days. Banks in Dublin are generally open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and may close for lunch.

## CREDIT/CHARGE CARDS

It is useful to have either a MasterCard or a VISA card with a four-digit PIN code for emergencies. Students should set their PIN code before they leave the United States. Your account will be charged the exchange rate on the day of billing; not on the day of purchase. If the exchange rate worsens, you may ultimately pay more for your purchase or cash advance than you thought you were paying at the time. It is possible to "load" a credit card in advance (or have money paid into the account) so that you can withdraw this cash without incurring interest rates, either through European ATMs or with bank tellers. The exchange rate for credit cards is generally better than that of a Bureau de Change.

With a valid PIN code, VISA and MasterCard cards can be used in cash machines throughout Ireland and Europe. Through its emergency service, American Express cardholders can cash US personal checks up to \$1000, but generally, American Express is not as popular in Ireland.

Students must contact their banks and credits card companies to inform them that they will be abroad for the semester and traveling in Europe. Otherwise, accounts may be frozen if the bank suspects fraud.

## TRANSFERRING FUNDS/EXCHANGING CURRENCY

### ATM Systems

Advances in ATM networks mean that you can now use an American ATM card, with a credit card for back up, for the duration of your stay. For many students, withdrawing money using an ATM is a sensible option. Although you will be charged the bank's exchange rate for each transaction, the fee is typically lower than currency exchange services. If you plan to use your ATM card abroad, you are advised to contact your bank before your departure and complete any necessary paperwork to authorize card transactions overseas. Some banks will not permit overseas withdrawals using an ATM bankcard without authorization.

The advantages of using an American ATM card include convenience, greater security, accountability, and free funds transfers from the US to Ireland. Cards on the CIRRUS and PLUS networks will work in all major European cities, which means you will have access to your cash in the currency of whatever country you happen to visit. Be sure to have a back-up card readily available—in case of loss, theft, demagnetization of the strip, or a computer crash—and bring euros and/or Travelers Checks for your initial days in Ireland.

Because prices on overseas transactions vary from one US bank to another—ranging anywhere from \$1.50 to \$6.00—you would be wise to shop around for the best price. If your bank has a restrictive ATM network, or if its transaction fees are expensive, you should consider opening an account at a more user-friendly bank. To ensure that the account is fully operational, you should open the new account at least two months before your departure. Opening an account two months in advance will provide sufficient time for you to test your ATM and credit cards and check to see that your funds transfer without difficulty.

*If your ATM Personal Identification Number (PIN) is not four digits long, change it to four numbers, not letters, before you leave the US. Many European ATMs cannot accept a longer PIN number or, in some cases, do not include keyboard letters. Money deposited in your American bank account during the normal work day is typically updated on the US bank's computer at midnight that night. This means that you cannot withdraw money until the Irish bank's computers have similarly updated their records at midnight the following night.*

## Cash

Cash will enter your Irish bank account immediately when it has been deposited in the bank branch in which you opened your account. If you deposit cash in a different branch, it will take 2 to 5 working days to be credited to your account. Do not keep large amounts of cash in your room or on your person. To safeguard your money, open an account and withdraw money as you need it.

## Personal Checks

Using personal checks to manage your funds abroad is not recommended. If there isn't sufficient money in your Irish bank account to cover the amount of the check, the bank will hold the check until it clears. It generally takes several weeks for a check to clear which could pose a problem if you need immediate access to the money.

## Wires

Wiring money, a once popular method for transferring money from an American bank to a Dublin bank branch, has been eclipsed by American Express Moneygram, Western Union Will Call, and other services which transfer money in a mere fifteen minutes. Wiring money has two distinct disadvantages: these transactions can be expensive costing almost half of the amount sent and do not always reach their destinations.

## International Money Orders

International money orders in US dollars can take up to four weeks to clear which is problematic if you are short on funds.

# Accommodations

## HOUSING

Students are housed in suite-style accommodations on the campus of Dublin City University (DCU) in double rooms. Each double bedroom is equipped with wired Internet access, a television, a desk, and its own bathroom. The suites on-campus feature kitchens and seating areas, and are in close proximity to BU's administrative offices, the DCU library, bookstore, and athletic facilities. At maximum you will share these suites with nine other students. Duvets (comforters), duvet covers, pillows, pillow covers, mattress protectors, and sheets are provided. All the pots, pans, cutlery, and dishes you will need for basic cooking are also provided. For a virtual tour of the DCU campus, please visit: [www.dcu.ie/info/tour](http://www.dcu.ie/info/tour)

## MEAL EXPENSES

The amount of money you spend toward food will depend upon how often you eat at local restaurants and cafes versus how many meals you prepare in your DCU apartment. We estimate that you will spend approximately US\$100/week or between €75-80/week on meals. In budgeting for the 15-week program, please be mindful that your food expenses are likely to be roughly US\$1,500. (US \$800 for the summer.)

## RESIDENTIAL POLICIES

Students in Boston University's Dublin Program are subject to BU policies, procedures, and codes of conduct as well as any local ordinances and laws. Students are prohibited from engaging in conduct in or about the residence facility, which poses a threat to the health or safety of people or property, which interferes with the rights and well-being of others, or which violates any provision of the Code of Student Responsibilities or any other rule/regulation of the University or any other applicable law. The University reserves the right to dismiss any student from the program for failure to maintain a satisfactory academic record, for unacceptable personal behavior, or for other reasons of health, safety, or welfare of the University community.

## ROOM CONDITIONS, CLEANLINESS, AND MAINTENANCE

All students are required to leave their accommodation clean and in good condition at the conclusion of their stay. During the semester, there will be a few periodic room inspections. Damages to University furnishings or property should be reported to the housing staff so that any repair and/or replacement costs can be settled before you leave. Fines will be imposed for any rooms left in poor condition. Please note that among the housing policies, no decorations are permitted to be hung on the dorm walls. Failure to comply with any of the check-out procedures may result in additional fines or withholding of final grades. Upon arrival all students will need to provide a housing deposit of 100 euros by credit or debit card to the DCU Housing Office.

## GUEST POLICY

There will be no overnight guests allowed. Penalties for violation of the guest policy may include a fine, and in extreme cases, expulsion from the program. If friends or relatives plan to visit at any point during your stay, please arrange for them to stay at an area hotel or guesthouse and book reservations well in advance.



## RECREATION

There is a gym on DCU's campus that is available to BU students and conveniently located near the student housing. However, the cost of gym membership is not included in the program fee and will be at an additional cost to the student.

# Arrival

## FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Students are responsible for making their own flight arrangements to Dublin and have the option to book the group flight available through Advantage Travel in Syracuse, New York. It is highly recommended that students take the group flight. However, if you make your own, independent travel arrangements, please be sure to arrive in Dublin by the specified time on the program start date. You will miss information critical to your success if you arrive late, so you must make every effort to arrive on time. BU Study Abroad does not book flights or coordinate flight arrangements and, as such, all inquiries should be directed to Advantage Travel at 1-800-788-1980.

## MAKING YOUR WAY FROM THE AIRPORT TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Students on the group flight will be met at the Dublin airport by a Dublin staff member and brought by private bus to DCU. All students arriving independent of the group are required to arrange their own transport from the airport to the student residence, although they are welcome to take the private bus if they come before it. The group flight generally arrives in Dublin around 9 a.m., and the bus generally departs the airport around 10:30 a.m. Please note that the Housing Office at DCU opens at 9:15 a.m., so independent fliers should keep this in mind when booking their flights. Taxis are the most convenient mode of transport, especially for those who arrive with a semester's-worth of luggage. Specific information on where and when to report for Orientation (the day you arrive in Dublin) will be sent to you in a separate mailing.

Cabs from the airport to the DCU student residence cost approximately 25-30 euros. If you withdraw cash from an airport ATM upon your arrival be advised that most ATMs only dispense 20-Euro bills. You will want to ask the taxi driver to access DCU via the Ballymun Road entrance.

## LATE ARRIVALS

Should your flight be delayed, please call either the Dublin office (011-353-1-700-8500) or the Boston office, and notify us of your anticipated arrival time. The time of day will

determine which office you call. If you contact the Boston Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST, we will forward this information on to Dublin so that they may expect your late arrival. If a friend or relative is meeting you at the airport in Dublin, please share this information with your parents so that they may relay this information should a member of the Dublin staff contact them.

You will need to make your own housing arrangements, if you arrive in Dublin before the official arrival date and/or stay beyond the program end date. Anyone arriving in Dublin prior to commencement of the program should contact the program office in advance for suggestions on local accommodations or consult the listing at the end of this booklet.

## ORIENTATION

On-site orientation begins on the day of your arrival in Dublin and lasts for one week. Orientation is designed to acclimate you to Ireland as fully and quickly as possible. Information you receive during on-site orientation will help as you transition to your temporary home and begin the process of thinking Irish. In addition to information about program policies and expectations, you will be briefed on a range of background subjects so that you arrive at your placement well-informed and sensitive to current sociological, political, and economic issues.

# Staying In Touch

## CALLING HOME

When calling home, remember that Ireland is five hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. If, for example, you placed a call to a friend in Boston at Noon (Dublin time) your friend would answer the phone at 7:00 a.m. Calls to the US cost about 50 cents per minute from most Irish cell phones.

### Phone Cards

US phone cards generally charge significantly higher rates than European domestic cards and are not recommended. Some US phone companies and corporations suggest that their cards offer substantially reduced discounts when, in fact, these rates can be three to four times higher than local phone cards. Before you run up enormous bills using a US corporate phone card, we suggest that you make one or two calls to gauge the actual versus the advertised costs. By comparison shopping, you are likely to find that local cards offer significantly lower rates.

Although fees for US phonecards can be significantly higher, it is a good idea to carry a card with you for emergencies, and to purchase a card in the US prior to departure, so that

you can make calls if necessary upon arrival. Check with your US long-distance carrier to obtain an international calling card with an Irish (not US) toll-free number for your calls home.

### Mobile Phones

A mobile phone will come in handy when planning your excursions, traveling throughout Europe, clarifying meeting times with your internship supervisor, keeping in touch with family in the US, and communicating with friends on the program.

Most American cell phones are incompatible with the Irish communication system and, as a result, those who wish cellular service will need to purchase a mobile phone during their stay. Purchasing a mobile is so easy and affordable that nearly all of the students on the Dublin program purchase mobile phones upon arrival. Shop around for the best price and opt for a "pay as you go" mobile phone. These phones do not require a plan or contract and are literally ready to go right out of the box.

O2, Vodafone, and Meteor offer the three most popular "ready to go" phones, each with different amenities and calling minutes. Although prices vary, the initial outlay for a "ready to go" phone is generally 80 euros with 30-50 calling minutes included in the purchase price. For students on the summer program, the minutes or texts included with the purchase price should be sufficient for the duration of the semester. Depending on the number of calls they make or texts they send, students on the fall and spring programs may need to pay "top up" fees to replenish their credit. Meteor allows free calls and texts to others on the same plan, so you may want to inquire as to whether this feature is included and check with others on the program when considering different mobile phone options.

Many students choose to use Skype in order to call the US. This is a free program downloaded from Skype.com but it is best to set it up with your family/friends before you leave.

### MAIL/FAX

All mail should be sent directly to your student residence. Airmail takes at least a week to arrive in Dublin. Boston University does not take responsibility for mail that arrives before the start of the program or after the program ends.

### Sending Packages

Packages may be sent by US Air Mail or by an express delivery service such as UPS or FedEx. Be sure to consult with the mail service provider regarding customs regulations and requirements.

Regardless of how the package is sent, mark the package clearly as either USED PERSONAL ITEMS NOT FOR RESALE (for such items as extra clothing) or UNSOLICITED GIFT

(such as a birthday present or holiday gift). Packages are inspected by customs agents and may be withheld at the airport if the proper forms are not filled out correctly. A duty may also be charged.

### Faxes

Faxes for academic purposes *only* can be sent and received at the program office. Personal faxes can be sent from the post office.

## COMPUTERS AND E-MAIL

Given the limited computer facilities, we recommend that you bring a laptop computer. Using a laptop has many advantages chief among them that you can work anywhere for as long as battery life will allow. If you bring a laptop, be sure to:

- Make a complete backup of all the information/software on your computer. If the computer has one, bring along the computer system maintenance or operating system disk.
- Insure your computer under your family's general household policy or a specialized student insurance policy for the full-value and include coverage for such peripherals as the modem and CD ROM.
- Purchase a security device to reduce the risk of theft. Kensington ([www.kensington.com](http://www.kensington.com)) and Targus ([www.targus.com](http://www.targus.com)) make widely known security devices.
- Check whether your computer has a built-in transformer which can handle voltages of 110 (US) to 220 (Ireland). Most new computers are equipped with this dual-voltage capability. If your computer is incompatible with the Irish voltage, you can purchase a transformer readily available from shops throughout Dublin.
- Familiarize yourself with your laptop's workings and programs. Technical or computer support is not available through the Dublin Office.
- Ensure that your computer is loaded with up-to-date anti-virus software. Boston University students can either visit the Boston University website to download free software for both Mac and PC laptops, which is available at [www.bu.edu/tech](http://www.bu.edu/tech), or visit Common @ Mugar to configure their laptops. Non-BU students should check with the computer/technology support department at their home college or university.

Wired Internet access is available at DCU in the student housing and the various computer labs. Be sure to pack the necessary cords. Wireless internet is available in some locations such as the library and main campus restaurant. Before leaving the US, we recommend that BU students download the BU VPN client as this will let you be a member of the BU network and have better access to BU websites.

## E-mail: Non-BU Students

Your home university may cancel your account because you are on a leave of absence during your semester abroad. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with your home university if you wish to keep your e-mail account open while you are away.

# Life in Dublin

## DINING AT HOME

Beef, chicken, lamb, and pork are staples of the Irish diet and readily available from supermarkets and butchers. Fish is also popular. The traditional diet does not consist of many fruits and vegetables, but a wide range of produce is available at grocery stores. Keep in mind that Irish food has few preservatives, so they go bad quicker if not kept in a refrigerator.

## SHOPPING

Henry Street (on the north side of the river Liffey) and Grafton Street (on the south side of the Liffey) are the two main shopping streets in Dublin city center. Several new malls opened recently on the outskirts of the city. You may also want to check out Powerscourt Town Centre, an indoor mall near Grafton Street, and an excellent source for souvenirs and handcrafted Irish jewelry and art. There is also an IKEA that is easily accessible by bus.

Shopping hours vary in Dublin, with some department stores and small shops open seven days a week. Most shops are open during the week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with limited hours on Sunday. Many suburban shopping centers are open later in the evenings. Thursday is late shopping night with shops open until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. in the city center.

## LOCATION OF DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

Dublin City University (DCU) and the student housing is located over three miles to the north of Dublin City Centre. Several bus lines stop in front of the University on a regular basis and can take you downtown in 20 to 40 minutes, depending on traffic.

## TRANSPORTATION: GETTING AROUND DUBLIN

The center of Dublin is fairly compact and easy to discover on foot. Dublin's well-developed public transit system includes buses and suburban trains. Buying a ticket for each ride, however, can be expensive and may require waiting in long ticket window queues, especially during rush hour.

Most students use Dublin Bus or the DART to travel to and from town. Weekly bus and monthly bus/rail passes are available to those with valid ISICs with "Travelsave" stamps at special student discounts. You may purchase the "Travelsave" stamp at the USIT store in downtown Dublin ([www.usit.ie](http://www.usit.ie)).

Dublin buses tend to run on 'Irish Time' which means arrival times can be later than what is scheduled. Posted schedules can also be out-of-date. Bear this in mind when you ride the bus to class or your internship. Most Dublin buses do not run late at night but if you take a taxi back to DCU, it should only cost you about 20 euros from the City Centre.

## BU Study Abroad Policy on Transportation

Because the great majority of Dubliners use public transportation to travel around their city and Ireland, traveling by public transport should be part of your experience as well. For a true cultural experience and for reasons of economy, we strongly discourage students from renting automobiles or other motorized vehicles while abroad. If your internship, study adventure, or cultural reimbursement activity involves travel, you may not drive a car or other motorized vehicle for that purpose.

## Streetwise: Play It Safe

Look right then left then right again. The Irish drive on the left side of the road. When you step off the curb, remember that the traffic will be coming from the right and not the left as in the US.

## MEDIA

### Periodicals

Dublin has three morning broadsheet newspapers, *The Irish Times*, *The Irish Independent*, and *The Examiner*. For entertainment information, three of the best sources are the bi-weekly *In Dublin* magazine, the monthly "d'Side," and the free Event Guide, available in coffee shops, art centers and restaurants. The RTÉ Guide, a radio and TV guide, lists the week's television and radio programs. A range of British broadsheet and tabloid newspapers are also readily available.

### Television

There are four domestic stations, namely: RTÉ 1 and RTÉ 2, TG4 and TV3. There are numerous British and American stations, including: BBC1, BBC2, UTV, Channel 4, MTV, Eurosport, Sky One, Sky News, The Discovery Channel, Nickelodeon and CNBC.

### Radio

Irish stations include RTÉ Radio 1 (FM 88.2 - news/chat/sport/ classical music/traditional music); RTÉ 2FM (FM 90.4 - chart and dance music and chat aimed at a younger market); Lyric FM (FM 92.6 - classical music); Today FM (FM 100 -102, independent station, mix of chart music, chat, news etc.); 98 FM (FM98, independent station,

mix of chart music, chat, and news. Best channel for information on what's on in Dublin); Radio Ulster (FM 93.1 - Northern station, mix of chat, news, different genres of music); and numerous community radio. You can also pick up various county stations, and some British programs such as Atlantic 252 (LW 252).

## ENTERTAINMENT

Dublin offers a wonderful variety of activities and facilities for you to enjoy, including art galleries, museums, cinemas, theater, and sports events. To find out what is going on in Dublin on a particular day, consult one of the daily newspapers or read *In Dublin*, "d'Side", and *The Event Guide*. You should also consult the website at <http://entertainment.ie>.

## DUBLIN-AREA HOTELS AND YOUTH HOSTELS

If friends or relatives plan to visit at any point during your stay, please arrange for them to stay at a hotel or hostel. A listing of area accommodations is available from the Dublin Office.

Accommodations in Dublin range from five-star properties to motels, backpackers' and youth hostels. Prices quoted are subject to change.

- The Conrad International (Hilton), Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, Phone: 6028900; approx. €200 per person per night, bed only + 15% service charge. Large luxury hotel, in a central location.
- Trinity Lodge, South Frederick St., Dublin 2, Phone: 6795044; approx. €95 per person per night, bed and breakfast. Nice guesthouse, centrally located.
- Jury's Inns, Christchurch Place, Dublin 8, Phone: 4540000 and Custom House Quay, Dublin 1, Phone: 6075050; approx. €100 per room per night, up to 3 adults sharing, bed only. Inexpensive and excellent value—clean rooms, two good central locations.
- Kinlay House (Hostel), 2-12 Lord Edward St., Dublin 2, Phone: 6796644. Approximately €20-€25 per person per night for mixed dorm accommodation. All prices include breakfast and the hostel is superbly located at the edge of Temple Bar, near Christchurch.
- Barnacles Temple Bar House, 19 Temple Lane, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, Phone: 6716377, fax 6716591. Prices range from €16.50 (10-person dorm) to €36 single. All prices include breakfast and the hostel is superbly located at the edge of Temple Bar, a short walk from Trinity College.

## OUTSIDE OF DUBLIN

There will be opportunities for you to travel outside of Dublin during the semester. Remember that your travel excursions must not conflict with your academic or internship requirements.

# Names and Numbers

The Dublin staff is comprised of two separate teams. Mary McCloskey and her staff oversee academics and student service issues and are located at Dublin City University. The internship placement team, also known as European Study Abroad or EUSA, is based in the city center.

Remember that Dublin is five hours ahead of US Eastern Standard Time.

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