



Ireland



Freshman Seminar in Ireland

What's this seminar about?

Due to popular demand, MSU is offering two different programs for this Freshman Seminar in Ireland. Program A will take place in Cork and Galway and Program B will take place in Cork and Dublin.

PROGRAM A: Spend time on the Western side of Emerald Isle and experience the vibrant cultural cities, friendly people, historic castles, and beautiful national parks of the Republic of Ireland. This exciting seminar takes place in the cities of **Cork and Galway**, the home of Irish youth and artistic culture. This seminar offers coursework designed specifically for first-year students, with two themes: "Health and Healthcare in Ireland: How health practices impact individuals and communities" and "From Womb to Tomb in Ireland." Students will engage in experiential activities that transform Ireland into a classroom, as they think about issues facing an increasingly interconnected world.

PROGRAM B: "Go Green!" on the Emerald Isle and explore the impact of the "Celtic Tiger" phenomenon on the Irish countryside and Irish identity by appreciating the beauty of the land, getting to know its friendly people, learning about contemporary culture, and visiting historic sites. This exciting program takes place in the cities of **Cork and Dublin** and offers course work designed specifically for first-year students. Two thematic tracks will be offered: "Globally You!" focuses on the topics of globalization, culture, and identity. "The Lexus and the Leprechaun: Progress and Cultural Identity in the Emerald Isle" will take a look at the socio-economic implications of the clash between progress and tradition in modern Ireland.

Participation in either seminar will allow students to hit the ground running once fall semester begins! Students will be exposed to college-level academic expectations and skills while they explore a culturally, historically, and socially fascinating region.

More details about this program can be found at

http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/freshseminar_ireland.html

MSU sponsor:	Office of the Provost and the Office of Study Abroad
Seminar dates:	Program A: July 21 – August 5, 2008; Program B: July 27 – August 10, 2008; follow-up meetings on campus during fall semester
Academic focus*:	Program A: Health and Healthcare in Ireland OR From Womb to Tomb; Program B: Globally You! OR The Lexus and the Leprechaun
Requirements:	Applicants must have first-year freshman status at MSU beginning in fall 2008
Program fee**:	\$2,725 (2008)
Priority deadline:	Program A: April 15, 2008; Program B: April 21, 2008
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*Check the program's Web page for details on coursework.

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