



Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland

HST/REL 300.4/PSC 400.4: A Signature Seminar in Europe (3 credits)

August 25-September 3, 2019
Dublin, Derry/Londonderry, Belfast

The Program

Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland is a Signature Seminar designed for students before you arrive for your semester abroad at Syracuse London. The seminar invites you to consider:

- What is the relationship between politics and religion in Ireland?
- Why are there so many Irish Americans? What does this mean for both countries?
- What makes 'national identity' - and do we all have the same one?
- How does Ireland's violent past shape its fractured present?

You will travel as a group to the island of Ireland to discover how the past is inseparably entangled with present, with old wounds festering in current politics. The themes examined in this course include concepts of Irishness and Britishness; religious conflict and peace-making attempts within Ireland; and new tensions wrought by international migration and regional politics. In each of our destinations, you will engage with aspects of Irish history to explore its impact on contemporary reactions to issues like Brexit, the eighth amendment referendum on abortion, and the current economic and housing crisis.

After your time on the Emerald Isle, you will have the opportunity to continue your consideration of politics, religion, and identity in Britain throughout your semester at Syracuse London.

Application

To apply, log into the Syracuse Abroad application portal and indicate that you are interested by Monday, April 8. If accepted, you must pay a \$300 non-refundable deposit to the Syracuse Abroad office within a week of your acceptance.

Eligibility and Admission

All students accepted for the Fall 2019 semester in London can apply for this seminar. Space is limited to 18 people.



Cancellation

If there is insufficient interest, the seminar will be canceled and your deposit will be applied to your semester charges.

Withdrawal

The deadline to withdraw from the Seminar or the London program is August 1, 2019. After this date, the \$300 deposit is non-refundable and you are responsible for any unrecoverable costs associated with the program (i.e., hotel, transportation costs).

Costs

The seminar program fee of \$2,375 includes all travel between and around London, the Republic of Ireland, and Northern Ireland; group accommodations; entrance fees to sites; guided tours and activities; course materials; at least two main meals a day; and optional reunion events in the UK during the semester. You will be responsible for your flight to London. Learn about the group flight under the "Accepted Students" at suabroad.syr.edu.

Your Seminar Leader

Dr. Maggie Scull is a modern historian whose work explores religious institutions, secularization, political violence, sectarianism, and peace. As an Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at the National University of Ireland, Galway, Dr. Scull focuses on the Northern Ireland Troubles and the role of society, religion, and politics in daily lives as well as international relations. After graduating from Boston University, she earned a Master's and PhD at King's College London while beginning her teaching career, which has included work with American students abroad.

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