

# Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland

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

Dublin, Derry, the Irish Coast, Belfast  
Mid-Semester Break: November 9-15, 2020

*Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland* is a Signature Seminar designed for students abroad at Syracuse. Upon enrollment, the seminar invites you to consider:

What is the relationship between politics and religion in Ireland?

Why are there so many Irish immigrants? 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 peacemaking 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 some introductory classes in London, your time on the Emerald Isle will include cycling around Dublin's iconic city centre, walking in mythological footsteps at Giant's Causeway, visiting scenery featured in Game of Thrones, and exploring Titanic Belfast.

## Eligibility and Prerequisites

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