



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

The Program

Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland is a Signature Seminar designed for students 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 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 Academics

All students accepted for the Fall 2020 semester in London can apply for this seminar. Previous knowledge of Irish history or politics is not required, though space is limited and some preference may be given to students whose curricular interests best align with course themes. If there is insufficient interest, the Seminar will be canceled and your deposit refunded.

Students successfully completing this trip and accompanying coursework will earn 3 credits of HST300, REL300, or PSC400. However, these three credits do not count in the 12-credit enrollment minimum for the London Center (i.e., students on this seminar need to be enrolled in at least 15 credits for Fall 2020).



Costs

The seminar program fee of \$2100 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; and at least one main meal a day. Meet with your financial aid counselor to discuss possible support for this course fee.

Your Seminar Leader

Dr. Maggie Scull is a modern historian whose work explores religious institutions, secularisation, political violence, sectarianism, and peace. Previously, Maggie held an Irish Research Council postdoctoral fellowship at NUI Galway. After graduating from Boston University, Dr. Scull earned a Master's and PhD at King's College London while beginning her teaching career, which has included work with American students abroad. Her interdisciplinary research explores the relationship religion and politics in the contemporary period. Maggie's current work examines the role of funerals throughout the conflict in Northern Ireland. Oxford University Press published her first book, *The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles, 1968-98*, in 2019. She has been a regular contributor to the international press including The BBC, The Irish Times, and RTÉ Brainstorm.

Application

To apply, log into the Syracuse Abroad application portal and indicate that you are interested by **Wednesday, July 1**. If accepted, you must pay a \$300 non-refundable deposit to the Syracuse Abroad office by 1 August.

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