

IRELAND

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Ireland: Social Work

Open to: Bachelor and Master level students in social work and all majors interested in health care and other social issues in Ireland.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Dublin and Galway, Ireland - The journey begins in Dublin, the capital of Ireland. You will experience a brief taste of the city and visit sites like St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, Dublin Castle, Christ Church, and Trinity College. The second part of the trip will take you to the west coast port community of Galway, home of the University of Ireland, Galway (UIG). Here, you will become familiar with community life, community social workers, and participate in service learning projects and interactions with clients through the work of the Galway Hospice.

Finally, we will stay in the Burren, in the Irish village of Lisdoonvarna. You will learn about the unique differences between a large city, a small city, and a country village, especially in relationship to the Irish membership in the European Union. Tours and talks with community members will enlighten us about the history of social problems and social interventions.

[Ireland Social Work Flickr](#)

[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

Participate in either Session 1 **OR** Session 2.

Session 1: April 29 - May 12, 2018 (14 days)

Session 2: May 20 - June 2, 2018 (14 days)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will be housed in hostels and hotels.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to BSW or MSW majors or all majors with permission from the director. Eligible students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for undergraduates or 3.0 for graduates. GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to [NonGVSU Students](#).

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 3 credits:

UNDERGRADUATE:

SW 354: International Service (3 credits)

GRADUATE:

SW 630: Social Work Global Service Learning (3 credits)

Language of Instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$2,950.

Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- Most meals (all breakfasts and a few evening meals)
- Field trips
- Local transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition (3 undergraduate credits: \$1,575 OR 3 graduate credits: \$1,881)
- Additional meals (\$350)
- Passport fees (\$140)
- ISIC card (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = Undergraduate (\$5,043) OR Graduate (\$5,349)

FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with "Study Abroad" in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

GRANTS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT: up to \$1,500. All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for additional information on grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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