

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDY TOUR: BELFAST AND DUBLIN

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Belfast

Come with us! ALL MAJORS WELCOME!!! We invite you to travel to the Island of Ireland!!! We're going to Belfast, Northern Ireland and Dublin, Ireland over winter break! We will learn about these international cities' criminal justice systems and their responses to terrorism. We start our adventure in Belfast, which lies on the east coast of Ireland. We arrive on New Year's Eve, so we'll have to spend our first night celebrating! We will spend five nights in this amazing city that is also a major shipbuilding port for the region, having built the RMS Titanic. It is known today to be one of the safest cities in the United Kingdom, despite "the troubles" experienced back in the 1970s and 1980s. We'll take a taxi tour of the murals, visit Crumlin Road Goal (i.e., jail) and take a day trip to the Giant's Causeway, Old Bushmills Distillery and walk the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge! We'll also tour the Police Museum. Our hotel is superior-rated and centrally located, and we'll have a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. All participants are given a free day to do whatever it is YOU want to do! Some suggestions include exploring the ship yards or take a Game of Thrones tour!

The second city we'll explore is Dublin, Ireland, where we will stay six nights! Rich in history, this city is considered by many to be near the top of their bucket list of places to see. While there, we will walk to Dublin Castle, Trinity College, which houses the Book of Kells, and visit the Kilmainham Gaol, where the leaders of the war for Irish independence were imprisoned. When time allows, consider a visit to the Guinness Storehouse, see some of the cathedrals and museums, or perhaps a literary pub crawl is the way to spend an evening. Consider booking a full-day excursion for our free day! We'll wrap up our trip at a local restaurant, with a dinner show and traditional Irish music included. Our hotel in Dublin, like that in Belfast, is superior-rated, centrally located, and you will have ample free time to explore.

We offer you this study tour as a way to gain personal growth through international travel. It is possible for students from other institutions to travel with us, so if you have a friend who is attending another college or university, think about talking to them about this amazing experiential learning adventure to Belfast and Dublin! We hope you come with us!



Dublin

Itinerary

Monday December 30, TWIN CITIES Departure. Depart early morning on a Delta Air Lines flight for Amsterdam. (meals served in flight)

Tuesday December 31, BELFAST Arrival. Arrive Amsterdam late morning and proceed to connecting gate for a KLM Airlines flight to Belfast. Arrive Belfast early afternoon, meet your local airport assistant, and transfer by private motorcoach to **IBIS BELFAST CITY CENTRE** for check-in. Remainder of afternoon and evening free for New Year's festivities (Note, there are not many taxis to be found late at night, so best to stay within walking distance of hotel.)

Wednesday January 1, BELFAST. Breakfast at hotel, early lunch on own then depart for **Black Taxi political tour of murals** (group splits between several taxis). Meet in lobby (6:30 p.m.) and walk to local restaurant for (7:00 p.m.) group 3-course welcome dinner. (B,D)

Thursday January 2, BELFAST. Depart by private motorcoach to the **Police Museum** for a visit with faculty directors. Continue on to the **Crumlin Road Gaol** for tour with site guide, entrances included. Lunch on own. Afternoon speaker on the Northern Ireland troubles and peace and reconciliation process and public tour of **Stormont** with site guide, home of the Northern Ireland Parliament Buildings (pending availability). Return by public motorcoach to the hotel. (B)

Friday January 3, BELFAST. Depart by private motorcoach with driver/guide for full-day Antrim coast tour, with en route stops at **Giant's Causeway**, **Old Bushmills Distillery**, entrances included. Late afternoon group lunch at the **Smuggler's Inn** (subject to availability) and **Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge** walk, entrance included. Return to Belfast early evening for overnight. (B,L)

Saturday January 4, BELFAST. Free day for independent exploration. Consider visiting at own expense one of the many **fine museums in Belfast**, **Titanic Belfast**, or join in a **Game of Thrones Tour**. (B)

Sunday January 5, BELFAST/DUBLIN. Depart by private motorcoach to Dublin to **Brúna Bóinne Visitor Centre**, & **Newgrange** for tour with onsite guide, entrance included. Upon arrival in Dublin, check in at **TRINITY CITY HOTEL**. (B)

Monday January 6, DUBLIN. Morning walk to Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, entrance included, followed by a walk to **Dublin Castle** for tour of the State Apartments with site guide, entrance included. Afternoon free for independent exploration. *Optional:* Consider a behind the scenes tour at own expense of the famous **Abbey Theatre**, and possibly a production in the evening. (B)

Prerequisites and Credits:

NO PREREQUISITES REQUIRED!! Earn 3 or 6 spring semester credits for this study tour and completing coursework in either Comparative Criminal Justice Systems or International Response to Terrorism or both. These courses are offered as either LAWE or POLS courses, and only study tour participants are eligible to register for them. A student need not be majoring in political science or law enforcement; all majors are welcome to participate! No prior coursework required.

To Register for this Course: Students will need signed permission from Dr. Wilkins or Dr. Dahle and will register through the regular on-campus registration process. **Students must pay a \$515 deposit to the MSU Cashier by September 23, 2019.**

Tuesday January 7, DUBLIN. Depart by private motorcoach to **Kilmainham Gaol** where the leaders of the **1916 Easter Rising** were imprisoned and executed, guided tour with entrance included (pending availability). Continue on to the **General Post Office** Witness History Exhibition for a visit with faculty directors, entrance included. Return to hotel for afternoon free for independent exploration. *Optional:* Consider hopping on a public bus and visiting the **Malahide Castle** (last tour 3:30 p.m.). (B)

Wednesday January 8, DUBLIN. 3-day **Dublin Pass** provided. Morning walk to **EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum** for visit with faculty directors, entrance with Dublin Pass included. Afternoon free for independent exploration. *Optional:* Consider visiting the **Guinness Storehouse**, entrance included with Dublin Pass. (B)

Thursday January 9, DUBLIN. Day free for independent exploration. Consider using your Dublin Pass to visit one of the many **fine museums or beautiful cathedrals** Dublin has to offer. Or your Dublin Pass for a hop-on/hop-off bus tour around Dublin, visiting many sites with entrances included in the Dublin Pass. *Optional:* In the evening, consider joining a **literary pub crawl** at your own expense (no alcoholic beverages included on the pub crawl; the pubs are actually just warming stops since it's an outdoor tour). (B)

Friday January 10, DUBLIN. Program arrangements by faculty directors. Farewell 3-course dinner at local restaurant, with dinner show with traditional Irish music. (B,D)

Saturday January 11, DUBLIN/TWIN CITIES. Early morning transfer to Dublin International Airport, Terminal 2 for U.S. customs pre-clearance. Depart late morning on a Delta Air Lines flight to New York. Upon arrival at New York John F. Kennedy International Airport proceed to connecting gate for departure on a Delta Air Lines flight for the Twin Cities. Arrive early evening at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Lindbergh-Terminal 1. (B)

(Included meals: B=Breakfast, D=Dinner)

Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling

Click on hotel names or sites in blue for link to website for additional information.

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Program Cost

\$3,476 based on a minimum group size of 20 students. Cost will increase if group size is smaller.

\$870 Single Accommodations supplement.

Pricing includes airfare, some meals, all excursions, ground transportation and lodging.

Course cost is carefully calculated on a specific group size base on contracted rates. One less participant could increase program cost. Registrations of 20 or more participants will decrease cost. *Pricing based on exchange rates and tariffs and subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*