TigerLIFE / University of Memphis Study Abroad Opportunity - Social Justice in Ireland May 15-23, 2017



Program Description: This cross-cultural literacy course includes a one-week immersion experience in Ireland meeting with students and professionals and visiting local organizations focused on social justice for people with neurodevelopmental disabilities.

This course will be unique in that it includes undergraduate, graduate, and TigerLIFE students from the University of Memphis. For TigerLIFE students this program is an opportunity for social inclusion, self-advocacy and the development of autonomy as well as academic collaboration using creative and experiential learning strategies. During the trip, students will be assigned to study groups of three students (nicknamed "Pods": 1 TigerLIFE, 1 undergrad, 1 graduate) to form a buddy system of work, study, and travel collaboration as well as mentoring interaction. Each Pod will work together on a group project that they will present as a team after they return from Ireland.

Program Price	Program Price Includes	Program Price Does Not Include
\$2,100 (Subject to change)	 \$350 Application Fee Accommodations Two meals per day Daily Lectures and Visits In-Country Transportation 	 Tuition (up to 3 credits) Travel Insurance Some Meals Round Trip Airfare Personal Expenses

Fundraising options:

- Possible partnership with Best Buddies
- Independent fundraising through sites like GoFundMe.com
- Pell Grant money may be used

Student Eligibility to Attend:

- Students are eligible to sign up for the class if they are interested and meet certain requirements
 - o Good behavior, positive attitude, level of independence, ability to work well with a group, etc.
- Students will be interviewed by the TigerLIFE behavioral team before they can register for the course

Tentative Itinerary (Subject to Change):

May 15: Departure, Fly to Dublin

May 16: Arrive, Check-in to hotel, Introduction to Ireland and course orientation, Folklore and Storytelling dinner at Ireland's oldest pub

May 17: Visit the CTP program at Trinity College, lunch at Trinity, visit the Book of Kells, dinner and evening with POD group

May 18: Visit Parliament, lecture on Intellectual and Developmental disabilities

May 19: Travel to Cork to visit University College Cork (UCC) Disability Services, lunch at UCC, option to go to Blarney Castle or other activity, travel back to Dublin, dinner

May 20: Breakfast and lecture/process groups, tour of Kilmainham Gaol, Free time in afternoon and evening with POD

May 21: Continue Dublin cultural activity or optional day trip, group dinner and evening lecture

May 22: Travel to Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) at Thurles to meet with faculty and students in the *Advocacy, Leadership and Independent Living Programme*.

May 23: Travel home, flight back to Memphis

An information meeting will be held for TigerLIFE students and parents who are interested in the program. Dates for the meetings are still to be determined. Students will also participate in pre-trip class meetings to begin the learning experience and prepare the students to travel abroad.

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