

# SBIO 3984 Ireland: Culture, History, and Environment



## IRELAND

### County Galway, County Donegal and Northern Ireland Spring 2020 (March 6 - 15)

#### DESCRIPTION

This course explores how environment and history have shaped Irish culture, and helped define what it means to be Irish (and Irish/American). We will learn about the history of Ireland from ancient times to the possible impact of Brexit. Students will experience the Irish environment as well as Irish language and music. Learning will be through visiting and directly experiencing locations that are historically, culturally, and environmentally meaningful. Each day of the program will include hiking and/or other outdoor activities.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Hike Connemara National Park
- ◆ Experience ancient Celtic relics and historical sites
- ◆ Explore Ireland's wild Atlantic coast
- ◆ Enjoy Irish music night
- ◆ Explore the walled city of Derry in Northern Ireland
- ◆ Climb the Sliabh Liag cliffs
- ◆ Enjoy great Irish food

#### DETAILS

- ◆ No prerequisites; open to all majors.
- ◆ Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or above. Contact faculty program leader to request exceptions.
- ◆ Virginia Tech course; Virginia Tech faculty leader; Virginia Tech credit (3 credit hours)
- ◆ Apply at the *VT Global Education* website ([www.globaleducation.vt.edu/Homepage.html](http://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/Homepage.html))
- ◆ Applications are reviewed and accepted as completed and until the course is full.

#### COSTS

- ◆ The program fee of \$3,100 includes airfare from Roanoke, Virginia; in-country transportation; lodging; some meals and all group activities.
- ◆ Full-time Virginia Tech students do not pay additional tuition in order to participate in this course.

#### CONTACT

- ◆ Please feel free to contact the course instructor about this program:  
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