



IRELAND

County Donegal and Northern Ireland

Spring 2019 (March 9 - 17)

SBIO 3984 Ireland: Culture, History, and Environment

PROGRAM 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 Celtic art as well as Irish language and music. Learning primarily 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. The course will be based in coastal town of Bundoran, County Donegal, Ireland. All lodging and in-country transportation is provided as are breakfast and dinner meals. Also included are fun activities such as horseback riding or surfing and a high-ropes course.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Explore Ireland's wild Atlantic coast
- ◆ Experience an ancient Celtic site (Cavan Burren)
- ◆ Visit historic Irish locations (e.g., St. Patrick's Well, O'Donnell Castle, Donegal Abby)
- ◆ Horseback riding or surfing!
- ◆ Experience Glencolmcille Gaeltacht (Irish speaking area)
- ◆ High-ropes course
- ◆ Celtic arts and Irish music nights
- ◆ Explore the walled city of Derry in Northern Ireland
- ◆ Visit Giant's Causeway and hike to Sliabh Liag Cliffs
- ◆ Enjoy Irish food

PROGRAM 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 (<http://sa.globaleducation.vt.edu/>) or use the QR code below

PROGRAM COSTS

- ◆ The program fee of \$2,150 includes in-country transportation, lodging, most meals and all group activities.
- ◆ Airfare is not included. However, a low-cost group flight option will be available to all students.
- ◆ 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 should you have questions about the program

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