In partnership with Hobart and William Smith College, each spring semester St. John Fisher College offers a faculty-directed study abroad program in Galway, Ireland. Through an affiliation with the National University of Ireland- Galway (NUIG) Fisher provides students with the opportunity to live and study among Irish students at an Irish university. Galway, a university town with a vibrant artistic and cultural atmosphere, is the administrative capital of County Galway and the largest city in the West of Ireland. This area of the country is noted for its geographic and cultural distinctiveness. With the largest concentration of Gaelic-speaking communities in Ireland, the West is widely recognized as the most typically "Irish" part of the country. Participants in the program are also encouraged to join one of the many university clubs and organizations in order to directly experience Irish student life and culture. A service learning project, required of all students and linked to the Director's Seminar, will provide a unique opportunity for students to gain access to the local community.

**COURSES**

This program consists of a combination of special courses taught for the group and regular university courses. All students will take two required courses:

**Contemporary Irish Culture and Society** (CC, 3 credits)
Professor Louis De Paor is Director of The Centre for Irish Studies at NUIG and serves as our on-site Academic Coordinator. He and several faculty colleagues from NUIG will collaborate to offer this survey of Irish culture and society, with segments focusing on history, sociology, politics, and literature.

**Director's Seminar - "Media in Ireland."** (3 credits) Taught by Jack Rosenberry
This course will develop students’ understanding of how media forms differ globally by studying Irish media in a comparative context with US and other media systems. Although the course will have a largely journalistic focus, comparisons also will be made across various media forms (journalism, entertainment, advertising) on various platforms (print, broadcast, online, social media). As appropriate and feasible, the course will use guest speakers and field trips to media properties to bring the students into contact with people working in Irish media. Students will blog about their experiences in Ireland as part of the course.

**Choose 2 Elective Courses** (2 courses/ 3 credits each)
In addition, students will select two electives from the regular NUIG catalogue. Past courses taken by SJFC students include courses in English Literature, Psychology, Global Business, Gaelic, Sociology, etc. Consult the NUIG website for further details on courses offerings: [http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses](http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses)

**Faculty Director: Jack Rosenberry, Chair, Department of Media and Communication, St. John Fisher College**

**EXCURSIONS**
Numerous excursions linked to the Irish Culture and Society course are included as part of this program. They typically include visits to Northern Ireland (guided tour of Belfast, Titanic shipyard, etc.), Dublin (Guinness Brewery, Croke Field, Book of Kells, performance at Abbey...
Theater), Cork and Limerick (Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Moher, etc.), the Aran Islands (bicycle tour) and Kerry. Local excursions in and around Galway are organized as well.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Students on this program will be housed alongside Fisher, Irish and international students in flats in a complex called "Gort na Coiribe", located about a 15-minute walk from the NUIG campus. Fully equipped kitchens are included in the flats and a large shopping center and a cinema complex are nearby. As you are responsible for your own meals on this program you may choose to prepare your own at home; in addition, full meals may be purchased at the university canteen at government subsidized prices. To view the accommodations, visit: www.gortnacoiribe.com

DATES
Early January 2016 – Mid May 2016

ELIGIBILITY
This program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and disciplinary standing with a minimum GPA of 3.00. The program is open to students in virtually every discipline.

COST
Standard SJFC tuition (around $14,600) and room (around $3,615) plus a $150 insurance fee, $250 comprehensive fee, and $350 foreign study fee.

Students will be charged the standard SJFC tuition and room fees, a $150 insurance fee, a $250 comprehensive fee, and a $350 foreign study fee. This will cover credit for a four-course semester, housing, and class-related excursions. Note that no SJFC board fee will be charged. Students should plan to cover their own meal expenses. While these expenses will vary according to tastes, we estimate that about $2,000 should be sufficient for students who typically prepare their own meals. Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books, visitor registration fee, and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at $1,000-$1100, books at $250 and visitor fee at $450.

All student financial aid can be applied to the program except room and board grants.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
There are a limited number of spots in the program, so apply as early as possible. Applications can be picked up on the box outside Dr. Kathleen Costello’s office (Basil 108) and found on the website: http://www.sjfc.edu/academics/arts-science/departments/foreignstudy/programs.dot
Please submit applications in person to Dr. Costello. Early application deadline: April 3, 2015.

The Aran Islands