

State University of New York, College at Oswego
GLS 100: Dublin and Ireland
Spring 2018 Tentative Syllabus

GLS 100: A Global City – Dublin and Ireland

Spring 2018 – Quarter 3 (January 24th – March 7th)

Class Time: W 5:30–6:30 p.m.

3 credit hours

Location: TBA Shineman

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Course Description:

GLS 100 is a 3rd quarter, 3-credit hour, study of the history and culture of Dublin and Ireland, as economic development and technological innovation have transformed the country into an important role in the European Union.

Classes for the course will be conducted on campus one day a week for seven weeks, beginning January 24th and ending March 7th, on Wednesday evenings from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in Shineman TBA

The second part of the course will consist of a 10-day study tour to Dublin, Ireland, from Friday, March 9th until Sunday, March 18th. This will offer students an opportunity for an intensive experience in the Irish capital and to travel to the beautiful Irish countryside with visits to museums, Trinity College, St Patrick's Cathedral, Blarney Castle, Irish craft centers, historic houses and gardens, ancient monastery ruins, various historic and cultural sites, and the spectacular scenery of the Cliffs of Moher. We will also enjoy evenings of Irish music and entertainment.

Eligibility:

The course is open to undergraduate students in all majors for lower division credit. The Dublin study tour is required and there is a cost plus other fees associated with the trip. Students may also be eligible for financial aid or student loans. See the International Education website for cost details.

Course Objectives:

- Study the history and culture of Dublin and Ireland and its role in European history
- Achieve a deeper understanding of Irish culture and history prior to the field trip experience
- Gain a better appreciation of many Irish traditions and heritage
- Introduce students to the value of study abroad and the many other programs offered by the SUNY Oswego Office of International Education

Course Format:

The Oswego classes will be structured as a mix of brief lectures and discussions in a seminar setting. The discussions will focus on assigned readings.

The study tour will consist of 8 days of tours with brief overviews of the significance of each of the places that we visit. There will also be ample free time in most places to explore your own interests. See field trip itinerary for greater detail.

Required Readings:

- Sonja Massie, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Irish History and Culture (Alpha Books, 1999); ISBN: 9780028627106

Recommended Readings:

- DK Publishing, Inc., Dublin: Eyewitness Travel Guide (Dorling-Kindersley, 2011)
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Evaluation:

Grades for the course will not be posted until after the completion of the Dublin field trip at the end of March. Your final grade will be based on the following components:

- Participation and Attendance (50%)
Since the in-class portion of the course meets only once a week for seven weeks, attendance is required unless excused in advance by the instructor. Participation is extremely important and assumes that you will complete the assigned readings in advance of the class and be prepared to contribute to discussion.
- Study Tour Journal (10%)
All course participants are required to keep a journal of their experiences and reactions during the field trip to Dublin. Participation in all scheduled group activities on the field trip is required, but you will have some free time to explore each location on your own during our trip.
- End of Course Paper (40%)
Due one week after we return. Please submit as a MSWord document or a PDF document via Blackboard. An end of course paper, recapping everything you did during the trip. Please include things you liked, didn't like, what you would change/not change, etc. In other words, help me make the course better for the future.
- It is extremely important that you are on time and ready to go at the specified times during our various visits. You'll get ONE warning, after that your grade will suffer.

Weekly reading assignments:

Wk 1	Introduction to Dublin and Ireland; Ireland slide show	Wk 5	Invasions, Repression, and Hunger (continued), Part 3, Ch 12–17 in Massie
Wk 2	Beyond Leprechauns, St. Patrick, and Shamrocks; Part 1 in Massie	Wk 6	Erin's Hall of Fame; Part 4 in Massie
Wk 3	The Story of Eire; Part 2 in Massie	Wk 7	Ireland and All It Has to Offer; Part 5 in Massie
Wk 4	Invasions, Repression, and Hunger; Part 3, Chapters 6–11 in Massie		

Travel Arrangements:

The Office of International Education and Programs (100 Sheldon Hall) will handle all travel arrangements from Syracuse to Dublin and our return flight. Contact Mary Kerr at 315-312-2118, kerr@oswego.edu with any questions.

Passports:

You should possess, or begin the process of obtaining, a passport at the time of registration. With the trip less than 8 weeks after the start of class, **students will be expected to have a valid passport by the first class in January. (You will be asked to submit a copy of your valid passport to the Office of International Education during the application process).**

Program Fee:

The Office of International Education and Programs will assess a “program fee” of \$2395 to cover, among other things, international airfare from Syracuse, transportation upon arrival and departure in Dublin, most admission fees, some ground transportation, breakfasts and lodging, most special entertainment and one or two dinners. You will receive complete details about what this fee does and does not cover. **The “program fee” must be paid at the time of registration for the course. Those who do not already have valid passports should request them at the time of registration or before. Withdrawal from class is no guarantee of a refund of the program fee, which is subject to rules you will receive from the Office of International Education & Programs.**

Further Information:

Contact Mary Kerr in The Office of International Education mary.kerr@oswego.edu or by calling 315-312-2118. The program director is Dr. Jeffery Schneider, Associate Professor of Chemistry. His email is jeffery.schneider@oswego.edu and his telephone number is 315-312-2124. His office is located in 228 Shineman Science Center.