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SOME THINGS TO DISCUSS:

- Passport & Visas
- Safe Traveling
- Currency
- Arriving in Cork/UCC
- What To Pack
- Contact Information
- Housing
- Meals
- Medical
- Calendar
BEFORE YOU LEAVE

**Passport**

- Always travel with your passport.
- Keep a photocopy in your room and with someone back home, in case you lose the original.
- If it gets lost, contact the U.S. embassy in Dublin, as well as the program staff.

**Visa**

- Students are required to obtain their own visa, if needed.
- Students who are U.S. citizens staying in the country less than 90 days are not required to get a visa.

http://studentsabroad.state.gov/
When traveling overseas, there are a number of precautions which you should follow in order to travel safely:

• Do not leave your bags or belongings unattended at any time.
• Do not let anyone give you something to carry when traveling.
• Never keep all your documents and money in one place and make duplicate copies of your documents (especially your passport).
• Always be alert to your surroundings and be cautious when traveling.
• Do not travel while intoxicated.
• Let people know where you are going and when you expect to return.
• Have sufficient funds and/or a credit card on hand to purchase emergency items such as transportation tickets.
• Be cautious when you meet new people and do not bring them back to your apartment.
ATM Card

- Check with your bank or credit card provider to ensure that your card(s) can be used internationally. Most merchants in Ireland require cards with chip activation.
- Let your bank know you are traveling internationally to prevent freezing of your accounts.

Cash

- While many banks in the U.S. and Ireland can exchange dollars for Euros, it is usually cheaper to withdraw cash from an ATM.
- Be aware of your surroundings when withdrawing cash, and carry it in small amounts in a secure location.
- Traveler’s checks are not recommended.

Exchange rate

1 Euro = $1.20 (4/23/18)
ARRIVING IN CORK

Each participant is responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Victoria Mills at University College Cork. Upon arrival at the Cork airport, transportation is available via taxi, city bus, and Aircoach. From the central bus terminal, take the Number 208 bus toward Bishopstown, and get off at Victoria Cross. Feel free to ask the driver for assistance to UCC, and they will be happy to help you.

Don't panic if your checked baggage does not arrive at the airport with you; give the campus address to the airline employees and your bags will be delivered. Lost luggage is usually returned within 24 - 48 hours.

Our address is:
“Your Name"
UNO Ireland
Victoria Mills
Victoria Cross
Cork, Ireland
GETTING TO UCC BY PLANE

1. **Take a taxi.** You should have no trouble finding a taxi at the airport. Tell the cab driver that you are headed to UCC’s Victoria Mills at Victoria Cross. The cost of a cab is approximately €12, and you should have cash ready. Another advantage of coordinating travel with other participants is that it will enable you to split the cost of the cab.

2. **Take public transportation.** There is an airport bus to the central bus station that leaves at least once an hour throughout the day. From there you can take the 208 bus to UCC.

3. **From Dublin Airport.** Aircoach operates a service every hour or two from Dublin Airport to Patrick’s Quay, which is right across the bridge from the Cork central bus station, Parnell Place. Tickets can be booked online, in advance of your flight. You can also take an Aircoach into Dublin, and take a bus or train from there.
GETTING TO UCC BY TRAIN OR BUS

Take the train or bus to Cork. Whether you fly into Dublin or Shannon, you can easily reach Cork by bus or train.

Directions from Kent Train Station: The Kent Train Station is located directly across the river from the Parnell Place Bus Station. You can either take a taxi or walk to the bus station from there.

Directions from Parnell Place Bus Station: From the central bus terminal, take the Number 208 bus toward Bishopstown and get off at Victoria Cross. You can also take a taxi to campus (for approximately €8), or walk down Washington Street/Western Road for approximately 2 miles.
WHAT TO PACK

Bring a backpack or smaller bag for our excursions to Dublin, Western Ireland, and any other travel you plan to take. Keep in mind that you will have to carry what you bring for four or more weeks. And you will likely bring home more than you take with you, so leave room in your suitcase for souvenirs.

Clothing:
Plan for a range of weather. Nights can be chilly, days can get hot, and it will probably rain at least one third of the time. Good walking shoes are also important.

Computer:
You should plan to bring your laptop for academic and personal use. There is Wi-Fi in the apartments, in most restaurants in town, and even on some city buses.

In your carry-on:
Bring your passport, bank card, credit cards, and the pre-departure booklet. You can survive with these things even if you lose everything else.

Linens:
Blankets, pillows, sheets, and towels are provided and changed weekly. You do not need to bring any of these items unless you require something specific to function properly.
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Electrical outlets in Ireland are 230 Volts. You will need to use plug adapters (not converters) for electrical appliances such as laptop computers, camera chargers, etc. The adapter you need will be called "Grounded US to UK" or “Universal Voltage Adapter,” and can be found at travel accessory stores, electronics stores, online, and at the Cork equivalent of “Dollar Stores.”

Warning: do not bring devices with heating elements, such as hair dryers. They will NOT work!
CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to receive mail from home, please send it to:

“Your Name”
UNO Ireland
Victoria Mills
Victoria Cross
Cork, Ireland

Be sure to give this address to those who need it, like immediate family.

Regular mail takes about a week.
How can you call home?

1. VOIP programs such as Skype, Google chat, and WhatsApp.

2. European cell phones can be purchased relatively easily (and inexpensively) in Ireland. There are numerous prepaid SIM card options, with various perks, depending on the provider.

3. Your U.S. cell phone may also be used, but it will probably be expensive.

4. When calling home, dial 001 before the number.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Your home away from home during your stay in Ireland!
VICTORIA MILLS

- Individual bedrooms & bathrooms with shared kitchens and living rooms.
- On-site laundry service available for €2.50 per wash or dry.
- Linens provided and changed weekly during apartment cleanings.
- Students are responsible for damage to their rooms and other facilities.
- Conveniently located within walking distance of class, shopping, and the city center.
Breakfast: One €40 debit card will be given to students, which they can use for breakfast or other purchases. This can be topped up by students as needed.

Other Meals: Lunch is provided on campus from 11:45-1:00 every class day. Each student will receive €10 per day for use in the main cafeteria, Monday-Thursday. This must be used in one transaction, but can include additional food to take away.

All other meals, including dinner, are on your own, except for program events. There are places to eat near campus, or you can prepare a meal in your apartment’s kitchen.

When eating at restaurants in Ireland, it is customary to tip 10%
STUDY ABROAD MEDICAL INSURANCE

The University of New Orleans Study Abroad Insurance Plan coverage is included in the program cost. This is an accidental medical insurance plan, and covers hospital visits. Routine doctor’s visits are not covered. To extend the policy for travel related to the trip before or after the official dates of the trip, contact T.W. Lord & Associates at 1-800-633-2360.

Available online at http://www.uno.edu/studyabroad/insurance.aspx
MEDICAL ISSUES

Notify the program director if you are sick or injured during your stay. More serious illnesses or after-hour emergencies will be referred to local doctors or the hospital as needed.

Some things to bring with you:

- Multivitamins
- Antacid tablets
- Cold and flu medications
- Band-Aids and antibiotic cream
- Your prescription medications

Be aware, if you have any medicines that require a prescription, you will not be able to refill them in Ireland. Please bring the amount necessary to get through the entirety of the program.
Upon arrival in Cork you will receive a packet of information with a Statement of Responsibilities. As a participant on the program, you will be expected to comply with these regulations.
IMPORTANT DATES

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Last day to add/drop 6/23
Last day to withdraw 7/8
Final grades due 7/27
Pay dates 6/30 7/4 7/31
FACULTY INFORMATION

- You will be given login information for WebStar, if you don’t have it already. This can be used to input grades, verify rosters, etc.
- All of the faculty apartments are equipped with wireless internet access. Wi-Fi is also available in various locations in town, including many city buses. There are also wired connection ports in the apartments, and an Ethernet cable is a worthwhile addition when packing for the summer.
- If you have not already done so, please familiarize yourself with the program calendar, especially in terms of class meeting dates, times, and the end date. Final grades should be posted within a week of the program end date (by July 27). Please let me know now if you foresee any issues with this.
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Readings & Film Screenings

We will meet one night a week for student readings. The readings will conclude by 8:30. These events will take place at An Spailpin Fanach and The Edison.
CORK PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

Dublin
We’ll depart from UCC at 12:00 pm on June 28, and return from Dublin by the evening of July 1.

Western Ireland
We’ll depart from UCC at 8:30 on July 12, and visit Dingle, Killarney National Park, Galway, and other picturesque sites.
Get Ready to Un-Cork the Fun!