



The Fordham Summer Program in Ireland has developed this guide to help you prepare for your study abroad experience.

Inside, you'll find helpful information about travel, housing, packing, insurance, and familiarizing yourself with Dublin and Belfast. The guide covers everything from passports and currency to phone/Internet access and laundry facilities.

This guide is not exhaustive. Additional information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the program staff.

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Traveling to Ireland

There are several air carriers that travel to Dublin, Ireland. At the time of this document's publication, there are no direct flights to Belfast. *Students are responsible for arranging their own travel plans.*

You may do some flight planning with websites such as Travelocity (www.travelocity.com), Orbitz (www.orbitz.com), Expedia (www.expedia.com), Kayak (www.kayak.com), or Vayama (www.vayama.com).

Suggestions for Traveling to Belfast

Note also that the Program begins in Belfast and ends in Dublin. The Program will be transporting the students from Belfast to Dublin on Sunday, June 14. Many students choose to book a round trip flight in and out of Dublin. If you choose to do so, there are several options for traveling from Dublin to Belfast.

Traveling from Dublin Airport to Dublin City Centre

Dublin Bus offers many routes throughout Dublin, including an AirLink express bus to Connolly Rail Station. For the latest route details and timetable information go to www.dublinbus.ie.

Aircoach offers service from the airport to City Centre and South Dublin City. Their service runs 24 hours every day. Tickets can be purchased from the bus driver and cost approximately €15 (one-way) or €20 (return). This service stops at most of the major hotels around Dublin City. For more information go to www.aircoach.ie. *Note: Aircoach does not go to Connolly Rail Station.*

Traveling by Bus from Dublin Airport to Belfast

Bus Éireann and **Aircoach** provide travel throughout Ireland, including service from Dublin Airport to the Europa Bus Centre in Belfast every hour for approximately €20 (one-way). The **Bus Éireann** buses are located just outside Terminal 1 (U.S. flights typically arrive and depart at Terminal 2), and the **Aircoach** buses are down the escalator just outside of Terminal 2. For additional information, go to www.buseireann.ie and www.aircoach.ie, including 2024 schedule. Aircoach buses can sell out, so consider purchasing tickets online.

Upon arrival at the Europa Bus Centre in downtown Belfast, it is a 5-minute walk to the Holiday Inn Belfast City Centre, 40 Hope Street, Belfast for check-in. Taxis await the arrival of the buses, so they are plentiful at the Europa Bus Centre.

Traveling by Train from Dublin to Belfast

Linking the two cities Belfast and Dublin, the **Enterprise** is a fast, high quality rail network for business people, tourists, and other rail travelers. The new trains, capable of 90 mph, complete the journey in just over two hours. Standard class passengers enjoy a level of comfort and facilities similar to the Eurostar. The Enterprise departs eight times per day from Connolly Station in Dublin City Centre and arrives at Lanyon Place Station. From there, you will need to take a taxi to the Holiday Inn at 40 Hope Street (about 1.8 kilometers), Belfast (the recently renovated hotel that will serve as your student housing). Fare costs are not fixed—like air travel, Enterprise fares depend on when you book your ticket and the best fares go early. For additional information, go to www.irishrail.ie.

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Arriving at Belfast International Airport

If you arrive at Belfast International Airport, it is best to take a taxi cab directly to the student residences at the Holiday Inn Belfast City Centre, 40 Hope Street, Belfast, approximately 20 kilometers from the International Airport. Uber works, or metered taxis are available outside of the airport. If you choose metered, we recommend changing some money in advance of arrival so that you are able to pay for the taxi ride without having to change money at the airport.

Passing through Customs

Upon arrival at the airport (in either Belfast or Dublin) you must pass through Customs. We suggest that you bring the letter that sets forth your acceptance into the Program and the classes for which you are registered, as proof that you are registered in a formal study abroad program. If you are also doing an externship, we will provide you with a different letter that explains the circumstances of your extended stay. Do not say that you are “working” in Belfast or Dublin for the summer, as you are not. The Program, including the externships, is a course of study.

Check-in at Housing for Belfast

Students may begin checking into the Holiday Inn Belfast City Centre at 3 p.m. at **40 Hope Street, Belfast, on Saturday, May 25.**

If you arrive in Belfast before Saturday, May 25, there are reasonable hotels options in the area, including the Holiday Inn. Do review websites for the best rates.

There will be a Black Taxi tour of Belfast, at additional cost, on Sunday, May 26, at 3 p.m., with pick up at the Holiday Inn, followed by a mandatory orientation/welcome reception at the Holiday Inn, at 5 pm.

Classes at Queen’s begin Monday, May 27.

At the conclusion of the Belfast portion of the program, the Program provides students with transportation to Dublin. Buses will pick up students at the Holiday Inn and will transport students to Trinity College on Sunday, June 2.

Check-in at Trinity College, Dublin

Students will be transported by bus directly to Trinity College for check-in on Sunday, June 2.

Classes at Trinity/UCD will begin on Monday, June 3.

The last day of classes for the regular program is Friday, June 7. Check out of the Trinity College student residences for students not staying for the externships or the Extension Program will be on Saturday, June 8.

For students continuing with the extension program, classes begin on Saturday, June 8, and end on Friday, June 14. Students enrolled in the extension program will have to check out of the Trinity College student residences on Saturday, June 15.

[Click Here for the Schedule of 2024 Events](#)

Housing Facilities

Belfast

Students will stay at the recently renovated Holiday Inn Belfast City Center, 40 Hope Street, a 15-minute walk from Queen's University and a 10-minute walk to Botanic Avenue, a bustling street of restaurants, coffeehouses, bars, nightclubs, and shops popular with University students and personnel. Rooms will be twin-shares—i.e., two students to a room—and en suite. A full, cooked breakfast is included. A limited number of single rooms may be available for an extra fee on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trinity College, Dublin

Students live in multiroom apartments with single bedrooms and a shared kitchen for cooking. Sheets and bath-sized towels are provided and changed on a weekly basis. Hand towels, washcloths, and other toiletries are not provided. Cleaning materials are provided for self-cleaning of kitchens and bathrooms.

Classroom Facilities

Belfast

While at Queen's, classes will be held either at the new law school building on the main campus.

Dublin

In Dublin, classes will be held at the Sutherland School of Law at UCD.

Other Useful Information

Packing for Ireland

In Ireland, you can experience all four seasons in one day, so pack accordingly. Average temperatures in June and July range from 53–66 degrees, which is significantly cooler (and more pleasant) than NYC. Pack accordingly. It's a good idea to layer with a warm jacket or wool sweater, a rain jacket (Gore-Tex is both waterproof and breathable), small umbrella, and comfortable waterproof shoes and sneakers for walking.

There are two formal dinners planned, the reception/dinner at the Great Hall at Queens and at Blackhall Place in Dublin. High-level dignitaries attend both events. Please pack business attire (such as what you would wear at a job interview) for these two events.

There will be other events, such as our visits to the NI Parliament and to the Bar Library in Belfast, and to the Four Courts in Dublin, where business attire will also be appropriate. Therefore, we suggest that you pack more than one business outfit.

You may also want to bring an extension cord with a UK adapter to plug your laptop into the classroom outlets. Past students have warned not to bring hair dryers and flat irons, as the voltage discrepancy tends to burn them out, even with a converter.

Passports

Passports are required for entry in the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom. In addition, it is required when exchanging currency in banks or Bureaus of Exchange.

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Converters or Adapters

In Ireland, electricity is 220 volts AC, enough to fry any 120V North American appliance. You should buy an adapter (which changes the shape of the plug; US\$5) and perhaps a converter (which changes the voltage; US\$20). Most electronics only require an adapter, but read the voltage limit for each device you plug in! Do not make the mistake of using only the adapter (unless appliance instructions explicitly state otherwise). Most computers and mobile phone/PDAs have electrical cords that are built to withstand 220 volts. Check yours. For information on all things adaptable, go to kropla.com/electric.htm. See also www.irishtourist.com/general_information/electricity.shtml for information on adapters and converters specific to Ireland.

Currency

Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland use different currencies that are not interchangeable in either province.

Legal tender in Northern Ireland is the British pound. Northern Ireland has its own bank notes, which are identical in value to English and Scottish notes of the same denominations, but often not accepted outside Northern Ireland.

The currency in the Republic of Ireland is the Euro.

ATM machines are widespread in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Depending on the system that your home bank uses, you can most likely access your personal bank account from abroad. ATMs get the same wholesale rate as credit cards, but there is often a limit to the amount of money you can withdraw per day (usually around US\$500).

We recommend that you contact your bank and credit card companies before leaving. Many companies will lock your card if you do not inform them of international travel plans. You may also inquire about your credit card company's foreign transaction fees, which usually add 1–3% to credit card purchases. Some banks, such as Capital One and Bank of America, currently have cards with no foreign transaction fees.

It is recommended to pick-up some Euros and British Sterling currency before you depart, though recognize it is cheaper to get Euros from an ATM in Europe than from a bank or currency exchange in the United States.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are essential for travelers within Europe. Virtually all areas of Europe receive excellent coverage and the wide spread of the Global Systems for Mobiles (GSM) allows one phone to function in multiple countries. A small chip called a Subscriber Identity Module Card (SIM or "smart card") can be purchased from carriers in European countries to provide a local number for any GSM phone. Contact your carrier for more details.

Many students in the past have bought relatively inexpensive cell phones when they arrived in Belfast, to avoid any charges for international calls when using an American cell phone. Cell phones can be purchased at Tesco grocery stores, among other venues. Many cell phones do work internationally, but we suggest that you contact your carrier for details regarding international calling plans. Text messaging is the cheapest and most common form of mobile communication in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Rely on Wi-Fi hotspots for data—turn off "Data Roaming"!

Internet Access

In Belfast Students will have limited Wireless Internet Access available at the Holiday Inn. Passwords will be provided upon check in. Students will also have wireless access in the Law School and in the QUB library.

In Dublin Students will have access at Trinity College. Passwords will be issued upon check in to Trinity dorm rooms.

Westlaw Availability

Students interested in Westlaw over the summer can apply online for summer access at www.lawschool.westlaw.com.

Course Materials

Information will be available at a later date. Professors are encouraged to provide syllabi and reading lists in May.

Laundry Facilities

Laundry facilities are located on Botanic Avenue in Belfast and Trinity grounds.

Grocery Stores

In Belfast

Tesco, 369-83 Lisburn Road (large grocery store)
 Tesco Express, 60 Dublin Road
 Centra Quick Stop, Botanic Road
 Spar, Botanic Avenue

In Dublin

Dunnes, 67 Upper St. Stephen's Green (in Mall)
 Marks & Spencer, Grafton Street
 Tesco, Fleet Street
 Spar (numerous locations)

Restaurants

There are a wide range of fast food eateries, bakeries, cafes and restaurants in both cities. In Belfast, the restaurants on Malone/Stranmillis and Botanic are most convenient to the hotel and classrooms. Off the beaten track for cheap lunches in Belfast, try Truffles Bakery at 88 Sandy Row. In Dublin, try Lemon on Dawson Street, Panem on Ormond Quay Lower (on northside of Liffey near Millennium Walk Bridge), and the Bakery at 8 Pudding Row (West Essex Street in Temple Bar). For reasonable restaurant meals, consider the early bird specials that even the finest restaurants have year round. Ten percent tipping seems to be the approximate norm.

Mailing Addresses

Belfast (May 25 - June 1)

Queens University School of Law
 28 University Square
 Belfast BT7 INN
 United Kingdom

ATT: <Your Name>

Fordham Law Summer Program

Dublin (June 2 - June 7 or later, depending on departure date)

Student Accommodations Office
 Trinity College Dublin
 College Green
 Dublin 2
 Ireland

ATT: <Your Name>

Fordham Law Summer Program

Fordham's Early Interview Week (EIW) & Fall OCI

For the Fordham Law students attending the Program, the Career Planning Center (CPC) and its website will remain the primary, if not the sole, source of information for EIW and Fall OCI.

The CPC will be holding an Orientation for the Class of 2026/2027 on the Summer 2025 Job Search and 2024 Fall On Campus Interview Program in April. We strongly encourage you to attend this session as it will provide information on Early Interview Week. In addition, the CPC's website on the current J.D. Students page has a link to the Key Dates for the 2024 Fall OCI Program. **Externships will end before EIW.**

Accident & Sickness Insurance

We strongly suggest carrying/obtaining health insurance for the duration of your time abroad. Students should consult their individual insurance carrier to determine whether and what coverage is provided for travelers. If you are not covered, we strongly suggest purchasing additional insurance that covers sickness, accident insurance, and emergency medical evacuation. While it is highly unlikely that a student will become ill in Ireland, all are strongly encouraged to ensure their health and safety with proper preparation and coverage.

Release

Your attendance in the Program will signify your approval of the following release.

As a student or enrolled participant in the Belfast/Dublin Summer Program in Ireland, 2023, ("Program") a program of Fordham University, I acknowledge that I have agreed voluntarily to participate in the Program to be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland and Dublin, Ireland, from May 25, 2024, until June 15, 2024, for classes and from June 10, 2024, to July 20, 2024, for externships. In connection with my preparation for and participation in the Program, I wish to acknowledge my responsibility for the following:

*I am to the best of my knowledge in good health and therefore am able to undertake the normal range of activities contemplated by the Program. I also acknowledge that as a condition of participating in the Program, I possess comprehensive medical/health insurance which will be in effect throughout my participation in the Program. (I also agree to report to the University's Program Director any physical or medical condition that may require special medical attention or accommodation during the Program before May 25, 2024.)

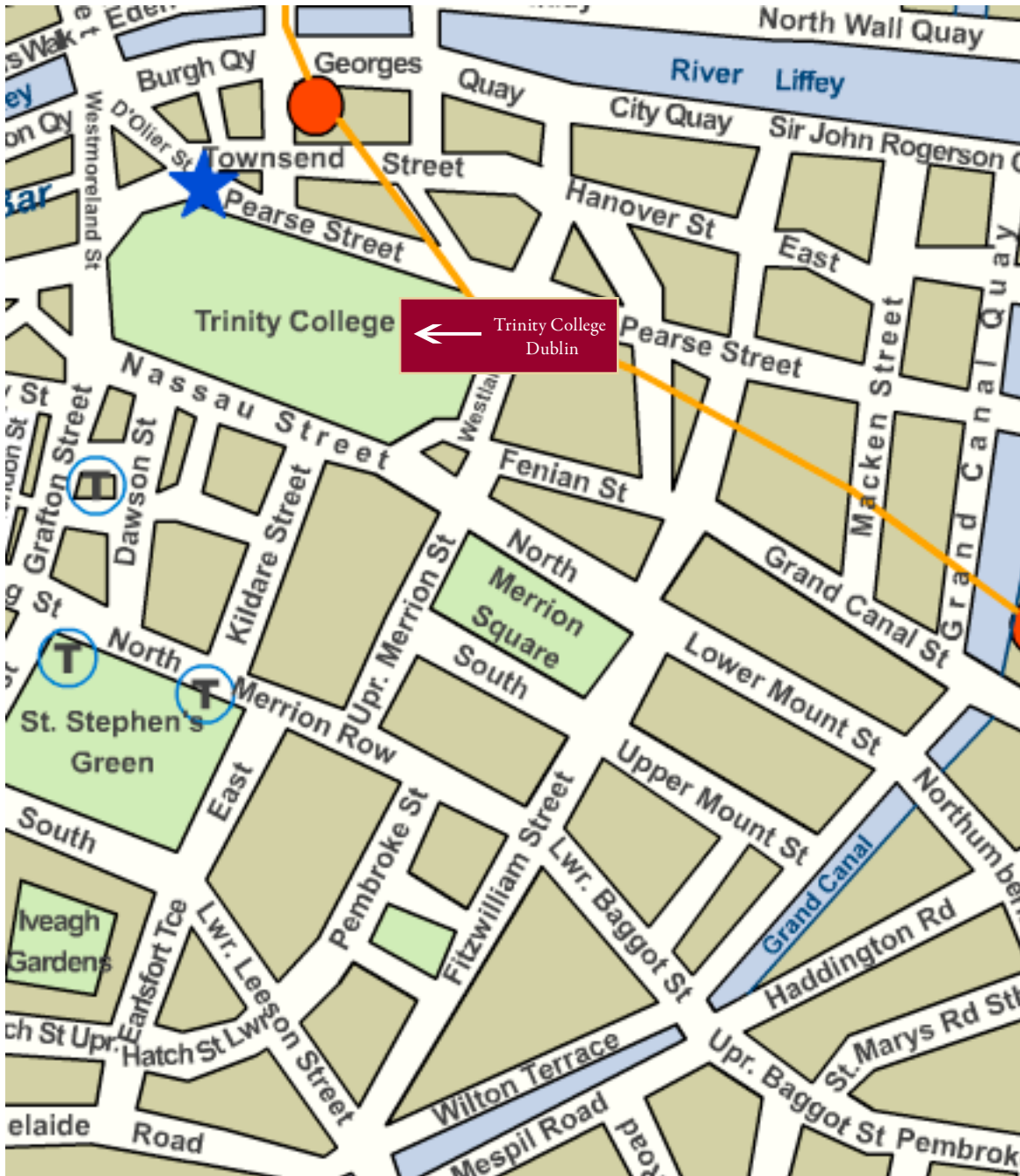
*I acknowledge that I am responsible for complying with all applicable rules and regulations of the travel providers involved. I understand that the University is not responsible for any delays, loss of property, personal injury, or other damages, inconveniences, or consequences which may be associated with travel arranged by the Program or by me personally, including any surcharge or other cost which may be associated with my lateness or non-appearance for a scheduled flight, or the intending or resulting deviation from the standard travel itinerary.

*As an enrollee accepted in the Program, I acknowledge that I remain fully subject to the rules and regulations of the University concerning my conduct, including the right of the University to suspend or limit my participation in the Program should circumstances warrant. I further acknowledge my understanding that study and/or special externships, particularly in a foreign country, involve special challenges and opportunities, and in addition to accepting all risks associated with participation in the Program, I also accept the University's expectation that I will, at all times, conduct myself as a responsible representative of the University and will abide by its standards of conduct. In this regard, I acknowledge that the University, as a sponsor of the Program, neither asserts nor assumes any role in loco parentis, and relies on the maturity and responsibility of each student or enrollee to provide for his or her individual well-being as a participant in the Program.

*In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Program, I on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors, and assigns, do hereby personally assume any and all risks of participation, and further release Fordham University, its agents, employees, officers, and trustees from any actions, claims, suits, demands, or liability from any harm, injury, or damage which I might incur arising directly or indirectly from my participation in this Program.

If you have any issue with any of the language above, you should withdraw from the Program before incurring non-refundable costs.

Trinity College, Dublin



Queen's University, Belfast

