

# Ireland

## English, Social Work and Health

Thurles  
May 2 – May 23, 2008

**Fee:** \$3170 Tuition Included

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

It is possible that not all TnCIS programs or all TnCIS courses are available at your institution. Courses may also have slightly different titles and numbers at your institution. Contact your TnCIS campus representative for exact course and program offerings and instructions for registering and paying fees.

### **Program Location:**

This program will be held at the Tipperary Institute located in the town of Thurles. Thurles is a medium sized town located on the main train line approximately 90 minutes from either the capital city of Dublin or Cork. Since becoming a member of the European Union, Ireland has become one of its most progressive members, making it an ideal place to experience the latest European trends. Ireland also boasts an extremely rich historical background with many ties to our own culture here in the U.S. The beauty of the Irish countryside is also world renowned. While in Thurles, students will have the opportunity to interact with other Irish students at the Tipperary Institute as well as with the people of the town. The goal of the program is for students to develop personal ties with the people of Ireland and its rich culture.

### **Program Description:**

This program is designed to provide students with a choice of courses while they experience the Irish culture first hand. Trips to cultural sites will also convey important information about both contemporary and historical Ireland.

Cultural Excursions: During the program there will be a three day excursion to Dublin where students will be introduced to many of the important sites such as Trinity College, Christ Church Cathedral, the Guinness Brewery, several sites relating to Ireland's literary tradition such as the Dublin Writers Museum, and the famous Temple Bar district. Another full day excursion will also be planned to the city and environs of Cork. There are excursions planned to important sites near Thurles, including the towering glory of the Rock of Cashel, located only a few kilometers away. Opportunities will also be available for students to explore Ireland on their own.

Local Excursions: During the afternoons, students will visit sites of local interest in Thurles and participate in cultural and social activities in town. Individual instructors will also arrange local excursions related to their classes.

Classes: Classes will be held on the campus of the Tipperary Institute. TI is a small institution so there will be many opportunities to interact with its students. TnCIS classes will take place three hours per day during the week with the afternoons left open for excursions and personal activities.

Accommodations: While in Thurles students will live with local families who are used to housing students attending the Tipperary Institute. The family home stay will give students insights into

everyday life in Ireland and the opportunity to develop personal ties with the people. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the families.

### **Academics:**

Students will enroll in one of the following courses:

**ENGL 2220: British Literature II / LAS 2020: Special Topics in Liberal Arts** Introduces students to the rich heritage of Irish literature, culture, and history. Ireland has a strong tradition of oral literature that translates into theater, poetry and music, and we will weave the strands of these genres together. Key themes include: the bardic tradition; issues of gender; myth and cultural memory; the writer as social critic and chronicler.

### **Financial Aid:**

Applications for financial aid (scholarships, grants and student loans) must be made through your home institution. Please consult your TnCIS campus representative for information and instructions.

### **Mandatory Orientation:**

A thorough pre-departure orientation is an essential part of your preparation to study abroad. The mandatory TnCIS orientation for all programs will be held **Saturday, March 29, 2008, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM**. Exact time and place will be announced at the beginning of March. Please plan to attend.

### **Application:**

Applications are due on February 28<sup>th</sup>. **APPLY NOW**

Late Applications will be considered on a space available basis.

A complete application consists of:

1. The completed on line application
2. The deposit of \$100 (paid to the cashier at your home institution).
3. An official transcript sent to TnCIS at the address below directly by the registrar at your institution.

Complete applications will be considered beginning February 29, 2008 and you will be notified of acceptance shortly after that date.

### **Program Fee and Payment:**

Students will register and pay fees on their home campus. The fee is \$3170 and includes tuition, airfare from Tennessee to Dublin, room, two meals per day, all planned excursion expenses for both transportation and hotels, and other small incidental expenses. *Expenses not covered by the fee include: passport, health insurance, textbooks, one meal per day, and personal spending money.*

Payment deadlines are:

February 28:	Deposit of	\$ 100
March 20:	Full payment of	<u>\$3070</u>
Total:		\$3170

### **Cancellation Policy:**

Before February 28: Full refund.

Between February 28 and March 20: Full refund except for \$100 deposit.

Between March 20 and April 28: \$1,400 cancellation fee.

After April 28: No refund.

### **TnCIS Contact Information:**

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