

GEOG 298, Cultural Ecology of Ireland

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**“Travel is fatal to prejudice,
bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.”
– Mark Twain**

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the culture and ecology of Ireland, focusing in particular on the ways in which ecology affects culture. Students will learn about the natural environment of Ireland, the history of human occupation of the island, and the ways in which culture and language have been impacted over the course of Irish history via a study abroad experience. Students will complete a photojournalism project when they return to the U.S.

SLO (Student Learning Outcomes): By the end of this course you will: have demonstrated your understanding of Irish culture through written, oral, and multi-media analyses of the impact of Irish history and environment on the culture, have demonstrated your awareness of and sensitivities to other cultures through written, oral, and multi-media activities and have demonstrated and documented your recognition of your place in global culture and the interdependence of global systems through regular written, oral, and multi-media activities.

Grades will be based on the following:

Participation/attendance	35 pts
Blog	40 pts
Photojournalism Project	25 pts
Total	100 pts

Learning environment: This course will be held in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Although you will be around English speakers almost wherever you are, bear in mind that Ireland is a bilingual country, with both English and Irish used in conversation and in signage. The ability to be flexible and laugh at oneself will be important skills – I can almost guarantee that there will be miscommunications and unexpected events during your stay. While abroad your behavior will reflect not only on you, but also on Hawaii Community College and the United States in general, consider yourself a “cultural ambassador” and do your best to understand and respect Irish culture. Residing in a foreign country is challenging but also exciting. Please keep yourself open to enjoying new experiences.

Materials needed: You will receive a packing list from our partners at ISAI. Please pack appropriately. In order to complete the photo journalism project you will need to bring a camera in addition to the items on the list. You may want to bring a laptop, tablet or smartphone from which to post your daily blog – at least one computer will be available but you may have to wait for others to finish.

Blog: Each student will be responsible for maintaining a daily blog on their personal Weebly site. Suggestions for what to write about will be available on our main Weebly blog: <http://hcc-ireland.weebly.com>.

Course Schedule: We will be meeting at the Dublin International Airport (DUB) at or before 10:30am on May 21 and be met by staff from ISAI at the airport. If you are on the flight that arrives at 7:05am you can clear customs with the faculty and group. Else you will need to meet us in the airport after passing through Customs and Immigration. The program will end on the morning of May 31, after which you are free to fly home or travel on your own. Your photojournalism project is due on June 30.

Photojournalism Project: A photojournalism project will be due approximately one month after your return to the United States. This project is a photo-rich narrative of your time abroad. There are few restrictions on this assignment (e.g., you may use still or video images or a combination and may use written word or narration, etc.). You may want to use a program like Story Maps, YouTube, iMovie, Adobe Spark, etc. to produce your product. There is no length restriction but it should be tell a complete story without being so long as to tire the viewer. DUE: June 30, 2018.

Passing Grades:

90-100% A	70-79% C
80-89% B	60-69% D

Counselors are available: please call 934-2720 if you would like to speak with a counselor about any issues which have a negative impact on your ability to successfully complete this, or any other, class.

Compliance with HawCC Student Conduct Code: Every student is expected to comply with the student conduct code: “Impermissible behavior includes... interference in the rights of others, interference with university processes, theft of mutilation of college property, disruption, abuse of controlled substances, off-campus behavior, academic dishonesty which includes cheating and plagiarism.” Please refer to the College Catalog at <http://www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/catalog/> for more information.

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**"There are no strangers here, only friends you
haven't yet met." William Butler Yeats**