

CCCU (COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES)

NORTHERN IRELAND SEMESTER (NIS)

SPRING SEMESTER

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See the CCS office for program costs, details and application process.

Open to all majors by application.

ABOUT The NIS Program is designed to introduce students to basic principles and strategies of conflict transformation through a 'place as text' study of the conflict in Ireland. Students will visit sites of conflict that explore the historical development of the conflict in Ireland known as "The Troubles" and be challenged to apply their understanding of the conflict in Ireland to peace and reconciliation efforts in other parts of the world, including their own communities, and study the process of interpersonal communication in one's own culture and the principles of effective communication within another cultural context. Attention is given to values, ethnocentricity, nonverbal communication, and cultural change.

PROJECTED COSTS SAU institutional aid (such as academic scholarships) does not apply to the Northern Ireland Semester. SAU students can apply for the SOCSOF grant or use their CCS benefit (if eligible). The Gilman Scholarship may also help fund the experience for students who are US citizens and Pell grant recipients. Please see the CCS office for program cost details.

This experience, like all CCS experiences, is subject to political and safety realities at the time of departure. CCS options can be physically and emotionally intense and stretching. Before enrolling, all participants should consult the disclosures on Physical Hardships of CCS.

Passport and immunizations required (both at additional cost).

CURRICULUM

Fulfills CCS requirement by taking the following NIS courses:

- Intercultural Communication (3)
- Peacemaking and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland (3)

NIS students can earn up to 16 credit hours for one semester and may complete two semesters of the program.



NOTE: Students who are Pell Grant recipients and U.S. citizens may apply for the *Gilman Scholarship* (up to \$5,000). Attend a Gilman workshop with the CCS Director to learn how to apply for the scholarship.

To learn your next steps toward participating in this program, get an application from the CCS office and attend an International Semester workshop for important details in your planning.

Students whose health insurance does not cover them abroad must purchase a Premium insurance policy through the International ID Card at an extra cost of \$75.

CCS program costs do not include: tuition, passport, immunizations, or the \$150 study abroad fee. The study abroad fee provides the basic international ID, insurance, travel photos and support services.

NIS program fees do not include: international airfare, personal travel, or books.