Program Description

Ireland presents a rewarding area of intellectual inquiry. Its society and culture provide students with an understanding of experiences such as colonialism, rebellion, war, famine, emigration, and international diplomacy from medieval times to the present. It offers opportunities to read literature in both Irish and English, and to understand the far-reaching effects of diaspora, nationalism, and postcolonialism in the modern world.

The Irish studies minor at NYU is a transnational and interdisciplinary program with the opportunity to study and pursue directed research on Ireland and the Irish abroad—in continental Europe, North America, the Caribbean, and Australasia—as well as on the Irish relationship with other migrant peoples around the globe. A faculty of distinguished scholars teach courses that intersect literary, political, historical, linguistic, and cultural arenas at Washington Square, as well as during a six-week summer semester in Ireland at Trinity College Dublin.

Located in a landmark townhouse on Fifth Avenue, Glucksman Ireland House opened in 1993 as NYU’s Center for Irish and Irish American Studies. It publishes the American Journal of Irish Studies annually, and offers an exciting program of events open to students, faculty, and the public. In addition to the minor, there is a BA/MA option open to juniors, and a master’s program for post-graduates.

Arts and Science Summer in Dublin

The Arts and Science summer program in Dublin offers students the opportunity to live and study in a capital city that combines the modernity of a thriving European city with a rich heritage spanning more than a millennium. The program and student housing are centered at Trinity College, Ireland’s oldest university. This program is an intensive study of modern Irish society and culture with particular emphasis on history, literature, creative writing, and the Irish language. Students examine the experiences and problems that have played a pivotal role in the 20th century and beyond, including the contemporary cultural renaissance, the Celtic Tiger economy, and the revival of the native language. A series of field trips, including weekend excursions to the west of Ireland, complement the academic course of study.

BA/MA Program

NYU undergraduates with a 3.5 GPA may apply, in their junior year, to be accepted as BA/MA candidates in the Irish and Irish American studies MA program. This allows students to complete both a B.A. in an undergraduate major in the College of Arts and Science and the MA degree in five years. A tuition discount may apply. If accepted, BA/MA candidates will take a graduate course, Irish Studies Seminar I, in the fall semester of their senior year. Application to the MA is made via the College of Arts and Science Advising Center (726 Broadway, 7th floor; 212-998-8130). Students with questions about the BA/MA degree in Irish studies should contact ireland.house@nyu.edu.

Minor Declaration

To request declaration of a minor, CAS students should visit the host department. To request declaration of a cross-school minor, CAS students should complete the online Minor Application available in their Albert Student Center. Students may also use the Minor Application (http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/registration.html) in Albert to request cancellation of a CAS or cross-school minor.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the completion of 16 credits, completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count). Courses must be chosen from at least two disciplines; one course in the Irish language may count toward the minor; one independent study course may count, with prior approval of the director of undergraduate studies; and two courses from the NYU in Dublin program may also be counted. Graduate courses require the permission of the director of graduate studies. Students declare the minor by turning in the declaration form to the director of undergraduate studies. Note that the minor must consist exclusively of content courses (i.e., must not contain a course in Irish language) in order to satisfy the Expressive Culture component of the College Core Curriculum.

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Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/).