Ireland Summer 2017 application

Name (first, middle, last) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Campus address:

 Street addr/res hall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Loras PO Box \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Phone (cell) \_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home address/emergency contact:

 Name e.g. parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Street address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Personal info:

 Gender \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Class standing (by sum) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Advisor(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Passport info (note – please make a copy of your passport and staple to app):

 Have passport? Y or N (if no, get this ASAP and provide info later)

 If Y, nationality e.g. US \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 If Y, passport # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expiry (expiration) date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reason for applying (please write down what you’d hope to gain from the experience)

Previous travel experience (please write down if you are an experienced traveler or not)

Concerns (please write down if you have any concerns about the experience, or special needs)

Loras policies:

I have read & understand the Loras policies for this program. Y or N

I will abide by these policies. Y or N

I will have fun and will help to make this enjoyable for all Y or N

Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(this may be electronic, just note this on the application)*

Loras summer travel policies (modeled after Loras J-Term policies)

**It’s a class, not a tour**

First, it is important to understand that these **are classes, not tours**, that Loras College is not a travel agency, and that the college does not seek to make a profit from these trips. Participation in pre-departure meetings and all aspects of the course are mandatory except where specifically indicated as optional (note: you will be added to the summer eLearn course; it is your responsibility to review these materials to adequately prepare for the experience).

Second, it is important to know that policies and expectations are necessarily somewhat different from those on campus as outlined below and in the Participation Agreement.

In the end, virtually all students find these experiences very worthwhile and enthusiastically recommend them to other students but you need to be aware of the special nature of study away courses. **As participants in an intensive course, you need to be prepared for a highly structured experience with demanding assignments and a minimum of free time. You also must be prepared to approach new cultures and circumstances with an open mind.**

**Standards of Conduct**

The college has high standards of conduct for all participants on these programs, who are expected to be on their best behavior, reflect well upon the College and the United States, and to make decisions that support the success of the course. Students who are not interested in traveling under these terms are strongly urged not to apply.

*You need to review the Participation Agreement carefully prior to applying.*
These are courses that require intensive assignments related to the course topic. Itineraries will also be determined by the course, not by what sites might be popular with tourists. **Therefore, you should select a course based on the course topic, and not simply the destination location or country(s).**

**Independent travel is prohibited in connection with Loras sponsored trips.** If you have a desire to visit a country independently or to visit friends or relatives, then you should travel to the country on your own. Unfortunately, it is simply not practical for the college to be involved in making special arrangements to accommodate individual travel plans.

*NOTE: we will follow the “buddy system”. Inform your instructor and classmates of your plans, and ALWAYS travel with at least 1 other person.*
**Loras College weighs these risks when planning courses, but this does not imply that there is no risk.** Also, everyone’s tolerance for risk varies. Your participation in the program indicates you have made your own investigation of these risks and are willing to accept these risks. Also, although Loras College does its best to provide safe travel opportunities, circumstances abroad vary and you must be responsible for your own health and safety while on these trips.

**Accommodations for Special Needs**

The college endeavors to create trips that are educational, safe and comfortable. The college also seeks to make trips accessible to students with special needs as required by law.

International travel, however, often involves compromises. For example, accessibility is very limited in some destinations. In many, fire safety in hotels is not up to U.S. standards. In some cases access to bathing facilities or private sleeping quarters may be very limited.

Students must discuss any and all concerns with course faculty and the Study Abroad Faculty Director prior to applying. Even when disclosed, the college cannot guarantee that all needs can be accommodated. Your instructor is neither a trained counselors nor a medical professional.

**Application Process**

Upon application of this form, Loras college faculty and staff will review your application, assess your academic record and conduct record, and may also check with your advisor and additional faculty and staff on-campus to confirm your ability to successfully participate in this program. You may be required to complete an interview prior to making a decision.

**Billing & Payment Policies**

IMPORTANT: When you apply for a study away course you are committing to pay for expenses in addition to the initial deposit. If you chose to withdraw from the program or are expelled from the program, your deposit will not be refunded and you may be required to pay an additional amount equal to or less than the full course fees.

Payment of the non-refundable deposit authorizes Loras College and the faculty program leader to begin making final arrangements on behalf of each student for air travel, in-country lodging, transportation, and activities.

**Trip Insurance**

You may wish to purchase trip insurance in case you are forced to withdraw or leave your trip early for unavoidable reasons such as an injury or illness or to attend a funeral of a close family member.

The college does not make a profit on study away courses and is not able to refund trip deposits and waive course fees or cover costs to change travel plans, even when a student has very good reasons to withdraw or come home early.

The college does requires that you purchase supplemental medical insurance for students participating in this program (the weekly rate is around $15 and will be added to the program fees), but this does not include trip cancellation coverage.

**Program Costs**

Fees will be collected to cover the cost of such things as:

* (optional) travel to/from Chicago (ORD) (meet in Rockford, IL and take bus to ORD)
* Airfare (recommended flight info will be made available)
	+ Airfare to/from Dublin approx. $1,000
* Hotels/Lodging
* Course related to local/in-country travel
* “Major” trips/tours
* See list on course website

Fees will NOT be collected (hence are the responsibility of the participant) for such things as:

* Passports, vaccinations, baggage fees, etc.
* Meals/snacks/beverages,
* Course related materials (e.g. books if applicable)
* You should budget for:
	+ Meals/etc. approximately €30-40 per day
	+ “free day” excursion €60-80 e.g. Cork, Blarney Castle, etc. if desired
	+ Souvenirs, etc.
	+ In the past, students say they’ve spend $100-$200 per week, but this can vary by a wide margin depending on your tastes.

Announced costs are approximate and are based on a minimum number of students per program. Every effort is made to operate the program at the stated price.

All program sponsors, including Loras College, reserve the right to adjust fees due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.