

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Ireland

- LOCATION:** Tully Cross is a small rural village in the Connemara region of County Galway which is located on the western coast of Ireland.
- Duration:** Program will coincide roughly with Spring Semester
- STUDY CENTER:** Students live in thatched-roof cottages with central heating, electricity, cooking facilities, a washer and a dryer.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be traditional, full-time students of at least sophomore status who are willing to share in community living and be open to cross-cultural experience, and in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- ACADEMICS:** There are three required courses: Values Seminar: Experiencing Ireland, Irish Literary Heritage, Irish History. Elective courses will also be offered, including the Teachers' Aides in National Schools.
- GROUP TRAVEL:** Three or four group excursions.
- MID-SEMESTER BREAK:** Approximately two weeks give students the opportunity for personal travel.
- COST:** Aquinas College semester tuition + Estimated Program Fee of \$5400 (Includes housing, airfare, International Student ID Card, and group excursions) Program fees will be confirmed on acceptance letters.
- OTHER COSTS:** Passport (approximately \$97), food, Eurail or BritRail passes, money for gifts, personal travel during breaks.
- 2010 FACULTY:** To be announced.

STUDENT QUOTES:

"Studying abroad in Ireland was a colorful experience for me. Closing my eyes now, I can still see the green grass unlike any lawn I have ever seen in the United States, I can smell the saltiness of the ocean only walking distance from my home, smell the peat fire in my cottage Studying abroad goes beyond anything you can learn within the covers of a book. You are encompassed within the country, its people and its history. It truly becomes a new place that you can call home, with conviction. Looking back today, the students that traveled with me and the friends that I made in Tully Cross are no longer just friends, they are a part of my family."

-Lindsay M. Iwan

Ireland Alumnus 2007

"Studying abroad changed my life in numerous ways. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and forced me to do things that I never dreamed of doing or thought I could do. Living in Tully Cross Ireland for four months could easily be the best decision that I have made in my past four years at Aquinas. It opened my eyes to different ways of life, different cultures and experiences, and memories that I think of on a daily basis.... In Ireland I learned how to slow down, and relax.... I now long for the days I spent running along the ocean, walking up to Tully with my friends... laughing and sharing stories with the Irish, walking in the misting rain and being in a place that is so magical that I literally stop and smile just thinking about it.... One of the coolest things about home is that it will always be here and we can always come back to it, but your life is made so much better by exploring and stepping out of what you have come to know as habit and everyday life. You should definitely study abroad, I promise you won't regret it!

-Ali Svendsen

Ireland Alumnus 2006

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