

STUDY ABROAD IN TULLY CROSS, IRELAND

AQ ADVANTAGE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Aquinas College Ireland Program is located in Tully Cross— a small rural village in the Connemara region of County Galway which is located on the western coast of Ireland. While students are hosted here they have the opportunity to travel across the country

The program focuses on the goal of in-depth experience of Irish culture, a culture as rich and varied as its countryside. To achieve the cultural immersion objective, we have designed the academics, excursions, housing, and community engagement opportunities to interrelate and intensify the immersion experience.

Since the program was established in 1972, hundreds of students have taken advantage of this unique program, and many feel it has been the highlight of their college experience.

The program coincides roughly with the dates of the Aquinas College Spring Semester.

IRELAND COMMUNITY AIDES INTERNSHIP ELECTIVE COURSE

This course offers participants an internship experience within the local community of Tully Cross. The course is coordinated by Aquinas faculty in partnership with Connemara West, a community owned and managed rural development non-profit organization that manages the cottages which serve as our Aquinas Ireland Study Center in Tully Cross. The organization is connected to myriad programs in the Tully Cross area including conservation efforts; community radio; theatre; social care programs; child care center; community development programs; medical science; and educational and recreation programs. Connemara West has been a key partner in our Ireland Program since 1973. Internships may be considered for credit for a major/minor, please see the Advantage Center for additional requirements.



ACADEMICS

Students may choose up to 16 semester hours, including electives and required courses. Under certain conditions, students with specific needs in their majors may arrange Independent Study Contracts.

IR 240- Irish Culture & Identity (4 credits)

IR 260- Social Contemporary Issues in Ireland (4)

IR 310- Special Topics Course in Ireland (4)

KN 184*- Hiking Elective (1)

CL 395*- Community Aides Internship (3)

EN 399*- Teachers Aide in Ireland National Schools (3)

*= Elective Credits

