

GALWAY

STUDY ABROAD 2019

May 17- June 1



SUFFOLK
UNIVERSITY
BOSTON

GALWAY, IRELAND

Courses Offered

Mental Health and Disability Law in a Comparative Context

Professor Sarah R. Boonin

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Professor Steven Ferrey

Irish Legal System

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Summer Study Program 2019

Receive three law school credits; courses taught by Suffolk and Galway faculty. Students may be able to earn enough credits to attend law school part-time during their 3L year!

Live in student housing on the campus of the National University of Ireland-Galway or you may choose to find your own housing.

Arrive May 17, program runs May 18 to May 31, depart on June 1.

In addition, there will be guest speakers and field trips to places of legal interest.

Students may do *just* the academic portion of the program or stay in Ireland to do an externship for 6-8 weeks. It is also possible to do just the externship without the academic portion of the program.

All Suffolk Law students in good standing are eligible to attend; 1Ls and 2Ls welcome.

You may apply for the academic program alone, or combine the academic portion with an internship/externship, either in Ireland or elsewhere, including back in the US.

Attending the Galway program will not adversely affect your chances of participating in FYSIP.

HOUSING

National University of Ireland, Galway housing:

Corrib Village Single Bedroom has shared bathroom facilities. \$785 total housing fee, approximately \$52 a night for 15 nights.

There are additional en suite and more modern housing options available at an increased rate.

Please ask Professor Dillon for more details.

By staying on campus, students will have Wi-Fi free of charge. In addition, they will have access to computer suites, library, and sports facilities at reduced rates during their stay on campus.

You are strongly encouraged to stay on campus. You may choose to find your own housing, but please note that public transportation in Galway is not an easy way of getting around. Staying on campus provides much more convenience!



PROGRAM COST

Galway Study Abroad Program Cost Breakdown:

- + Tuition: \$3600 (\$1200 per credit)
- + Housing fee: \$785
- + Activity Fee: \$150
- + Administrative Fee: \$100
- + Int'l Travel Insurance Fee: \$60
- = Total: \$4695

Save money!

- By taking these courses, you may be able to attend part time in your final semester at SULS!

Financial aid and scholarships are available.

Please note that airfare is not included; students are responsible for finding and booking their own flights.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAW- 9114

Constitutional Law and Climate Change: Comparing the U.S., the European Union, and Developing Nations

Professor Steve Ferrey

This course confronts what has been called one of the most important legal question of this century: How to get 200 nations, each independent and sovereign, to effectively alter use of current technology to control climate warming to support our Planet's ecosystem and humans who depend on it. Countries have different systems of law, different economic systems, and different resources and capabilities to set this in motion. Through in-class real-world simulations and field trips, this course will compare:

- **The Science** -- Focusing on CO₂ and Methane (CH₄) emissions to the atmosphere
- **International Law & Treaties on Climate**-- The Kyoto Protocol and 2015 Paris Agreement
- **U.S. Law** -- U.S. Constitutional Law and recent Supreme Court decisions on the:
 - **Constitution's Supremacy Clause** – Legal preemption by the federal government blocking the 50 states and 11 U.S. territories from certain methods addressing climate
 - **Constitution's Dormant Commerce Clause** -- striking state programs that directly or indirectly geographically discriminate against other states' renewable power incentives
- **European Union (E.U.) law** – E.U. climate laws cover 28 countries, including more than half of the most developed nations in the world which are members of the OECD. Ireland is a member of the E.U., while Northern Island and the U.K. are withdrawing after the U.K. "Brexit" vote
- **Developing Countries** – To control runaway climate change, the world's 160 developing countries also must strategically reduce their carbon emissions immediately. Professor Ferrey served as an advisor to the U.N. on climate change law designing and implementing the most successful legal model to control climate change in developing countries, which will be analyzed

COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAW- 9112

Mental Health and Disability Law in a Comparative Context

Professor Sarah R. Boonin

This course will explore how the U.S. and Ireland frame and implement legal responses to mental health and physical disabilities, with a focus on legal decision-making and autonomy. The course will begin with a brief examination of the key legal, social, and political constructs that define mental health and disability law in the U.S. The course will then explore how the U.S. legal system – as compared to the Irish system – defines and treats autonomy and decision-making in the context of disability. Topics will include adult guardianships and its alternatives, legal planning tools, forced or coerced treatment, and civil commitment. Additional topics may be explored, depending on the expertise and interests of Irish experts and guest lecturers.

This course will involve a combination of lectures from the Professor, group discussions, and guest lectures from Irish scholars and lawyers to provide a comparative Irish perspective. Students will visit and speak with a local disability rights/ service organization in Galway, Ireland. Students will be assessed based on class attendance and participation, participation in the field trip(s) and guest lecture(s), and a take home examination to be completed after the conclusion of the course. The course will meet 6 times over two weeks during the Galway Study Abroad program, for two hours per meeting, including at least one field trip. The meeting schedule may need to be adjusted depending on guest lecturers and field trips.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAW-9113

The Irish Legal System

Professor Conor Hanley and Professor Larry Donnelly

This course will first cover the historical development of Irish law, from ancient times to the present. It will explore the Irish Constitution, Irish criminal law, and Ireland's relationship with the European Union. The course will also discuss how Ireland sees its broader treaty obligations, and how international law has been treated by the Irish courts. Students will receive a solid grounding in issues confronting the modern Irish legal system.

GETTING THERE

Galway is a charming, bustling city on the west coast of Ireland. These days, its historic core is teeming with students and visitors. Galway is a gateway to many scenic attractions, including Connemara and the Cliffs of Moher in Clare. The National University of Ireland at Galway (where students will be studying) is a 15 minute walk from the city center; there is also a shuttle bus from the student housing in and out of town. There are plenty of bars and restaurants, and lots of Irish music. Known as the cultural capital of Ireland, Galway is accessible, walkable and very student-friendly.

Airfare is not included, so students will make their own flight arrangements. Travel suggestions: It is probably best to fly into Dublin, as there are many bus options from Dublin airport directly to Galway City center. These busses run frequently and can be booked online via either www.citylink.ie or www.gobus.ie (Travel time by bus is approximately 2 1/2 hours).

We look forward to seeing you in Galway and welcome your questions about this exciting legal program!



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