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GALWAY

STUDY ABROAD 2026



SUFFOLK
UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL

GALWAY, IRELAND

SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM

Receive three law school credits.

Courses are taught by Suffolk and Galway faculty.

Live in student housing on the campus of the University of Galway.

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

Arrive May 15, 2026
Depart May 30, 2026

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.

Because of the early completion date, attending the Galway program will not adversely affect your chances of participating in most US-based internships.

Applications are now available and will be accepted between December 1 and January 16.



For further information, contact Program Director:
Professor Sara Dillon
sdillon@suffolk.edu

HOUSING

On campus housing is just steps away from class at the University of Galway. By staying on campus, students will have Wi-Fi free of charge. In addition, they will have access to computer suites 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

Tuition: \$5,473 (Covers 3 credits, minus the \$500 scholarship applied for all students.)

Housing: \$1125 USD (Covers on-campus room with bathroom/shower)

Emergency Insurance fee \$160

Activity Fee: \$330* (to cover field trips)

***Activity fee will be requested at the time of registration and treated as a non-refundable deposit.**

- **Save money!** By taking these courses, you may be able to attend part time in your final semester at SULS!
- **Regular financial aid is available to cover tuition and program costs. Contact your financial aid advisor for details.**
- Students are strongly encouraged to purchase travel insurance to cover possible cancellation when booking flights.
- Please note that **airfare is not included**, flights are booked by the student.

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.

Travel suggestions: You may fly into either Shannon Airport or Dublin Airport. Busses run frequently from Dublin Airport to Galway City Center, and tickets may be booked online through Citylink or GoBus. Busses also run, though less frequently, from Shannon Airport. Check bus schedules ahead of traveling.

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



COURSES & DESCRIPTIONS



All participating students will take all three one-credit courses for a total of 3 credits.

Approaches to Criminal Case Adjudication, Sentencing, and Justice in US and Irish Law

Professor Christina Miller

Course Description:

This one credit course will examine the adjudication of criminal cases with a focus on sentencing and the broader goals of criminal justice systems in the U.S. and Ireland. It will consider how theories of deterrence, rehabilitation, and restorative justice shape sentencing practices and outcomes. The course will also explore non-traditional models that address the societal factors contributing to criminal behavior, including problem-solving courts and community-based interventions. Students will compare U.S. and Irish approaches to using criminal justice adjudication as a means to prevent future crime and address criminal behavior.

Recent Topics in Family Law From a Comparative Perspective

Professor Maritza Karmely

Course Description:

This one credit class, which has no prerequisites requirements and is open to all students, will review family law “hot topics” in the US and European Union. Through in-class discussion of legal issues, simulations, and field trips, this class will cover the historical development of marriage and divorce in both the US and EU, the federalization of child support in the US as compared to the EU, and the complex area of child custody and child abduction.

The Irish Legal System

This course will be taught by Galway-based Irish faculty members

Course Description:

An overview of the Irish legal system, including constitutional, criminal, and EU law dimensions.