

## AHA International Ireland Quick Facts

### **Academics**

- *Admission Requirements*
  - 2.5 minimum GPA
  - Sophomore status +
  - **Program only offered in summer**
- *Program Academics*
  - 3 courses offered, may only enroll in 2
  - Courses (45 contact hours/course) typically translate to 4 AC credits
  - Academic focus: literature, mythology, history
  - Fulfills “S” course requirement
  - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
  - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to “E”. Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received an Incomplete grade.

### **Housing**

- Host family
- Breakfast & dinner provided; responsible for lunches

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to Ireland?*
  - A passport is required for international travel and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
  - A student visa is not required for visits to Ireland under 90 days.
  - Please bring the Letter of Enrollment you receive in your pre-departure packet with you to Dublin, and your round trip ticket back to the U.S. to show that your stay is no more than 90 days.
  
2. *Can I use my cell phone in Ireland?*
  - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
  - One option is purchasing phone cards once you arrive in Ireland. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
  - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for Ireland.
  - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.
  
3. *Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*
  - Email and wireless internet access will be provided at IADT and is also readily available at nearby internet cafes for a reasonable rate. You may also be able to access hotspots or use your laptop at Wi-Fi cafes in Dublin.
  - You should bring a laptop computer, however, it's safe-keeping and insurance will remain your personal responsibility.
  - You should also be aware that due to high telephone rates, computer use for internet access at your host family's home is usually not available or encouraged.
  
4. *What is public transportation like?*
  - Dublin has an extensive bus network, but not necessarily the most reliable or fast.
  - You will use public transportation to go to school from your host family's house. Further instructions will be given in the on-site orientation.
  
5. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process or general questions about the AHA Ireland program?*
  - Your first point of contact should be the AHA official website ([www.ahastudyabroad.org](http://www.ahastudyabroad.org)).
  - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, call AHA staff at 800-654-2051, or e-mail [ahamail@uoregon.edu](mailto:ahamail@uoregon.edu).
  - Off-Campus Studies staff are always here to help answer your questions.