State University of New York, College at Oswego
GLS 100: Dublin and Ireland
Spring 2010 Tentative Syllabus

GLS 100: A Global City – Dublin and Ireland
Spring 2010 – Quarter 4 (Tues, March 23 – Tues, May 4)
Class Time: Thurs. 4:30-6:00 PM
Location: Library Instruction Room, #2 Penfield
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Course Description:

GLS 100 is a 4th quarter, 3 credit hour, study of the history and culture of Dublin and Ireland, as economic development and technological innovation have transformed the country into a major role in the European Union.

Seminar classes for the course will be conducted on campus for seven weeks, beginning March 23rd and ending May 4th, on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-6:00 PM in Penfield Library Instruction Room #2.

The second part of the course will consist of a 9 day study tour to Dublin and Ireland, from Saturday, May 27th until Saturday, June 5th. This will offer students an opportunity for intensive study in the Irish Capital and the beautiful west coast of Ireland with visits to several museums, Trinity College, cathedrals, castles, Irish craft centers, historic houses and gardens, ancient monastery ruins, various historic and cultural sites, the Rock of Cashel, Killarney, Tralee, Limerick, and the spectacular scenery of the Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula various other historic and cultural sites. We will also attend a play or concert and enjoy evenings of Irish music and entertainment. Special events will include a traditional Irish dinner, music and step dancing at Johnny Fox’s Irish Pub near Dublin, a medieval banquet and musical performances at Bunratty Castle near Limerick and the Irish Folk Festival at Tralee. Further details of the field trip are included on the Dublin itinerary sheet.

Eligibility:

The course is open to students in all majors for lower or upper division credit with permission of the instructor. The Dublin study tour is required and there is a cost of $2,495 plus other fees for the trip. Students may be eligible for financial aid assistance. Upper division students may enroll in upper division credit as History 499, if they meet all requirements.
Course Objectives:

- Study the history and culture of Dublin and Ireland and its role in European history
- Achieve a deeper understanding of Irish culture and history prior to the field trip experience
- Gain a better appreciation of many Irish traditions and heritage
- Introduce students to the value of study abroad and the many other programs offered by the SUNY Oswego Office of International Education

Course Format:

The Oswego classes will be structured as a mix of brief lectures and discussions in a seminar setting. The brief presentations will include slides and video clips. The discussions will focus on assigned readings.

The course will consist of 3 days of guided tours of the cities, villages and countryside along with brief overviews of the significance of each of the places that we will visit. There will also be ample free time in most places to explore your own interests. See field trip itinerary for greater detail.

Required Readings: All will be available in the College Store, Kraftee’s or from Amazon.com.

Amy H. Blackwell & Ryan Hackney, the Everything Irish History & Heritage Book (Adams Media, 2004)
Pat Boran, A Short History of Dublin (Mercier Press, 2000)

Recommended Readings:

Seamus MacCall, A Little History of Ireland (Colin Smythe, 1973 & 1991)
Richard Killeen, A Short History of Ireland (Gill & Macmillan, 1994)
See instructor for many other suggestions depending on your interests

Evaluation:

Grades for the course will not be posted until after the completion of the Ireland field trip at the end of June. Your final grade will be based on the following components:

- Short reports, Participation and Attendance (35%)
  Since the in-class portion of the course meets only once a week for seven weeks, attendance is required unless excused in advance by the instructor.
Participation is extremely important and assumes that you will complete the assigned readings in advance of the class and be prepared to contribute to discussion. There will be short reports that are required for each class. These are brief reaction papers based on the assigned readings that are required each week.

- **Short Research Paper (35%)** Each student is required to complete a 7-9 page research paper on a topic related to the course and approved by the instructor. A list of suggested topics and further guidelines will be distributed in class. The paper is due on the last day of class (May 4th).

- **Study Tour Journal (30%)** All course participants are required to keep a journal of their experiences and reactions during the field trip to Ireland. The journal will be provided and the completed journal will be returned to you to keep. Participation in all scheduled group activities on the field trip is required. You will have some free time to explore each location on your own during our trip.

**Weekly reading assignments:** Weekly class assignments are as follows:

Tues. 3/23/10 (1)  
Introduction to Dublin and Ireland  
* Ireland slide show

Tues. 3/30/10 (2)  
Overview of Irish History  
* Blackwell & Hackney, chapters 1-7

Tues. 4/6/10 (3)  
Overview of Irish History (continued)  
* Blackwell & Hackney, chapters 8-14

Tues. 4/13/10 (4)  
Overview of Irish History (continued)  
* Blackwell & Hackney, chapters 15-22

Tues. 4/20/10 (5)  
Dublin from Prehistory to the Tudor Era  
* Boran, Introduction and chapters 1-7

Tues. 5/4/10 (6)  
Dublin from Cornwall to the Easter Rising in 1916  
* Boran, chapters 8-14

Tues. 5/4/10 (7)  
Dublin from the Civil War to the Present  
* Boran, chapters 15-19

TBA (8)  
Ireland Study Tour Preparation  
* Eyewitness Guide – Ireland  
(Selectively)
Travel Arrangements:

The Office of International Education and Programs (100 Sheldon Hall) will handle all travel arrangements from New York to Dublin and our return flight. Contact Mary Kerr at 312-2118 <kerr@oswego.edu> with any questions. You are responsible for getting yourself to the airport in New York on May 27th and arranging return travel from the airport to your home on June 5th. Connecting flights to NYC are not included in your program cost.

Passports:

You should possess, or begin the process of obtaining, a passport at the time of registration. With the trip less than 8 weeks after the start of class, students will be expected to have a valid passport by the first class in March (Please bring a photocopy—NOT THE ACTUAL PASSPORT—of the passport photo page with your name on it with you to the first class or as soon as possible).

Program Fee:

The Office of International Education and Programs will assess a “program fee” of $2,495 to cover, among other things, international airfare from New York, transportation upon arrival and departure in Dublin, most admission fees, some ground transportation, breakfasts and lodging, most special entertainment and two dinners. You will receive complete details about what this fee does and does not cover. The “program fee” must be paid at the time of registration for the course. Those who do not already have valid passports should request them at the time of registration or before. Withdrawal from class is no guarantee of a refund of the program fee, which is subject to rules you will receive from the Office of International Education & Programs.

Further Information:

Contact Mary Kerr in The Office of International Education <Kerr@oswego.edu> or by calling 312-2118. The program director is Dr. David King, Professor of History and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. His email is <david.king@oswego.edu> and his telephone number is 315-312-3692.