



THE KING'S COLLEGE

Summer Study Program in Belfast, Northern Ireland

Stranmillis College of Queens University Belfast

May 16-30, 2020

Stranmillis University College of Queens University Belfast in Northern Ireland (<http://www.stran.ac.uk>) is offering a **course in Peace and Reconciliation exploring the culture, politics, and religious history of Northern Ireland** from **May 16-30, 2020** in Belfast. Queen's University Belfast was founded by Royal Charter in 1845. Dr. Anthony Bradley from King's will be on site to facilitate the program for King's students, which will be taught by Stranmillis faculty and a number of guests. **Up to 25 King's students will be chosen to participate.** Local Belfast students may also participate. The program includes visits to important regional sites along with classroom instruction. Speakers will include local historians, politicians, church, police and community leaders, journalists, artists and musicians. All expenses in Belfast are covered in a comprehensive fee of approximately \$2,500 (to be determined by February 1, 2020): tuition, housing, food, transport, museum and attraction tickets. Airfare is not included but typically costs \$400-600. Students will be housed in Stranmillis University College dorms near main the campus of Queens University with meals provided in university dining halls. The academic credits are issued by the prestigious Queen's University Belfast, and **King's students may elect**

to have 3 hours transferred back to King's as an RTS major elective or Open elective without additional tuition or fees. The course also fulfills the international study requirement for the International Affairs minor. King's students in the program will be officially enrolled as students at Queens University in Belfast and will receive an official transcript from Queens University acknowledging that they were officially registered as college students in the United Kingdom during the program.

COSTS

<u>Direct Expenses (paid to The King's College)</u>	—	<u>Cost</u>
Comprehensive fee includes:		
tuition, housing, daily breakfast and lunch,		
local transport, museum and attraction tickets		\$2,500*
*This is a very close estimate. The final fee will be determined no later than February 1, 2020.		
<u>Indirect Expenses (for which the Student is responsible) Cost</u>		
Air Fare		\$400-600
Dinners (as desired)		\$150-200
Personal/Miscellaneous (optional):		\$100-500
Total Indirect Expenses:		\$650-1,300
Total Expenses (Direct and Indirect)		\$3,150-3,800

FAQS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Is there a limit to the number of students that can go? Yes. There is a cap of 12 students.

Can non-King's students, family or friends attend? Yes. King's welcomes applications from students at colleges across the country. King's is serving as the United States administrative host for students at other schools who would like to take the course. The program is closed, however, to individuals who are not enrolled as full-time college students.

Do I have to take the class to attend the program? Yes. This is an academic venture.

What if I don't need the three hours of academic credit? Students will be awarded the academic credit from Queens University Belfast. The conversion to U.S. academic credit depends on the school to which credit is transferred. King's students are not required to but may choose to transfer the credit to their King's transcripts as three hours of Open elective or RTS major elective, or to meet the International Affairs minor international study experience, without any additional fees.

If I have a full-tuition scholarship during the regular academic year at King's does that mean I don't have to pay tuition for the summer program? Unfortunately, students who receive a full-tuition scholarship during the regular academic year will still have to pay the full cost for the summer program. This also applies to students in any exchange programs at King's who benefit from reduced tuition or who are in a tuition remission situation because of a parent's employment at the college.

Can I find my own housing overseas and not pay the housing costs? No, that is not possible, as all students will be living together in Stranmillis College housing while overseas. This is part of the dynamic created for the program. Living in different locations also creates problems logistically speaking when moving about as a group.

Is there a GPA or class year requirement? The program will give preference to rising juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 2.8. Rising sophomores with exceptional academic credentials may be considered at the discretion of the director if space is available. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement may still apply but will need to explain on their application why they are academically prepared to participate in the program despite not having the requisite GPA.

When can I apply for the program and when are applications due? They are due at the end of the business day on Friday, January 31, 2020.

Is federal or King's institutional financial aid available? No, neither can be applied to this program, because the instruction and credits are delivered by Queens University Belfast.

Can I fundraise like the students who participate in International Ventures? No. This is not a missions or outreach type of trip. Any money you receive from friends and family for this trip is not tax deductible.

COURSE INFORMATION

After decades of violent conflict, Belfast is now a city transformed. This course allows students to explore peacebuilding and reconciliation within the city of Belfast and various locations throughout Northern Ireland. Students will spend time in local communities, hearing first-hand accounts of the history, faith and culture of this beautiful but wounded land. There are opportunities for intercultural learning throughout and students will hear personal accounts from leading peacebuilders, including local historians, politicians, church, police and community leaders, journalists, artists and musicians. Students will explore concepts of truth, mercy and forgiveness in relation to reconciliation, while discovering the challenges that remain as Northern Ireland continues to grapple with its troubled past.

The pioneering reconciliation work of the Inter Church Youth Link: NI

(<http://www.youthlink.org.uk>) will form the basis of an in-depth case study and there will also be an opportunity to visit the world renowned Corrymeela Community on the beautiful North Coast (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=17rKlzuC8OU>)

Who is teaching the class? Faculty of Stranmillis University College, under the supervision of Barbara McDade, Senior Lecturer in Education Studies and International Development. Dr. Bradley will also be onsite to participate in the program.

Where are classes held? On the campus of Stranmillis University College in Belfast.

When are classes scheduled? The days will be scheduled based on that day's topics and field trips. Class sessions will consist of a combination of lecture and discussion.

Will I have homework? Yes, including preparing for class in advance with provided lecture notes.

What school supplies will I need? Students will need to bring an electronic device of some sort for note taking and writing assignments and to access the Internet (Wi-Fi will be available in the classrooms and housing). The program will make all necessary materials

available to students in digital format.

TRAVELING TO, FROM, AND IN IRELAND

Who is responsible for purchasing flights to and from Belfast? Students will be responsible for their flights into and out of Belfast, Northern Ireland. This allows students and their families the opportunity to shop around for the best prices as well as use Frequent Flyer miles. This will also allow students to fly to and from Belfast from anywhere. Students who plan to continue to travel after the program ends will have the freedom to book their flights at will.

Once I'm accepted into the program can I purchase my flights to and from Europe? No. Do not purchase any flights until the program director has given the ok to do so. This is the so-called "point of no return" when enough funds have been collected to finance the program. Until that point is reached there's always a chance that if a certain number of students drop out, the venture becomes financially unfeasible. We want everyone to feel secure that when purchasing flights the program is definitely happening.

How will transportation in and around Belfast work? The program will cover this cost and provide all arrangements for program-related local travel. Other local travel is the responsibility of the student.

Will I need a passport and visa? You'll need a Passport but not a visa if you are visiting Ireland for fewer than three months. Students who are citizens of other countries besides the US, as well as members of states of the European Union, are responsible for obtaining the appropriate visas.

SAFETY

What kind of insurance is there if I get hurt or get sick? All program participants are required to have personal health insurance. The College, however, does provide everyone with additional coverage with AIG World Risk. In the case of illness, hospitalization, etc., expenses, not covered by a participant's primary health insurance will be covered as stated in their brochure which is available on request.

What if there's a terror attack or some other kind of crisis while abroad? All participants will be covered with evacuation insurance through AIG World Risk that includes a comprehensive package of vital services and insurance protection to respond to a number of crisis events that can occur while traveling or residing in various "hot spots" and major city centers worldwide. Coverage includes: disappearance, hostage crisis, threat, kidnapping, extortion, wrongful detention, and hijacking. Further, the college has its own set of safety procedures and actions to take in the event of a crisis while we are overseas.

IMPORTANT DATES and DEADLINES

Applications will be due January 31, 2020, deposits for accepted students will be due February 24th, and final payments will be due March 16th.

Applications due: Friday, January 31, 2020

Applications are due to Dr. Bradley by Friday, January 31, 2020 by the end of the business day. No applications will be accepted after that date. ***Note: For this program to run there must be at least six (6) King's students participating.***

Criteria for selection will include GPA, essay responses as well as academic and character references. Preference will be given to graduating and rising juniors and seniors. The goal is to put together a team of students who will get along well with one another and are interested in the cultural and academic aspects of the program.

Students will be notified of their acceptance into the program by Friday, February 7, 2020.

Refundable deposit of \$650 due: February 24, 2020

Because the program is based on the number of students who are committed, there will be a **refundable** deposit of \$650 due by Friday, February 24, 2020 (refundable through March 15th). Please see below for refund details. Students who do not turn in the deposit by this date will lose their spot in the program. Students on a waiting list will be bumped up and given the option of enrolling.

Partially refundable final balance payment for the program (approximately \$2,250 additional) due: March 16, 2020

Please see below for refund details.

Program Refunds

A student may terminate the agreement and withdraw from the Summer School by completing the cancellation form (see below) and forwarding to studyabroad@stran.ac.uk and abradley@tkc.edu.

Refunds will be applied in accordance with the table below, the date of withdrawal is the date the University College receives your cancellation in writing.

In exceptional circumstances a cancelled booking may be considered for a refund where a refund is not due. Students are required to demonstrate, with supporting evidence, extenuating personal circumstances (for example, illness and bereavement)

which prohibit them from attending. A visa application refusal will not be considered an extenuating circumstance.

Cancellation Charges

Date of Withdrawal	Fee Refund
Within 14 days of accepting the offer and payment being made in full.	Stranmillis will refund all fees paid by you.
After expiry of the Cancellation Period but before 9th April 2020.	Stranmillis will refund any fees paid by you, with the exception of the \$650 deposit.
After expiry of the Cancellation Period, but after 1st May 2020.	No refund will be made for any bookings.

If the program is cancelled because of low enrollment as determined by the College there will be a full refund of all program payments.

Please note again: Do not purchase any flights until the program director has given the ok to do so, which will be given very shortly after April 2, 2020 upon determination of program viability.

In sum:

Application deadline	January 31, 2020
Acceptance notification	by February 7, 2020
Refundable deposit due (\$650)	February 24, 2020
Remainder of fees due (approx. \$1,850)	March 16, 2020
Date of viability determination	Immediately after April 2, 2020

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If you have any questions, contact Dr. Bradley at abradley@tkc.edu.