

So... You're Studying Abroad? IN IRELAND!



Here's What You Need To Know!

- 1. Plan your to and from dates.** When you get to customs, they want to know when you are leaving so they know how long they have to get to know how fabulous you are!
- 2. Keep Your Mind On Your Money!** And your money on your mind. The exchange rates change, make sure you know how much you are spending.
- 3. Overseas Bank Account.** Getting a bank account with save you a lot of time and headache (not to mention ATM charges!) when organizing your spending in Ireland. At UCD its easy to get a student bank account!
- 4. Learn The Busses ASAP!** The bus system is not hard, but mastering it will make your stay so much more fun!
- 5. Learn Celsius.** Something easy to forget is ovens and weather are all in C! Know it!
- 6. Know Ireland!** Europeans love politics, so know something about Irelands politics and your time will be a lot easier.
- 7. Know How to Read A Map.** The scariest part of being in a new place is getting lost. Knowing how to read a map and keeping it with you all the time is smart!
- 8. ASK QUESTIONS!** The Irish are friendly and most enjoy meeting new people so ask questions and get to know the heart of Ireland, the amazing people!
- 9. School Comes First.** Check, double check, and triple check that your credits will transfer!
- 10. Know Your New School.** While many things are different, know the timetables for classes, and know when you have breaks from school! Get an idea before you get there so you are not overwhelmed.
- 11. Travel!!!!** You are in Europe and getting around is so easy! Know Ryan Air and Air Lingus. Yes you are there for Ireland, doesn't mean you cant get to know Europe as a whole!
- 12. Expand Your Horizons.** Make friends with Americans, there will be a lot, but don't forget to make friends with people from different countries! It will open your eyes to cultures you never knew before!
- 13. Know What to Do.** Make back up plans. If you get sick, or hurt then make sure you know what to do. Make sure you know the contacts at your new school!
- 14. Speaking Of...**Pre-order your prescriptions or any other medical supplies you need.
- 15. HAVE FUN!** Above all, enjoy your time you have abroad. It is a life changing experience and it is one that is meant to be lived to the fullest!