

Conditions and Application Form of the Summer Study Abroad Programme, Carlow College, St. Patrick's

By submitting an application to the Summer Study Abroad Programme (hereafter Programme) at Carlow College, St. Patrick's (hereafter Carlow College), applicants agree to be bound by the conditions outlined in this document. Non-adherence to the conditions may result in termination of learners' participation in the Programme. Learners who withdraw early or are dismissed from the Programme will remain responsible for all Programme costs incurred on their behalf (e.g. no refunds will be given for academic tuition and accommodation). Full loss of academic credit for the Programme may also result.

1. Immigration

As the Programme is only three weeks in duration, there is no student visa required to participate in this programme. Learners will enter Ireland on the standard 90-day tourist visa.

2. Course of Study

At Carlow College, the Programme learners are registered on the B.A. (Hons) in Arts and Humanities Programme. Learners should consult with their home institution or study abroad provider to ensure that the Irish Experience and Introduction to Irish Literature courses, as detailed on Section 3 of their application form, will transfer back to their academic programme of study in the United States.

Learners are expected to attend classes and all field trips. Attendance is mandatory unless specified arrangements have been made with the International Officer of Carlow College. Unauthorised absences are grounds for disciplinary action and possible dismissal from the programme.

Carlow College study abroad learners are governed by the same academic regulations as every other learner registered on the B.A. (Hons) in Arts and Humanities Programme.

3. Independent Travel

While it is assumed that Programme learners may wish to participate in additional travel unrelated to the Programme, learners must understand that commitment to their educational programme at Carlow College is primary and takes precedence over all other travel. Learners must understand and acknowledge that they accept full responsibility for personal travel. It is strongly encouraged that learners provide the International Officer of Carlow College with details of any extended travel away from Carlow College so that in case of emergency the appropriate individuals can be contacted.

4. Housing

Learners are expected to live in on-campus accommodation at Lennon House, Carlow College and to abide by the Terms and Conditions of Housing provided by Carlow College. Failure to do so may cause for dismissal from the programme. As Lennon House is shared accommodation, learners are expected to be mindful and respectful of their fellow residents.

5. Personal Conduct

As a guest in Ireland, Programme learners are responsible for conforming to all applicable Irish laws, and rules and policies of Carlow College. Be aware that you are also under any code of conduct determined by your home institution or study abroad provider. Learners must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Inappropriate behaviour may be cause for dismissal from the Programme. In the case of conflict between the codes of conduct and policies of home institution / study abroad provider and host institution, that of the host institution will take precedence.

6. Fees

The cost to participate in the Programme is €2,850. A non-refundable booking deposit of €500, taken off the total programme cost, is due with the completed application form by 15 February 2019. The balance of the fee is due 6 May 2019 and there are no refunds provided after that date. In the unlikely event that the programme is unable to run, a full refund is provided (including the booking fee). Please note that applications received after the final deadline will not be considered.

If your payment is made through your home institution or study abroad provider, Carlow College will invoice affiliated institutions or study abroad provider for Carlow College tuition and accommodation; in turn, the affiliated institutions will process tuition and accommodation payments on the learners' behalf.

7. Withdrawal from the Programme

Learners who wish to withdraw from the Programme at Carlow College should immediately seek advice from the International Officer at Carlow College and the study abroad representative at their home institution or study abroad provider.

8. Legal Problems

Carlow College is excused of liability for those circumstances outside of the control or responsibility of the College (e.g. arising from the learners' own acts or omissions). The learner is responsible for all legal problems encountered in Ireland. Carlow College will endeavour to assist learners but does not guarantee assistance of any kind can be provided.

9. Institutional Information Exchange

Programme learners are studying at Carlow College as part of an affiliated agreement Carlow College has with their home institution or study abroad provider. To enable the exchange, it is necessary for Carlow College to share certain information about Programme learners with the home institution or study abroad provider. Data shared with your home institution or study abroad provider may include:

- Decisions on applications to participate in the summer study abroad programme;
- Academic transcripts and data regarding other academic matters (e.g. non-attendance at classes);
- Notifications, updates and reports arising from non-adherence to rules and policies, misconduct and investigations involving the learners. This includes academic and general disciplinary issues;
- Information regarding emergency situations, including medical emergencies, accidents and other circumstances of a grave nature;
- Information about supports that are offered, or are in place, for learners regarding medical issues, learning differences or disabilities.

10. Dismissal Policy

Participants in the Programme are subject to the Conditions set out in this document and the rules and policies which apply to all registered learners of Carlow College. Due to the short-term nature of the Programme, learners may either be subject to investigation in the usual way under College policies or in serious cases, Carlow College reserves the right to instigate the Dismissal Procedure described below.

Carlow College, in communication with learners' home institution or study abroad provider, Carlow College reserves the right to terminate participation of learners in the Programme for infractions which include, but are not limited to:

- a) violation of Conditions set out in this document;
- b) disruptive behaviour;
- c) excessive absences from the academic programme;
- d) use of illegal drugs;
- e) excessive use of alcohol;
- f) any conduct that appears to Carlow College to be disruptive to the learner or incompatible with the interest or welfare of others or the reputation of the programme;
- g) non-adherence to the rules and policies which apply generally to learners attending Carlow College.

Learners who withdraw early or are dismissed from the Programme will remain responsible for all Programme costs incurred on their behalf (e.g. no refunds will be given for academic tuition and accommodation). Full loss of academic credit for the Programme may also result.

11. Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal from the programme will take the following form:

- a) the International Officer of Carlow College identifies violation of any rule or condition;
- b) the International Officer of Carlow College discusses the violation with the learner and a course of action is agreed upon. This information is sent to the

learner's home institution or study abroad provider through which the learner applied;

- c) If remediation does not occur within the agreed-upon timeframe, and if the learner continues to break the rules of the agreement, he or she will be contacted by the International Officer of Carlow College for immediate dismissal.

FOR OFFICE USE

Application number: _____


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Summer Study Abroad Application Form

Please review the Admission Guidelines for Summer Study Abroad Learners (p. 9) prior to completing this application form.

Section 1 – Personal Details

Title (Mr/Ms/Mrs etc):	Date of Birth: _ / _ / _ _ _ _ (DD-MM-YYYY)
Family Name (as on passport):	
First Name (as on passport):	
Home (Permanent) Address:	
Male/Female (please circle)	Nationality:
E-mail Address to be Used for Correspondence:	
Contact Phone Number:	
Next-of-Kin (Please detail the contact details of the person who should be contacted in the event of an emergency. Please tell the designated Next-of-Kin that their details have been provided.)	
Name:	
Relationship to You:	
Contact Phone Number:	
E-Mail Address to be Used for Correspondence:	

Section 2 – Undergraduate Institution(s)

Certified copies of your third-level academic transcripts should be attached to application

Name of Institution:	
Stage of Studies:	Major:
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Stage of Studies:	Major:

Section 3 – Programme Information and Course Selection

Academic Year:	20__ / __ (e.g. 2017/2018)	
Semester:	__ Summer	
<p>At Carlow College, St. Patrick's, all Summer Study Abroad learners are registered on the B.A. (Hons) in Arts and Humanities Programme. Learners should consult with their home institution or study abroad provider to ensure their chosen courses will transfer back to their academic programme of study in the United States.</p>		
Carlow College Course Title	Articulation Code at Home Institution or Provider	
Irish Experience (Mandatory)		
Introduction to Irish Literature (Mandatory)		

Section 4 – English Language Competency

English as a first language (<i>please circle</i>): Yes / No
IELTS Score (<i>if answered 'No' above</i>):
Other (<i>give details</i>):
<p>If 'No', please review the <i>English Language Requirements for Admissions to Carlow College, St. Patrick's</i> and provide the necessary paperwork. This document can be found at: http://www.carlowcollege.ie/Portals/0/Admissions/EnglishLanguageEntryRequirementsforAdmissiontoCarlowCollegeStPatrick's.pdf.</p>

Section 5 – Home Institution or Provider Details

Name of Home Institution or Provider:	
Name and Postal Address of Officer or Coordinator to whom transcripts should be sent to upon completion of your studies at Carlow College, St. Patrick's:	
E-Mail Address of Officer or Coordinator to whom electronic transcripts should be sent to upon completion of your studies at Carlow College, St. Patrick's:	

Personal Disclosures

Section 1 – Supports for a Disability or Learning Difference Disclosure

Do you have a disability or any learning difference(s) you wish to disclose (*please circle*):

Yes / No

If you answer ‘yes’, please see the section below ‘Consent for Processing Personal Data’.

If ‘Yes’, please complete the Carlow College Evidence of Disability Form found at: <http://www.carlowcollege.ie/Portals/0/International/Evidence%20of%20Disability%20Form%202017.pdf?ver=2017-03-24-103737-450>. This will help us to plan supports for your disclosed disability or learning differences prior to your arrival.

Section 2 – Medical Condition Disclosure

Do you have any medical condition(s) you wish to disclose (*please circle*): **Yes / No**

If you answer ‘yes’, please see the section below ‘Consent for Processing Personal Data’.

If ‘Yes’, please describe the condition(s) and indicate the types of supports which you typically require. This will help us to plan supports for your condition(s) prior to your arrival:

CONSENT FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

If you have provided us with information about a medical condition, learning difference or disability, we must have your explicit consent before we can use it. Please consider the following statements and tick the boxes if you agree that we can use your personal data for the purposes outlined:

I consent to the processing of my medical information in order to assess the need for and provide supports to me. I understand that both Carlow College, St. Patrick’s and my home institution / study abroad provider have access to this data.

Please tick the box if you consent

I consent to the processing of my disability / learning difference information in order to assess the need for and provide supports to me. I understand that both Carlow College, St. Patrick’s and my home institution / study abroad provider have access to this data.

Please tick the box if you consent

You may grant, refuse or withdraw your consent at any time. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing before its withdrawal. If you wish to withdraw any consent you have given, please send an email to intloffice@carlowcollege.ie.

Application Declaration

I certify that the details given in this application and the associated documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I have read and understand the *Conditions of the Summer Study Abroad Programme, Carlow College, St. Patrick's* and agree to be bound by them. I understand that non-adherence to the conditions may result in the termination of my participation in the Study Abroad Programme.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Completed forms should be processed through the International Office at your home institution or study abroad provider.

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YEAR OF ENTRY: _____	
SIGNED: _____ International Officer	DATE: __/__/____

Admission Guidelines for Summer Study Abroad Learners



Since 2003, Carlow College, St Patrick's (hereafter Carlow College) has developed educational cooperation agreements with many institutions of higher learning in the United States. The purpose of these agreements is to enhance educational experiences and the cultural understanding of learners and faculty members at both Carlow College and affiliated institutions. The operational purpose of these agreements is to manage the process of application, exchange¹ and result transfer. Carlow College is committed to ensuring that applicants are subject to the terms and conditions agreed upon between Carlow College and affiliated institutions. To further this end, all applications are to be processed through the home institution or study abroad provider's² international officer.

These guidelines exist to ensure that a) the academic standards at Carlow College are maintained and b) every application is reviewed in an equitable manner. Although potential applicants are screened by their home institution or study abroad provider, Carlow College shall have the final authority on admission decisions, and those decisions will be communicated no later than two working weeks from receipt of application.

Moreover, it is important to note that Carlow College subscribes to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race or membership of the Traveller community. The International Officer of Carlow College is the final arbitrator regarding admission decisions pertaining to our Summer Study Abroad Programme.

Application and Admission

1. Section 1 – Personal Details

As part of completing Section 1, learners must submit, as part of their application form, a photocopy of the applicant's passport page. This is the only form of personal identity that is accepted.

2. Section 2 – Undergraduate Institution(s)

To be considered for studying abroad at Carlow College, all applicants must have:

- completed at least twelve credit hours at a third-level institution by the time they commence their studies at Carlow College (credits taken in AP, CLEP, IB, etc. may be counted toward the twelve-hour total);
- obtained a cumulative mark of at least 2.5 out of a 4.0;

¹ In this context, the term 'exchange' refers to the activities and events while a learner is studying at Carlow College as part of our study abroad programme.

² The only study abroad provider that Carlow College is currently affiliated with is the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP).

- obtained a mark of B or higher in a written composition course completed at a third-level institution (e.g. post-secondary institution);

To provide evidence of these academic achievements, all applicants for the Summer Study Abroad Programme at Carlow College must submit certified copies of their third-level academic transcripts as part of their application form.

3. Section 3 – Programme Information and Course Selection

Learners are registered on the B.A. (Hons) in Arts and Humanities Programme. Learners should consult with their home institution or study abroad provider to ensure that their chosen courses will transfer back to their academic programme of study in the United States.

4. Section 4 – English Language Competency

If English is not the first language of the applicant, the applicant should review the *English Language Requirements for Admissions to Carlow College, St. Patrick's* and provide the necessary paperwork detailed:

<http://www.carlowcollege.ie/Portals/0/Admissions/EnglishLanguageEntryRequirementsforAdmissiontoCarlowCollegeStPatrick's.pdf>.

This paperwork must be submitted as part of the Summer Study Abroad Application Form.

5. Section 5 – Home Institution or Provider Details

At the conclusion of their studies, academic transcripts will be sent to the person and address provided on the application form. As per our affiliation agreements, Carlow College cannot guarantee transcripts before four working weeks from the last day of the Programme.

PERSONAL DISCLOSURES

6. Section 1 – Supports for a Disability or Learning Difference Disclosure

Carlow College welcomes applications from learners with disabilities or additional learning support needs. As such, Carlow College is committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure that academic opportunities are available to all appropriately qualified applicants, irrespective of disability or additional learning support needs.

Applications from learners with disabilities are subject to the same academic selection process as all applications and will be assessed using our standard admissions practices and policies.

If you wish to provide us with information about a learning difference or disability, please complete the *Carlow College Evidence of Disability Form* available at:

<http://www.carlowcollege.ie/Portals/0/International/Evidence%20of%20Disability%20Form%202017.pdf?ver=2017-03-24-103737-450>.

The information provided on this form will be processed by the International Office and shared with the Academic Resource Office, home institution / study abroad

provider for the purposes of arranging reasonable academic accommodations and supports. The Academic Resource Office will assess learner needs and will communicate and agree with the learner, what reasonable academic accommodations and supports for disclosed disability or learning differences are available at Carlow College. This information will be made available to, and agreed with, the learner prior to the learner travelling to commence their studies at Carlow College.

While every attempt is made to provide reasonable academic accommodation for learners with physical disabilities or impaired mobility, Carlow College is a protected structure with limits imposed on the structural modifications that can be made.³ As all areas cannot be universally accessed, applicants with restricted mobility are strongly advised to contact the International Office to explore the College's suitability for their individual learning needs.

EU, Visiting or International learners do not qualify for supports through the Irish HEA 'Fund for Students with Disabilities', and are advised to consult the Disability Service in their home institution or study abroad provider in advance of applying for admission. Please note that reasonable accommodations for semester study abroad learners that apply in their home institutions may not be applicable in Carlow College.

7. Section 2 – Medical Condition Disclosure

Carlow College appreciates any information that applicants may provide to enable us to better prepare for their study abroad experience. Please note any information provided by applicants may be shared with Carlow College staff (e.g. accommodations or field-trip) leads to enable appropriate support arrangements to be put in place.

CONSENT FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

All learners that provide us with information about a medical condition, learning difference or disability, must provide us with their explicit consent before we can use it. we must have your explicit consent before we can use it.

If you agree that we can use your personal data for the purposes outlined in the section titled 'Personal Disclosures', please note that you may grant, refuse or withdraw your consent at any time. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing before its withdrawal. If you wish to withdraw any consent you have given, please send an email to intloffic@carlowcollege.ie.

8. Application Declaration

Please read this section and the following documents carefully before applying to the Summer Study Abroad Programme at Carlow College: the *Conditions of the Study Abroad Programme, Carlow College, St. Patrick's*. Learners are also encouraged to read all policies related to data protection: <http://www.carlowcollege.ie/About-the-College/Presidents-Office/Data-Protection>.

³ A listed building is a structure that a planning authority considers to be of special interest from an architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical point of view (*Planning and Development Act, 2000*).

9. Complete Application

An application is considered complete when it includes:

- a completed Carlow College, St. Patrick's Summer Study Abroad Application Form;
- a copy of your passport page showing your photograph and personal details
- certified copies of transcripts from current institution of study;
- if your first language is not English, attach evidence of proficiency in English (IELTS Score or equivalent);
- if you have elected to provide evidence of a disability or learning difference, a completed *Carlow College Evidence of Disability Form*.

Notes:

1. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 February 2019.

Completed forms should be processed through the International Office of your home institution or study abroad provider.