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UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND, Athens, June 19 – The English Department has announced plans for a 2018 Faculty-Led Study Abroad program in Dublin, Ireland entitled: “Discovering the Rich Literary History of Ireland.” The program will run May 7-20, 2018 and is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors from all academic disciplines, with a participant limit of 24 students.

Students will divide their time among the capital city of Dublin, Westport, and Galway immersed in the history and literature of Joyce, Yeats, Shaw, Swift, Wilde, and Beckett. As they take in the charm, culture, and heritage of Irish natives they’ll explore sites such as the Book of Kells, the Writer’s Museum, Joyce Center, Kilmainham Gaol and other landmarks on daily co-curricular activities. The program will also feature five day-trips to Glendalough, Enniskerry, Killiney, Malahide, and Howth.

“This will be an unforgettable experience on many levels,” said John Smith, department chair and participating faculty member. He added, “Students will gain an in-depth understanding of how history and culture shaped the literary landscape in which these authors worked and lived.”

This program marks the 17 consecutive year University of Portland is offering a study abroad opportunity for students and has partnered with CIEE – Council on International Educational Exchange, to coordinate the program. CIEE is the world leader in international education and exchange, delivering the highest quality programs that increase global understanding and intercultural knowledge since 1947.



Program fees cover all tuition, housing, some meals, field trips and co-curricular activities, overnight excursions, and insurance and other travel benefits, with CIEE. Students are responsible for international airfare, books, supplies, visas and personal expenses.

Students interested in participating in the program should contact: John Smith at [jsmith@up.edu](mailto:jsmith@up.edu).  
Deadline for program application is January 6, 2017. Students should also meet with the Study Abroad Office as well as the Financial Aid office to confirm eligibility and discuss scholarship opportunities.