

NORTHERN IRELAND: RELIGION & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

FIELD SCHOOL SPRING-SUMMER 2018



Northern Ireland is a deeply divided society with a rich, but also troubled, history of religious, political and ethno-national conflict. This field school will involve two elements, a research component and a lecture-based conflict transformation component. The research component will involve students receiving intensive training in ethnographic research methods. Students will also be embedded in religious communities in Belfast, where they will apply their research training by collecting data (interviews and participant observation) in these communities. The other component of this program will be carried out in collaboration with the Queen's University Belfast Conflict Transformation Summer School. This portion of the program will involve learning about the history of the "Troubles" in Northern Ireland, as well as its 'post-conflict' present, by comparing the strife between Catholics and Protestants with other ethno-religious conflicts around the world. This program includes a series of guest lectures ranging from experts in conflict and conflict resolution, to members from key social and political institutions on both sides of the 'sectarian divide.' Students will also take trips to key historical and cultural sights, both around Belfast and in other parts of Northern Ireland. This program will integrate this training in conflict transformation with the day-to-day ethnographic research that students are conducting with religious communities around Belfast. Students will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty in this research process, and possibly participate in publications that come out of the research conducted on this program.

Students who participate in this program and complete the suggested pre-requisite course (ANTHR 101, which also fulfills 2 GE requirements) will have fulfilled all of the requirements for an anthropology minor.

DATES

25 May–13 August 2018

HOUSING

Students will stay at university housing or with host families.

COURSES

Undergraduate students typically take 12 credit hours during the spring/summer program from the following courses:

ANTHR 390R Culture & History of Northern Ireland (3 credit hours)

ANTHR 490R Religion & Conflict Transformation (3 credit hours)

ANTHR 495R Ethnographic Field Project (3-6 credit hours)

Alternative course options may be considered with the program director.

Graduate courses can also be offered for participating graduate students, including ANTHR 590R Spec Top in Psych Anthro.

COST

\$6,800–7,400

Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students), lodging, costs associated with in-country excursions, and international health insurance coverage.

Not Included: airfare (typically \$800–1,200 from U.S. to Ireland/Northern Ireland), most meals, and personal expenses.

PREPARATION

Accepted students are required to participate in ANTHR 390R Field School Prep (1 credit hour).

This course will be held during second block of winter semester 2018. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee of approximately \$286 for the prep class.

It is strongly recommended that students take ANTHR 101 Social/Cultural Anthropology (3 credit hours) before participating in this program. Professor Hickman will also be teaching ANTHR 490R The End of the World (as we know it), winter semester 2018, a course on apocalyptic and utopian religious movements, that is recommended as an additional course to prepare students for this program.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships.

Students *must indicate on their original online application* that they want to be considered for financial aid.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

Some financial aid may be available through this program for students who qualify. See the director for further information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. The application requires a \$35 fee.

Select the *Field School* type option from the drop down menu, then “Northern Ireland Field School.”

Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete.

Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

Deadline: 1 December 2017

FACULTY

Jacob Hickman, an assistant professor of anthropology, is the program director.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

In order to receive internship credit, students will be required to be in Northern Ireland for the duration of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.