

**What's the best advice you can give future students to maximize their experience abroad?**

"When you have free time go explore the city. Do not be afraid to try new foods or do new things. On your trip you are not supposed to do everything like you would do it in America. Go have fun and love every minute of what you are doing."

"Don't be afraid to talk to the locals."

"Be in the moment for everything. Being abroad is not just about getting the college credit. It is about being in the moment and experiences a new culture first had."

"Keep an open mind! Try new things you would have never tried any other time. Adventure out. Get lost."

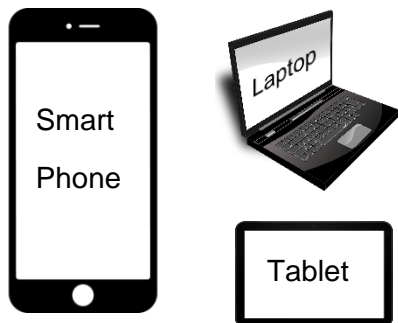
**What items did you not bring that you wish you had?**

- More underwear
- Portable charger
- Refillable water bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes

**What items did you pack and NOT need while abroad?**

- Too many clothes
- Too many dress shirts

**Which devices would you recommend others take in the future?**



**Most common ways to communicate with family and friends back home:**

- #1. Through WiFi-enabled smart phones apps
  - Skype
  - Whatsapp
  - iMessage
- #2. Email/ Facebook

# WCOB Ireland 2016

*"The month I spent in Ireland was the best month of my life. The friendships that I made and the experiences that I had will be unforgettable."*

**Approximately how much did you spend out of pocket during the program (in USD)?**

	Max Value	Average Value
Communication (cell phone, Internet charges, etc.):	50.00	3.89
Food:	1,000.00	483.33
Going out/free time:	1,500.00	282.35
Lodging:	1,000.00	118.89
Other:	200.00	11.11
Personal travel/excursions:	300.00	48.06
Program related travel/excursions:	2,000.00	155.28
Required books/supplies:	2,000.00	153.33
Souvenirs/gifts:	700.00	154.72

**What advice do you have for students to budget and spend money wisely?**

"Set your budget and stick to it. Find the "hole-in-the-walls" that are cheaper but still delicious. Some places will have specials on certain days. Find those days and go!"

"Write down what you spend!"

"Prepare a budget beforehand and be honest with yourself. If you plan to shop a lot, that is going to be a big expense."

**How did you pay for things on a daily basis?**

1. Cash (withdrawn from local ATM)
2. Cash (exchanged from U.S. currency)
3. Credit/Debit cards

**What credit cards were most accepted?**

