

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

"Plan out your free days ahead of time and do research to get the most out of your day."

"Get out of your comfort zone. Do not be shy to meet other people. Most importantly understand if nothing is ventured nothing is gained."

"Take every chance you get and PUT YOUR CELLPHONE AWAY! The time change is so different usually no one is awake back home anyway. Enjoy this time while you can and don't be distracted by your cellphone."

"Plan ahead to travel; don't wait until you get there to research and plan a trip its more difficult and stressful... but then again don't be afraid to do things on a whim when the opportunity presents itself."

"I wish I had known more about what to do in Dublin before getting there. I recommend searching for things to do before leaving and arriving with a bucket list!"

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

- More layers for the cold wind
- Warmer clothes
- Re-fillable water bottle
- Adapter
- Jacket

What items did you pack and NOT need while abroad?

- Hair dyer
- Shorts
- Dresses
- T-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. International calling/text plan with U.S. cell phone carrier

Education in Ireland

"I've always wanted to travel and see new places, and the Education study abroad program in Ireland gave me that opportunity as well as getting to experience the education system abroad! It was everything I hoped it would be and then some!"

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

	Max Value	Average Value
Communication (cell phone, Internet charges, etc.):	60.00	12.86
Food:	200.00	125.71
Going out/free time:	100.00	75.71
Personal travel/excursions:	250.00	78.57
Program related travel/excursions:	50.00	7.14
Required books/supplies:	30.00	4.29
Souvenirs/gifts:	100.00	71.43

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

"If you are going multiple places, try and set aside money for each place and also try and estimate about how much you want to spend on food, clothes, gifts, etc."

"Get only the money you need out of the ATM and rarely use your credit card only for emergencies."

"Just don't allow yourself to spend money on things you really don't need. Look for things to do across the city that is free, there is much more than you think."

"Keep a log of all your expenses and prioritize your activities."

How did you pay for things on a daily basis?

1. Cash (exchanged from US currency)
2. Cash (withdrawn from local ATM/bank from US bank account)
3. Credit Cards/Debit Cards

What credit cards were most accepted?

