



# 2011 JANUARY TERM ABROAD

## Ireland: Understanding Christian Celtic Spirituality

January 1-26, 2011

### Itinerary

Twin Cities Departure	01/01	Armagh/Sligo	01/18
Killarney Arrival	01/02	Sligo/Galway	01/20
Killarney/Kilkenny	01/07	Galway/Ennis	01/24
Kilkenny/Dublin	01/10	Ennis/Shannon/Twin Cities	01/26
Dublin/Armagh	01/15		

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Price: \$5,295 - 5,595\*

We will be reading about and visiting ancient Celtic sites in Ireland, since Celtic Christianity flourished there at its height between 400-1000 C.E. We will examine theologically the aspects of Celtic Christianity as it was experienced in Ireland then and today, which points to the distinct quality that Celtic culture brought to the expression of Christian theology and lived faith experience. Our overall goal is to integrate the past and the present, coming to understand the meaning of Celtic Christianity in its Irish context.

Ireland, in what are called the Dark Ages, represents a fascinating combination of adaptations to Christianity in its spiritual practices: there are ascetics, like the "desert fathers" seeking solitude; there are strong monastic movements, and a cult of the saints that is truly inspirational. Theologically, the common and constant interaction between lay people, hermits, monks, and saints gave rise to missionary work, soul-friendships and the development of guides for spiritual living. This and the art of the period show the creative tension between the community and the individual in spiritual practice. Today, Irish Christianity is very different, but the Celtic heritage is still visible, especially in approach taken to the reconciliation work between Northern and Southern Ireland where Celtic Centers have been a source of dialogue. By visiting monasteries, hermitages, and early sacred sites, in combination with their reading, students will be able to better appreciate the impact Celtic spirituality has had both yesterday and today.

It should be clear that this is an academic course, which satisfies the 300-level requirement in Theology. While we will have a great time on this experience, it is an academic course first and foremost. We hope that on your return, you will not

only have learned a great deal about theology and spirituality, but also about Ireland and the Irish people, their culture and their approach to life.

**Comprehensive Fee Includes:** Transportation and course arrangements as indicated, hotel accommodations in twin and triple rooms, continental breakfast daily, three group dinners and one cultural performance. (subject to change)

**Prerequisites:** At UST, students must have completed Theology 101 and a course on the 200 level; students from other institutions must have had a basic course in Christian Theology (one elective or the equivalent in Religion is helpful but not required).

#### Required Readings:

Bradley, Ian. *The Celtic Way*.  
 Davies, O'Loughlin, and Mackey, eds. *Celtic Spirituality*.  
 Joyce, Timothy. *Celtic Christianity: A Sacred Tradition, A Vision of Hope*.  
 O'Donohue, John. *Anam Cara*.  
 O'Riordan, John. *The Music of What Happens*.  
*Celtic Saints*. Pitkin Guide.  
 Booklet of materials put together by the instructors.

#### Evaluation:

Lectures and site visits	20%
Academic Journal	40%
Writing Assignments	40%

\*Each home institution may have supplementary fees in addition to the price listed.

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Dr. King is professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas. She spent her sabbatical year in 1999-2000 working on the study of comparative Celtic cultures, historical and modern (Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Holy Island (Lindisfarne), Brittany, Galicia). She is trained in systematic theology, and has an undergraduate degree in history. Dr. King has led 6 UMAIE courses to Ireland and studied there for research purposes.



Born and raised in Ireland, Prof. Moore is an experienced teacher having taught Irish language and literature at UST since 1997 and at the summer school of the National University of Ireland, Galway since 1999. He has lectured many overseas students studying in Ireland and he led this course in 2009, and 2010. Prof. Moore has experience as a lay minister and holds an MA in Biblical Studies from Trinity College Dublin, in addition to other advanced degrees. He is a scholar of Celtic Christianity and enjoys sharing his intimate knowledge of his home country and his native spirituality with his students.





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## RULES AND PROCEDURES

### NEW ORIENTATION PROCESS. SEE COURSE ORIENTATION SECTION BELOW.

Since 1964, UMAIE has offered unique opportunities for cross-cultural study during January Term and starting in 2005, May/June Term. UMAIE, a consortium of colleges and universities, cooperates to provide the educational depth and resources necessary for an intercultural curriculum.

This year UMAIE offers courses in many locations around the world including: The Americas (North), Europe (Western, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern), India, South Africa and Turkey.

**APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** — Applications and required documents are available via the UMAIE website ([www.umaie.org](http://www.umaie.org)). Applications are accepted between **April 16 - October 4, 2010**. When applying for a course, please submit the following to your campus UMAIE Board Member:

- Three copies of your completed application.
- One copy of your valid passport photo & signature page OR if you do not have a passport, a copy of your passport application. (Actual submittal of your passport application to a passport agency is not required until acceptance into a course. Please visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>.)
- One copy of your January Term Abroad Agreement.
- One copy of your unofficial transcript.
- One deposit check in the amount of **\$400** made payable to **Seminars International, Inc.** (All checks will be cashed upon receipt. Returned checks will be assessed a service charge of **\$50**.)

\*UST students please see your study abroad website ([www.stthomas.edu/studyabroad](http://www.stthomas.edu/studyabroad)) for application procedures.

No application will be considered without **ALL** the required signed documents, copies and deposit as listed above. If you have any questions please contact your campus UMAIE Board Member.

**SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS** — Faculty Directors will review and screen each application to ensure all prerequisites are met, and that equal access is given to students from all consortium schools. **For applications received by April 16th, the UMAIE Secretariat will notify each participant via e-mail by May 7, 2010**, to inform if applicant is: 1) accepted into the course; 2) on a waiting list; 3) not accepted into the course. Please be aware that if you are placed on a waiting list, your deposit check will still be cashed upon receipt. In the event a course is filled or cancelled due to low enrollment, students are contacted regarding a second choice. Students who choose not to transfer to another course will receive a full refund. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**PASSPORTS, VISAS AND IMMUNIZATIONS** — All applicants must send a copy of a valid and signed passport to their campus UMAIE Board Member upon acceptance into a UMAIE course (if one was not turned in with application). **Passports must be valid at least six (6) months beyond your return date.**

If your course requires a visa it will be stated in the course description. A country specific visa application will be sent to you 1-2 months prior to departure.

Information regarding recommended and/or needed immunizations can be found at the CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/travel/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/). If you are traveling to a destination that requires an immunization, the UMAIE Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner. Additional information regarding passports, visas and immunizations is available from your campus UMAIE Board Member.

**COMPREHENSIVE FEE** — Per person course prices are based on a minimum enrollment for each course. Every effort is made to operate the program at the stated price range. However, if fewer students enroll, costs may be increased or the course cancelled. **NOTE:** UMAIE reserves the right to adjust prices due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

The comprehensive fee includes round-trip air transportation from Minneapolis-St. Paul to the course location; airport transfers; visas (where required for U.S. citizens who meet the visa application deadline and have the correct accompanying documentation); transportation to most course activities while abroad; lodging, primarily in twin or triple rooms in hotels, pensions, university dormitories, or family homes (where indicated); continental

breakfast daily (exceptions noted on individual course descriptions) and other meals as indicated; tickets for required cultural performances; planned excursions; and administrative costs (however, individual institutions may assess additional charges). **When rail passes or entrance fees are included, they are based on the utilization of youth rates (25 years or under), and a valid University ID will be required to be presented at the entrance. Any additional amount incurred will be the participant's responsibility.**

**EXCLUSIONS** — Personal expenses are the responsibility of each individual participant. Examples include but are not limited to: passport fees; airline checked baggage fees; excess baggage fees; local public transportation; departure taxes (except U.S.); optional entertainment and excursions; beverages, including those available at group meals; individual room service charges; travel insurance; porter's fees; laundry and dry cleaning; telephone and fax; personal gratuities; transportation to and from the course departure city.

**FINAL PAYMENT** — Accepted applicants are notified of the final price during the last week of October. Students at Gustavus Adolphus College will bring their final payment to their International Education Office on or before Monday, November 1. Students from Elmhurst College will bring their final payment to their Student Accounts Office before Monday, November 1. Students from all other institutions will have their fees billed to their student account.

#### WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- No cancellation fee for students withdrawing on or before **September 15, 2010**.
- A **\$400** cancellation fee is withheld for students who withdraw between **September 16 and November 1, 2010**.
- A refund for cancellations occurring after **November 1, 2010** is based upon recoverable costs. The **ENTIRE COURSE COST** may be forfeited.
- **If cancellation occurs 30 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended for students with pre-existing medical conditions.** This insurance must be purchased at the time of registration. Please discuss this with your UMAIE Campus Board Member.
- If a course price increases by more than 6% (due to general inflation or lower enrollment) a student may cancel without penalty.
- No refund is given to students who wish to omit portions of the course.
- **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO YOUR CAMPUS UMAIE BOARD MEMBER.**

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS** — are secured by Seminars International, Inc., 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1160, Chicago, IL 60603-5303, (800) 541-7506, [TRAVEL@semint.com](mailto:TRAVEL@semint.com). Applications are processed by the Minnesota office, 21530 Vernon Avenue, Prior Lake, MN 55372, (952) 440-1338, [kathy@semint.com](mailto:kathy@semint.com). Participants desiring additional information may contact Seminars International Inc., or visit their website - [www.semint.com](http://www.semint.com).

**COURSE ORIENTATION** — will include an on-line exam during the month of October; a webinar on-line meeting in November and an in-country orientation session upon arrival at your first destination. **PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY.**

**DEVIATIONS** — Course prices are based on group air arrangements. The air carrier may assess a service fee for individual changes. Not all airlines allow deviations on group reservations. In addition to the airline service fee(s), an additional fee must be paid to Seminars International, Inc. as follows: before **October 4, 2010 the charge is \$75; from October 5, 2010 until November 1, 2010 the charge is \$125. After November 1, 2010, no deviations will be accepted.** Deviation requests must be made in writing to the Chicago Seminars International office via fax (312) 332-5509 or email [TRAVEL@semint.com](mailto:TRAVEL@semint.com). Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Students who deviate are responsible for providing their own transportation to or from the actual course location abroad.

**Faculty Directors are not expected to provide assistance. Students from Augustana College and Elmhurst College will receive further information on possible connecting flights upon acceptance.**

#### UMAIE MAY CANCEL COURSES DUE TO:

- Low enrollment
- Faculty withdrawal
- Travel warnings issued by the U.S. Department of State

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