

Program Calendar

Ireland Spring 2009



All Ireland Universities

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| | Burren College of Art | National University of Ireland, Galway** | National University of Ireland, Maynooth | Queen's University Belfast |
| Ireland Arrival* | January 1 (in Limerick) | January 4 (in Limerick) | January 25 (in Limerick) | January 26 (in Belfast) |
| Program Starts | January 1 | January 4 | January 25 | January 26 |
| IFSA-Butler Orientation | January 2 | January 4–6 | January 25–27 | January 26–27 |
| Residence Begins | January 3 | January 7 | January 28 | January 28 |
| Local Orientation | January 4 | January 8–9 | January 29–30 | January 29–30 |
| Spring Classes Begin | January 5 | January 12 | February 2 | February 2 |
| Family Visit | January 16–18 | January 16–18 | February 6–8 | February 13–15 |
| Spring Vacation | N/A | April 4–19 | April 11–19 | April 4–26 |
| Spring Exams | In term | April 24 | May 15*** | May 21 |
| Program Ends | April 18 | May 23 | June 7 | June 7 |
| | Trinity College Dublin**** | University College Cork | University College Dublin**** | University of Limerick |
| Ireland Arrival* | January 1 (in Dublin) | January 1 (in Limerick) | January 11 (in Limerick) | January 18 (in Limerick) |
| Program Starts | January 1 | January 1 | January 11 | January 18 |
| IFSA-Butler Orientation | January 1–2 | January 1–3 | January 11–13 | January 18–20 |
| Residence Begins | January 2 | January 3 | January 14 | January 21 |
| Local Orientation | January 6 | January 5 | January 15–16 | January 22–23 |
| Spring Classes Begin | January 5 | January 5 | January 19 | January 26 |
| Family Visit | January 9–11 | January 16–18 | January 23–25 | January 30–February 1 |
| Spring Vacation | March 14–29 | April 4–May 4 | March 7–22 | April 4–13 |
| Spring Exams | May 18 | May 5 | May 5 | May 5**** |
| Program Ends | June 13 | May 30 | May 24 | May 19 |
| | University of Ulster | | | |
| Ireland Arrival* | January 19 (in Belfast) | | | |
| Program Starts | January 19 | | | |
| IFSA-Butler Orientation | January 19–20 | | | |
| Residence Begins | January 21 | | | |
| Local Orientation | January 22–23 | | | |
| Spring Classes Begin | January 26 | | | |
| Family Visit | February 6–8 | | | |
| Spring Vacation | April 4–19 | | | |
| Spring Exams | May 11 | | | |
| Program Ends | May 30 | | | |

* Students must arrive in their orientation city by 3 p.m. in time to check in and make it to the 6 p.m. welcome dinner. Trinity students must arrive in time to check in to their hotel by noon on January 1; orientation will begin at lunchtime.

** Some engineering courses are examined in March/April.

*** The summer exam timetable will not be available until April 2009. Exams may continue until June 6 for some departments.

**** Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin students will have guaranteed housing only until the day after their last exam. Exam schedules will not be available until 2009.

***** Exams may take place on a Saturday during the exam period.

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These dates are correct as of November 5, 2008, but must be regarded as provisional, given the mutability of Irish university calendars. Family visit dates are also provisional and will be confirmed at the IFSA-Butler orientation. At some institutions, examinations for study abroad students may be concluded before the official end of the academic year. These universities cannot give us final examination schedules at this time.

Upon arrival at the overseas host institution, students should check the program end dates for changes before confirming return travel plans. End dates vary from department to department, and students must complete all course obligations prior to departure. In addition, students should not make plans to travel on the final day of exams since there may be exams **on** that day.

Program housing is available only until the program end date (Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin students—see note above).

Exams must be taken where and when scheduled. Under no circumstances may students request that an exam time be changed. In Ireland, exams are taken under formal examination conditions, and changes cannot be made for individuals.