

Design and Delivery of Study Abroad: While Studying Abroad Ireland and Italy, 2013

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Learn the principles and practice of designing and delivering effective study abroad programs through Kent State University's unique overseas relationships in Ireland and at our campus in Florence, Italy. Participants in this workshop will observe and interact for one week with an undergraduate study abroad program in Ireland before moving on to Kent State's historic campus in Florence, Italy. We will meet with university program officials and facility support staff, private third-party providers of study abroad, community and onsite support services (health professionals, housing offices, and students enrolled in ongoing programs). Ample time will be spent visiting local sites of historical and cultural significance in rural Ireland, Dublin, Florence and Rome. A day of independent program-related travel in Italy is also built into this program.

Ireland is the 9th most popular destination for U. S. students studying abroad, hosting 6,798 students in the 2009-2010 Academic year. Kent State has had a long relationship with Batt Burns, former teacher, school head, and Irish seanachie (storyteller). Batt hosts numerous university study abroad programs and places U. S. student teachers for the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST). Our visit will coincide with an undergraduate study abroad program, thus allowing us the opportunity to observe and interact with young students as they begin their study abroad experience.

Italy, the second most popular destination for study abroad among American students, hosted more than 27,940 American students in 2009 - 2010. More than 130 U. S. universities have study abroad programs in Italy. Kent State has been offering programs in Florence since 1970, now in its own 13th Century Palazzo dei Cerchi, located in the heart of old Medieval Florence.

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