

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Farm to app: A UX Design Journey Through Food Systems in Ireland

Locations: Dublin, Ireland

Dates: May 14-May 18 on campus / May 19 - June 4, 2025 overseas

Program Description: The proposed study away course in Dublin, Ireland is designed to provide students with an immersive learning experience focused on digital storytelling through mobile apps that are focused on meal planning/management and how they relate to food systems and sustainability. The course will explore the intricate relationship between food production, distribution, consumption, human relationships with food, and environmental impact, with a specific emphasis on sustainable practices and their role in shaping the future of food systems and humans' impact on those systems.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never
Course work in English	Always
Laptop Required	Required (external mouse recommended)
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required
Traditional Classroom	Sometimes
Group Work	Always
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Presentation, journals
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Foreign Language Environment	Never
Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Flat in Central Dublin. Hilly on the outskirts.
Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Mild, cool temperatures. While May is typically one of the drier months, an umbrella or rain jacket is recommended.
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Not likely
Is tap water safe to drink	Yes
Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Pickpocketing in touristy areas.
Cultural Dress Code	None

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Sometimes. Students will be responsible for their own luggage
Standing 60+ minutes	During some tours
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Sometimes

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always
Food Allergy Accommodations	We will be touring an oyster farm. Students should be aware of possible exposure to shellfish and potential bacteria related to fish processing. Other allergies can be accommodated if given notice ahead of time.
Group Meals	3 on campus and 5 in Ireland

Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Optional during an excursion
Walking 3+ miles per day	Frequent
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Sometimes
Other	

Cooking for oneself	Optional - kitchenettes
Host family prepares meals	No
Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Quality of Healthcare	Excellent

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Roommate	Yes
Shared Apartment	Apartment-hotel type with kitchen, WiFi, and laundry service.
Hotel	No
Cell phone signal available	Yes
Internet signal available	Yes
Refrigerator Access	Yes
Air Conditioning	Not common but fans may be available.
Laundry	Yes, but a possible charge

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Boat, canoes or other water activities	Boat Ride that includes tour of Islands to see and learn about Puffins and other wildlife.
Sea sickness	Possibly (see above)
Other	

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:
https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/france?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001