

# GALWAY

STUDY ABROAD 2024





# GALWAY, IRELAND

## SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM

Receive three law school credits.

Courses are taught by Suffolk and Galway faculty.

Live in student housing on the campus of the University of Galway.

In addition, there will be guest speakers and field trips to places of legal interest.

**Arrive May 17 Depart June 1, 2024**

Students may do *just* the academic portion of the program or stay in Ireland to do an externship for 6-8 weeks. It is also possible to do just the externship without the academic portion of the program.

All Suffolk Law students in good standing are eligible to attend; 1Ls and 2Ls welcome. Because of the early completion date, attending the Galway program will not adversely affect your chances of participating in most US-based internships.

***Applications will be available soon and will be accepted between December 10 and January 25.***

**For further information, contact Program Director:  
Professor Sara Dillon  
sdillon@suffolk.edu**



### HOUSING:

On campus housing is just steps away from class at the University of Galway.

By staying on campus, students will have Wi-Fi free of charge. In addition, they will have access to computer suites, library, and sports facilities at reduced rates during their stay on campus.

You are strongly encouraged to stay on campus. You may choose to find your own housing, but please note that public transportation in Galway is not an easy way of getting around. Staying on campus provides much more convenience!

### PROGRAM COST:

Housing costs are determined by the University of Galway but will be approximately \$975 (15 nights).

Full information on tuition and program fees forthcoming. There is generally a modest activity fee for program participation. *(Non-refundable \$300 application fee will be applied to overall program costs.)*

Airfare is not included and flights are booked by the student.

*Students are strongly encouraged to purchase travel insurance to cover possible cancellation when booking their flights.*

Regular financial aid is available to cover all

program costs. Contact your financial aid advisor for details.

By taking these courses, you may be able to attend part time in your final semester at SULS!

### GETTING THERE:

Galway is a charming, bustling city on the west coast of Ireland. These days, its historic core is teeming with students and visitors. Galway is a gateway to many scenic attractions, including Connemara and the Cliffs of Moher in Clare. The National University of Ireland at Galway (where students will be studying) is a 15 minute walk from the city center; there is also a shuttle bus from the student housing in and out of town. There are plenty of bars and restaurants, and lots of Irish music. Known as the cultural capital of Ireland, Galway is accessible, walkable and very student-friendly.

Travel suggestions: You may fly into either Shannon Airport or Dublin Airport. Busses run frequently from Dublin Airport to Galway City Center, and tickets may be booked online through Citylink or GoBus. Busses also run, though less frequently, from Shannon Airport. Check bus schedules ahead of traveling.

*We look forward to seeing you in Galway and welcome your questions about this exciting legal program!*

# COURSES & DESCRIPTIONS

## HUMAN RIGHTS, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES & COMPARATIVE LAW

Professor Lorie Graham  
[lgraham@suffolk.edu](mailto:lgraham@suffolk.edu)

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 1 credit course will explore through a domestic, international, and comparative lens the unique legal relationship between indigenous nations and the U.S. government. Historically, Indigenous Peoples in the U.S. have experienced a changing legal and political environment, from forced assimilation to recognition of their rights to self-determination. On the international front, the U.N. General Assembly adopted in 2007 the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This ushered in a new era in Indigenous/Nation State relations, with the international community overwhelming adopting a human rights-based approach to Indigenous Peoples' issues. The course will explore three important and interlinked topics: indigenous sovereignty, land and culture; and will also consider similarities with the historical experiences in Ireland

on questions of land and language.

## Climate Change Law

Professor Steven Ferrey  
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course, which has no prerequisite requirements and is open to all students, confronts what has been called one of the most important legal question of this century: Legally how to get all 200 world nations, each independent and sovereign, to alter effectively their use of current technology to control climate warming to support our Planet's ecosystem and humans who depend on it. Through in-class real-world examination of legal issues, simulations and field trips during our 6 class sessions, this course will cover:

- The Science — Focusing on CO<sub>2</sub> and Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions to the atmosphere
- International Law & Treaties on Climate — The Kyoto Protocol and 2015 Paris Agreement
- U.S. Law — A major focus on U.S. law that lawyers confront, analyzing Constitutional law and recent Supreme Court

decisions, as well as significant barriers now posed by cities and states blocking recent U.S. climate legislation of the Biden administration

- European Union (E.U.) law — E.U. climate laws cover 26 E.U. countries (including Ireland) plus 2 other European countries which elected-in, thus including 85% of the most developed nations in the world which are members of the OECD and covered by the Kyoto Protocol
- Developing Country Law — For the world's 160 developing countries, we'll examine what new laws and mechanisms have proved to be the most successful means to control climate change

## The Irish Legal System

This course will be taught by Galway-based Irish faculty members

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An overview of the Irish legal system, including constitutional, criminal, and EU law dimensions.