

# Dublin, Ireland

## Faculty Directed Program

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Program Director:**

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**Destination:** Dublin, Ireland

**Credits:** 3 credits, English/Biology/  
Irish Studies

**Degree level:** Undergraduate

**Cost:** approximately \$2500

**Dates:** May 24-June 9, 2012

**Application deadline:** March 6, 2012



### Brain, Mind, & the Literary Imagination.

This program combines approaches from the sciences and humanities to investigate how brain function is related to literary creativity. The program will consider several interrelated topics: The biological basis of language, including its evolution and neural control; cognition and literature; sources of creativity. We concentrate on the workings of the literary mind through study of 20<sup>th</sup> century Anglo-Irish writers and analysis of language and literature using literary theory, evolutionary biology, and cognitive neuroscience. Students will experience Irish culture and the arts using Dublin's abundant resources. The course includes lectures by practicing writers, critics, and artists; and visits to Ireland's national theatre, galleries and museums. Prior knowledge of neuroscience not required.



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