Jason's Majors: Psychology, Criminal Justice

Program: USIT Irish Studies Summer School, Summer

Academic Life: While in Ireland, I studied Irish History, Music in Ireland, Society and Economics, and Gaelic Culture. Classes were pretty relaxed, and consisted solely of American students in the study abroad program. Well-known individuals throughout all areas of study were brought in to teach the classes, and most classes were taught by different instructors every class period. Classes were held in a beautiful old building located at the center of Trinity College.

How Study Abroad Changed Jason: Study abroad has changed me in ways I did not imagine. Most notably, spending my summer in Ireland made me a much more patient person. While I used to rush much more, the Irish people take a very lax approach to time. Many of the shops in Dublin are either closed completely or open for three to four hours on Sundays, as the city and country take a much more people-first approach to businesses. Additionally, I have become more open-minded in regard to different ways of completing tasks or living life. Before this summer, I only knew how the United States operated and did not have much experience outside the United States. This program opened my eyes to different ways of doing things, and I have come to appreciate the different approaches.

Advice for Someone Considering this Program: I would highly recommend this program. Trinity College is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful campuses in the world, and the Irish people are extremely kind and friendly. I have never had an experience like this, and I couldn’t have imagined having the experiences and relationships that I enjoyed while in Ireland. The program provided a nice balance of structure and freedom.

“I believe the study abroad experience has provided me with a much broader way of thinking.”