Ashley's Major: Modern Art and Comparative Cultures (Individual Major); Global Cultures Certificate; Gender and Women Studies Certificate; LGBTQ Certificate

Program: National University Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway), Spring

Academic Life: Academics in Ireland are a lot more independent than courses in America. Typically professors will lecture and it’s your responsibility to read through your notes and the PowerPoints provided online after class to prepare yourself for your final exam. However, professors are very welcoming to in class questions and office visits if you have any questions on the material. There will be some additional courses geared towards study abroad students specifically that you can participate in as well.

Most Memorable Moments: Taking a weekend trip to Dingle Peninsula with the International Students Society of Galway was an amazing trip with endless opportunities to meet other Irish and international students attending NUI Galway. We explored the coastal regions, saw Fungi the Dolphin that has lived in the Dingle Bay for decades, enjoyed fresh sea food, and ventured through the pubs in town. The opportunities to explore Ireland were endless throughout the semester and the experience was beyond worth it.

Advice for Someone Considering Galway: Galway is a culturally rich and vibrant coastal town with a flourishing city center full of shops, art, history, and pubs that serve traditional Irish foods along with traditional Irish music. It gives you the opportunity to truly immerse yourself in Irish culture and learn about the traditions and customs of the local community. Endless natural wonders and opportunities to explore Ireland are waiting at every turn!

“Get involved in as much as you can! Joining societies is a great way to meet other Irish students and make new friends!”

Ashley enjoying her day at the Aran Islands off the west coast.