Dublin Parliamentary Internship Program

Housing Information

There are three housing options for students participating in the Dublin Parliamentary Internship: Arcadia University housing (flats), living in an Irish household, or making your own independent living arrangements.

**Arcadia University Housing**

Arcadia University leases flats in residential neighborhoods in and around the Dublin city centre, concentrated in the Dublin 2, Dublin 4, and Dublin 6 areas. Students participating in the Internship are housed together and are not mixed with Irish students. Most flats accommodate three to five students, with a shared bathroom, kitchen and living area. Students should anticipate having to share a room.

Arcadia University flats are self-catered; there is no meal plan available for the semester in Ireland. Students should anticipate preparing their own meals and shopping at nearby markets.

Each flat is equipped with a washer, television, and telephone. Students are responsible for all calls made from their flat and will be billed accordingly by the Arcadia Dublin Office. All charges must be settled prior to departing Ireland.

Students will be provided with free internet access for their personal laptops in their Arcadia flat. This wireless internet connection will be available for the duration of the program and students are subject to any limitations placed by Arcadia University or the internet service provider. Students must provide their own wireless card.

Students' flats may be co-ed, however any individual roommate will be of the same gender. Arcadia cannot guarantee non-smoking arrangements; students with serious health concerns should notify Arcadia University during the application process.

Arcadia University will provide each student with a duvet and pillow. Students are responsible for bed linens, duvet cover, and bath towels; because bed sizes vary in each flat and room it is recommended that students purchase their linens after they have arrived. The Arcadia Dublin staff can help students purchase linens. Students intending to bring linens should bring a double flat sheet and double duvet cover.

The flats are located equidistance from the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) and city centre. Students can expect to commute (walking) 25-40 minutes each way to their classes and internship. Bus service is available and Arcadia flats are located near bus routes. All students will be provided with a discount student travel card during orientation in Dublin; this will ensure student fares on weekly and monthly passes.

**Living in an Irish Household**

Students may choose to live in an Irish household for the semester. Arcadia University works closely with Experiment in International Living (EIL) to place students in carefully screened homes. These families or individuals are accustomed to hosting American students and will provide two meals per day (breakfast and dinner). Bed linens and towels are also supplied by the host.

Students should expect to live outside of the Dublin city centre and may be required to commute as much as one hour each way.

**Please note:** Since meals are not included in our program fee, we will bill you separately after the beginning of your program. During the 2005-06 academic year, the meal surcharge for the semester was $800. Further information about living in an Irish household can be found in the pre-departure guide section of this website.

**Independent Living Arrangements**

Students may choose to make their own housing arrangements. The housing portion of the program fee will be refunded to students who arrange to live independently. Students must notify us in writing by June 30 for the fall semester and by November 20 for the spring program. The decision to make independent housing arrangements becomes final after the aforementioned dates; late requests for program housing cannot be considered.
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Housing Preference Form

Please return this form to our office:
Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside PA 19038 Fax no. (215) 572-2174

Name: ___________________________________________________________ Sex: Male/Female

Home College: ________________________________________________________

College Phone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Term of Study: Fall Spring (circle one)

Please select your housing preference:

___ Arcadia University student housing
    If you have a mutual agreement to share a room with another participant, list his/her name here:
    _________________________________________________________________

___ Living in an Irish household (Additional meal costs of $800 per semester will apply)

___ Independent living arrangements

Do you smoke? YES/NO
Do you object to being housed with smokers? YES/NO

Arcadia University cannot guarantee non-smoking accommodations. If you have major health concerns, you must notify us in writing immediately.

Please circle any term that applies to you:
Extroverted Introverted Quiet Noisy Tidy Untidy Morning-person Night-owl Shy Outgoing
Impulsive Organized Procrastinator Planner Studious Religious Picky-eater Vegetarian Athletic Artistic
Routine-oriented Spontaneous Easily stressed Easy-going

Other(s): ____________________________________________________________

What types of activities, hobbies, special interests and/or hobbies do you enjoy?

Do you have any allergies, medical or psychological conditions that may affect your housing assignment? If YES, please attach a separate letter indicating your condition(s).

I have read and do understand the housing information for the Dublin Parliamentary Internship program and I agree to all the terms and conditions regarding my housing options. I understand and accept the Arcadia University Housing Policy.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________
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