



Erasmus+ Short-Term Mobility

Maynooth University, Ireland

3-9 April, 2024

Our partner university



**Maynooth
University**
National University
of Ireland Maynooth





Maynooth University

Maynooth University is located in Ireland's only university town, south west of the capital city Dublin

It has an enrollment of 14,000+ students, which continues to grow

According to the *Times Higher Education* (THE) Young Universities listing, it is ranked among the world's top 100 new universities

Maynooth University

One side of the campus represents the “state” and the other the “church”

St. Patrick’s Pontifical University shares a (green) campus with MU

The co-located universities share their physical plant and resources with one another

Maynooth

The university town of Maynooth is a thriving town, just 25km west of Dublin

The origins of a university in the town go back to the founding of a Catholic seminary in 1795

It combines the intimacy of a small town with the attractions (e.g., pubs, restaurants, etc.) found in a larger urban area

Maynooth Sociology

The oldest sociology department in Ireland

Research/teaching in sociology and politics

Strong international orientation

History of engaged “public sociology”

Overview

- Overarching academic theme: Religion and Politics: International Perspectives
- Two parts: (a) Maynooth University (b), supplemented by online sessions
- Dates: April 3-9 (in-person) (a), April (online sessions, pre/post) (b)
- Language of instruction: English

Religion and Politics: International Perspectives

One of the defining characteristics of the contemporary moment is the increasing division and polarisation between different social groups in many European countries (but also in other world regional contexts) regarding religious involvement in political life, especially regarding socio-moral issues, war, migration, and more. Against this background, this course focuses on introducing students to the dynamics of religious influences on politics (and vice versa) in European societies and beyond. What are the different forms that religious influence in politics takes? What are the main drivers of religiously-inflected politics? What consequences does this have for politics and society? Special emphasis will be placed on acquainting students with the theoretical and empirical literature and understanding this topic within an international comparative framework.

Religion and Politics: International Perspectives

- Introduction to religion and politics
- Indicative substantive topics: socio-moral issues, war, migration
- Format: in-person teaching, fieldtrips (e.g., Dublin walking tour), volunteer social events (e.g., student society event)
- Teaching will involve short lectures and breakout groups in bespoke sessions, as well as participation in modules in normal university lecture schedule (e.g., social inequalities, EU enlargement)

Costs and funding

- Students will receive 70 euros per day of BIP plus two travel days (see below for sustainable travel)
- Students are to use this money, which they have to apply for at the International Office (all necessary information will be provided to those selected), to fund their travel, their accommodation and all other expenses.
- Accommodation on campus has been reserved, a deposit will have to be paid. Total cost: circa 264 euros for a shared room (April 2nd-10th)

Sustainable Travel

- Erasmus will cover costs if sustainable modes of transport are chosen for reaching your destination (up to four travel days and some extra costs may be covered, please check with your International Office).
- Some sustainable options for travel between Maynooth and Duisburg include:
 - train and ferry (France-Ireland)
 - long-distance coaches (e.g. Flixbus, Eurolines), via France or UK
 - train and Euro tunnel followed by train and ferry (via UK)

How to apply and dates

- The seminar can be chosen either for the module “Spezielle Soziologien” or, for students already in their final year who fulfill the requirements, Module 9
- Apply to Tanja Tästensen, soc-internat@uni-due.de, by February 14th at the latest
- Please provide a brief motivational statement in English (half a page) and a Transcript of Records
- The selection process will follow in the same week. The selected students will be invited to an obligatory meeting in the week starting February 19th. They will then have to confirm their participation and will be referred to the International Office to finalise funding.
- A learning agreement will be prepared with the faculty’s international coordinator.

Spaces

- We can nominate 10 to 12 students and are looking forward to receiving your applications!