

## Abstract

This summer I had the privilege to experience a once in a lifetime experience through the Bucknell in Dublin Program. Over the 8 week program, I completed two courses: *Interacting in Global Workplaces* (MGMT 290) and *Judging Justice* (ACFM 315). I also interned at Quantmatix, a fintech firm that provides AI-driven market analysis tools for global financial markets, where I worked as a Data Analyst. beyond academics and work, the program offered immersive weekend trips that allowed me to explore the culture and history Ireland. This program not only enriched my education, but also broadened my global perspective and personal growth, creating an unforgettable chapter in my life.

## Coursework

During the Bucknell in Dublin Program, I participated in two courses: *Interacting in Global Workplaces* (MGMT 290) and *Judging Justice* (ACFM 315). Along with fulfilling requirements for my management minor, these classes expanded my understanding of cross-cultural communication and real world applications of business and legal concepts.



ACFM 315 offered a deep dive into the legal comparison between the United States and Ireland. Each Monday, we discussed topics such as gay marriage, LGBTQ+ rights, and data privacy. As someone who has never taken a law class before, I was a bit intimidated at first, but I quickly found myself fascinated by the discussions. The course gave a new perspective in viewing legal systems, and I now find myself reading about new Supreme Court cases in the U.S.

MGMT 290 was focused on personal growth, cultural immersion, and reflection. Through weekend trips, an internship placement, and my favorite part, writing weekly reflection blogs. The trips involved traveling all across the country seeing incredible sites and learning about the history. I was able to engage with the Irish culture and workplace. There's truly no better way to understand a country than by exploring it in person.

## Internship

During my time at Quantmatix, working as a Data Analyst Intern, I gained hands-on experience working at the intersection of data management and software development. My role primarily focused on researching and implementing solutions to backend metadata errors, which helped improve the reliability and performance of internal systems. I regularly worked on data cleaning and preparation tasks to ensure that datasets were accurate and ready for analysis. This experience strengthened my understanding of the importance of high-quality data in driving sound decision-making. This work contributed directly to improving the overall accuracy of financial data, which is critical for the firm's operations. I also collaborated closely with developers to refine the user interface of internal tools, helping streamline workflows and improve the user experience for various teams across the company.

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## Cultural Events

Majority of my favorite memories of Ireland come from the cultural weekend events we did as part of the program. One of my favorite trips was a 2 night stay on the West Coast of Ireland. On our way there, I got to see the stunning views of the Cliffs of Moher and walk around rocky landscape of The Burren. We took a ferry Inishmore Island, where we explored the small villages and the islands rich history and unique way of life. We also stayed in Galway each night, where we had free time to walk around the lively town.

In Northern Ireland, we had the chance to learn about the complex interplay of historical, religious and political factors that have shaped the region. We got to take in the scenic views of The Causeways and the Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge.

We even had some interactive cultural experiences, like getting to play Hurling and Gaelic Football. The list of adventures goes on I loved each and every one. Each weekend offered experiences that helped me understand Ireland's culture and history on a deeper, more personal level. These trips were once in a lifetime opportunities that I will never forget.



## Exploration

I made it a priority to take full advantage of my time abroad, meeting incredible people from around the world and immersing myself in a new culture. Whether it was chatting with locals on the bus or forming lasting friendships with fellow students on the program, I embraced every opportunity. At Bucknell, people often say I can start a conversation with anyone, and being in Ireland gave me plenty of chances to do just that.

United Kingdom:

With one free weekend during the program, I decided to do a solo trip to the UK. I started off in Manchester, took a day trip to Liverpool, and spent two packed days in London. While in London I had fish and chips, wandered through Camden Street Market and Portobello Road Market, and so much more! This was an amazing trip, making this program even more unforgettable.

Food:

Food was a big part of my time abroad, not just for the flavors, but for another level of connection to the Irish culture. I even met one of my closest friends while going out to eat. I had a great time trying different Irish dishes such as Bangers and Mash and Irish Stew. My friends and I also tried so local favorites like Bambinos pizza and spice bags. After many good outings and a lot of debate, we all came to the conclusion that Biang Biang was the best bite of Dublin.

Friends:

Meeting new people in Dublin was the most meaningful parts of this experience. As someone who loves to talk to other, I've come to meet people from all backgrounds with such interesting stories on why they are all living Dublin. I met a bartender at Doheny and Nesbitts who's American but works in different countries each college summer. The woman who pierced my ear came here from Brazil to continue being a piercer. These moments are how travel opens doors to unexpected connections and stories.