WHAT ARE SIGNATURE MAYMESTERS?

Signature Maymesters are four-week, 3-credit courses that are led by a UT faculty director and take place in an international location from late-May to late-June.

Tuition is included in the Spring flat rate (at no additional cost).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Signature Maymesters are available to all students who have not taken their UGS course.

WHICH PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

**Cultures in Contact: Spain, Mexico, and the Southwest**

This program studies the transatlantic relationships between Spain, Mexico, and the American Southwest across time, through literature, art, architecture, music, religion, politics, and other forms of cultural expression. Major themes of the course include the interplay of history and fiction, in-group/out-group cultural dynamics, cultural pluralism in Spain (among Christians, Muslims, and Jews) and Spanish America (the complex casta system among European, indigenous American, and African subjects), religious syncretism, and identity formation. This program is based in the vibrant, multicultural city of Seville. The city itself will be our classroom, as we visit museums and important historical sites with local scholars. The program also travels to Córdoba, Palos de la Frontera, Granada, Toledo, and Madrid.

**Faculty Director:**
Dr. Cory Reed
Seville, Spain

**Why Leave Home? Irish Emigration to America**

Ireland—the Emerald Isle—is famously the home of St. Patrick, the shamrock, James Joyce, U2, and Leprechauns. It is also the site of great exodus. As a proportion of their country’s population, more people left Ireland in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries than did the people of any other country. Most went to the New World, where 40 million Americans identify as having Irish ancestry. This course studies the “push” factors that caused the Irish to leave: their colonial subjugation under Great Britain, the persecution of Catholics (who make up the overwhelming proportion of Irish), the wrenching poverty, and their dismal economic prospects—especially because of the Great Famine of the 1840s. The course will be based in the city of Cork, which was the main point of emigration. Students will learn the reasons for the distinctive experience of the Irish through a mix of classroom-based learning and visits to historic sites throughout Ireland.

**Faculty Director:**
Dr. Bartholomew Sparrow
Cork, Ireland

NEXT STEPS

**STEP 1**
Review the program pages and determine the program you are most interested in applying for.

**STEP 2**
Explore the Texas Global website at global.utexas.edu.

**STEP 3**
Meet with the program coordinator to learn more.

**STEP 4**
Apply online at global.utexas.edu/abroad. Application deadline: Nov. 15, 2020

For more information, visit global.utexas.edu/abroad and worldut.io/signaturemaymesters