

CEA Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students as part of the application process and in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our website: www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA_Policies.

Local Rules and Regulations

Description

You will be living with a homestay in County Galway. In the past, homestays have been located in the Connemara area close to the UG centre. Staying with a homestay is a great way to complement your classroom study, as you have the opportunity to practice your Gaelic and learn about Irish culture. Typically, your homestay will be located within 5 - 10 minutes by bus from your host institution.

Meals

Students will be provided with a daily breakfast. Students will share the family's typical meal. Please respect the family's set breakfast time. As guests in their host family's home, students are reminded to please ask before taking any food outside of meal times. Students will share evening meals each day with the family. If you plan to miss a meal, please tell the host family with in advance.

Phone and Internet

There will be a phone in each homestay available for incoming calls, within reason (not late at night and paying attention to time differences). Appropriate calling times will be communicated to you by the family at the beginning of your stay. Students may not make any outgoing calls on the host family's land line and thus must use a pre-paid calling card at a local pay phone. Students must be careful not to block the family phone for too long. Students are encouraged to rent cell phones in order to avoid using the host family land line.

Homestays are equipped with high-speed internet connections, though CEA does not guarantee uninterrupted connectivity in equipped homestays. There are no reimbursements to students for internet outage due to circumstances out of our control (malfunctioning modem, provider or sector outage, etc.) Some homestays are equipped with wifi, whereas others will have ADSL cable connections.

Linens

Students will be provided with all bed linens, including sheets, pillow and a comforter. Students must provide their own towels. These may be brought from home or purchased onsite.

Laundry

One load of laundry is included per week at the homestay and should be organized with the host family. Students may not use the family's washing machine on their own under any circumstances.



Housing Overview

Galway, Ireland

Homestay

Smoking

There is no smoking allowed in the homestay. Students may smoke outside.

Amenities

Each student's room is equipped with basic furniture. In most cases, students will have a single room but will share a bathroom and living area with other members of the household. There may be other international or CEA students staying in the homestay. As guests in their homestay, students are encouraged to ask before using items in the home.

Guests

Students must receive permission from the homestay before receiving any guests in the home. CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Overnight guests are not permitted in any housing assignment.

Curfew

There is no curfew for students staying with a homestay; however, to avoid being disruptive, please do not make noise when entering after 10 pm, and avoid taking showers after 11 pm. Please respect the quiet time of your host family and neighbors.

Keys & Security

Each student will be issued keys to their housing upon check-in. Under no circumstances may students make a copy of their keys. In the event that keys are lost or damaged during the program, students will be responsible for the cost of replacement. In addition, students are required to follow any additional security procedures as dictated by their specific host families.

Housing Inspections

For reasons of safety, security, and prevention, members of the homestay family and CEA personnel reserve the right to inspect students' rooms at any time. Housing inspections could occur at any time, with or without notifying the student ahead of time.

Housing Problems

CEA commits to providing suitable student housing. Once housing is assigned by CEA, there are only limited or special circumstances in which CEA will make changes to a student's housing assignment. Such changes will be made at CEA's discretion and will require payment of \$300 (Change of Housing Fee) and any additional fees incurred as a result of the change. All changes are subject to availability.

If the student is asked to leave the housing assignment due to his or her misconduct (as determined by the host family; see CEA Code of Conduct for further details), and is allowed to remain on the program at the discretion of CEA, the student will forfeit their \$300 security deposit. The student will not be issued a new CEA housing assignment, and no refunds will be available. In addition, CEA staff will not assist students in finding new independent housing. Please note misconduct may result in immediate expulsion from CEA housing and/or the CEA program.



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Utilities

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur utility charges above and beyond what is deemed reasonable by CEA will be responsible for paying the excessive charges. Please note that electricity is very expensive in countries outside the US. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity in their host country, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be accustomed to.

Damages

All students must respect all furniture, property, and other items provided. All damage, even unintentional, will be billed to the student responsible. If responsibility cannot be determined, the cost will be split equally among all residents. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.