

Internships and Travel Writing in Dublin: Combined Syllabus

This is a very preliminary draft, but it will give you a good sense of the course.
If you have questions, please contact me at kjwaltonen@ucdavis.edu.

I set up my courses for students to succeed. As long as you do the readings and the assignments and you're willing to revise, you'll do well!

UWP 110

UWP 110–Travel Writing–focuses on writing engaging personal narratives generated around your experiences in Dublin. It leverages what you learn in the Irish Culture course and allows you to reflect on your own experiences of the city or of your travel outside Dublin. It requires 4500 words of graded writing. While we do some informal work on travel guide writing, our focus is on the creative nonfiction genre of the travel essay. Most of the readings that you are assigned are in this mode.

If you are not “a writer,” please don’t lose too much sleep about how you will do in this course compared to those who plan a writing-centered life. My goal is always for everyone to succeed. The skills you will use in this class as those that apply to all writing–analysis, detail, control of word/sentence/form, attention to audience, development of voice, etc. It should be both fun and useful.

110 Assignments & Grade Breakdown

Travel Short 1	5%
Travel Short 2	5%
Travel Short 3	5%
Travel Short 4	5%
Travel Essay 1	15%
Travel Essay 2*	15%
Feature Proposal	5%
Feature Essay	25%
Quizzes	5%
Peer Workshops / Participation / Informal work	10%
Final	5%

*This assignment counts for both 104I & 110.

UWP 104I

UWP 104I is an advanced composition class designed to help you acquire the communication skills you will need to succeed in the workplace. It focuses on teaching you how to design, write, and revise effective professional documents and deliver effective oral presentations. Since the course fulfills the Upper

Division Writing Requirement, it requires 6000 words of graded work. In Quarter Abroad, 104I is connected directly with your internship.

For many students, the big assignment, the Formal Report, has been a durable product (often a manual) that will be useful to your internship workplace.

104I Assignments & Grade Breakdown

Introductory Memo	5%
Brief Report on Your Internship Organization	10%
Formal Report Proposal	5%
Progress Report	5%
Formal Report	30%
Oral Presentation	5%
Travel Essay 2*	15%
Final	5%
Quizzes	10%
Peer Workshops / Participation / Informal work	10%

*This assignment counts for both 104I & 110.