

NORTHERN IRELAND



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Universities in Northern Ireland

Queen's University Belfast

- 9th Oldest University in the UK – founded in 1845
- 25,000 students
- Member of the Russell Group

Ulster University

- 4 campuses – Belfast, Jordanstown, Coleraine, Magee
- 25,000 students
- Heritage dates back to 1849



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NORTHERN IRELAND & THE US

20 US Presidents have family roots in NI, including:

- Andrew Jackson, Ulysses S. Grant, Teddy Roosevelt and the Bush's

Key revolutionary figures

- 3 signatories of the Declaration of Independence were born in NI
 - Hercules Mulligan born in Coleraine

Over 200 US companies headquartered here!

e.g. Liberty Mutual, Peak6, AllState, BakerMcKenzie

United States is Northern Ireland's second largest export market

(top exports are whiskey and aeroplane seats!)



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Ulster
University

Troubled & Complex History

30 years of conflict – 1960s to 1990s
Northern Ireland attracts students from across the world as a living lab for study of conflict transformation, human rights, peace-building, global borders & security



A nighttime photograph of a city street in Liverpool. In the background, St. John's Cathedral is illuminated with vibrant red and blue lights. The street is lined with modern buildings and trees. In the foreground, there are bus stops and a yellow car. Long exposure light trails from vehicles are visible on the road.

Modern, inclusive, fast-paced

25 years after peace-agreement...

- One of the fastest growing 'tech cities'
Global hub for film and creative industries
- Young, vibrant, increasingly diverse
- Most affordable student city in UK



Belfast
Population
400,000



Game of Thrones

Northern Ireland is the Home of Thrones. The popular TV series Game of Thrones® was filmed in Northern Ireland.

Game of Thrones Highlights



Game of Thrones Tours

COSTUME DESIGN



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Gobbins Cliff Path

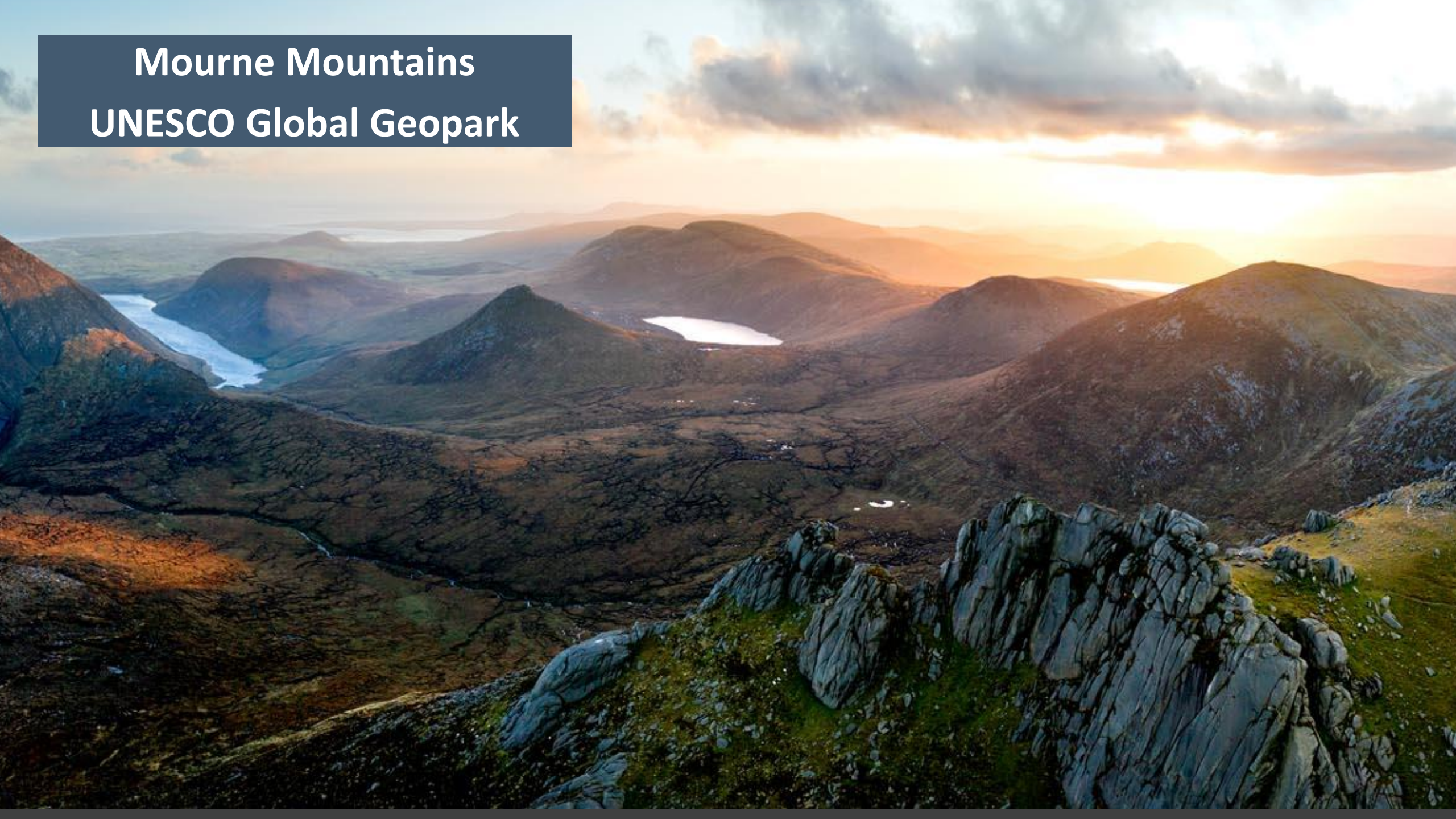


Whitepark Bay

31 “blue-flag” beaches in NI



Mourne Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark



Giants Causeway

UNESCO World Heritage Site



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What can students expect in Northern Ireland?

- 3 year system – similar to England and Wales
- No general education – declare major at point of application (through UCAS)
- Transparent application process – clear entrance requirements
- Direct entry to professional majors – Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Pharmacy etc.
- A blend of British and Irish culture
- **A warm welcome – Northern Ireland is a small place with very friendly people!**





UK STUDENT LIFE

What's student life like in the UK?

- **Treated as an adult** from day 1 – students are entering an adult learning environment
- **More independent living** – often student housing is self-catered (no meal plan!)
- **Students are focused** (declare major at application) and education increasingly offers embedded work experience opportunities/internships
- **Generally, less 'timetabled'** week than in USA – more free time and independent study
- **Wednesday afternoons open** on many campuses for sports and societies (over 200 at QUB!)



Common Student Support Structures

- **Careers Centre** – part-time work, graduate visa, careers fairs, professional skills support etc.
- **Student Wellbeing** – counselling, out of hours line, learning development services, disability services
- **Student finance** - hardship funding, scholarships
- **Academic advising** – each student will have an advisor of studies in addition to their programme and module directors



Additional opportunities...

- **Study Abroad** – semester or year abroad
- **Student entrepreneurship** - trading rooms/clubs, 'dragon's den' competitions
- **Part-time work** – up to 20 hours per week e.g. QWORK at QUB – campus jobs portal
- **Volunteering** – lots of opportunities for public service and 'giving back'
- **Sport** – quite different to USA in scale/reach but great clubs and opportunity to compete in British University Championships





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