

COURSE DETAIL

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Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

152

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

The Frankish super-state pieced together by bloody conquest in the reign of Charlemagne (768-814) comprised much of modern-day France, Germany, Italy, Catalonia, and the Low Countries. It remains popularly seen today as at once a restoration of the western Roman Empire, and as a precursor to modern European unity.

By consulting first-hand the remarkable variety of contemporary literature produced at the courts and monasteries of this age, together with the boom in modern scholarship on the subject published in recent decades, we will seek to deconstruct both these notions, and uncover instead a 'Carolingian Renaissance' on its own, eighth- and ninth-century terms: one of ritual, theocracy, and prophetic visions; of brutal violence, learned polemic, and carefully balanced consensus. Above all, the course asks: how were such extraordinary political and territorial ambitions achieved and legitimized in a world of such rudimentary resources? And why, once accomplished, could it not last?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIU34537

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/history/undergraduate/charlemagne.php>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

Course Last Reviewed

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