COURSE DETAIL

MEDIEVAL IRISH LITERATURE C.700-1100
Country Ireland
Host Institution University of Galway
Program(s) University of Galway
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) English Celtic Studies
UCEAP Course Number 135
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title MEDIEVAL IRISH LITERATURE C.700-1100
UCEAP Transcript Title MEDIEVAL IRISH LIT
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course examines a selection of early Irish-lyric poems and voyage tales from the period *circa* AD 700-1100. The selected texts illustrate the richness and creativity of medieval Irish literature which represents the oldest vernacular literature in western Europe. This course focuses on the genres of medieval Irish literature, the scribal context of the surviving manuscript witnesses, the existence of hermitic or nature poetry, the interaction between history and literature in early Irish tales, and the allegorical significance of these texts. All poems and tales are read in translation, but students have the opportunity to engage with the texts in their original language as found in extant manuscripts and in published critical editions

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SG215

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Celtic Civilization

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