COURSE DETAIL

PREHISTORIC IRELAND AND EUROPE
Country Ireland
Host Institution University of Galway
Program(s) University of Galway
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Archaeology
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PREHISTORIC IRELAND AND EUROPE
UCEAP Transcript Title PREHIST IRE & EUR
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the prehistoric communities who inhabited Ireland, Europe, and Western Asia from about 150,000 BC to AD 400. Archaeologists divide this long period of time into the Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age), Neolithic (New Stone Age), Bronze Age and Iron Age. Students begin with the earliest modern human inhabitants of Europe and Western Asia, their hunter-gatherer way of life, their art and their relationship to the Neanderthal communities who preceded them. They look at evidence for the first hunter-gatherers who settled in Ireland and later the settlements and rituals of the first communities to develop agriculture and build megalithic tombs. Students then examine changes in how these communities organized themselves and their rituals over thousands of years, including their adoption of bronze and iron metalworking.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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Host Institution Campus
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Archaeology

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