COURSE DETAIL

THE CELTIC LANGUAGES IN THE MODERN WORLD
Country Ireland
Host Institution University of Galway
Program(s) University of Galway
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Linguistics Celtic Studies
UCEAP Course Number 123
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE CELTIC LANGUAGES IN THE MODERN WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title CELTIC IN MOD WORLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

The Celtic languages remain the media of communication to a greater or lesser extent in communities scattered on the western fringe of 21st-century Europe, in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany. These are the survivors of a history traceable over two and a half thousand years encompassing, at one time, nearly the whole of western Europe and much of central and eastern Europe. The modern Celtic languages interact in various ways with the societies in which they are embedded, the official and unofficial institutions of those societies (government, legislation, industry, etc.), and with the wider cultures of the countries where they are used. This course introduces students to the study of the Celtic languages in these contexts and the sociolinguistics of the Celtic languages, and considers the ways in which they are endangered as languages of the lives and thoughts of the people who use them. Students also examine ways in which their existence and status can be strengthened and expanded, through language planning, looking also at the cases of Cornish in Cornwall and Manx in the Isle of Man, where, though technically dead languages, vigorous revival movements work to prove that news of their demise was premature.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SG219

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Host Institution Campus
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Host Institution Faculty

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Host Institution Department Celtic Civilisation
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