COURSE DETAIL

EARLY CHRISTIAN IRELAND – SOCIETY & SAGAS
Country Ireland
Host Institution University College Dublin
Program(s) Dublin Summer Physics
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology History Celtic Studies
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix S
UCEAP Official Title EARLY CHRISTIAN IRELAND – SOCIETY & SAGAS
UCEAP Transcript Title EARLY IRELAND
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

The course is an introduction to early Irish society and culture. The period covered was one of great change for Irish society: the arrival of Christianity with a new language, the rise of new, forceful power groupings, and the opportunities and challenges posed by the intrusion of the Vikings. Underlying these transformations there was continuity and we examine the evidence for the survival of earlier belief, specifically in burial records and the role of women in the administration of associated rituals. We look at the institution of kingship, with rituals & taboos grounded in Paganism. We consider the position of slaves in Irish society, their role in the running the household, in labor, and intensive agricultural economy. Students engage with myth and saga literature of the time to deepen the their understanding of early Irish culture and society.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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