

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

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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 their understanding of early Irish culture and society.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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