

COURSE DETAIL

POPULAR RELIGION AND BELIEF

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Celtic Studies

UCEAP Course Number

139

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POPULAR RELIGION AND BELIEF

UCEAP Transcript Title

POPULAR REL&BELIEF

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

This course examines expressions of popular or vernacular religion and associated practices which exist apart from, but alongside, the strictly theological and liturgical forms of official religion. Ideas, beliefs, and narratives about the Christian supernatural as well as supernatural beings outside of (but often influenced by) the Christian pantheon, will be discussed, as well as fairy belief and legends. Possible explanatory frameworks for folk belief in the supernatural, and the relationship between belief and narrative creativity, is also examined. The course examines a wide range of verbal genres, including apocryphal stories about Christ and the saints, humorous anecdotes about religion, fairy legends, religious laments, prayers, and charms. A variety of traditional practices associated with folk religion and belief are also dealt with.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IRFL30100

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Host Institution Campus

University College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Irish/Celtic Studies

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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