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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