COURSE DETAIL

CELTIC MYTHOLOGY, RELIGION, AND FOLKLORE
Country Ireland
Host Institution University of Galway
Program(s) University of Galway
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Celtic Studies
UCEAP Course Number 112
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CELTIC MYTHOLOGY, RELIGION, AND FOLKLORE
UCEAP Transcript Title CELT MYTH&FOLKLORE
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the mythology and religious beliefs and customs of the ancient and medieval Celts, on the continent and in the Isles, and to the later reflexes of these beliefs in modern folklore. It examines evidence for the religious beliefs of the pre-Christian Celts and explore some of the essential elements of Celtic mythology. Material and archaeological evidence from Continental Europe, Britain, and Ireland are consulted, as well as written evidence, from classical writers of the late centuries BC to the Christian writers of the middle ages in Ireland. This section of the course includes study of some major Irish mythological texts (read in English translation) and consideration of the place and function of mythology in early Irish society. Students are also introduced to folk-beliefs and customs of Ireland, including traditions and stories concerning the fairies, saints, and holy wells; death customs and rituals; and traditions concerning the calendar and seasons.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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SG116

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Host Institution Campus

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Celtic Civilization

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