

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

Host Institution Course Number

SG116

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Celtic Civilization

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