COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO FOLKLORE

Country
Ireland

Host Institution
University College Dublin

Program(s)
University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Ethnic Studies English Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
104

UCEAP Course Suffix
N

UCEAP Official Title
INTRODUCTION TO FOLKLORE

UCEAP Transcript Title
FOLKLORE

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description
This course gives students a comprehensive overview of what is meant by the term "folklore," and to introduce them to the academic study of the subject. Throughout the course, folklore is defined and described in its many manifestations, and students learn about some of the more important sources for the study of folklore and popular tradition, in Ireland and abroad. Examples of both oral tradition and material culture are examined, including narrative and storytelling, vernacular architecture, traditional belief systems and views of the otherworld, and popular custom and practice. A basic introduction is given to international works of reference and systems of classification used in the study of folklore, and to some of the theoretical approaches to the subject. Contemporary forms of folklore, and the persistence of certain themes in popular culture, are also discussed.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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IRFL10010

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Host Institution Campus
University College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Irish Folklore

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