

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE BRONZE AGE ROOTS OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

University of Galway

**Program(s)**

University of Galway

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Archaeology Anthropology

**UCEAP Course Number**

156

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BRONZE AGE: EUR CIV

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## **Course Description**

This course focuses on investigating the types of societies that occupied Europe in the Bronze Age and the role they played in shaping an emergent European civilization. A range of themes are addressed including patterns of production, exchange, and interaction, the role of warfare, and the exceptional social and economic developments evident in central Europe, the Aegean, and Iberia. Following these thematic treatments, students investigate more critically the nature of Bronze Age societies in Europe by focusing on how the concept of "chiefdoms" has been developed and used by anthropologists and archaeologists. This involves a close look at some Polynesian chiefdoms that have been used as interpretive models to help understand Bronze Age European societies and then specific European case studies focused on Denmark, Wessex in England, and the Munster region in Ireland.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

AR3106

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/course-information/module/AR3106>

## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Archaeology

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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