COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO CELTIC CIVILIZATION
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 104
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTRODUCTION TO CELTIC CIVILIZATION
UCEAP Transcript Title CELTIC CIVILIZATION
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

This course provides students with an overview of the origins, languages, literatures, and mythologies of the Celts from prehistoric to medieval times. This course begins with a survey of the main periods of Celtic archaeology and then considers how the Celts were portrayed by Classical Greek and Roman authors, our only written sources for the history of ancient Celtic Europe. Following this, English translations of legal and historical texts composed in Ireland from the seventh century onwards are drawn upon to build up a picture of life in the medieval Celtic world, considering topics such as the structure of early Irish society and the role of women. In the second half of the course, students are introduced to the main genres of early Irish literature. This rich tradition will complement insights gained in the first half of the course. Students will focus on reading texts within the contemporary medieval context and will become familiar with the diversity of the early Irish literary tradition. The course also addresses recent scholarship in relation to the interpretation of the relevant literature.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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CCIV10010

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Host Institution Campus

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