COURSE DETAIL

ACROSS THE SEA: IRELAND AND ITS NEIGHBOURS IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES

Country
Ireland

Host Institution
Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)
Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History Celtic Studies

UCEAP Course Number
101

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
ACROSS THE SEA: IRELAND AND ITS NEIGHBOURS IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES

UCEAP Transcript Title
IRE: EARLY MID AGES

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

Much of insular history is determined by connections forged across the seas. This course explores significant times and places in insular history where this dynamic played an especially important role. Beginning with an introduction to Ireland and Britain at the close of the Late Antique period, the course covers themes such as the dynamics of slave trade in relation to St Patrick and Ogham culture, the origin of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, the dynastic politics of Dal Riata and Iona, the cultural exchanges between Ireland and the English kingdoms in terms of book learning, the Easter controversy in the context of relations with Rome, and the significance of sea journeys in secular and ecclesiastical law and literature. The second half of the course explores interactions, both political and scholarly, with the Merovingian and Carolingian courts and with the Germanic kingdoms as well as the arrival of the Vikings and their impact on trade, literature, kingship and the geography of Ireland and Britain. The course explores each of these themes at the hand of primary sources contextualized with modern scholarship, allowing students to explore questions of historicity, genre, and source analysis.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIU12045

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/SF/Across_The_Sea.pdf

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty History
Host Institution Degree
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