

COURSE DETAIL

RACE, ETHNICITY AND CONSTRUCTIONS OF IRISHNESS, 1150-1500

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History Ethnic Studies Celtic Studies

UCEAP Course Number

141

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

RACE, ETHNICITY AND CONSTRUCTIONS OF IRISHNESS, 1150-1500

UCEAP Transcript Title

IRISHNESS 1150-1500

UCEAP Quarter Units

10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

The twelfth century was a period of rapid change in Ireland as the English conquest and the resulting foundation of an English colony remade the political, social and economic landscape of the island. This development, and in particular the presence of a significant population of colonists, led to major shifts in the way that the Irish envisioned themselves as a group and the way in which they were described by their English neighbors. This course traces the ways in which the ethnic identities of Irishness and of Englishness (to which it was so often opposed in contemporary sources) evolved through the high and later middle ages. Students analyze primary sources from the period to reflect on questions of identity, the terminology of 'race' and 'ethnicity', and what it meant to be 'Irish' in the middle ages.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIU34576

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/list2/Irishness.pdf>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

Course Last Reviewed

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