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
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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

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