



Certificate in **IRISH CULTURAL HERITAGE** Semester 1

This 20 credit honours certificate (NFQ Level 8) on Irish Cultural Heritage is available to students visiting Maynooth University for a single semester and for the full academic year. This programme offers an inter-disciplinary evaluation of early Irish cultural history with particular emphasis on archaeological, literary, historical and linguistic evidence. Field experiences are a core component of this study and this will include on-site investigation of key monuments such as the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Newgrange and Knowth, the Hill of Tara and the monastic settlement of Clonmacnoise.

We specialise in early Ireland, from the arrival of the first people 10,000 years ago, up to the late medieval period. It offers inter-disciplinary teaching including archaeology, history, aspects of early literature, folklore and landscape studies. Modules, which are all taught through English, are delivered by academic experts in these areas while there is an exciting programme of Field Seminars (see over) that bring students to some of the most iconic archaeological and historical sites including the Boyne Valley and the Hill of Tara. Another aspect of the learning process is independent study involving visits to other Heritage sites and Cultural institutions like the 11th century cathedrals of Dublin and the National Museum of Ireland.

There are no prerequisites and no exams: all assessment is through written assignments. The Certificate is open to all International Students (and those currently not studying at MU) but individual Modules can be taken by those who would like a taste of Irish Culture.

Course Modules

Core Modules

ID001

Introducing Irish Cultural Heritage

ID014

The Cultural Heritage of Early Irish Society

Optional Modules

ID003

The Cultural Heritage of Newgrange

ID005

Cultural Heritage & the Early Irish
Heroic Tradition

ID004

Cultural Heritage & the Irish Literary Tradition

ID013

The Cultural Heritage of 'Royal Sites'

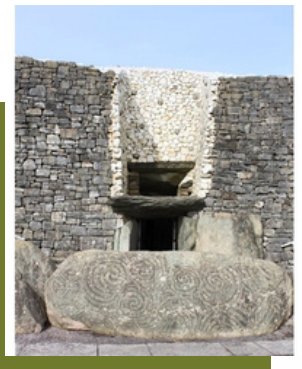
LC101

Irish Language

Students take one core module and choose a further three optional modules.
All modules are 5 credits.

Provisional Timetable

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| 09:00 | | | | | |
| 10:00 | | | ID004 | ID014 | |
| 11:00 | | ID003 | ID004 | ID014 | |
| 12:00 | | ID003 | | | |
| 13:00 | | | ID005 | ID013/LC101 | |
| 14:00 | | ID001 | ID005 | ID013/LC101 | |
| 15:00 | | ID001 | LC101 | | |
| 16:00 | | | LC101 | | |



Field Trips



Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth

The extensive Neolithic passage tomb cemetery includes the three largest artificial structures in Neolithic Europe.



The Hill of Tara

The site is the most iconic place in Ireland with a wealth of associated archaeology, history, myth and literature.



Clonmacnoise

One of the most complete religious complexes of early medieval Ireland.



Emain Macha

The focus of important early medieval literary and mythological association identified as the 'capital' of the province of Ulster.

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