



Certificate in **IRISH CULTURAL HERITAGE** Semester 2

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

ID001X

Introducing Irish Cultural Heritage

Optional Modules

ID003X

The Cultural Heritage of Newgrange

ID004X

Cultural Heritage & the Irish Literary Tradition

LC101X

Irish Language

ID013X

The Cultural Heritage of 'Royal Sites'

ID005X

Cultural Heritage & the Early Irish Heroic Tradition

PH204

Medieval Philosophy

LS725 (Not a Certificate option)

The Cultural Heritage of Early Irish Society

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

Provisional Timetable

	M	T	W	T	F
09:00			PH204		
10:00			ID004X	ID001X	PH204
11:00		ID003X	ID004X	ID001X	
12:00		ID003X			
13:00			ID005X	LC101X	
14:00		ID013X	ID005X	LC101X	
15:00		ID013X	LC101X		
16:00			LC101X		
18:15 - 19.45			LS75		



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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