



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

College of Arts, Social Sciences,
and Celtic Studies

Celtic Civilisation

Celtic Civilisation is the study of the legacy of the Celts in the world, from the earliest times, the sixth century BC, when we first encounter the Celts in history, through their encounters with the ancient Greeks and Romans, through the formation in the early Middle Ages of the peoples and nations of Ireland, Northern and Western Britain and France, and on to aspects of the Celts in early modern and modern western Europe. Celtic Civilisation covers the history, archaeology, languages, literatures, mythologies and cultures of the Celts through the centuries.

Celtic Civilisation is offered as a BA programme in Roinn na Gaeilge, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, in cooperation with Archaeology, History, Classics and English.

Course Facts

Title:	Bachelor of Arts
CAO Code:	GY101
Entry points (2010):	355
Duration:	3 Years BA, 4 years BA International
Average intake:	1,000 (Arts omnibus entry)
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O Level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

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Why study Celtic Civilisation?

To study Celtic Civilisation is to gain an insight into the reality behind popular conceptions and misconceptions of the Celts, in their ancient, medieval and modern incarnations. It is to uncover the truth behind myths and to reveal how the Celts and their descendants have left a great imprint on history and culture in Europe and beyond, and continue to do so. Celtic Civilisation shows another side to the common picture of mankind that is usually presented.

Course Outline

First Year

In first year you study modules covering the ancient and medieval history of the Celts, the archaeology of the Celts, introducing the medieval literature of Ireland and Wales and the mythology and folklore of the Celts.

Second and Third Year

In the second and final year, there is a choice of modules covering many aspects of the medieval society and literature of Celtic peoples in greater depth than in the first year, as well as options in Old Irish language or Welsh and in Archaeology, History and Classics. All Irish and Welsh literature is studied in translation and no previous knowledge of any Celtic language is required at any stage.

Erasmus

Students of Celtic Civilisation can avail of the Erasmus programme in their third year to spend time at other internationally renowned university centres of Celtic Studies, including Glasgow, Aberystwyth, Rennes, Brest, Utrecht and Bonn.

Find out more

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What our students say...

Karen Feeney
BA Celtic Civilisation and Archaeology 2010

"My degree in Celtic Civilisation was both interesting and varied. I had the opportunity to study the history, languages and literature of the Celts. The world of the ancient Celts is fascinating and inspiring. Their early literature encompasses a body of work of erudite skill and professionalism. Their surviving literature is very much inspired by the beauty of nature. These writings provide us with insight into the world and mind of the ancient Celt. Through close study of the literature, languages and history of the Celts students develop a deeper understanding of their world."

Did you know

The Celts pioneered the use of iron in ancient Europe.