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Introduction to NUI Galway

NUI Galway is located on the banks of the River Corrib about 10 minute walk from the centre of Galway City. From Queen's College to National University of Ireland, the University's past is intertwined with the history of Galway and Ireland. Founded in 1845 with an initial intake of 63 students, NUI Galway is now a thriving institution with over 17,500 full and part-time students, of whom 2,758 are international students representing over 115 countries across the globe and making up over 16% of the student population.

NUI Galway is comprised of the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies; College of Engineering and Informatics; College of Business, Law and Public Policy; College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; and College of Science. The University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and diplomas of international standard, providing students with opportunities for personal and academic development, as well as giving them the knowledge and skills needed to pursue successful careers. The University's approach to innovative programme development means that courses are developed to reflect the ever-changing needs of society, the labour market and the economy.

The Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development Office at NUI Galway runs a series of part-time, flexible learning programmes for adult learners. Flexible learning options are available in Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering, Science and Technology Studies. The International Summer School Office operates under the auspices of Centre for Adult Learning and Professional Development.

In tandem with its extensive range of programme, the University campus has expanded and developed. Over recent years, NUI Galway has embarked on a visionary development programme aimed at improving the University's campus facilities and student amenities. This major investment programme includes planning for new buildings, as well as extensions and renovations of existing facilities. The University is well on the way to creating the Campus of the Future, welcoming more students each year and developing a prestigious and innovative University.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The International Summer School at NUI Galway offers programmes in Irish Studies, Education in Ireland (a programme designed to offer North American teachers an opportunity to study aspects of the Irish Education System), Irish Language, Ecology, Geology and Archaeological field schools. It also provides academic credit for the Achill Archaeological Field School and Caherconnell Archaeological Field School.

The Irish Studies Summer School has a long tradition of excellence at NUI Galway. The programme offers modules in Irish Literature & Film, Irish Archaeology, Irish History, Gaelic Culture, Irish Society, Traditional Irish Music Dance, Irish Art, and Creative Writing. This course provides an exciting range of study options for learners.
Academic Information

Teaching Methods
Teaching will be by means of lectures, seminars, dramatic performances, movies, guided field trips and informed contact with the music, language and people of Ireland. An interdisciplinary approach will be used within each course and between the courses of the Irish Studies programme. Students will have access to library, audio and visual facilities of the University. Assessment for those requiring credit will be carried out on a continuous basis.

Credits
In order to quantify learning and to place a value on it, courses are divided up into credit units. Credits may vary, however they represent a standard number of class contact hours and average workload for a programme. This workload includes lectures, practical work, seminars, educational excursions, field trips, private work and examinations. The use of the term credits is a common one among the third level sector and provides a “currency” with which students may transfer from one course to another or gain exemption from elements of a particular programme.

Each Irish Studies module carries 3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits at undergraduate level.

Assessments
Assessment for all students requiring credit will be as follows for each 3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits course:

1. Attendance at lectures, workshops/performances and participation in seminars
2. One mid-term essay of 1,500 words
3. One final examination

For undergraduate students, essays should be 1,500 words. For graduate students, essays should be 3,000 words and at the appropriate (graduate) level.

Guidelines for submission of essays will be given by Course Directors during introductory classes.

Graduate Credit
In addition to the assessment requirements above, an extended essay will be required for graduate credits.

Graduate Students must arrange to meet with their course lecturer for essay topic approval.

Students are asked to note that work submitted should be original work in accordance with University plagiarism regulations. It is not permissible for students to submit the same essay for more than one course.

Blackboard Learning System
All summer school students who have registered with NUI Galway have automatic access to the Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment. This includes access to course information, course announcements, course materials and general notifications.

It is your responsibility as an NUI Galway student to regularly access Blackboard and your NUI Galway email account in order to keep up-to-date with:

- Course announcements
- Course materials
- Assignment requirements
- Assignment submission dates

Details on how to log into Blackboard are available in the appendices section of the handbook.
Irish Studies Programme Outline

Academic Director: Dr. Méabh Ní Fhuartháin

This course will comprise an integrated introduction to Irish Studies incorporating elements from all the contributing disciplines, a series of interdisciplinary seminars focusing on key themes in Irish Studies such as Identity, Emigration, and Religion, and a broad range of elective courses as outlined below. The series of field trips is designed to complement the courses taught in the various modules and is an integral element in the overall course structure.

SS115 Representing Ireland - Literature and Film
SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland; from the First Settlers to Medieval Castles
SS117 Irish History; Conflict, Identity and the Shaping of Modern Ireland
SS118 Introduction to Art in Ireland; Exploring Ireland’s Vibrant Artistic Heritage from Prehistory to the ‘Golden Age’ of the 8th Century AD
SS119 Creative Writing: Poetry, Fiction, & Memoir
SS120 Gaelic Culture and Literature; From Cú Chulainn (Cuchulainn) to the Cultural Revival & Beyond
SS121 Irish Society; Stasis and Change in the Ambiguous Republic
SS122 Negotiating Identity: Irish Traditional Music and Dance

SS115 Representing Ireland – Literature and Film
3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Course Director: Professor Seán Ryder

The aim of this course is to analyse the varied ways in which ‘Ireland’ and ‘Irishness’ have been represented in a range of English-language media, including fiction, poetry, drama and film. The course will be structured around particular themes such as the representation of ‘The West’, the contrast between city and country, the politics of theatre, gender identity, and the meaning of Irish nationality. We will be reading works by Irish writers such as W.B. Yeats, James Joyce, Augusta Gregory, J.M. Synge, Liam Ó’Flaherty, Brian Friel, Eavan Boland and Patrick McCabe. We will also view and discuss a number of films from both American and Irish film-makers. The course may include a visit to Yeats’ ‘Thoor Ballylee’ and Lady Gregory’s Coole Park estate in south County Galway
(3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits)

SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland; from the First Settlers to Medieval Castles
3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Course Director: Dr. Carleton Jones

Ireland’s archaeological heritage is one of the richest in Western Europe. The development of prehistoric Irish societies can be seen in the megalithic tombs of the Neolithic, the wealth of bronze and gold in the succeeding Bronze Age, and in the great royal sites such as Tara and Navan, of the Celtic Iron Age. From the Early Christian Period, monastic ruins and high crosses survive at sites such as Clonmacnoise, while the finds from Dublin tell us of the Viking raids and settlement. The remains of later earth and timber fortifications and stone castles reveal the story of the Anglo-Norman invasion and subsequent power struggles.

This course charts the evidence for human societies in Ireland over ten millennia from the island’s initial colonization by small groups of hunter-gatherers, through to the Medieval period. The archaeology of the entire island of Ireland will be covered with particular emphasis on the archaeology of the Burren, a remarkable upland area just south of Galway where archaeological remains of all periods are well preserved and visible.

NUI Galway is ideally positioned amongst some of Ireland’s most well-preserved archaeological landscapes and this course includes two trips to the nearby Burren region to visit some of the prehistoric and historic-period sites which are highlighted in the lectures. This region is the focus of Course Director Dr. Carleton Jones’s research and students will have the opportunity to see first-hand some of the sites that Dr. Jones has excavated as well as learn about on-going research involving cutting-edge techniques such as ancient DNA and stable isotope analyses.

SS117 Irish History; Conflict, Identity and the Shaping of Modern Ireland
3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Course Director: Dr. Laurence Marley

This course offers a broad survey of Irish history. The initial lecture will set the stage by considering some aspects of the early and medieval periods, but the principal focus will be on the modern centuries, beginning with the Tudor conquest of Ireland. By charting the history of Anglo-Irish relations through major political and military conflicts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, special attention will be given to the British attempt to assimilate Ireland under the Act of Union from 1801. We will examine the mass social and political campaigns that emerged in the nineteenth century and the rise of the modern ideologies of Irish unionism and nationalism, including the influential Irish-American dimension of the latter, which took shape in the decades after the Great Famine (1845-50). Ultimately the
The approach taken in this module is thematic. Classes will consist of a mixture of lectures and discussions; and to facilitate a closer treatment of one of the central themes of the course, a class debate will take place, mid-term, in one of the historic buildings in Galway. Choice readings and links to two award-winning documentaries will be made available on the electronic Blackboard site during term.

**SS118 Introduction to Art in Ireland: Exploring Ireland’s Vibrant Artistic Heritage from Prehistory to the ‘Golden Age’ of the 8th Century AD**

3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Course Director: Dr. Fiona Gavin

Ireland has a rich and vibrant artistic heritage, extending back to c. 3500 BC; this course traces the development of Irish art, beginning with decorated megaliths and the exquisite corpus of Irish Bronze Age gold work, before turning its attention to the introduction of Celtic or La Tène art styles into Ireland around the 4th century BC.

Following the Roman conquest of Western Europe, the Classical roots of La Tène art re-emerge as a dominant element in Irish art of the first few centuries AD and continue, as a core element in the motif-book of early Christian art, in to the 7th and 8th century. Dominated by fantastical animals, Germanic art of Dark Age Europe was also incorporated into Insular art styles. An appreciation of style, symbolism and iconography in Early Christian art is integral to this module and treated in relation to the sublime artistic achievements of the ‘Golden Age’ of Irish art such as illuminated manuscripts, ecclesiastical metalwork such as the Ardagh Chalice and Irish high crosses. In addition to its aesthetic appeal, in revealing cross-cultural influences and the more arcane concerns of its audience, early Irish art provides a unique window on the past that can be explored through iconographical analysis.

This course includes a trip to the National Museum and the Book of Kells Exhibit in Dublin.

**SS119 Creative Writing: Poetry, Fiction & Memoir**

3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Module Director: Kevin Higgins

This course will explore the writing of fiction and poetry from first steps to final polish. How do poems begin, what can we use as a starting point for our stories, how do we sustain a poem or a story to its proper conclusion? Through various reading and writing exercises, this course will road test several experimental techniques which can be used to spark new work and ideas. The course will work towards having the student complete a significant piece of work to a high degree of finish.

Typically, each class will feature a short writing exercise based on a classic text; in the workshop section students will have their work discussed by the class. Students can expect to have their work constructively commented on at each class by the class group and Module Director for the duration of the course. Feedback will be given by the tutor throughout and upon receiving the final grade. The final portfolio of work will be graded on its imaginative skill and originality.

**SS120 Gaelic Culture and Literature; From Cú Chulainn (Cuchulainn) to the Cultural Revival and Beyond**

3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Module Director: Dr. Clodagh Downey

Gaelic literature is the oldest vernacular literature in Western Europe; this course introduces the student to early Gaelic narrative literature and gives insights into the culture(s) which created that literature. Students read and interpret a selection of texts in translation, including tales of Cú Chulainn and the Ulster Cycle, Fionn Mac Cumhaill and the Fianna and tales of the Otherworld, and develop skills in engaging critically with the literature. Tracing the vicissitudes of the Irish language and its culture from the seventeenth century onwards, the course explores Irish folklore and the oral storytelling tradition and examines the emergence and development of modern Gaelic literature from the period of the Cultural Revival in the late-nineteenth century. The representation of so-called ‘Gaelic’ identity as portrayed through Irish language literature and folklore is explored; through the reading of selections of Gaelic prose and poetry in translation, students gain insights into the rapid changes within Gaelic culture from the nineteenth century as represented in folklore and literature. While demonstrating an intimate awareness of formal and thematic developments in a broad range of world literatures, contemporary Gaelic prose and poetry engages closely with earlier sources within the Gaelic literary, oral and cultural traditions. The course develops students’ understanding of the dynamic interplay between the traditional and the contemporary within modern Gaelic literature. A knowledge of Irish is not a prerequisite for the course; all classes are through English. Introductory classes in the Irish language will be provided to interested students.
Irish society is interesting. Really interesting. It underwent a complex process of dramatic and relatively rapid social change over the 20th Century, propelling it from being a predominantly rural, Catholic, insular, and socially homogeneous society, to become one of the ‘most globalized’ countries in the world, all within just a few short decades. In some ways, it is much the same; in others, it is profoundly different.

In this module we explore, and explain, aspects of this process, and its effects on Irish society, mainly from a sociological perspective. Using the changing economy as a backdrop, we go on to explore transformations in key social institutions, such as religion, education, the family, the media, politics and power, and the changing role and position of women in Irish society. We will also address some of the problems and strains that have emerged, in part, because of these profound societal changes, such as social inequality and social class, immigration and race, and crime. The module is designed to be lively and engaging, and no previous knowledge of either sociology or Irish society is required. It will, however, provide a very useful backdrop to the experience of being in Ireland, and offer valuable and critical insights into ‘Irish identity’, and the ambiguities of social change for a small country in a global society.

SS122 Negotiating Identity: Irish Traditional Music and Dance
3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits; Module Director: Dr. Verena Commins

This module will examine current and historical performance and transmission of Irish traditional dance, instrumental music and song, with specific reference to the traditions of the West of Ireland. Utilizing anthropological and cultural history frameworks, students will explore the place of traditional performance arts in Irish culture, and the central roles these traditions play in formation of local, national and transnational identities.

Core elements include an examination of music in the post-famine period in Ireland; music among the Diaspora; revivals of dance and music; sean-nós song; style and the uilleann piping tradition. Conceptual issues of authenticity and tradition will underscore much of the discussions and central questions such as what constitutes traditional performance and the transformative potential of dance and music will be explored and exemplified through a variety of performance platforms. Students will also have the opportunity to meet with performers and take sean-nós song and dance workshops, in addition to having an instrumental traditional music showcase as part of the programme.
Irish Studies Excursion, Field Trip and Assessment Dates 2018

ASSESSMENTS
Tuesday, 3 July
Monday, 16th July

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES
Monday, 26 June  
1.00 p.m.  
Irish Language classes commence

SEAN NÓS DANCING
Tuesday, 26 June  
1.00 p.m.
Thursday, 28 June  
1.00 p.m.

SEAN NÓS SINGING
Thursday, 5 July  
1.00 p.m.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SHOWCASE
Tuesday, 10 July  
1.00 p.m.  
All students welcome

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS
Friday, 29 June - Sunday, 1 July  
Visit to Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry (Group 1)
Sunday, 1 July  
Visit to Aran Islands (Group 2)
Friday, 6 July - Sunday, 8 July  
Visit to Dingle Peninsula, Co. Kerry (Group 2)
Sunday, 8 July  
Visit to Aran Islands (Group 1)

FIELD TRIPS
Archaeology students only
Tuesday, 26 June  
The Burren in prehistory
Thursday, 5 July  
The Burren in the Historic Period

Introduction to Irish Art students only
Saturday, 23 June  
The National Museum/Book of Kells Exhibit, Trinity College, Dublin

Literature and Film & Creative Writing students only
Sunday, 24 June  
Visit to Literary and Historical Sites in Co. Clare & South Galway

SOCIAL EVENTS
Tuesday, 19 June  
5.00 p.m.  
Reception & Director’s Welcome, Sult, Student Centre
Wednesday, 4 July  
5.30 p.m.  
Independence Day Barbeque, Sult, Student Centre
Tuesday, 17 July  
5.00 p.m.  
Farewell Reception, Sult, Student Centre
Field Trips

Field trips are an integral part of the Irish Studies Summer School and participation is mandatory. The field trips are relevant to the material covered in class and enhance the learning experience. They also offer the opportunity to experience parts of Ireland outside of Galway City.

All students of the Irish Studies Summer School will participate on field trips to Dingle in Co. Kerry and Inis Mór, the largest of the three Aran Islands. You will be notified in advance of arrival of the dates allocated for your trip. Please ensure that you do not schedule any other events for those dates.

For the trip to Inis Mór, students will be collected from campus by bus and will take the ferry from Ros a’ Mhíl to Inis Mór. Once on the island, the students will cycle along the quiet roads of the island, led by experienced coordinators. On the island, the students will be guided by a local expert to Dún Aonghasa, a Bronze Age stone walled fort that is built at the precipice of an 85 meter cliff edge. Students will also have free time to experience the Irish language as spoken by the local inhabitants, and later visit the local goat farm and artisan cheese producer, walk along one of the several beaches, or just take in the peace and tranquillity that is island life. This field trip takes place on a Sunday.

The Dingle Peninsula, located on the Wild Atlantic Way, is one of the most beautiful parts of Ireland and has a rich archaeological heritage, with over 2000 surviving monuments. The Dingle field trip takes place over a weekend. Students are collected by bus from campus on Friday afternoon and will stop at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park on the way to Dingle.

Hostel accommodation, with breakfast, is provided in Dingle for two nights. Students are free to enjoy Dingle town on Friday and Saturday night. You will find traditional Irish musicians playing in many of the pubs or you can visit the many craft shops to look for souvenirs of your trip. Check out the What’s Happening Guide for Dingle before you go. There are also many excellent places to eat in Dingle including 4 restaurants recommended by the Michelin Guide. We recommend you sample Murphy’s handmade ice cream while in Dingle.

On Saturday, the group will visit Early Christian Round Huts (Beehive Huts), Coumeenoole Beach, the Blasket Island Cultural Centre, Gallarus Oratory and Kilmalkedar. An experienced local guide will accompany the group. The group will leave Dingle on Sunday morning to return to Galway City.

Students enrolled on SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland participate on two field trips to the Burren to visit historic and pre-historical archaeological sites. Students will be collected from campus at 4.00 pm on the designated days and will return to Galway City between 8 - 9.00 pm.

Students enrolled on SS118 Introduction to Art in Ireland will participate on one field trip to Dublin where they will visit the National Museum, the National Gallery and the Book of Kells exhibition at Trinity College Dublin. This trip takes place on a Saturday. Transportation to Dublin will be organised by NUI Galway.

Students of SS115 Representing Ireland - Literature and Film and SS119 Creative Writing participate on a Literary Trip to South Galway where they will visit Coole Park, Thoor Ballylee and Kilmacduagh. This trip takes place on a Sunday with students being collected by bus from the NUI Galway campus in the morning and returning to campus in the afternoon.

Clothing for Field Trips

We organise our field trips well in advance of the summer school, but unfortunately we cannot predict or control the weather. As Irish weather is unpredictable it is best to be prepared for rain or wind, especially on field trips which require you to be outside. Prepare to dress in layers and ensure that you have waterproof clothing and footwear for wet days and sunscreen for hotter days.

In some parts of rural Ireland, you may not be able to use a debit/credit card so ensure you bring cash with you.
### 2018 Irish Studies – Induction Schedule

#### Monday, 18 June
Arrive in Galway; check into accommodation; collect Identity Card and Campus Tour.

#### Tuesday, 19 June

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**Tuesday, 19 June**

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  - Dr Fiona Gavin
  - D'Arcy Thompson Theatre

- **SS122 Negotiating Identity in Irish Traditional Music and Dance**
  - Dr Verena Commins
  - D'Arcy Thompson Theatre

- **SS119 Creative Writing**
  - Mr Kevin Higgins
  - D’Arcy Thompson

## WEEK 1

### Wednesday, 20 June

- **SS181 Introduction to Art in Ireland**
  - Dr Fiona Gavin
  - D’Arcy Thompson Theatre

### Thursday, 21 June

- **SS115 Representing Ireland: Literature and Film**
  - Prof Sean Ryder
  - Kirwan Theatre

- **SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland 11.30 – 1.30pm**
  - Dr Carleton Jones
  - Kirwan Theatre

### Friday, 22 June

- **SS122 Negotiating Identity in Irish Traditional Music and Dance**
  - Mr Malachy Egan
  - Tyndall Lecture Theatre

### Saturday, 23 June

- **SS118 Introduction to Art in Ireland - Dublin Field Trip**  (MEET AT COACH STATION FAIRGREEN AT 7.25 A.M.)

### Sunday, 24 June

- **SS115 Representing Ireland: Literature and Film Field Trip to Clare & South Galway** (MEET AT ARCHWAY 9.30AM)
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- **Monday, 9 July:** The Butcher Boy (1992) D'Arcy Thompson Theatre
- **Tuesday, 10 July:** Once (2007) 6.00-8.00pm D'Arcy Thompson Theatre
- **Wednesday, 11 July:** Open to all students
- **Thursday, 12 July:** POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSION 6.00-7.00pm Kirwan Theatre

**Location:**
- Kirwan Theatre
- D'Arcy Thompson Theatre
- The Cube
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- **SS115 Representing Ireland Literature and Film**: KIRWAN THEATRE/AC301
- **SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland**: D'ARCY THOMPSON THEATRE
- **SS119 Creative Writing**: D'ARCY THOMPSON THEATRE
- **SS120 Gaelic Literature & Culture**: KIRWAN THEATRE
- **SS121 Irish Society**: KIRWAN THEATRE
- **SS122 Negotiating Identity in Irish Traditional Music and Dance**: TYNDALL LECTURE THEATRE

### Additional Events

- **Sean-Nós Singing Workshop**: AC213
- **Sean-Nós Dancing Workshop**: The Aula Maxima (downstairs on 26th June) TBC 28th June
- **Traditional Music Showcase and Tin Whistle Workshop**: The Cube
- **Introductory Irish Language Lectures**: AC213
- **Interdisciplinary Seminars**: IT250
- **Film Showings**: D'Arcy Thompson Theatre
- **Postgraduate Opportunities Session**: KIRWAN THEATRE

### Meeting Place

- **Meeting place for all excursions and field trips**: the Archway outside the Quadrangle Building

**Saturday, 23 June**

- SS118 Introduction to Art in Ireland - Dublin Field Trip 7.25 a.m. (MEET AT COACH STATION FAIRGREEN AT 7.45 AM)

**Sunday, 24 June**

- SS115 Representing Ireland: Literature and Film Field Trip to Clare & South Galway (DEPART ARCHWAY AT 9.30AM)

**Tuesday, 26 June**

- SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland Field Seminar 4.00 – 8.00 pm (DEPART ARCHWAY AT 4PM)

**Thursday, 5 July**

- SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland Field Seminar 4.00 – 8.00 pm (DEPART ARCHWAY AT 4PM)

**Friday, 29 June**

- GROUP 1: TRIP TO DINGLE, CO KERRY (29 June-1 JULY) (Depart Archway at 11.30 a.m.)

**Sunday, 1 July**

- GROUP 2: Trip to Aran Islands – (Depart Archway at 8.45 a.m.)

**Friday, 6 July**

- GROUP 2: TRIP TO DINGLE, CO KERRY (6 July - 8 JULY) (Depart Archway at 11.30 a.m.)

**Sunday, 8 July**

- GROUP 1: Trip to Aran Islands – (Depart Archway at 8.45 a.m.)
SS115 Representing Ireland: Literature and Film
3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits

COURSE OBJECTIVE:
Fiction, poetry, drama and film have all been used to represent ‘Ireland’ and ‘Irishness’. This course analyses the varied ways this has been done in English-language media. The course is structured around themes like the representation of ‘The West’, the contrast between city and country, the politics of theatre, gender identity, and the meaning of nationality. We examine works from writers like W.B. Yeats, James Joyce, Augusta Gregory, J.M. Synge, Liam O’Flaherty, Brian Friel, Mary O’Malley, Eavan Boland and Patrick McCabe. We also view and discuss movies directed by American and Irish film-makers.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1  Introductory Lecture
         W.B. Yeats

Week 2  Representing the Aran Islands
         Irish Theatre 1 and 2

Week 3  Irish Cinema 1
         James Joyce

Week 4  The Butcher Boy
         Irish Cinema 2
         Contemporary Poetry

COURSE TEXTS:
1. J. Harrington (ed.): Modern Irish Drama (Norton paperbacks)
2. J. Joyce: Dubliners (Penguin paperbacks)
3. W.B. Yeats: Selected Poetry (Penguin paperbacks)
4. Patrick McCabe: The Butcher Boy

Additional material will be supplied as handouts. Films will be available for viewing in the University Library. Films to be viewed will include The Quiet Man (1952), The Butcher Boy (1992), The Dead (1987), Michael Collins (1996) and Once (2007).

SELECTED LIBRARY READING:
Seamus Deane, A Short History of Irish Literature
Declan Kiberd, Inventing Ireland
David Cairns and Shaun Richards, Writing Ireland
Lionel Pilkington, Theatre and the State in 20th Century Ireland
G. J. Watson, Irish Identity and the Literary Revival
Lance Pettitt, Screening Ireland
Kevin Rockett, John Hill and Luke Gibbons, Cinema and Ireland
Martin McLoone, Irish Film: The Emergence of a Contemporary Cinema

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:
1. Attendance and participation in all regularly scheduled lectures and seminars.
2. Two essays of 1,500 words each on topics assigned by the Course Director in Representing Ireland: Literature and Film.

COURSE PROFESSORS
Sean Ryder, M.A., Ph.D
Sean Ryder is Established Professor of English at NUI Galway. He was born in the United States and received his PhD from University College Dublin. His main research fields are nineteenth-century Irish writing and digital humanities. He has published widely on the culture of Irish nationalism.
Lionel Pilkington, M.A., Ph.D
Lionel Pilkington is Personal Professor of English at NUI Galway. His research interests include theatre and political conflict in Ireland, critical theory and the cultural impact of colonialism. His book *Theatre and the State in 20th Century Ireland: Cultivating the People* was published in 2001 and his book *Theatre and Ireland* in 2010.

Fiona Bateman, M.A., Ph.D
Fiona Bateman is a graduate of University College Dublin and NUI Galway. She coordinates the MA in Public Advocacy & Activism at NUI Galway and teaches courses on Irish cinema, cinema and colonialism, and African writing. Her publications include articles about the Irish foreign missions and co-edited collections of essays including *Studies in Settler Colonialism* (2011).

Elaine Cosgrove, M.A.
Elaine Cosgrove is a graduate of NUI Galway and Trinity College Dublin. Her first volume of poetry, *Transmissions*, was published in 2017 by Dedalus Press. Her work was selected for the anthology *Best New British & Irish Poets* (2017), and was longlisted for the 2016 London Magazine Poetry Prize.

Mary O’Malley
Mary O’Malley is one of Ireland’s leading poets. She was born in Connemara and educated at NUI, Galway, and has lectured in several universities in Europe and the United States. She has published eight volumes of poetry, including *Valparaiso* (2012) and *Playing the Octopus* (2016). Mary was elected to Aosdána, the honorary affiliation of Irish artists in 2001, and her work has been translated into several languages. She is a frequent broadcaster on Irish radio.
SS116 The Archaeological Heritage of Ireland; From the First Settlers to Medieval Castles

3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course charts the evidence for human occupation in Ireland over ten millennia from the island’s initial colonization by small groups of hunter-gatherers through to the Medieval period. The course addresses key themes such as ‘Megalithic Tombs and the Age of the Ancestors’, ‘The Age of Metal’, ‘Iron Age Royal Sites’, ‘The Arrival of Christianity’, ‘The Vikings in Ireland’, etc. The archaeology of the entire island of Ireland will be covered but there will be a particular emphasis on the archaeology of the Burren, a remarkable upland area just south of Galway where archaeological remains of all periods are well preserved and visible. The course includes two trips to the Burren to visit both prehistoric and historic-period sites, some of which have been the focus of course director, Carleton Jones’s own research.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1
- **Archaeology**: Introductory Class
  - **Understanding Material Culture**: Lab Seminar – hands-on examination of artefacts, some of the basic building blocks of archaeological interpretations.
- **The First Colonists and the First Farmers**. The Mesolithic period, c. 7000 - 4000 BC: hunter-gatherers in a forested landscape. The Neolithic period c. 3800 – 2500/2400 BC: a new way of life, the first farmers.

Week 2
- **Megalithic Tombs and the Age of the Ancestors**. Understanding the stone temples of the early farmers.
  - **The Age of Metal**. The Chalcolithic period c. 2500/2400 – 2000 BC. The introduction of metal to Ireland is accompanied by profound social changes.
  - **Field Seminar**: The Burren in prehistory. Students will visit some very interesting and ‘off-the-beaten-track’ sites where Dr. Jones has excavated.
- **Roughan Hill and its wedge tombs**. Monuments, landscape and identity around 2000 BC. Anthropology and archaeology combine to try and explain this enigmatic group of monuments.

Week 3
- **Status and burial in the Early Bronze Age c. 2000 – 1500 BC**. Early indications of individual status including the interesting case of ‘Tara boy’.
  - **Gold, Power and War**. Chiefdoms in the later Bronze Age, c. 1500 - 600 BC. Hierarchical chiefdoms emerge with power and wealth concentrated in the hands of a minority elite. Lecture includes the spectacular cliff-edge fort of Dún Aonghasa on the island of Inishmore which students will visit one weekend.
  - **Field Seminar**: The Burren in the historic period. Students will visit the Early Medieval cliff-fort of Cahercommaun and the Medieval Corcomroe Abbey.
- **Iron Age Royal Sites**. Ritual, mythology and kingship come together on these long-lived sites.

Week 4
- **The Arrival of Christianity**. The introduction of Christianity to Ireland and early monastic sites in Ireland, c. 400 AD - late 12th c. AD.
  - **Early Medieval Settlement**. The pattern of secular settlement across the landscape, c. 400 AD - late 12th c. AD (ringforts, crannogs, etc.)
  - **Church, Pilgrimage and Art**. Sites on the Aran Islands (which students visit one weekend) and sites on the Burren reveal aspects of Medieval craftsmanship and devotion.
  - **The Vikings in Ireland**. The impact of the Vikings on Ireland. Were they just brutal pillagers or is there more to the Viking legacy?

Week 5
- **Castles in Ireland**. The development of castles in Ireland from the Anglo-Norman invasion through late tower houses (which are still standing in Galway’s city centre).
- **Course summary**.
COURSE TEXTS:

ESSENTIAL READING:


Reading Pack – additional essential readings will be provided on Blackboard (free).

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT BOOKS:


REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:

1. Attendance and participation at all the scheduled lectures, field seminars and tours.

2. One essay of 1,500 words minimum on subject assigned by the course tutor.

3. Written examination of the material covered in the scheduled lectures, field seminars and tours.

COURSE PROFESSOR:

Carleton Jones, M.A., Ph.D. (Director)

Carleton Jones received his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and his research has focused on the prehistoric archaeology of Ireland. For several seasons Dr. Jones directed a survey and excavation project that concentrated on the prehistoric landscape of the Burren in Co. Clare which is now continuing in collaboration with current and past postgraduate students. This work has received support from the Heritage Council, the Royal Irish Academy, and the Irish Research Council. Dr. Jones has published numerous papers on his research and two books: ‘The Burren and the Aran Islands – Exploring the Archaeology’ and ‘Temples of Stone: Exploring the Megalithic Tombs of Ireland’.
SS117 IRISH HISTORY: Conflict, Identity and the Shaping of Modern Ireland

3 Semester Credits/6 ECTS Credits

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course offers a survey of Irish history. The initial lecture will set the stage by considering some aspects of the early and medieval periods, but the principal focus will be on the modern centuries, beginning with the Tudor conquest of Ireland. By charting the history of Anglo-Irish relations through major political and military conflicts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, special attention will be given to the British attempt to assimilate Ireland under the Act of Union from 1801. We will examine the mass political and social campaigns that emerged in the nineteenth century and the rise of the modern ideologies of Irish unionism and nationalism, including the influential Irish-American dimension of the latter which took shape in the decades after the Great Famine (1845-50). Ultimately the course will examine the undoing of the Union between Britain and Ireland in 1921, the nature of the partition agreement which underpinned the constitutional settlement at that time, and how sustained violent conflict in Northern Ireland from the late 1960s forced politicians and political leaders in these islands and beyond to revisit the ‘Irish Question’.

The approach taken in this module is thematic. Classes will consist of a mixture of lectures and discussions; and to facilitate a closer treatment of one of the central themes of the course, a class debate will take place, mid-term, in one of the historic buildings in Galway. Choice readings and links to two award-winning documentaries will be made available on the course Blackboard site during term.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1  
Induction period: setting the early modern background
The end of Gaelic Ireland: the completion of the English conquest in the 1500s
Making Ireland British: plantation and social engineering

Week 2  
The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries
From the Cromwellian conquest to the Wars of the Three Kingdoms
The Protestant nation, the Catholic Question and the Act of Union

Week 3  
Nineteenth-century modernisation
Class debate: King’s Head, Galway: conquest and ‘war crime’
The Great Famine (1845-50): accelerant of change
Changing the Irish question: Ireland, America and Empire

Week 4  
The twentieth century
Easter 1916: ‘a terrible beauty is born’
The independent Irish state
Northern Ireland, 1921-68

Week 5  
Conflict and conciliation
The Northern Ireland conflict
The ‘peace process’: an end to Irish history?

History Course: Recommended Reading

Sean Duffy, The Concise History of Ireland (Dublin, 2005); or
T.W. Moody & F.X. Martin, The Course of Irish History (Dublin, 2005, though any earlier edition is recommended)

Readings tailored to the course will be uploaded onto Blackboard during the term of the Summer School.

Additional Recommended Reading

Paidríag Lenihan, Consolidating Conquest: Ireland, 1603-1727 (Essex, 2008)
Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, Ireland before the famine, 1798-1848 (Dublin, 1990)
The following is a link to a television history of Ireland, *The Story of Ireland* (series 1-4), jointly produced by the BBC and the Irish national broadcaster, RTÉ. The programme takes a thematic approach to the course of Irish history, and provides a useful screen introduction to accompany this module.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN0ndWAgA6o

**REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:**

1. Attendance at lectures and participation in seminars.
2. One mid-term essay - 1,500 words
3. One final essay – 1,500 words

**COURSE PROFESSOR:**

Laurence Marley, M.A., Ph.D

Laurence Marley, a native of Belfast, holds his doctorate in History from the National University of Ireland, the research for which was supported by both the Michael Davitt Fellowship and the Irish Research Council. He teaches in the Department of History at NUI Galway. His current interests in nineteenth and twentieth-century Irish and British history lay particular emphasis on radical movements and social protest; Irish emigration and the diaspora; popular memory, commemoration and contested histories; and Northern Ireland. He is author of *Michael Davitt: Freelance Radical and Frondeur* (Dublin, 2010), and (ed.), *The British Labour Party and Twentieth-Century Ireland* (Manchester, 2016).
SS118 INTRODUCTION TO ART IN IRELAND  
(6 ECTS/ 3 US Semester Credits)

COURSE OBJECTIVE:
Ireland has a rich and vibrant artistic heritage, extending back to c. 3500 BC; this course traces the development of Irish art beginning with decorated megaliths and the exquisite corpus of Irish Bronze Age gold work, before turning its attention to the introduction of Celtic or La Tène art styles into Ireland around the 4th century BC. Following the Roman conquest of western Europe, the Classical roots of La Tène art re-emerge as a dominant element in Irish art of the first few centuries AD and continue, as a core element in the motif-book of early Christian art, in to the 7th and 8th century. Dominated by fantastical animals, Germanic art of Dark Age Europe was also incorporated into Insular art styles. An appreciation of style, symbolism and iconography in Early Christian art is integral to this module and treated in relation to the sublime artistic achievements of the ‘Golden Age’ of Irish art such as illuminated manuscripts, ecclesiastical metalwork such as the Ardagh Chalice and Irish high crosses. In addition to its aesthetic appeal, in revealing cross-cultural influences and the more arcane concerns of its audience, early Irish art provides a unique window on the past that can be explored through iconographical analysis.

This course includes a guided Field Trip to the National Museum and the Book of Kells Exhibit in Dublin. This is an integral part of the course where students will have the opportunity to view the objects they will be studying ‘in the flesh’ as well as a range of comparanda.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
- In-depth knowledge of Irish art from the prehistoric period to the ‘Golden Age’ of the 8th century AD
- Understanding of the broader European context of Irish art during this period
- Understanding of the role of symbolism and iconography in Irish art of the period through case studies

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1
Decoding early Irish art; an introduction to iconographical analysis
Passage grave art: The earliest art from Ireland
FIELD SEMINAR: NATIONAL MUSEUM (Guided tour of exhibits relevant to the course) & BOOK OF KELLS EXHIBITION

Week 2
Bronze Age goldwork
La Tène art: The earliest art of the Celts
The art of pagan, Celtic Ireland
The Iron Age to Early Christian transition

Week 3
Understanding Early Christian art
The symbolism of the Ballinderry Brooch – a case study
Early Irish ecclesiastical art: monks, pilgrimage and continental influences
Introduction to Germanic and Byzantine art

Week 4
Case studies from the ‘Golden Age’ of Irish Art – the Tara Brooch and the Ardagh Chalice
‘The Work of Angels’: illuminated manuscripts

Week 5
Irish High Crosses – origins, influences and iconography

COURSE TEXTS:

ESSENTIAL READING:
A course Reading Pack, containing both short articles, book chapters and e-books, will be provided in pdf format on Blackboard.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED READING:

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:
1. Attendance and participation at all the scheduled lectures and seminars.
2. One essay of 1,500 words minimum on subject assigned by the course tutor.
3. Slide test and MCQ examination of the material covered in the scheduled lectures and seminars.

COURSE PROFESSOR:

Fiona Gavin Ph.D
Fiona Gavin is a graduate of the National University of Ireland, Galway where she currently lectures in Irish Art from the Early Iron Age to the 8th Century A.D. Her research and publications are focused on the art and iconography of the Insular world of Britain and Ireland during the late Iron Age and Early Christian period.
SS119 Creative Writing: Poetry, Fiction, & Memoir

6 ECTS/ 3 US Semester Credits

This course, given by an established writer is a workshop in the writing of poetry, fiction, and memoir. Students choose the genre they wish to emphasise, engaging in experimentation, writing and rewriting under the supervision of the director. Students will be given writing prompts at every workshop. The workshops involve reviewing, analysing and editing of work in an atmosphere of constructive criticism and mutual support. Module participants will take part in a number of literary events around Galway City, under the supervision of the course director, poet and critic Kevin Higgins, who is co-organiser of Over The Edge literary events.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Through various reading and writing exercises, this course will explore several aspects of poetry, fiction, and memoir writing from first steps to final polish. The course Director will use tried and tested techniques to get participants writing. He will also work with them on polishing their writing and bringing poems and stories to completion. Students’ work will be read and discussed in class and the entire class will be expected to engage in constructive criticism of and mutual support for each other’s poems and stories.

Participants will attend and participate in two events organised by Galway City’s literary events organisation Over The Edge, for which they will receive credit. Feedback will be given by the course Director on an ongoing basis and with the final grade. The final portfolio of each student’s writing will be graded on its imaginative skill, originality, and also on the progress s/he has made as a writer during this course.

COURSE OUTLINE:

| Week 1 | How do we begin a work of fiction or a poem?  
|        | How do we use autobiography in our writing?  
|        | The course Director will provide participants with accessible prompts to get them writing. |

| Week 2 | How do we avoid cliché in our writing? How do we ‘make it new’?  
|        | The course Director will provide participants with accessible writing exercises to help them make new metaphors and similes from the world around us. |

| Week 3 | How do we deal with controversial topics? Every writer has to deal with the issue of someone possibly being offended by something s/he has written, especially if autobiographical detail is used in the writing. The course director will give participants writing exercises which will aim to inoculate them against all such worries. |

| Week 4 | How do we know when a poem or story is finished? Editing is the making, or breaking, of every writer. The course Director will workshop participants’ writing with them, and will work to give them their own editing methods which they can take away from the course. |

COURSE TEXTS:

**Short Story**
- Mike McCormack: *Getting it in the Head*
- Claire Keegan: *Men and Women*
- Maeve Brennan: *The Lie, The Devil in Us*
- Franz Kafka: *Metamorphoses and other Stories*

**Novels**
- E.M Reapy: *Red Dirt*
- Claire Kilroy: *Tenderwire*

**Poetry**
- Neil Astley: *Staying Alive – Real Poems for Unreal Times*
- Roddie Lumsden: *Identity Parade – New British & Irish Poets*
- Kevin Higgins: *Song of Songs 2.0 – New & Selected Poems*
Satire
Jonathan Swift  
*A Modest Proposal*

Literary magazine
Sean O’Reilly  
*The Stinging Fly* – issue 33 *In The Wake of The Rising*

Skylight Poets  
*Skylight 47*

Website
Dave Lordan  
*The Bogman’s Cannon*

Anthology
Susan Millar DuMars  
*Over The Edge – The First Ten Years*

Requirements for Credits

1. Attendance and participation at all the scheduled talks, workshops and readings.
2. Completion of a small collection of poems or a finished piece of fiction or memoir of roughly 5000 words.

COURSE PROFESSOR

Kevin Higgins is co-organiser of Over The Edge literary events in Galway. He has published four collections of poems: *The Boy With No Face* (2005), *Time Gentlemen, Please* (2008), *Frightening New Furniture* (2010), & *The Ghost In The Lobby* (2014). His poems also feature in *Identity Parade – New British and Irish Poets* (Bloodaxe, 2010) and in *The Hundred Years’ War: modern war poems* (Ed Neil Astley, Bloodaxe May 2014). Kevin is satirist-in-residence with the alternative literature website *The Bogman’s Cannon*. *2016 – The Selected Satires of Kevin Higgins* was published by NuaScéalta in 2016. *Song of Songs 2:0 – New & Selected Poems* will be published by Salmon in Spring 2017. Kevin is a highly experienced workshop facilitator and several of his students have gone on to achieve publication success. He has facilitated poetry workshops at Galway Arts Centre and taught Creative Writing at Galway Technical Institute for the past eleven years. Kevin also teaches on the NUIG BA Creative Writing Connect programme. His poems have been praised by, among others, Tony Blair’s biographer John Rentoul, Observer columnist Nick Cohen, and Sunday Independent columnist Gene Kerrigan; and have been quoted in The Daily Telegraph, The Independent, and The Daily Mirror. The Stinging Fly magazine recently described Kevin as “likely the most widely read living poet in Ireland”.

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SS120 GAELIC LITERATURE AND CULTURE; From Cú Chulainn (Cuchulainn) to the Cultural Revival and Beyond
3 US credits / 5 ECTS

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Gaelic literature is the oldest vernacular literature in Western Europe; this course introduces the student to early Gaelic narrative literature and gives insights into the culture(s) which created that literature. Students read and interpret a selection of texts in translation, including tales of Cú Chulainn and the Ulster Cycle, Fionn Mac Cumhaill and the Fianna and tales of the Otherworld, and develop skills in engaging critically with the literature. Tracing the vicissitudes of the Irish language and its culture from the seventeenth century onwards, the course explores Irish folklore and the oral storytelling tradition and examines the emergence and development of modern Gaelic literature from the period of the Cultural Revival in the late-nineteenth century. The representation of so-called ‘Gaelic’ identity as portrayed through Irish language literature and folklore is explored; through the reading of selections of Gaelic prose and poetry in translation, students gain insights into the rapid changes within Gaelic culture from the nineteenth century as represented in folklore and literature. While demonstrating an intimate awareness of formal and thematic developments in a broad range of world literatures, contemporary Gaelic prose and poetry engages closely with earlier sources within the Gaelic literary, oral and cultural traditions. The course develops students’ understanding of the dynamic interplay between the traditional and the contemporary within modern Gaelic literature.

A knowledge of Irish is not a prerequisite for the course; all classes are through English. Introductory classes in the Irish language will be provided to interested students.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Part I
1. The beginnings of literacy in Ireland; an introduction to the sources and methods of interpretation of Old and Middle Irish literature (Part I)
2. The beginnings of literacy in Ireland; an introduction to the sources and methods of interpretation of Old and Middle Irish literature (Part II)
3. Tales of the Ulaid (Táin Bó Cúailnge)
4. Tales of the Monastery (Early Irish Poetry)
5. Tales of the Otherworld I (Echtrae Chonnlai)
6. Tales of the Otherworld II (Immram Brain)
7. Tales of the Fianna (Acallam na Senórach)

Part II
1. The establishment, methodology and legacy of the Irish Folklore Commission
2. ‘Away with the Fairies!’ Traditional Irish narratives of the *slua sí* [fairy folk] in their sociocultural context
3. ‘The Great Queen Speaks:’ The Poetry of Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill
4. ‘I suppose that never again will there be an old woman as Irish as me on this Island:’ The Rural Autobiography and the Gaelic Revival
5. *Graveyard Clay vs. The Dirty Dust:* Máirtín Ó Cadhain’s *Cré na Cille* in translation
6. ‘Banished to this wasteland because of one sin:’ Exile in Irish-language Literature
7. ‘It has always been the destiny of the true Gaels to live in a small, lime-white house in the corner of the glen:’ Parody and Satire in Flann O’Brien’s *The Poor Mouth*

GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY: Part I

Basic Text
Cross, T.P. & Slover, C.H. 1936 *Ancient Irish Tales*
Cross, T.P. 1952 *Motif-Index of Early Irish Literature*
Dillon, M. 1948 *Early Irish Literature*
Dooley, A. & Roe, H. 1999 *Tales of the elders of Ireland*
Gantz, J., 1981 *Early Irish Myths and Sagas*
Greene, D. & O’Connor F. 1967 *A Golden Treasury of Irish Poetry*
McConne, K. 1990 *Pagan Past and Christian Present in Early Irish Literature*
McConne, K. 2000 *Echtrae Chonnlai and the Beginnings of Vernacular Narrative Writing in Ireland*
Murphy, G., 1956 *Early Irish Lyrics*
Welch, R. 1996 *The Oxford Companion to Irish Literature*

Students are required to purchase the basic textbook Gantz, J., *Early Irish Myths and Sagas.*
Further Reading:

Caerwyn Williams, J.E. & Ford, P. 1992 *The Irish Literary Tradition*
Carney, J. 1967 *Medieval Irish Lyrics*
Jackson, K.H., 1951 *A Celtic Miscellany*
Koch, J.T. & Carey, J. *The Celtic Heroic Age*
Mac Cana, P. 1980 *The Learned Tales of Medieval Ireland*
Mallory, J.P., 1992 *Aspects of the Táin*
Ó Corráin, D. 1989 ‘Early Irish hermit poetry?’ in *Sages, Saints and Storytellers*, (edd.) D. Ó Corráin, L. Breathnach, K. McCone, 251-67
Wooding, J., 2000 *The Otherworld Voyage in Early Irish Literature: An Anthology of Criticism*

GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY: Part II

Basic Text


Further Reading:


REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:

1. Attendance at all lectures and participation in seminars.
2. One essay of 1,500 words on a subject of your choice, subject to the agreement of the Course Professor (Those seeking graduate credit must write a 3,000 word paper).
3. Written examination of material covered in lectures and seminars over both sections of the course.

COURSE PROFESSORS:

Clodagh Downey, PhD. (Director)
Clodagh Downey is a graduate of UCC where she graduated with a PhD in Early and Medieval Irish. She has worked in lecturing and research in various areas of Celtic Studies in University College Cork, University of Cambridge, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies and NUI Galway. Dr. Downey’s teaching and research interests include Old and Middle Irish language, the literature of medieval Ireland, including heroic, mythological and king-tales, and dindṡenchas.
Kicki Ingridsdotter, M.A., Ph.D.
Kicki Ingridsdotter has worked as a lecturer of Old Irish and Celtic Civilization in the School of Irish at the National University of Ireland, Galway, teaching courses in Old Irish language and literature, Celtic society, Celtic kingship and Mythology. She studied for her B.A, M.A. and Ph. D. in Celtic languages at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. Her research topics are based on early Irish saga text in general and text editing in particular.

Ailbhe Nic Giolla Chomhaill, M.A.
Ailbhe Nic Giolla Chomhaill holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Modern Irish at the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses at NUIG and has spent time as a visiting researcher at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her doctoral research focuses on the folktale tradition of Joyce Country, County Galway.
SS121 Irish Society; Stasis and Change in the Ambiguous Republic

6 ECTS/3 US Semester Credits

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Irish Society underwent profound and relatively rapid social changes during the 20th century. In this course we will be using a sociological lens, and the sociological imagination, to examine some of these changes, and their results. As we will see, even planned socio-economic change can have far reaching unplanned social consequences. There are two underlying questions that we will attempt to answer as we move through the course topics: How has Irish society been changed by the economic transformation that was initiated in the 1950s, and what are the main forces shaping Irish society today?

LEARNING OUTCOMES
On completion of this course students will be able to provide a critical analysis of social, economic and political changes that have taken place in contemporary Irish society. They will be have an understanding of the way basic institutions operate within the society; and major social problems facing Irish society today.

REQUIRED READINGS
The basic texts for this course will be Share, Corcoran & Conway (2012) A Sociology of Ireland (4th ed if possible), Gill and Macmillan and O’Sullivan, Sara (ed.) 2007. Contemporary Ireland: A Sociological Map, UCD. More detailed reading suggestions will accompany each lecture, some of which will be made available to you directly. Those listed below should be considered the core or required readings for each lecture. Lecture notes will also be provided on Blackboard.

Course Outline

Week 1

L1: Introduction to Irish Society course

L2: Social and Economic Change in Ireland

L3: Economy, Work and Development
Required Reading: Share et.al Ch. 3 “The dynamics of Irish development”; O’Sullivan Ch.13 “Globalization, the State and Ireland’s Miracle Economy”

Week 2:

Topic 2: Changing Social Institutions

L4: The Changing Church in Contemporary Ireland
Readings: Share et. al. Ch. 13 “Religion”; O’Sullivan Ch.4 “Individualism and Secularization in Ireland”.

L5: The Changing Irish Family
Required readings: Share et.al Ch.8 “Gender, Sexuality and the Family” and; and O’Sullivan Ch. 5 Family.”

L6: Education and Schooling in Ireland
Readings: Share et. al. Ch.7 “Education”, O’ Sullivan (eds) Ch.6.

L7: Irish Women and Social Change
Readings: Share et. al. Ch.9 “Gender, Sexuality and the Family”; O’Sullivan Ch. 15 “Gender and the Workplace”, CSO (2011) ‘Men and Women in Ireland’

Week 3

L8: The Media in Irish Society
Readings: Share et.al. Ch. 14 “Media”; O’Sullivan Ch.8 “Modern media, Modern Ireland, Same Old Story.”

L9: Sport in Irish Society
S1: Seminar:
Discussion of “Global as Local” Ch. 1 in Global Ireland by Tom Inglis
And J. Wickham “The end of the European Social Model?”

L10: Power in Irish Society
Share et.al, Ch 5; O’Sullivan Ch 11.

Week 4

Topic 3: Problems and Processes in Contemporary Irish Society

L11: Education, Poverty and Class Inequality in Ireland
Readings: Share et al. Ch.7 “Education”, pp.171-177; Gray & O’Carroll (2012) ‘Education and Class-formation in 20th Century Ireland: A Retrospective Qualitative Longitudinal Analysis’ (Blackboard); O’Sullivan Ch. 17 Social Class

L.12: Immigration and Racism in Irish Society
Readings: Share et. al. Ch. 11; Fanning, Bryan. 2012 (2nd ed) Racism and Social Change in the Republic of Ireland, Ch2 ‘Racism in Ireland’.

L13: Crime in Irish Society
Readings: Share et. al. Ch. 10 “Crime and Deviance”; O’Sullivan Ch. 7 “Crime, policing and social control”
Crime statistics are available in CSO quarterly reports at www.cso.ie
Publications on crime in Ireland are often made available on the Irish crime council’s website.
www.irlgov.ie/crimecouncil

L14: Emotions & Social Change in Ireland

S2: Seminar: The Ambiguity of Social Change

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:
1. Attendance at lectures and participation in seminars.
2. One essay of 1500 words on a topic of your choice from the course syllabus. Worth 50% of your final mark.
3. 2 written examinations of material covered in the course. Each are 25% of your final mark.

COURSE PROFESSOR:

Jonathan G. Heaney, PhD
Jonathan G. Heaney, originally from Kilkee in Co. Clare, is a lecturer in sociology at Queen’s University Belfast. He completed a PhD in the School of Political Science & Sociology, NUI Galway in 2013. His thesis combined both theoretical and empirical research to explore emotions and social change in the Republic of Ireland in the 20th century, and was funded by the Irish Research Council. His research interests include social and sociological theory, the sociology of emotions, power, the sociology and politics of Ireland, political sociology, and narrative/life histories. He is a member and currently the vice-coordinator of the European Sociological Association Research Network on Emotions (RN11), a member of the International Political Science Association’s (IPSA) Research Group on Power (RC36), and the Sociological Association of Ireland. He has published on emotions and power, nationalism, and has a number of articles in preparation. His new project – ‘On the Emotional State’ – explores the various ways in which the nation-state has been directly and indirectly involved in the construction and deconstruction of the emotional life of the polity; the degree to which it reflects (and constructs) the dominant emotional regime(s) and norms; and how these processes change through time. He blogs at Theorytypes, which he founded in 2009, and tweets as @jonathagheaney.
SS122 Negotiating Identity in Irish Traditional Music and Dance

6 ECTS/ 3 US Semester Credits

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This module will examine current and historical performance and transmission of Irish traditional dance, instrumental music and song, with specific reference to the traditions of the West of Ireland. Utilizing anthropological and cultural history frameworks, students will explore the place of traditional performance arts in Irish culture, and the central roles these traditions play in formation of local, national and transnational identities.

Core elements include an examination of music in the post-famine period in Ireland; music among the Diaspora; the development of Irish dance practices; revivals of dance and music; sean-nós song; style and the uilleann piping tradition. Conceptual issues of authenticity and tradition will underscore much of the discussions and central questions such as what constitutes traditional performance and the transformative potential of dance and music will be explored and exemplified through a variety of performance platforms. Students will also have the opportunity to meet with performers and take sean-nós song and dance workshops, in addition to having an instrumental traditional music showcase as part of the programme.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week 1            Introduction to Irish music and dance
                   Identity and definition
                   Tune types, instruments and contexts

Week 2            Uilleann piping
                   Sean-nós song and style
                   Irish dance

Week 3            Emigration and music
                   Traditional arts in the post-Famine period
                   Development of ensemble

Week 4            Performing identities
                   Revivals of Irish music and dance 1960
                   Festival and festivity
                   Seán Ó Riada

Week 5            Contemporary practice in music, song and dance

Selected readings (all readings are available through Blackboard, the on-line learning platform)

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITS:

1. Attendance at lectures, workshops/performances and participation in seminars.
2. One mid-term written examination.
3. One essay of 1,500 words assigned by instructor.

COURSE PROFESSOR:

**Verena Commins, MA, PhD.**
Verena Commins is a lecturer at the Centre for Irish Studies in NUI Galway, specialising in Irish Music Studies. Her teaching and research interests centre on concepts of revival and commemoration, re-traditionalisation and authenticity in the appraisal of Irish traditional music contexts in Ireland and the diaspora. She has published in a number of journals and collections and is co-editor of the forthcoming special issue of Éire-Ireland: an Interdisciplinary Journal of Irish Studies on Music and Ireland.

**Malachy Egan, MA**
Malachy has a B.A. in History and Geography from NUI Galway and also holds an M.Phil in Modern Irish History from Trinity College Dublin in which his final thesis examined aspects of the revival of Irish traditional music in the twentieth century. Malachy has previously taught at the International Summer School, as well as teaching as part of the B.A. (Irish Studies) and the Irish Life and Culture programmes. He is currently completing his PhD in Irish Music Studies at the Centre for Irish Studies, N.U.I. Galway. His research interests include Irish music and identity; cultural revivalism; the social history of twentieth century Ireland; and social geography.
Travel & Visa Advice

VISAS

You can check if you need a study visa on the website of the Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service. More detailed advice about study visas can be accessed on the website of the International Affairs Office at NUI Galway. As a summer school student, you will spend approximately five weeks in Ireland and therefore do not need to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau. When checked by immigration officials on arrival in Ireland, your passport will be stamped up to the end of your summer school course. Should you wish to stay for a longer period, you may need to liaise with the Garda National Immigration Bureau after arrival to facilitate an extension to your stay. The Summer School Office will be able to assist with this process.

Please ensure you bring your passport and original letter of offer with you to show to immigration officials at your point of entry to Ireland.

TRAVEL

The major airports in Ireland are Shannon (on the west coast, approximately 55 miles from Galway) and Dublin (on the east coast, approximately 135 miles from Galway). Shannon Airport is the closest international airport to Galway City.

Shannon International Airport is approximately a 2 hour drive from Galway City. Shannon Airport is serviced by Bus Éireann.

Dublin International Airport is approximately a 3 hour drive from Galway City. A number of bus services operate connections from Dublin Airport to Galway City centre: Citylink, GoBus and Bus Éireann. A regular train service provided by Irish Rail operates from Dublin (Heuston Station) to Galway. The Airlink bus service provides regular departures from Dublin Airport to the city centre and Heuston Station. Airlink prepaid tickets can be bought at the Bus and Rail information desk at the airport. They can also be bought from the vending machines located at the bus departure points on the arrivals road.

You can get a taxi from the airport to the centre of the city, but the bus is less expensive and just as quick.

Ireland West Airport is approximately 1.5 hour drive from Galway City. The airport is serviced by Bus Éireann.

Cork International Airport is approximately 3.5 hours from Galway City and is serviced by Citylink.

ARRIVAL IN GALWAY

Upon your arrival at Galway Coach Park/Bus & Train Station, located adjacent to Eyre Square, several taxi services are available which can take you to your accommodation where you can check in and drop off your bags. City Direct and Bus Éireann provide bus services within Galway City and operate from Eyre Square. A route map for the city bus services is available here.

REGISTRATION

Staff from the International Summer School Office will be available to welcome students in QA113, Alexander Anderson Boardroom, Quadrangle Building on Tuesday 19 June between 2 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Students can collect their student identity card and avail of campus tours throughout the day.

TOURIST INFORMATION

On arrival in Galway, general information may be obtained from Ireland West Tourism Information Office, Forster Street. Tel. 091 537700.
Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided in Corrib Village Student Residence. Rooms in Corrib Village will be allocated on arrival. Corrib Village is approximately a 10 minute walk to class. Homestay accommodation will be with local host families. Bed sheets/blankets: bed linen and towels are provided in Corrib Village and in home-stay accommodation. Home-stay allocations will be confirmed prior to arrival. Students will be advised of the name, address and contact details of their host family. Students are encouraged to contact the host family to confirm an arrival date and time. Home-stay houses are located in the Newcastle area of Galway, within walking distance of the campus.

Cost of Living Guidelines

Meals/Food: Full Irish breakfast is provided at home-stays. Allow approximately €25 - €30 per day, to cover snacks, lunch and light evening meal if you are eating at a cafe/restaurant. NOTE: There is no self-catering option at the home-stay residences.

As kitchen/cooking facilities are available at Corrib Village student residence, it is cost effective to buy groceries at local supermarkets and self-cater. Allow approximately €40 - €50 per week to buy groceries.

There is a small grocery store available at Corrib Village. Local supermarkets (Dunnes Stores, Eyre Square Shopping Centre and Headford Rd., Tesco, Headford Rd, Lidl, Headford Rd, Aldi, Headford Rd) are within a 15 minute walk of Corrib Village. An hourly, free shuttle bus service between Corrib Village and Galway City Centre is available throughout the summer and can be used to access shopping facilities.

- **Local transportation:** The average bus fare within the city is €2.10. Taxis cost from €8 - €12 (within the general Galway City area).
- **Books and supplies:** Approx. €60 - €80 depending on courses chosen.
- **Laundry/toiletries:** Laundry at Corrib Village is coin operated and costs €3 per wash and €2 to dry (full machine loads). Toiletries can be purchased quite reasonably at supermarkets or local pharmacies.
- **Social Activities:** Entrance to cinemas: €7 student rate applies with a valid student ID card. Theatre tickets cost slightly more. Entrance to nightclubs: €10 - €15.

Health Care

International Summer School Students who need to attend a doctor’s surgery can avail of the following General Practitioner clinics in the local area.

- **Dr. Fergil Colohans Surgery** in the Headford Road Shopping Centre (Tel 091-565664). This service is available at a discounted student rate on presentation of your Student Identity Card.
- **Doctors Clinic** located at 32 Newcastle Road, (Tel 091 520340) is a General Practitioner’s Service available to students.

There is an on call, after-hours emergency medical service available to all students after 5.00 pm. This service can be accessed by calling 087-2623997. There is a charge for this service.

Emergency medical help
In the case of a serious accident, dial 112 for emergency services and request an ambulance. Students with ongoing medical conditions are advised to contact the International Summer School Office (summerschool@nuigalway.ie) in advance of arrival to discuss your medical support requirements. You are advised to have private health insurance in place prior to arrival.
General Advice

TIME MANAGEMENT

One of the greatest challenges facing summer school students is time management. You will need to balance the commitments of attending class, doing course work and participating on field trips, while also making time to enjoy all that Galway City and its festivals have to offer. You may also want to visit other parts of Ireland while here. You will have a very busy schedule while in Galway so it is worth considering scheduling time before the start, or at the end of the summer school to allow time to travel and enjoy a vacation. There is also a long weekend scheduled during your stay, which will provide you with an opportunity to make travel plans.

WEATHER/CLOTHING

Ireland has a temperate climate and does not experience extremes of heat or cold. It does however, have high rainfall levels. The weather is unpredictable and can change dramatically in a short period of time.

Prepare to dress in layers and ensure that you have waterproof clothing and footwear for wet days. This is especially important if you are participating in field trips, where you will be exposed to the elements.

The dress code for class will be casual, but you may wish to bring something dressy for nights on the town or a visit to the theatre. Remember to leave room in your bag for souvenirs on the way home.

We recommend you include the following items on your packing list:

- Waterproof walking shoes or hiking boots
- Waterproof jacket and leggings
- A fleece
- Backpack for field trips
- Umbrella
- Camera and memory cards
- Chargers for your electrical equipment
- Power converter/adaptor*
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Prescription medicines and a copy of your prescription

*The electrical supply in Ireland is 230v 50hz. Plugs use a three-pronged formation. If your electrical devices use a different current, you will need both a power converter and a plug adaptor.

GALWAY FESTIVALS

Four festivals take place during the month of July in Galway City, Galway Film Fleadh, Galway International Arts Festival and Galway Fringe Festival, bring visitors from around the world to experience the best in music, film, theatre, literature and visual art. The week long horse-racing festival, the Galway Races, at the end of July is Ireland’s most well-known racing festival.

CURRENCY

The Euro is the single currency of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). The Euro is made up of 100 cents.

BANKING

A branch of the Bank of Ireland is located on campus adjacent to the lecture rooms on the Concourse. Opening hours are Monday – Friday, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. There are ATM facilities available on campus and throughout the city. In some parts of rural Ireland, you may not be able to use a debit/credit card, so ensure you bring cash with you.

POSTAL SERVICES

Students may have mail addressed to them c/o Irish Studies Programme, Summer School Office, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.

A post office is located adjacent to the Newcastle Road entrance to the University.
Galway Bucket List

1. Walk the Salthill Promenade (don’t forget to kick the wall at the end)
2. Attend a GAA football or hurling match
3. Eat fish and chips at McDonagh’s on Quay St and try curry chips from Supermacs after a night on the town
4. Attend a Rab Fulton Celtic Tales story telling session in the Crane Bar
5. Get to a Little Cinema night in the Roisin Dubh on the last Wednesday of each month
6. Attend as many events at Galway’s summer festivals as you can manage
7. Hang out in Spanish Arch (“Sparch”) on a sunny day
8. Visit Galway Market on a Saturday and try the fresh food stalls
9. Jump off the diving board in Salthill into the frigid Atlantic Ocean
10. Enjoy a traditional music session in The Crane Bar/Tigh Coili/Taaffes Bar
11. Attend a reading in Charlie Byrne’s Book Store
12. Get to a live gig or a silent disco at the Roisin Dubh
13. Try set dancing in Monroe’s Tavern on Tuesday nights
14. Enjoy Galway City’s many buskers on Shop Street
15. Have drinks outside Tigh Neachtain’s on a sunny day and watch the world go by

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Recommended

We recommend that students join our social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, once you are accepted to your summer school programme. We will be posting important information, advice and competitions prior to departure and throughout the summer.
University Facilities

Registration

Registered students of NUI Galway have access to University facilities. Staff from the International Summer School Office will be available to welcome students in QA113, Alexander Anderson Boardroom, Quadrangle Building on Monday 18 June, 2018 between 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Students can collect their student identity card and avail of campus tours between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Monday 18 July, 2018.

Policy regarding guests of registered participants

Lectures, educational excursions and associated receptions are attended by registered students only.

Fees

Balance of tuition/fees and accommodation payments must be finalised by May 30, 2018.

James Hardiman Library

Library services within the University will be available to students during the following times:
Library Building Opening Hours  08.30 - 17.30
Service Hours:-  09.00 - 17.00.
Students must use their student identity card for swipe access to the Library.

Computer and Email Facilities

Campus Account (CASS)

Campus Account (IT Account) credentials are a single user ID (your Student ID number) and password. These credentials provide access to the following services:

- PC Suites
- WiFi
- Email & Office 365 Apps
- Blackboard
- Library Systems

How to activate your Campus Account

Your temporary activation password allows access to PC Suites and WiFi on-campus.

1. Go online to https://cass.nuigalway.ie/ Login using the following credentials:
   User ID is your current Student ID number available on your registration statement.
   Password is your temporary Activation Password galwayDDMM (the word galway followed by the date and month from your date of birth e.g. If your date of birth is the 9th of November your temporary activation password is galway0911).
2. Complete the activation questions.
3. Choose your new Campus Account Password. Note: Password must be at least 8 characters in length.
4. Your Campus Account is now active

PC Suites

The University provides a large number of PC Suites across the campus, providing free internet and email facilities to registered students. A list of computer suites can be found on the ISS website.

WiFi

The NUIGWiFi service is designed to provide students, staff and registered guests with easy access to the Internet. You connect to NUIGWiFi automatically and authenticate with your user ID and password via your web browser e.g. Internet Explorer. Students should login in with their Login with your Campus Account User ID and password.

StudentMail

Your Student Email uses Office 365 which is a hosted service by NUI Galway in collaboration with Microsoft. Office 365 combines the familiar Office desktop suite with the latest, cloud-based versions of Microsoft next-generation
Your student email account is accessed at [http://studentmail.nuigalway.ie](http://studentmail.nuigalway.ie). Your NUI Galway email address will be listed on your registration statement. You will login with your NUI Galway email address and your CASS password. After arrival, all email communication from staff of NUI Galway will be sent to your NUI Galway email account.

**Printing**
Within each PC suite there are a number of networked printers to which you can print. These printers produce standard A4-sized black-and-white laser printouts. A small number of PC suites also contain printers that can produce A3-sized printouts. You collect your print job yourself within the suite.

**Credit Based Printing**
As a student you automatically have a print account. A charge is applied for each print job using a credit-based system. You can purchase print credit online at [https://printcredit.nuigalway.ie/](https://printcredit.nuigalway.ie/). Once on the site use the following instruction.

1. Click the **Student Login** option, and login using your **Campus Account** details.
2. Using the drop down list you can select the amount you want to credit (€5.00 minimum).
3. Click **Proceed to Secure Payment** which takes you to a secure payment page for you to enter credit or debit card details.
4. The print credit will be immediately added into your account.

Credit can also be purchased from **Print Kiosks** located in: the Print Release Room 125A, opposite the Arts and Science PC Suite in the Arts & Science Building, the front foyer in the Cairnes' Building and also in the James Hardiman Library.

Purchasing credits from the kiosks is straightforward.
1. Use the touch-screen keyboard on the kiosk monitor to login using your **Campus Account** details.
2. Your balance will be displayed and you can add notes or coins to credit your print account.
3. The amount deposited will be displayed on screen and be credited to your print account immediately.

**Service Desk**
The Library and IT Service Desk provides first level advice and support to students and staff on both Library and IT services. The Service Desk is located in the foyer of the James Hardiman Library.
Staff at the Service Desk can assist with your queries on the following topics :

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You can also contact the service by emailing [servicedesk@nuigalway.ie](mailto:servicedesk@nuigalway.ie) or by calling 091 493399.

**Students’ Union Shop**
The Students’ Union operates a general shop on campus adjacent to the Bookshop. Opening hours are 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday. A wide range of student stationery, writing materials and confectionery is on sale, as well as distinctive products bearing NUI Galway crest/colours including sweatshirts, t-shirts, ties, scarves, etc. (These items can also be purchased in Áras Fáilte/Information Office located in the Quadrangle building).

**Restaurant Facilities**
With 16 restaurants/cafés on campus, ranging from contemporary cafés and Fairtrade coffee/tea houses to an extensive food hall and café bar, there is something to suit all tastes at NUI Galway! View the full list of facilities please refer to our [website](http://www.nuigalway.ie).

**Gym/Sports Facilities**
Students will have access to the [Kingfisher Sports Centre](http://www.nuigalway.ie). A membership rate of approximately €45 for one month’s membership is charged for accessing the sports centre. This facility includes a 25 metre swimming pool, state of the art gym, saunas and steam room. Details of student rates will be provided at registration.
1. Getting Started with Blackboard

Blackboard is a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). A virtual learning environment is a web-based application designed to facilitate lecturers in the management of modules for their students, especially by helping lecturers and learners with course administration. They are used to supplement face-to-face lectures and tutorials.

Blackboard is the VLE in use at NUI Galway. It allows students to download lecture notes, reading lists, assessment information and other course-related material from their Blackboard sites. It also contains functions that enable students to interact via class announcements, email, discussion boards. It’s easy to upload any materials (e.g. Word files, PowerPoint slides, PDFs, etc) and to create simple quizzes, arrange for electronic submission of course work by students, establish online discussion areas, etc.

Not all academic staff will use Blackboard to support their face-to-face teaching.

2. Logging In

Students can access Blackboard by going to https://nuigalway.blackboard.com and logging in using their CASS username (Student ID in the format 0000123) and password.

What if I have no courses after I log in?
You will automatically see any modules on which you are registered after you log in. Some may be listed as “unavailable”. This simply means that your lecturer isn’t using Blackboard for this course, or hasn’t made it available to students yet.

What if I cannot log in?
If you cannot log in, please check that you have registered for the current academic session with the university. If you are not a registered student in the current year, you will be unable to access Blackboard. Blackboard is integrated with the Student Records System (Quercus). Each evening the Student Records System sends data to Blackboard enrolling all registered students on their corresponding Blackboard courses. After this time, registered students will be able to log in to Blackboard and access the system.

If you cannot log in, please check that:
1. You have the correct username and password. To log in you will need your correct Student ID number (eight digits) and the password you would use to access your NUI Galway email and all computers on campus. If you do not know this information, contact the User Support Centre in ISS (servicedesk@nuigalway.ie or 091 495777) 2. You have registered for the current academic year with Admissions. All information concerning registration for the academic session 2011-2012 is posted on the Registration Website at www.nuigalway.ie/registration

1.2 Navigating inside Blackboard

After logging in there are two tabs on the Blackboard system. Take some time to explore these areas.
The Blackboard My NUI Galway Page

1. **Global Navigation Panel** – provides access to the users profile and communication for the entire users course portfolio
2. **Number** – displays the number of new items relevant to the entire users course portfolio, such as new posts, grade results etc
3. **Logout Icon** – click here to logout of Blackboard
4. **My NUI Galway** – the home page tab for Blackboard, click on this tab at any stage to return to this home page
5. **Courses** – tab which lists all of your courses and the instructors on each course
6. **Personalise Page** – enables you to change colour themes to Blackboard
7. **Settings** - provides options to manage courses such as: hiding old courses from your home page and grouping courses by year
8. **My Courses** – displays all the courses which you are enrolled in
9. **My Announcements** – all your course and institution announcements are displayed here
10. **Add Widget** – button to add optional “boxes” that include content, links or tools used to personalise your page.
3. The Global Navigation Panel

Click on the drop down arrow beside your name. This menu opens up the Global navigation Panel.

A. The Person icon enables you to edit your profile/ upload your picture.
B. The Bb home icon expands the Bb home menu.
C. Posts Page - displays the latest posts in your courses; discussion boards, wikis blogs and journals.
D. Updates Page - lists all notifications for every course that you are enrolled in.
E. My Grades Page - only available to students displays the users' grades.
F. The Retention Centre is an instructor only tool used to monitor student engagement. Alerts are displayed to highlight inactivity by students.
G. The Calendar tool shows events for all courses.
H. The People (Smiley) icon shows all Blackboard users.
I. The Courses menu displays all your courses.
J. The Settings menu enables you to change settings.
K. The Home icon links to your Blackboard home page.
L. The Help icon links to the Staff support page.

3.1 The Person Icon/Updating your Profile

You can update your profile by clicking on the Person Icon

This enables you to upload your picture/avatar image and set privacy options of who you would like to read your profile.
3.2 The Bb Home Menu

The Bb Home menu shows the course communication for your entire course portfolio. The number indicates how many new items are available.

Click on the Bb home icon to expand the Bb home menu.

Click on any of the My Grades icon to see details of your Grade Results.

Click on any of the Posts icon for direct access to the Posts panel, you can alternatively navigate to the other pages within the My Bb menu.

To return to the course menu click on the My NUI Galway tab.
4 Getting into Your Courses

Once you log in you will be in the My NUI Galway tab.

From your My Courses list, select one of the courses and you will be directed to the Home Page of the course.

5 The Course Interface

5.1 The Course Interface Menu

Home Page is a course overview for students in your course, encompassing Announcements, Calendar items and Notifications.

Announcements is a space where lecturers may post announcements relevant to the course.

Staff Details is a space to put your own profile, along with others involved in the course delivery.

Course Information is a content area for module information.

Content is a content area for Lecture Notes, Assignments, multimedia files and Learning Units.

Assignment is a content area where assignments will be displayed by the lecturer. Assignments can also be uploaded in this area by the students.

My Grades is a link for students to access their course grades.
5.2 Submitting an Assignment

Access the Assignment

- Your instructor will most likely advise you of the name of the assignment and its location.
- Click on the relevant assignment to read details.
- Your instructor may have added some notes in the window about the assignment such as due date etc.

Upload and Submit the Completed Assignment

From once you have completed your assignment you will need to submit to your instructor.
- Click on the main title of the relevant assignment link, in this example “Assignment Two”
• An assignment submission page is activated with 4 headings.

1) **Assignment Information**: shows the assignment description and details.

2) **Assignment Submission**: This is where you will submit the assignment.

   Click on the [Browse My Computer](#) button to activate the file explorer window.

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1. **Assignment Information**

   - **Name**: Assignment Two
   - **Instructions**: See attached assignment.

2. **Assignment Submission**

   - **Attach File**: Browse My Computer

3. **Add Comments**

   - Comments: 

4. **Submit**

   When finished, make sure to click **Submit**.

   Optionally, click **Save as Draft** to save changes and continue working later, or click **Cancel** to quit without saving changes.

   ![File Explorer Window](image)

   The [Browse My Computer](#) button activates a file explorer window.

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Locate your assignment in the file window and select the assignment by placing the cursor on your assignment and click once. The file name should be displayed in the file name box. Now, click on the **Open** button in the explorer tab.
3) **Comments**: You may add some comments in the Comment window, this is optional.

4) **Submit**: Finally click on the Submit button to upload the assignment to your instructor.
1. Connect to NUIGWiFi wireless network.

2. Open your web browser. A login page will appear (as seen below)

3. Login with your User ID and Password
   User ID is eight characters long e.g.
   10012345 for students
   0001234s for staff
Problem: My laptop won’t pick up the NUIGWiFi signal
• Does your laptop have WiFi capabilities? Check your laptop manual.
• Are you near a NUIGWiFi hotspot? Check the map at http://www.nuigalway.ie/iss

Problem: I cannot see the login page
a. If the login page doesn’t load, ensure your browser homepage is a standard http://URL e.g. http://www.nuigalway.ie (not https:// or other protocol).

b. If you connect to the NUIGWiFi network but don’t log in within 30 minutes, you need to disconnect from the wireless network and re-connect.

Where can I find more information about NUIGWiFi and WiFi printing? http://www.nuigalway.ie/iss

What’s the IP Address of my machine?

**WINDOWS:**
Go to the Start menu and select All Programs.
Click Accessories, and then Command Prompt.
Type IPCONFIG/ALL Under the WIRELESS Sections you will see your IP Address listed.

**MACINTOSH**
Go to the Apple menu, then System Preferences.
Click on Network.
Set the menu to Show: Network Status.
Your number will be shown next to Built-In Ethernet
To Corrib Village,
Biomedical Research Building,
IDA Business Park,
Dangan Sportsground,
Parking,
& Lifecourse & Society Building

To City Centre
To Nun's Island
Adult Education
Irish Centre for Human Rights
Huston School for Film and Digital Media
To Salthill
Cathedral
Earls' Island

Main Entrances
1. Quadrangle
2. Aras na Mac Leinn / Bailey Allen Hall
3. Áras Ui Chathail
4. IT / Orbsen Buildings
5. Arts / Science Concourse
6. James Hardiman Library
7. Arts Millennium Building
8. Áras Moyola
9. Engineering Building
10. Cairnes - School of Business
11. Clinical Science Institute

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