



National University of Ireland, Galway

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IRISH STUDIES ONLINE

‘Could anything better typify the move from donkey-and-cart picture-postcard Ireland to high tech global leader in software technology that Ireland has become in recent decades?’

(President of Ireland Mary McAleese, speaking about the Irish Studies online program)





Irish Studies Online – What is it all about?

Irish Studies Online, the first program of its kind in the world, is an interdisciplinary introduction to Irish Studies, developed by the Centre for Irish Studies, NUI, Galway in partnership with Regis University, Denver, Colorado. The courses offer an excellent opportunity for those interested in Ireland, especially those without access to traditional programs of study in this area. The purpose of the program is to provide a basic introduction to Irish life and culture through the disciplines of Archaeology, History, literature in English and in Irish (presented in translation), Political Science and Sociology, traditional Irish music and dance.

The Irish Studies courses are developed, written, and taught by staff and adjunct faculty at the Centre for Irish Studies at NUI Galway who are among the leading Irish academics in the areas of history, archaeology, Irish music and literature.

The Courses

Irish Studies online comprises 6 courses, each of which can be taken independently of the others: Early Christian Ireland, 431-1169, Medieval Ireland, 1169-1603, Early Modern Ireland, 1603-1845, Modern Ireland, 1845-1998, Social and Political Change in Contemporary Ireland, 1922-2003, and Ceili to Riverdance: Irish traditional music and dance in the 20th century.

The courses provide an overview of Irish history from the pagan Celtic world and the coming of Christianity, through to the cataclysmic famines of the 1840s, the establishment of an independent state in 1922 and Ireland's integration into the European community which has been ongoing since the 1970s.

Students are introduced to Irish literature in both the Irish (Gaelic) and English languages, from the Old-Irish sagas and early Irish lyrics through the emergence of Anglo-Irish literature in the 18th century, to the 20th century revival of writing in Irish. Emphasis is also placed on the study of Irish society since independence with due consideration of such crucial issues as gender, religion, modernization, identity, emigration and socio-economic development.

Irish Studies is a designated Area of Excellence at NUI, Galway.

Credits and Awards

Individual courses last 8 weeks, with Regis offering 3 US credit hours per course. Through an articulation arrangement, Regis University will recognize these courses as residency courses within a Regis degree plan, allowing students to apply credits earned to a Bachelor's degree in many subject areas.

Any students who successfully complete 4 of the courses receive a Certificate of Completion in Irish Studies from Regis. Those who successfully complete 5 courses will be awarded a Diploma in Irish Studies by NUI, Galway.

Study *IN* Galway!

Students can also obtain a Diploma in Irish Studies from NUI, Galway by successfully completing any 3 of the online courses *and* an Irish Studies Summer School at NUI, Galway in Ireland – details available from http://www.nuigalway.ie/international_summer_school/irish_studies.html

‘The Irish Studies Online program has been fantastic... it gave me the opportunity to pursue my passion for Irish history and learn from top scholars. The academics are rigorous, the course material is instructive, and the facilitators stimulate growth and friendly debate. The graders’ feedback and their consistent encouragement to improve my scholarship was superior to any on-site courses I have taken, and the Irish studies program has prepared me to pursue a graduate degree in Irish history.’

Heather Brown, graduate of the Irish Studies online program.

‘My experience with the Irish Studies online program was challenging, rewarding, and fun. I completed five courses and made wonderful online friends. The facilitators and online lecturers were outstanding. The work was interesting and the interaction with other students was spirited and stimulating. The diploma I received upon completion is a source of pride and satisfaction, a reminder of a wonderful learning experience.’

Rebecca Lyles, graduate of the Irish Studies online program.