

Irish Studies

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



BA Degree [Joint Honours] **BAU1**

Length of Course 3 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma IB Total 26
A high level of English language competency is normally required

Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level) BCC
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Other Examinations For country specific information see page 157

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An early medieval depiction of a boat on the Kilnaruane pillar stone, Bantry, Co. Cork
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Why is this course for me?

Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary programme that examines the variety and diversity of Irish history, society, cultural practice and the complex processes through which Ireland and Irish identities have been constructed. It asks a series of provocative and stimulating questions about ideas of Ireland and Irishness, such as how can we understand the ways in which place, history, culture and society have shaped Ireland, past and present? How do processes of emigration and immigration impact on Irish culture, society and identity? What influence have identity categories such as gender, sexuality, ethnicity and class had on Irish culture, society and identities?

What will I study?

Students take core Irish Studies modules alongside designated option modules from other Arts programme subject areas, including Archaeology, Art History, Celtic Civilization, English, Folklore, Geography, History, Irish, Music and Sociology. Core modules include:

First Year

Introduction to Irish Studies • Introduction to Irish Cultural Studies

Second Year

Irish Studies II: Place, People & Identity • Irish Studies Readings Seminar

Third Year

Irish Studies Readings Seminar

Students attend lectures and tutorials and undertake independent study.

Assessment is through a combination of end-of-semester written examinations and continuous assessment.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Irish Studies graduates can find employment in:

Journalism and the media • Tourism • Heritage • Advertising • Business • The Arts • Public Relations • Public service • Politics

Graduates are also eligible to apply for UCD MA programmes including Irish Studies, History and English.

International Study Opportunities

Exchange opportunities available to third-year students have included:

- Edinburgh University, UK
- Glasgow University, UK
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of Otago, New Zealand



Dr Anne Mulhall
LECTURER

I am a graduate of the University of Oxford, and have been a lecturer in the School of English, Drama & Film since 2006. I co-ordinate the MA in Gender, Sexuality & Culture, and my research focuses on theories of gender and sexuality, contemporary Irish literature and popular culture, writing by women in Ireland, and migration and Irish writing. I have edited a volume on Irish popular culture, and written many articles on gender and sexuality in Irish literature and culture.

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