

Course Code: HUM 123

Course Title: The Irish Experience

Department: Humanities

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 50.0101

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Provides international students attending Carlow College an overview of Irish history, geography, religions, art and architecture, emigration, and their impact on contemporary Irish culture. (Carlow, Ireland program only)

General Course Objectives

To provide study abroad students with the tools and structure to access and appreciate the rich culture of Ireland.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Weekly papers; minimum of 1 in-class presentation; daily journal; 1 final exam consisting of two essay questions.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

The Course of Irish History, Moody and Martin (Mercier Press, 2002)

Additional readings provided by instructor

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Creativity and Innovative Thinking: Students will design, present, and interpret materials, information, and ideas in innovative ways.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Irish Music, Song, and Dance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play the Irish whistle. 2. Use and understand common basic expressions in the Irish language. 3. Sing Irish songs and ballads. 4. Perform traditional dances. 5. Understand the origins of music and dance in Ireland. 	5	0	0
The Celts and the Iron Age	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know who the Celts were and their lifestyle practices. 2. Make connections between Newgrange and the Ancients. 	4	0	0
St. Patrick and the Coming of Christianity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehend the early monastic environment and the mixture of Celtic and Christian heritages. 2. Comprehend the Penal Laws and their impact. 3. Appreciate the beauty and value of the Book of Kells. 	5	0	0
The Irish Traveling Community and Their Position in Irish Society	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize the language, dress, and customs of the Irish Traveling Community. 	3	0	0
War: The Vikings in Ireland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the arrival of the Vikings in Ireland and their impact. 2. Understand the Viking influence in Ireland. 	3	0	0
The British in Ireland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine the Norman Invasion. 2. Examine the Statutes of Kilkenny. 3. Examine the system of Plantation and its implication in Ulster today. 4. Examine Catholic Emancipation. 	4	0	0
The Irish Famine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe how the Famine occurred and impacted the Irish psyche for generations to come. 	4	0	0
The Fight for Irish Freedom and Independence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the struggles of the early 20th century in the North of Ireland. 2. Discuss knowledgeably the Freedom Movement of the North. 	4	0	0
Southern Ireland and Ulster	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speak knowledgeably about Partition and the resulting troubles in Ulster. 2. Discuss the outcome of the Peace March in Derry (Bloody Sunday). 	4	0	0
Ireland in Europe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss the political, social, and economic ramifications of Ireland's position in the EU. 	4	0	0
Irish Identity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize the expression of Irish identity. 2. Discuss contemporary social issues that challenge Irish identity. 	5	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0