Celtic Studies, Certificate

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Celtic studies is a multidisciplinary field encompassing the history and culture of those peoples who presently inhabit the northwestern perimeter of Europe, including Ireland (both north and south), Scotland, Wales, Brittany, and the Isle of Man, as well as their diaspora communities. Since peoples speaking Celtic languages once occupied a much larger geographical area than this, Celtic studies also addresses the prehistory and early history of continental Europe.

The chief Celtic languages spoken today are Irish, Scots Gaelic, and Welsh. Each of these languages boasts a major literary tradition dating back to the Middle Ages. Along with studying old and new literature in these languages and in translation, Celtic studies also addresses the political and cultural history and legacy of emigration from Ireland and other traditionally Celtic regions to North America, Australia, and other parts of the world.

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The certificate is available to students working for a baccalaureate degree in any UW–Madison school or college, as well as to Special students. The certificate requires at least 18 credits with a grade point average of at least 2.0. With permission of the Celtic studies advisor, up to 12 of those credits may be earned in the UW–Madison study-abroad programs at Trinity College Dublin and at the National University of Ireland–Galway, or through other approved study abroad programs.

Courses that contribute to the Celtic studies certificate are offered in a range of university departments and programs, including anthropology, classics, English, folklore, French and Italian, history, music, Scandinavian studies, sociology, theatre and drama, and gender and women’s studies. The Celtic studies website lists courses eligible for Celtic studies credit every semester. See courses (http://celticstudies.wisc.edu/academics/courses) for more information for courses that will apply to the certificate in Celtic studies.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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