

Department of Modern Irish

First Year

**Arts, Language and Culture Studies, Music,
B. Comm. (International) with Irish,
B. Ed. and Sports Studies**

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you to University College Cork.

Thank you for choosing Modern Irish as a subject. We wish you the very best in all your university courses.

If you have just finished your secondary-school education, we congratulate you on your success in the Leaving Certificate Examination

Teaching and Learning

Modern Irish courses are taught by lecture, tutorial, and conversation- or language-laboratory classes. 'Blackboard' (<https://blackboard.ucc.ie/webapps/login/>) is used for notices and for class-notes, and you are advised to register for access to this system.

We also advise you to visit the Boole Library as soon as possible, and to familiarise yourself with the location of Irish language material on the third floor.

In first year, you will have an opportunity to learn about different aspects of the history, literature and language of Irish.

If in time you choose Modern Irish as a degree subject, the basic knowledge acquired in first year will be built upon in second and third year so that by the time you receive your degree you will have a good knowledge of the Irish language and of the native culture of Ireland. This expertise will be of great benefit to you in whatever career-path you choose to take. In particular, it will enhance your presentation skills in business, culture, teaching, tourism, or such like.

Needless to say, if you do well in your degree, there will be postgraduate opportunities for you in Modern Irish if you so wish.

The wider Irish-Language experience

All students of Irish should familiarise themselves with the activities of the student Irish society, *An Chuallacht* (anchuallacht@uccsocieties.ie). We also recommend the student drama society, *An Cumann Drámaíochta* (cumannnd@uccsocieties.ie).

Students should also be familiar with the Irish-Language media, particularly TG4, Raidió na Gaeltachta, and the newspaper *Foinse* (www.foinse.ie).

The Gaeltacht

The relationship between the Department of Modern Irish and the Gaeltacht is of great importance. All students are advised to visit the Gaeltacht at least once a year.

A week-end course in Rinn Ó gCuanach (Co. Waterford) will be offered during the year to first-year Students may apply at the end of the year for scholarships to Corca Dhuibhne (Co. Kerry) under a scheme administered by Ionad na Gaeilge Labhartha (www.ucc.ie/ucc/igl). Those first-year students who intend to take Irish to degree level are especially advised to apply for these scholarships.

FIRST-YEAR COURSES AND TIMETABLES

One module (GA1003), with a value of **15 credits**, is taught in **three lectures per week, and in smaller tutorial classes**. The module consists of two parts:

GA1003/1: an introduction to Irish literature, with emphasis on the history of the language, on traditional poetry, and on modern-Irish prose.

GA1003/2: a course dedicated to the writing and speaking of Irish.

The timetable for lectures for these courses is as follows:

<i>day</i>	<i>time</i>	<i>module</i>	<i>room</i>
Monday	10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	GA1003/1	Kane G.1
Tuesday	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	GA1003/2	Kane G.19
Wednesday	10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	GA1003/1	Kane G.1

Tutorials and other classes

In addition to lectures, the teaching of GA1003/2 will also involve a **Tutorial (Rang Teagaise)** and a **Conversation Class (Rang Comhrá)**. The timetable for these smaller classes will be arranged in due course, and will be announced in class; notices and information concerning signing-up to these classes will appear on the notice-board in the Department of Modern Irish (O'Rahilly Building).

The **Tutorials** will involve **continuous assessment** of written work, and students are advised to have two copybooks for this work, so that one week's assignment may be carried out while that of the previous week is being corrected. **N.B.** This work will account for **40/200 marks** at the end of the year. **It is vital, therefore, that students attend these tutorials.**

EXAMS and MARKS

Module GA1003 is examined as follows.

GA1003/1: a three-hour written literature paper (May/June), **100 marks (pass-mark 40)**.

GA1003/2: **200 marks** divided as follows

- weekly written tutorial work, **40 marks (pass-mark 16)**
- oral examination (March/April) **60 marks (pass-mark 24)**
- a one-and-a-half-hour paper on language and grammar (May/June), **100 marks (pass-mark 40)**

Repeat examinations (autumn)

Failure in the summer examination will necessitate the re-sitting of all the component parts in the autumn.

The highest mark that can be achieved in the repeat examinations is the pass-mark of 40%

The repeats are examined as follows.

GA1003/1: a three-hour literature paper

GA1003/2:

- a one-and-a-half-hour paper on language and grammar
- oral examination
- there will be an additional one-hour written paper instead of continuous assessment of weekly assignments

READING LIST

GA1003/1

Textbooks:

S. Ó Tuama and T. Kinsella (eag.), *An Duanaire: Poems of the Dispossessed* (1981/97)

Alan Titley, *Gluaiseacht* (2010)

Suggested reading:

B. Ó Cuív (eag.), *A view of the Irish Language* (1969)

J. E. C. Williams and M. Ní Mhuiríosa, *Traidisiún liteartha na nGael* (1979)

GA1003/2

Textbooks:

N. MacCongáil, *Leabhar Gramadaí Gaeilge* (2002)

N. Ó Dónaill, *Gearrfhoclóir Gaeilge – Béarla* (1981)

N.B. Every student should buy and read the textbooks, which are available in the student bookshop.

Additional reading material will be supplied on handouts as required.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN IRISH

Staff

The Department of Modern Irish is located in the O’Rahilly Building, the relevant offices being as follows.

Secretaries’ Office

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Room G.22

Room G.09
Room G.13
Room G.14
Room G.15
Room G.16
Room G.17
Room G.18
Room G.44

Students wishing to meet with lecturers may do so during office-hours, which will be announced once class-numbers are known.