

FAQs

Heritage and Folklore
Studies | Diploma

Thank you for your interest regarding the Diploma in Heritage and Folklore Studies. We would be delighted to receive your application.

The Diploma in Heritage and Folklore Studies is a two-year, part-time course taught in a series of live online classes and fieldwork experiences led by experts in a variety of fields including history, archaeology, and folklore. Between lectures, you will be given a variety of tasks in order to engage with your learning. You will also be expected to complete 1-2 marked assignments per module, such as essays and presentations. Upon graduation, you will be awarded an NFQ Level 7 Higher Diploma in Heritage and Folklore Studies from University College Cork.

Below, you will find answers to some of the most common questions asked about this course. If you have a query that does not appear here, please do not hesitate to contact the course coordinator, Tyler Baxter, at Tyler.Baxter@ucc.ie.

How do I apply for the Course?

Applications to the programme can be made through the online system which you will find on [our website](#). Note that applications for this course are typically open from roughly March/April through August/early September.

Once you click on the 'Apply now' button you will need to set up an account and be logged in to submit your application. [See details here](#).

What does it cost?

The cost is €1,750 per year. This payment is made in two instalments each year: the first half of the fee (€875) is requested at application stage. The second half is payable in January. All payment related requests and information will come from our colleagues in ACE Finance. Unfortunately, we do not accept payment in periodic instalments.

We like to inform candidates that we have an agreement with the Lough Credit Union who will offer very good loan rates for individuals who wish to take out a student loan and pay that back in instalments.

Also of note is the Part-time Financial Aid Fund which is now available to part-time students so for anyone who is accepted onto the programme, this is also an option available to you. Full details are available at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/saf/>

Will I receive a student card?

Upon payment of the first half of the fee and acceptance onto the programme you will be registered as an official UCC student and receive an ID card.

What job opportunities arise from completing the course?

This course is primarily a special interest course, rather than intended for career progression. Prospective students wishing to gain the skills to become independent

scholars of heritage/folklore, or those wishing to prepare to enter a rigorous postgraduate programme following a long break from education, will find this course an excellent starting point. The course may, in some cases, be relevant to work in tourism or culture and heritage. However, it is best to consult your employer as to whether completing the course will provide additional benefits.

What can I study after the Diploma?

Students of our Diploma may be able to progress to other areas of study including full undergraduate or postgraduate degrees in Archaeology, Folklore, or History. However please note that this progression is dependent on previous qualifications and/or relevant work experience gained by students prior to completion of the Diploma in Heritage and Folklore Studies. So, your progression from the Diploma course will depend on the Diploma *plus* any other previous degrees or other courses that you may have completed. Please find below a list of related programmes at UCC.

Online:

[MA in Irish Mythology and Folklore](#)

In Person:

[Higher Diploma in Archaeology](#)

[Higher Diploma in Irish Folklore](#)

[BA in Archaeology](#)

[BA in Anthropology](#)

[BA in Folklore](#)

[BA in History](#)

[MA in Local History](#)

[MA in Medieval History](#)

[MA in Museum Studies](#)

What topics will I be studying?

This course will teach you about historical, archaeological, and ethnological approaches to heritage and folklore. It will inform you of the historical contexts in which Irish heritage and folklore developed and will enable you to research and critically analyse locally inherited traditions. Classes are taught and assessed through English, but those who can engage with Irish-language sources and rituals are encouraged to do so. At the end of the course, you will be given the opportunity to pursue your own personal research project on local heritage.

The course consists of the following modules, however note that we retain the right to change modules depending on lecturer availability. You can click the links for more information on each:

YEAR 1:

- [CC1801: Celtic Ireland](#)

- AD1051: Studying Folklore: The Sayings and Doings of Common People
- AD1052: Historical Geography
- HI1801: Aspects of Modern Irish History

YEAR 2:

- AD2866: The Irish Medieval Church
- AD2868: Local Food Studies: History, Tradition and Identity
- AR1012: Historical Archaeology of Ireland (Overview)
- AD2874: Research Project on Local and Regional Studies
- AD2875: Community Memory - Influences and Dynamics

When will I have to attend lectures?

Lectures for this course take place most Thursdays, late September-May, 7-9pm (19:00-21:00). In addition to this lecture, every week you will be assigned approximately one hour of tasks to complete in advance of the next lecture. There are no lectures for two weeks around Christmas and New Year's.

The course also includes fieldwork experiences which take place about once a month on Saturdays, usually 10:00am-5:00pm, including a 1-hr lunch (weather and other conditions permitting). These are typically based in Cork/Munster. Note you will have to supply your own transportation in most cases, though carpooling with your peers is encouraged wherever feasible.

Will I have to complete exams?

No! Instead, an assortment of assignments, such as presentations and essays, will be assigned in each module. You will usually have several weeks to complete each of these. There will be plenty of structured and unstructured support available to help you develop competencies around the skills of academic reading, writing, referencing, researching, and presenting.

Who teaches the course?

UCC staff from the School of History, Department of Folklore and Ethnology, Department of Early and Medieval Irish, Department of Archaeology, Department of Geography, and ACE.

I don't live in Ireland. Can I still take this course?

Absolutely! Online classes typically take place on Wednesdays at 7-9pm Irish time, so do check if this will work for you in your local time zone. If you are from a country in which English is not the primary language, you will also need to provide evidence of fluency in English. Note that you will miss the fieldwork experiences (unless you come visit us). In these cases, you should consider independently pursuing a similar trip in your own locality, and your lecturer may be able to provide some ideas/advice for this.

Thank you!