

Thank you for your interest regarding the Certificate in Mythology. We would be delighted to receive your application.

The Certificate in Mythology is a one-year, part-time course taught in a series of live online classes by experts in the fields of Irish, Classical, and Norse mythologies. 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 6 Certificate in Mythology 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 <u>Tyler.Baxter@ucc.ie</u>.

## How do I apply for the Course?

Applications to the programme can be made through the online system which you will find on our <u>website here</u>. 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 and account and be logged in to submit your application. See details here.

### What does it cost?

The cost of the one-year course is €1,750. This payment is made in two instalments: 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 <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/saf/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/saf/</a>

### 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 mythology, 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 Certificate?

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

#### Online:

Diploma in Heritage and Folklore Studies: <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/ace-dhfs/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/ace-dhfs/</a> (includes some fieldwork)

MA in Irish Mythology and Folklore: <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/maimf/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/maimf/</a>

In Person:

Higher Diploma in Irish Folklore: <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka37/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka37/</a>

BA in Folklore: https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck101/folklore/

BA in Greek & Roman Civilisation: <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck101/greekromanciv/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck101/greekromanciv/</a>

BA in Celtic Civilisation: https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck101/celtic/

MA in Celtic Civilisation: <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/cke23/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/cke23/</a>

## What topics will I be studying?

This course will equip you with the skills to engage with ancient and medieval narratives, inform you of the historical contexts from which these narratives developed, and enable you to research and critically analyse these timeless tales. Classes are taught through English and texts examined in translation. By the end of the course, you will be able to present critical analysis of mythological narratives in the form of academic essays and presentations.

The course consists of the following modules. You can click the links for more information on each.

- <u>AD1101</u> Study Skills for Mythography
- AD1102 Introduction to Irish Mythology
- AD1103 Greek Mythology
- AD1104 Introduction to Norse Mythology
- AD1105 Representations of Mythology in Art
- AD1106 Modern Representations of Ancient Mythology

### When will I have to attend lectures?

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

## 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?

Each module is taught by one or more experts in their field, some based here in UCC (Department of Early and Medieval Irish, Department of English) and others based further afield (France, Italy).

## 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.

## Thank you!