

Celtic Studies

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Overview

The program in Celtic Studies is designed to give students both a broad understanding of the place of Celtic languages and cultures in the world and a firm grounding in one or more of the Celtic languages. In addition to at least three semesters of language study and the other major requirements, students will be required to organize their studies with reference to one other methodological or disciplinary area chosen from anthropology, art history, comparative literature, linguistics, history, rhetoric, Scandinavian, or another language and literature. Some students may find it advantageous to declare a minor in one of the language departments that offers it. Students interested in the major should consult the student services adviser at the Celtic Program's office in 6303 Dwinelle Hall.

Major Requirements

Lower Division (12 units)

Celtic Studies 70 (survey course, The World of the Celts) plus two semester courses from the following course sequences: 15 and 85 (Irish) or 16 and 86 (Welsh), or the equivalent. Students with prior knowledge of a Celtic language may apply for Credit by Examination.

Upper Division (32 units)

- One culture, an Irish literature, and a mythology course from each sequence: 128 or 129, 138 or 139, and C168 or 169* (12 units).
- One semester of upper-division language from: 102A, 102B, 105A, 105B, 144A, 145A, 146A (4 units).

Note: One third-year course is taken following either the 15 & 85 (Irish) or 16 & 86 (Welsh) sequence.

- Two Medieval or modern literature courses chosen from: 118A*, 118B*, 119A, 119B, 125, 126*, or Comparative Literature 152A or 165 Medieval or Arthurian literature courses (8 units).
- *Electives (2 courses, 8 units minimum)* chosen from any of the following: Celtic Studies 161*, 169*, 170, 171, 173 or Celtic Studies courses not used in fulfillment of other major requirements; history, mythology, and folklore from Scandinavian 123, C160, and 165, outside electives with prior approval of the Student Services Advisor.

*Infrequently offered

Honors Program

In order for students to graduate with honors in Celtic studies, they must have achieved an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher in all work completed at the University and a minimum 3.5 GPA in all courses required for the major.

Enrollment is required in Celtic Studies H195A-B, the Honors course sequence, culminating in a written honors thesis.

Minor in Celtic Studies (24 units)

Students in the College of Letters and Science may complete one or more minors of their choice, normally in a field both academically and administratively distinct from their major. The minor in Celtic Studies requires:

Lower Division (4 units)

Celtic Studies 70 (The World of the Celts)

Upper Division (20 units)

Five upper division courses chosen from the major course listings and approved by the student services adviser. All upper division courses applied to the minor must be completed on a letter-graded basis; at least three of the five courses must be completed at UC Berkeley, and a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper division courses.

Students interested in the minor should consult the student services adviser at the Celtic Program's office in 6303 Dwinelle Hall.

Education Abroad

The University offers students the opportunity to study abroad in the Republic of Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. These programs feature language study along with courses in culture, history, literature, and many other areas within the humanities and social sciences. Up to 3 courses or 12 units may be applied toward language and upper division credit in the major and 1 courses (4 units) for the minor with advance approval of the student services adviser. Details of the programs are available from Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad, 160 Stephens Hall, (510) 642-1356; or on the Study Abroad website. (<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu>)

Graduate Studies

Although no graduate degrees in Celtic Studies are offered at present, it is possible to pursue research in Celtic languages, literature, history, anthropology, etc., in a variety of departments. Dissertations on Celtic subjects have been accepted in the Departments of Comparative Literature, History, Linguistics, Rhetoric, English, French, and Anthropology, and in the Folklore Program.

CELTIC R1A Voices of the Celtic World 4 Units

Department: Celtic Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks. 10 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: UC Entry Level Writing Requirement or equivalent; R1A or equivalent is prerequisite to R1B.

Reading and composition course based on works of Celtic writers both in English and in translations from Celtic languages. In addition to training in textual analysis and descriptive and argumentative writing, the courses will discuss the notion of Celtic "voices": distinctive modes of cultural expression chosen by important authors from a Celtic milieu. Readings will be chosen from a variety of modern Irish, Welsh, highland Scots, and Breton writers. R1A satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement, and R1B satisfies the second half.

Satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Formerly known as 1A-1B.

CELTIC R1B Voices of the Celtic World 4 Units

Department: Celtic Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks. 10 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: R1A or equivalent.

Reading and composition course based on works of Celtic writers both in English and in translations from Celtic languages. In addition to training in textual analysis and descriptive and argumentative writing, the courses will discuss the notion of Celtic "voices": distinctive modes of cultural expression chosen by important authors from a Celtic milieu. Readings will be chosen from a variety of modern Irish, Welsh, highland Scots, and Breton writers. R1A satisfies the first half of the Reading and Composition requirement, and R1B satisfies the second half.

Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Formerly known as 1B.

CELTIC 10 Intensive Modern Irish 8 Units

Department: Celtic Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 15 hours of Lecture and 5 hours of Laboratory per week for 8 weeks.

The course provides the equivalent of two semesters of Irish (Gaelic).

It emphasizes communication on everyday topics and the reading of 20th-century texts in Irish. Instruction includes grammar, drills, language laboratory.

Instructor: Nugent

CELTIC 15 Elementary Modern Irish 4 Units

Department: Celtic Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of laboratory per week.

A beginning course in Modern Irish. Students will be learning the basics of Irish grammar, and developing ability to understand, speak, read and write the language.

CELTIC S15F Modern Irish Language: Field Study Intensive 2 Units

Department: Celtic Studies

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer