IRISH STUDIES

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Minor in Irish Studies
The Minor in Irish Studies at Sacred Heart University is designed to offer students an opportunity for an in-depth interdisciplinary study of Irish and Celtic culture, history, language, literature, music, politics and society. Distinctive features of the program include study at SHU’s program in Dingle, Ireland and an emphasis on patterns of socio-cultural and political change in contemporary Ireland and the place of Ireland in the modern world.

REQUIREMENTS
Students are required to take a minimum of 18 credits (6 courses) to complete the Minor in Irish Studies. The 18 credits include two required foundation courses and a minimum of four designated Irish Studies electives.

The required and elective course requirements are distributed as follows:

HI 255 Celtic and Irish History
3 credits

An approved course in Irish/Celtic literature, religion or spirituality
3 credits

Four Irish Studies courses
12 credits, selected from an approved list of designated Irish Studies courses

At least one 3-credit course in SHU’s Ireland program in Dingle
In order to provide students with the opportunity to pursue a special area of interest not represented in the Irish Studies curriculum, one 3-credit independent study course may be substituted for one of the four Irish Studies electives. Independent study courses for the Irish Studies minor must be approved in advance by the Director of the Irish Studies minor.

The following courses have been pre-approved for the Minor in Irish Studies:

Anthropology
AN 204 Introduction to Irish Archaeology
AN/SO 220 The Ethnography of Ireland
AN 299 Special Topics in Anthropology: Irish Studies

Foreign Languages
GL 011 Introduction to Irish
GL 107 Beginning Irish I
GL 108 Beginning Irish II

History
HI 257 History and Memory in Modern Ireland
HI 299 Special Topics in History: Irish Studies

Literature
ENG 299 Special Topics in Literature - The Roots of Irish Literature: Myths, Sagas and Folktales
ENG 299 Special Topics in Literature - Modern Irish Literature

Media Studies
CM 299 Special Topics in Communication and Media Studies - Irish National Cinema
CM 384 Irish Cinema: Theory and Practice

Music
MU 106 Introduction to Irish Traditional Music

Political Science
PO 310 Irish Politics
Religious Studies
RS 216  Celtic Religious Traditions
RS 299  Special Topics in Religion: Irish Studies
RS 315  Theology and Native Irish Spirituality (Dingle)

Sociology
SO/AN 220  The Ethnography of Ireland
SO 299  Special Topics in Sociology

SHU in Ireland
Sacred Heart University operates its program in Ireland through a partnership with the Díseart Institute of Education and Celtic Culture, located in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland (in one of Ireland’s officially-designated “Gaeltacht,” or Irish-speaking districts). Through this partnership SHU in Ireland offers short-term and semester programs of study. Course offerings include anthropology, archaeology, history, Gaelic language, literature, media studies, music, political science and religious studies.