

DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY

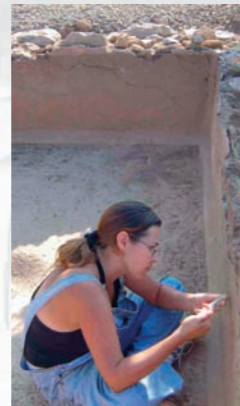
Archaeology is the study of the material remains of past human societies. The discipline covers a remarkable span of time and investigates some of the most profoundly important developments of the past. The wide scope of archaeology in time, space and methodology is one of the features which makes the subject so attractive to professional and amateur alike. There is something to interest everyone - whether their interests lie in outdoor fieldwork and exploring ancient monuments, the study of artefacts, the history of technology, local studies or simply in the rich heritage of Ireland's past.

Archaeology is a constantly changing discipline fed by new discoveries, new theoretical approaches and new analytical methods. These discoveries continue to revolutionise the subject's potential to inform us about the past and to give us a valuable long perspective on how this past has shaped our present. Exciting aspects of the practical side of archaeology such as excavation are familiar to everyone, but excavation is only one aspect of a discipline which combines humanistic interest with scientific method. For the interested student, archaeology offers a stimulating opportunity for intellectual enquiry.



This two year programme has three broad aims:

- To introduce students to the discipline of archaeology, its historical development, theoretical perspectives and methodologies.
- To present the archaeology of Ireland as a way of understanding ten thousand years of human settlement on this island.
- To study the archaeological landscapes of western Ireland from earliest times and to promote interest in this heritage at a local level.



Intended for...

The Diploma programme is of particular interest to first and second level teachers and others interested in the contribution of archaeology to education, local studies, heritage studies and tourism. No previous knowledge of archaeology is required.

Programme content Year 1

Introduction to Archaeology: introduces the variety of evidence available to and the analytical methods used by archaeologists.

The Archaeology of Prehistoric Ireland: covers the initial colonisation of Ireland, the arrival of farming, ritual roles of megalithic tombs, the introduction of metal working, rise of chiefdoms, the Celts in Ireland.

The Archaeology of Historic Ireland: focuses on the arrival of Christianity, settlement and society in the Early Medieval period, archaeology of medieval churches, castles and towns.



Programme content Year 2

Approaching the Past: deals with the different ways in which archaeologists use archaeological evidence to explain past societies and social change; a field project, where students learn the fundamentals of recording archaeological monuments.

Prehistoric Landscapes: focuses on the pre-historic landscapes of Western Ireland and includes topics such as the megalithic tombs of the West, late Bronze Age chiefdom of Dún Aonghasa.

Historic Landscapes: focuses on the historic-period landscapes of Western Ireland and includes topics such as Christianity and pilgrimage on the Aran Islands and castles and other fortifications of Anglo-Norman and Gaelic Clare.

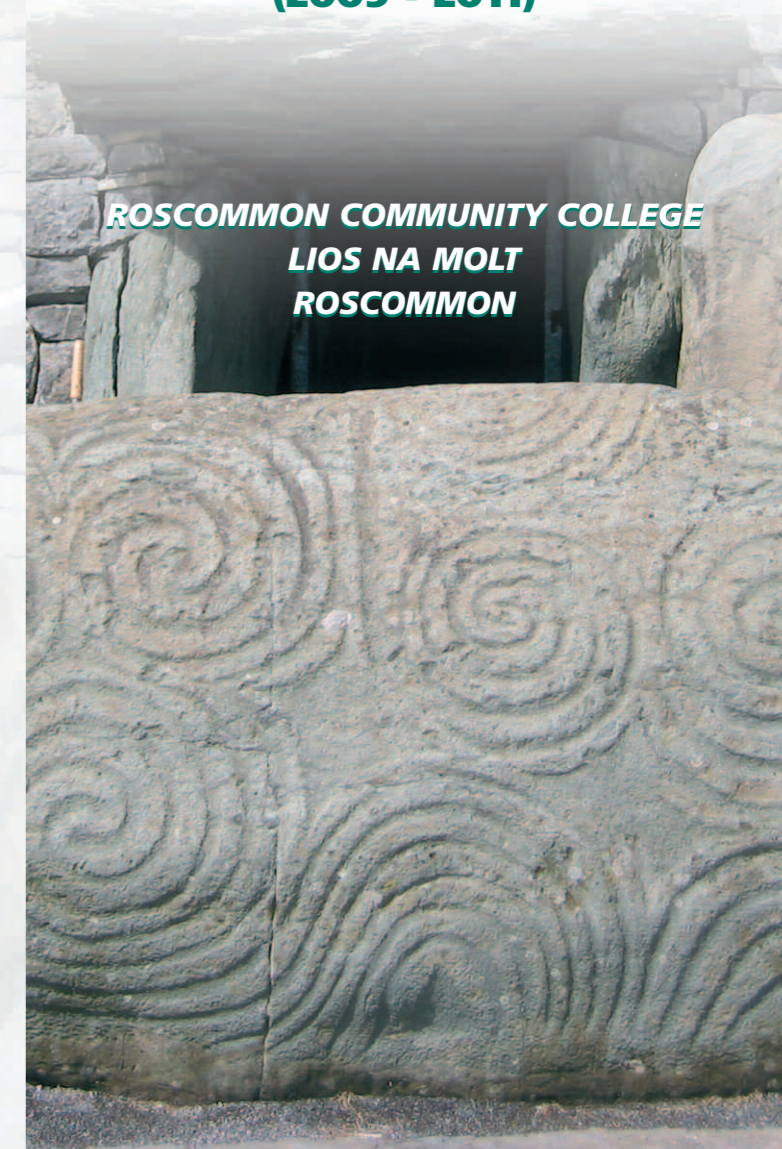
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DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY (2009 - 2011)

ROSCOMMON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LIOS NA MOLT
ROSCOMMON



The Department of Archaeology in association with the Office of Adult and Continuing Education at NUI Galway are pleased to offer the Diploma in Archaeology at Roscommon Community College. This Diploma will commence on Tuesday, 22nd September, 2009 and will run for a two-year period. The Diploma in Archaeology has been offered in a number of outreach locations in Sligo and Ennis over the past number of years and has proven to be a popular choice among adult learners over the University's long experience of providing part-time programmes. The Diploma introduces students to the study of Archaeology and provides them with an in-depth knowledge of the discipline and an opportunity to explore its particular themes and concepts from a variety of viewpoints and perspectives.

Diploma Structure

The programme is delivered part-time (Tuesday evenings), over two years. Each academic year is divided into two parts called semesters. A semester consists of teaching time (course lectures), a study week and end of semester or end of year written examinations. The first semester commences in late September and the second in mid-January of each academic year.

The Diploma programme will be taught through a series of courses or 'modules'. Three modules will be offered each academic year over both



semesters. To quantify learning and to place a value on each module, they are weighted according to "credits". Credits represent a standard number of class contact hours and an average workload for a module. Each module has a credit weighting of five credits. Students must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credits to be awarded a Diploma in Archaeology. A total of 15 credits are available each academic year. The Diploma is awarded at level 7 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Students who have successfully completed approved Diploma programmes and decide to progress to degree level (level 8 awards), may be granted credit for their qualification (where applicable and subject to certain conditions).

Diploma Timetable

Students normally attend class one evening per week (Tuesdays), each semester over two years. Lectures begin at 6.30pm each evening and continue until 9.30pm. Opting to study for any of the Diploma programmes requires that students attend class on a regular basis, allocate some extra time at home for reading, prepare course work and allow for study time.

Assessment and Examinations

All modules included in the Diploma are individually assessed. The assessment for each module will be carried out during or at the end of teaching in that particular semester. This will take the form of either essays, written assignments or oral presentations during the teaching period, and a written examination at the end of the semester.



Teaching Venue

All lectures will be held at the Roscommon Community College, Lios na Molt, Roscommon. A specific classroom will be designated for the Diploma programme which will be the venue for all of its lectures and examinations over the course of the academic year. Registered students will also have access to the NUI Galway library and other University facilities for the duration of the programme.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for any of the Diploma programmes. Students aged 21 years or over by January 1st of the year of admission to a part-time programme are classified as mature students and may matriculate on the grounds of mature years alone.

Students applying to complete a part-time course at NUI Galway under the age of 21 may, in certain circumstances, be asked to fulfill the Matriculation requirements for the University. If you are under 21, please log onto www.nuigalway.ie/adulteducation where you will find a list of the matriculation entry requirements in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section.

How to Apply

Application forms should be returned to the Adult Education Office together with an enrolment fee of €30 (non-refundable), copy of Birth Certificate, Leaving Certificate and other

examination records (where applicable).

Tuition fees: the fee for the Diploma in Archaeology in 2009/10 will be €1,035. The non-EU fee will be €1,535.

Closing date for applications:
Friday, 5th September, 2009

Further Information and an Application Form

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