



## Irish History and Civilization

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### About this MA?

Where does Irish history come from? During the 1630s a small group of scholars, led by the Franciscan Mícheál Ó Cléirigh, wrote an entire history of Ireland from the beginning of time right up to their own day. In doing so they drew on centuries of myth, story and annalistic compilation. The questions about the past that these pioneers asked of themselves and their now-lost sources are at the heart of this course. Who are the Irish? What is Ireland? The answers they provided set the scene for an understanding of the island and its people which had a profound effect for almost four centuries.

This MA course is designed to draw on the Franciscan manuscripts now in UCD archives and to offer students a privileged insight into the creation of central narratives of Irishness. This MA enhances skills in research methodology, awareness of Irish history and culture and provides an introduction to historiographical debates and analysis.

This MA is especially suitable for those with an interest in heritage, politics and current issues of diversity and migration. We welcome particularly applications from those making a return to formal education.