



GMIT

INSTITIÚID TECNEOLAÍOCHTA NA GAILLIMHE-MAIGH EÓ
GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



Heritage Studies

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Galway Campus



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What is Heritage?

Traditionally, heritage was concerned with the preservation of ancient monuments and buildings of architectural merit.

Nowadays, it also involves the use of the past in the present - in commemorations, museum exhibitions, tourist attractions, etc.

Heritage includes almost anything that one generation hands down to the next, or anything from the past that people identify with.

Heritage Studies at GMIT

Course	Level	Duration	CAO Code
BA (Honours) in Heritage Studies	8	4 years	GA282
BA (Honours) in Heritage Studies – Add On	8	1 year	Add-On
BA in Heritage Studies	7	3 years	GA272

Areas of study include:

- Built, Cultural, Natural & Digital Heritage
- History (Local, National & International)
- Geography (Human & Physical)
- Archaeology
- Tourism
- Genealogy
- Museum Studies
- Field Studies
- Folklore
- Literature
- Planning
- Computing & GIS
- Communications
- Research Methods
- Event Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Languages (Gaeilge, Spanish, French, German)

Heritage Studies students in GMIT can also:

- Do a work experience module.
- Study abroad for one or two semesters.

Students learn through a combination of lectures, tutorials, active learning, class discussions, film viewings, practical learning in computer and language labs, and online learning.

There is a strong emphasis on off-site teaching, with fieldtrips to heritage sites, museums and interpretative centres.

For a full list of modules, and additional insights into students' GMIT Experience, see www.gmit.ie



Why Study Heritage at GMIT?

Our courses are taught at GMIT's Galway campus, close to the medieval heart of Galway city.

Galway city and the surrounding region offer a great student life, and an abundance of arts and culture for those interested in heritage.

Students can also join the GMIT Heritage Society, which organises a range of activities, including guest lectures, fieldtrips, table quizzes, historical re-enactments and parties.

Career Opportunities

- Archaeology
- Archives & Libraries
- Business
- Charities & NGOs
- Civic Trusts
- Civil Service
- Community Development
- Conservation & Restoration
- Creative Digital Media
- Environmental Consultancies
- Heritage
- Genealogy
- Journalism
- Local Authorities
- Museums
- Planning
- Start-up Enterprises
- Teaching & Lecturing
- Tourism

For a full list, see www.gmit.ie



Careers in Teaching

Graduates of the Honours degree can apply for the Professional Master of Education, to teach in primary or secondary schools.

Postgraduate Opportunities

Graduates of the Honours degree can:

- Apply for entry to GMIT's Level 9 MA in Heritage Studies (by research)
- Progress to a Level 10 PhD in Heritage Studies in GMIT (by research)
- Undertake a wide range of postgraduate courses worldwide

For a full list of postgraduate opportunities, see www.gmit.ie

Lecturer Profiles

Our lecturers have many years of experience working in third-level education and the heritage industry. Key personnel include:

- **Mr Paul Gosling** (archaeology, built heritage)
- **Mr Cian Marnell** (folklore, literature, Gaeilge)
- **Dr Mark McCarthy** (modern history, local history, genealogy, geography, cultural heritage & memory)
- **Dr Suzanne O'Shea** (art & aesthetics, creative practices & cultural industries, curatorial practices)
- **Mr Tony Patrickson** (digital heritage)
- **Dr Cilian Roden** (natural heritage, conservation)
- **Mr Declan Sheridan** (literature, cinematic history)
- **Mr John Tunney** (medieval history, heritage tourism, museum studies, linguistic traditions, Irish music)

Did you know?

Today, the historic environment sector supports 40,000 jobs in Ireland and accounts for €1.5 billion revenue annually.





Student Stories



As a mature student returning to education I was naturally apprehensive, but it wasn't long before I discovered what a truly remarkable course of study I had embarked upon.

Sheila Keane,
BA (Hons) in Heritage Studies



The lecturers have a genuine ambition to see students achieve their personal best. In the summer holidays I got a job as a warden in Buckingham Palace, guiding visitors and guarding its treasures. The knowledge I gained from Heritage Studies ensured that I got a job I really enjoy.

Andrew Lewis,
BA (Hons) in Heritage Studies



Heritage Studies at GMIT exceeded my expectations. I enjoyed each module and the lecturers were enthusiastic, engaging and encouraging. I wish I could start the course all over again.

Verena Roe, BA (Hons) in Heritage Studies



I made the choice to study Heritage Studies based on my interest in history, geography and archaeology. My post-GMIT work experience benefited greatly from studying additional modules like communications and multimedia. As well as this, the social and campus life of GMIT is incredibly active. There is something that will suit everyone.

Sarah Jane McCrann,
BA (Hons) in Heritage Studies

