

Module Descriptions—Year Two

Advanced Genealogy Essentials

Advanced elements of genealogy research. Students will contextualise genealogical approaches to research, fieldwork, economics and historical sources. A core focus will involve advanced methods of genealogy, historical sources and research techniques.

Genealogy Sources & Collection Care Techniques

This course will advance the genealogy source typologies taught in Year One. An added element to this module will involve the basic tenets of collection care in genealogy records, research and archives.

Genealogy Fieldwork II

A continuation of Fieldwork in Genealogy I, students will learn how to practically engage with the fieldwork process; health and safety remits, Best Practice, legal guidelines, historical monuments acts and Institutional governmental remits effecting genealogy fieldworks strategies. Students will learn to apply theoretical principles in practical fieldwork arenas.

Genealogy Pedigree Portfolio II

Students will learn how to generate sophisticated family trees using a range of templates both traditional and digital in format. Students will learn how to read a family tree and how to assess lines of descent and ascent. Pedigree charts will be examined and students will learn the principles of heraldry inherent in genealogical sources.

Genealogical Record Keeping II

Genealogical record keeping is a pre-requisite for successful genealogical research and study. Students will learn how to apply correct record keeping templates to the source at hand. Students will learn the importance of cross checking, indexing, sourcing and academic reference techniques essential for this type of record keeping.

Please note this course will run subject to a minimum enrollment of 20 students.

Applicants who wish to discuss detailed elements of the programme should contact:

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ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION AT UCC

NUI DIPLOMA IN GENEALOGY



Course Duration: 2 years, part-time

Fee: € 1,360 per annum
(€1,000 per annum if retired/unwaged)

INTRODUCTION

This NUI diploma (NFQ, Level 7) is offered in conjunction with the Centre for Adult Continuing Education, UCC. The course is specifically tailored for adult learners wishing to obtain a third-level qualification.

University tutors and lecturers will attend weekly at University College Cork, Western Road from September 2012. This course will offer the participant the opportunity to engage in an interdisciplinary study of the past while developing genealogical research skills.

The NUI diploma comprises of fieldtrips to archives, interdisciplinary training, supervision of written essays and a portfolio on topics of your choice, in a contextualised genealogical framework.



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

This diploma course will be offered on a part-time basis at UCC, one evening per week (7-10pm), over two years.

Students will undertake five modules each academic year, worth 30 credits per year or 60 credits in total.

YEAR ONE MODULE LIST

- ◆ Genealogy Essentials I (10 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogy Sources I (5 Credits)
- ◆ Fieldwork in Genealogy I (5 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogy Pedigree Building Portfolio I (5 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogical Record Keeping I (5 Credits)



YEAR TWO MODULE LIST

- ◆ Advanced Genealogy Essentials (10 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogy Sources & Collection Care Techniques (5 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogy Fieldwork II (5 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogy Pedigree Portfolio II (5 Credits)
- ◆ Genealogical Record Keeping II (5 Credits)

Module Descriptions—Year One

Genealogy Essentials I

Elements of Genealogy research. Students will learn about genealogical approaches to research, fieldwork, economics and historical sources. The course will consider the changing issues surrounding access to genealogical sources and will examine varying approaches required for the genealogy essential toolkit in the twenty-first century. Students will learn how to evaluate the core issues inherent in using a wide variety of sources.

Genealogy Sources I

Genealogy source typology; the building blocks of genealogical research. Students will learn how to differentiate between primary and secondary sources, and how retrieve genealogy sources in digital formats. Students will engage in direct contact with primary source material available in archives and local repositories and learn how to decipher the past through correct application of genealogical sources both primary and secondary.

Fieldwork in Genealogy I

Fieldwork is a key element of practical genealogical research. Students will learn how to scope a genealogy fieldwork project. The course will examine graveyards, churches, archives, tourist locations and local repositories with the Cork area. Students will learn how to capture data through digital photography, sound files, paper record and digital sign ups. Students will engage in non-commercial and commercial ventures and understand partnership building as fieldwork strategy.

Genealogy Pedigree Building Portfolio I

Family tree constructions using computer packages, Microsoft office, and other relevant file formats. Family tree and pedigree building portfolio practice will provide a central tenet in the course and students will practically engage with construction of charts, tables, spider graphs, maps and graphical templates.

Genealogical Record Keeping I

Record keeping is a core component of genealogical written research. Students will learn how to compile genealogical records in journal, project, annotated reference methods and how to maintain genealogical records over a period of time. Students will learn how to reference different sources academically over a range of differing style sheets.