Special Purpose Award Online in Irish Archaeology
(15 CREDITS) [LEVEL 7]
COURSE CODE: SG-SIRIS-S07

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Course Description
Would you like to explore the megalithic tombs and prehistoric monuments of Neolithic Ireland? Or visit the castles, earthworks and ecclesiastical sites of Ireland in the Medieval period? Would you like to learn from a leading institution of archaeological research and education in Ireland? The Institute of Technology, Sligo, is offering a new Certificate in the Archaeology of Ireland. It comprises three separate modules, two of which will be offered online and can be accessed from the comfort of your home. The third module consists of a two week summer school in the historic town of Sligo, Co. Sligo in the north-west of Ireland. You will share a unique experience, with other international students, joining in a series of field trips and classes, exploring the unique and impressive collection of archaeological and historical sites and monuments in the region. For maximum flexibility, you can choose to do one, two or all three of the modules and apply the credits to programmes from your home institution if desired. However, you may also undertake one or more modules for general interest or lifelong learning.

Entry Requirements
All those with a qualification in a related discipline are eligible to apply for this programme. It can also be taken as part of a recognised degree programme with the credits transferred to your home institution. Mature applicants need not necessarily have the above minimum entry requirements and acceptance will be based on individual applications.

Progression
Graduates can use the credits (Level 7) gained from this certificate to fulfil the requirements of their undergraduate degrees in the international market place. Irish based graduates of this Special Purpose Award can progress onwards and into the Level 7 BSc in Applied Archaeology degree course (+ 1 year) in IT Sligo.

Course Structure
Modules 1 and 2 below will comprise of one lecture online weekly for 13 weeks/semester. IT Sligo is the leader in the delivery of online distance education in Ireland since 2002. All lectures are recorded and can be accessed from the comfort of your home. Module 3 below will comprise a 2 week stay based at IT Sligo undertaking field trips to archaeological monuments, buildings and sites in the region. All exams and continuous assessment will be done remotely and submitted online. Each module has its own web page where lecturers can post useful resources, students can submit assignments, receive feedback and where students can communicate with their lecturer and with each other.

FEES: Modules 1 and 2: €550.00; Module 3: €1,250.00

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PREHISTORIC IRELAND FROM ICE AGE TO IRON AGE: 12,500BC - 440AD
(5 OR 6 CREDITS)
This module covers over 12,000 years of Irish prehistory, from the hunter gatherers of the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic, to the famous megalithic tombs of the Neolithic and the spectacular metal work and ritual sites of the Bronze and Iron Ages.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE OF MEDIEVAL IRELAND AD 400-1550
(5 OR 6 CREDITS)
This module covers the entire Medieval period, from Irish saints and monastic sites to the Viking raids and settlements of the Early Medieval period. The Later Medieval period starts with the Anglo-Norman invasion, the period of castle and cathedral construction, walled town development, ending with the decline of English power leading up to the plantation period of the 16th century.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF IRELAND STUDY TOUR
(5 OR 6 CREDITS)
This module will comprise a two-week residential stay based at IT Sligo on the Atlantic coast. From here you will visit some of Ireland’s most spectacular and well known archaeological sites, including Queen Maeve’s Cairn, Carrowmore and Carrowkeel megalithic tomb cemeteries, the medieval abbey’s of Sligo and Boyle, Roscommon and Moygara castles and more. Sligo is a bustling centre famous for its traditional music, association with W.B. Yeats, theatre and outdoor activities with some of the best surfing beaches in Europe.

For easier assimilation into your home institutions programmes, all three modules are offered in 5 (European) and 6 (North American) credit versions.