

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THE BEGINNINGS OF IRISH CHRISTIANITY (NOT ON OFFER IN 2023/24)

## Overview

NFQ Level 9 Major Award

## Exit Award only

Upon satisfactory completion of **60** credits, students on the MA (The Beginnings of Irish Christianity) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mabic/>) programme may opt not to complete the dissertation and exit the programme and be conferred with a Postgraduate Diploma in The Beginnings of Irish Christianity. A student who subsequently applies to continue to Master's level must do so within 5 years of successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma.

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

**Code** **Title** **Credits**  
Students take **60** credits.

### Part I

Students take **10** credits as follows:

#### Core Modules

CC6014	Independent Research: Early Christian Ireland <sup>1</sup>	10
or CC6021	Devotion and Belief in Pre-Norman Ireland	

#### Elective Modules <sup>2</sup>

Students who have not previously taken the following undergraduate 15-0 modules may take up to **15** credits from:

AR2034	The Archaeology of Early Medieval and Viking Britain
AR3039	The Archaeology of Early Medieval Ireland
GR2031	The Rise of Christianity
HI3139	Ireland and the beginnings of Europe
LT2009	Reading Latin
The remaining elective modules are to be chosen from the following 35-50	
CC6001	Old Irish
or CC6011	Continuing Old Irish
CC6005	Research Seminar
CC6006	Special Topic <sup>3</sup>
CC6008	Palaeography and Manuscript-based Research
CC6013	Field Trips to Early Christian Sites
CC6022	The Earliest Vernacular Literature: Monasticism and Literacy <sup>4</sup>
CC6023	The Culture of Gender in Early Ireland <sup>5</sup>
LT6001	Beginners' Latin

**Total Credits** **60**

<sup>1</sup> Students who have previously studied Celtic Civilisation in UCC or students who have studied an equivalent in their undergraduate studies must register for CC6014. All other students must register for CC6021.

<sup>2</sup> The choice of modules is made in consultation with the student's supervisor and is subject to the approval of the Programme Coordinator. The availability of modules, including CC6013 are subject to timetable requirements and/or sufficient student demand in any given year or Semester.

<sup>3</sup> Students who take the core module CC6014 may not select the elective module CC6006.

<sup>4</sup> Students who have previously taken CC2003 may not select CC6022.

<sup>5</sup> Students who have previously take CC2011 may not select CC6023.

## Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

### Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in The Beginnings of Irish Christianity (NFQ Level 9 Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Command a comprehensive knowledge of the early Latin church from which medieval Irish religious culture arose, and of which it continued to form a part;
- Identify the strategies whereby Irish Christianity accommodated important elements of the indigenous culture;
- Draw upon in-depth familiarity with a broad range of different types of medieval Irish religious literature;
- Clearly formulate, and apply in their work, an understanding of the cultural dynamic which rendered the early Irish church so distinctive while at the same time being open to the wider world;
- Utilise and communicate an integrated vision of the subject, informed both by literary evidence and physical remains.