

Irish Studies

CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, DEGREE, HONOURS DEGREE (subject to CNAA approval)

Faculty of Humanities



THE IRISH STUDIES CENTRE

The Irish Studies Centre was established by the Polytechnic of North London in October 1986. The aims of the Centre are to increase the understanding and appreciation of: the Irish contribution to all aspects of British economic, cultural, political and social life; the history of and contemporary experience in Ireland; and of the unique relationship which exists between Britain and Ireland. By means of teaching, research and community interaction, the Centre aims to explore the experience of the Irish In Britain – and in London in particular – and to develop a comprehensive data resource. It will strive to promote the educational interests of local Irish people and to develop active educational links with Ireland – in the first instance with the Dublin Institute of Technology.

A DEGREE IN IRISH STUDIES

From October 1988 (subject to CNAA approval) Irish Studies can be taken as part of a Combined Honours Degree. Initially Irish Studies will be available in the evening only but from October 1989 it is hoped to offer a part-time day option as well.

CONTENT OF THE COURSE

The half degree in Irish Studies is an inter-disciplinary course, drawing on history, sociology, geography, political science and language and literature.

The course comprises three main strands. The first of these is compulsory and forms the essential core of the course. Students choose the rest of their programme of study from the other two strands of the degree.

The three strands are:

- Migration/The Irish in Britain.
- 2 The Historical and Contemporary Contexts of Irish Society.
- 3 The Literature/Culture of Ireland.

At Preliminary Level a student might study the following units:

Irish Migration To Britain

Ireland under the Union 1801 - 1921

Ireland and the Irish Landscape

Discourse: the study of language & meaning in different cultures

Examples of more advanced units available are:

Comparative Emigration Experiences: the Irish in Britain, the USA and Australia

The Political and Social Structure of Modern Ireland

Women and Irish Society

Constitutional Issues in Ireland

Modern Irish Fiction in English

James Joyce and the Irish Experience

Drama at the Abbey Theatre

Representations of Irishness

The units are arranged in three levels: preliminary, intermediate and final, which correspond approximately to the three years of a full-time Honours degree course. The content of both full and part-time courses at PNL has been arranged to make transfer between courses possible, with appropriate exemptions.

EVENING STUDY AT PNL

The Part-time and Evening Degree Scheme at PNL offers you the chance to study courses to degree level in a variety of subjects, both in the day and/or the evenings. Appropriate 'units' in one or more subjects can be accumulated in order to gain a certificate, diploma or degree qualification. The system is very flexible and allows for variations in the rate of progress to accommodate changing personal circumstances. It is even possible to withdraw from the programme for short periods of time if other commitments become pressing.

Attendance varies according to the method of study you are choosing. Evening-only students attend for one or two evenings per week whilst attendance for part-time day students will depend on the timetabling of their chosen units. Practical classes apart, each course unit is taught through a balanced combination of lectures and seminars and is assessed by a mixture of written examinations and coursework at the end of the semester in which it is taught. (A semester lasts 15 weeks and runs from October - February and February - June).

SCHEME TOWN, Health into Communication

Irish Studies can be taken in conjunction with one of the following subjects for a Combined Honours Degree:

Actounting for Management, Applied Economics, Caribbean Studies*, Classical Civilisation*, English Studies*, Film Studies*, Geography, History*, Labour Studies, Law, Philosophy*, Social Science* and Women's Studies.

* These subjects can also be studied part-time in the day.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Part-Time and Evening Degree Scheme is designed for those students whose home, financial or employment circumstances prevent them from studying on a full-time basis. Entry to the scheme is intended to be as flexible as possible and for mature students (those over 21 when the course begins) formal qualifications may not be necessary. Evidence of motivation, commitment and the ability to benefit from a course at this level are just as important. Previous work experience as well as examination performance can be taken into account when making this assessment.

If you are interested in the Irish Studies Course but do not feel ready for degree level study you may benefit from taking the Foundation Course in Irish Studies.

Fees

Fees vary according to the number of units taken and the mode of study.

Full details are available on request. Unemployed students within ILEA can

benefit from reduced fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION/HOW TO APPLY

This leaflet should be read in conjunction with the Polytechnic's Part-time Courses Prospectus which may be obtained from:

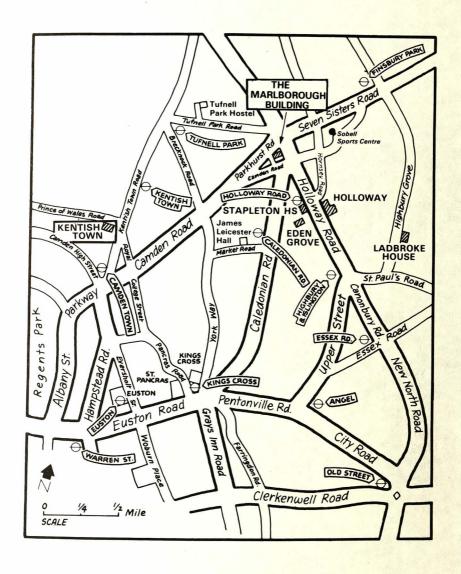
The Communications Office (Courses)
The Polytechnic of North London
Holloway Road
London
N7 8DB
Tel: 01-607 2789 Ext 2030/1

(24 hour answerphone 01-607 5755)

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