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Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí
Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
College of Arts, Social Sciences
& Celtic Studies

Bachelor of Arts (History)



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Course Overview

History is first and foremost about people, the forces that shaped their lives and the ways in which they changed their societies. Studying history makes us aware that our world today took on its current appearance less by chance than as a result of specific developments and decisions taken in the past.

The BA (History) is a four-year degree that offers you choice and flexibility in what and how you study. It enables you to combine your study of History (your 'major') with two other subjects (your 'minors') that complement your major: choose from Journalism and Global Media, Sociological and Political Studies, Economics, Philosophy, French, German and Italian.

Course Name: BA (History)

CAO Code: GY105

Course Level: 8

Duration: 4 years Minimum

CAO Entry Points 2026: 343

Entry Requirements:

Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.



Career Opportunities

The BA History prepares students for careers in the public and private sectors, including international development, the diplomatic and civil service, NGOs, journalism, publishing, marketing and media, the heritage industry, and education.

Study Abroad and Work Placement Opportunities

In Year Three, students may apply to study abroad for an academic year or semester in a partner university or undertake a single semester work placement. Work placements include community, industry and on campus opportunities. Study abroad and work placements are competitive and subject to availability.

Course Structure

Year	Pathway 1 Historical Studies	Pathway 2 History, Politics & Philosophy	Pathway 3 History (Joint Honours)
1	History with two of the following: Journalism and Global Media, Political and Sociological Studies, Philosophy, Economics and Public Policy, French, German, Italian	History with a minor each in Political Science, Sociology and Policy And in Philosophy	History with two other subjects from the Arts subject groupings
2	History with two minor subjects taken in first year	History with Political Science, Sociology and Policy AND Philosophy	History with one of the other subjects taken in first year
3	Work placement, Study Abroad or History Research Project	Work placement, Study Abroad or History Research Project	Work placement, Study Abroad or History Research Project
4	Students continue with History and their other subjects	Students continue with History and their other subjects	Students continue with History and their other subjects

Find Out More

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