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### 2010 PROGRAMME / ACCREDITATION



- Academic Director:** Dr Matthew Stout, Department of History, St Patrick's College Drumcondra, A College of Dublin City University
- Course Director:** EurGeol Dr Stephen Mandal MIAI PGeo, CRDS Ltd, Archaeological & Historical Consultants
- Excavations Manager:** Matthew Seaver BSc MA MIAI, CRDS Ltd
- Site Directors / Lead Teachers:** Dr Geraldine Stout, Office of Public Works  
Dr Conor Brady, Dundalk Institute of Technology  
Finola O'Carroll MA MIAI, CRDS Ltd
- Safety Officer:** Bairbre Mullee MA DipH&S, CRDS Ltd

St Patrick's College, a college of DCU, will provide accreditation for an archaeological field school at Bective Abbey, Rath Maeve and Rossnaree, County Meath, for those attending from institutions outside Ireland. This program will provide an extraordinary opportunity for students to get firsthand experience in archaeological fieldwork. In addition to fieldwork, the summer school includes a series of tours and lectures.

The field school will be offered by the Irish Archaeological Field School ([www.iafs.ie](http://www.iafs.ie)) and accredited through St Patrick's College for a maximum of 6 credits (Two weeks = 3 credits). It will be held during June, July and August. Contact hours: 40 hours per week

## Field School Components

- Introduction to Irish Archaeology
- Lay out grids, planning, section drawing, levelling
- Use of advanced surveying techniques
- Excavation techniques: trowelling, context sheet, photography, sampling.
- Laboratory techniques.
- Finds recording, identification, processing, drawing and database entry

## Core Lectures

Each week there are two formal lectures conducted by field school staff and one field trip.

- 1) Introduction to Irish Archaeology
- 2) The Cistercians in Ireland
- 3) The architecture and archaeology of Bective Abbey
- 4) The archaeology of Rosnaree
- 5) The archaeology and history of Rath Maeve, Tara
- 6) Archaeological techniques; history and practice
- 7) The Cistercian estates of Ireland
- 8) Scientific dating methods
- 9) Introduction to Environmental Archaeology: Animal remains
- 10) Introduction to Environmental Archaeology: Plant remains

## Course Modules

Introduction to Irish Archaeology and practise

(3 semester credits / 6 ECTS credits)

Advanced methods in Archaeological Excavation & Assessment

(3 semester credits / 6 ECTS credits)

## Specialist Modules (run throughout the season but individual modules are not run weekly)

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| • Archaeological Field Survey           | Finola O'Carroll MA MIAI                   |
| • Technical Field Survey                | Chiara Chiriotti BA & Niall Lynch          |
| • Geophysical Survey                    | Ian Elliott MA MSc                         |
| • Architectural Heritage Survey         | Aislinn Collins MA PGDip DipEIAMgt MIAI    |
| • Geology                               | EurGeol Dr Stephen Mandal MIAI PGeo        |
| • Underwater Archaeology                | Aisling Collins MA                         |
| • Post-Excavation & Specialist Analysis | Joanne Gaffrey BA                          |
| • Computer Applications in Archaeology  | Chiara Chiriotti BA & Gianmarco Cattari BA |
| • Technical Terminology                 | Gianmarco Cattari BA                       |

## Course Assessment

Essay of 1,500 words on aspects of Irish archaeology *or* archaeological techniques *and*

The field staff will grade your performance by the following criteria:

- Attendance
- Willingness to try diverse tasks
- Willingness to work hard and in a timely fashion
- Attention to and accuracy
- Teamwork
- Contributions to discussions

The Field School week runs from Monday to Friday (approx 9am – 4.30pm)