

# IRISH STUDIES

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The D'Arcy McGee Chair of Irish Studies was established at Saint Mary's University by Dr. Cyril J. Byrne in the spring of 1986 to form a focal point for the study of all aspects of Irish and Irish-Canadian culture, particularly:

- language
- literature
- history
- political science
- folklore

Saint Mary's is the first University in Canada where you can complete an undergraduate degree in Irish Studies.

## Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/>).

## Major in Irish Studies

To obtain a major in Irish Studies, forty-two (42) credit hours are required, including:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
IRST 1201	Introduction to Modern Irish	3
IRST 1202	Modern Irish Language	3
IRST 2325	Intermediate Irish I	3
IRST 2326	Intermediate Irish II	3
IRST/HIST 3460	Issues in Modern Irish History	3
IRST 3470	Irish Studies Seminar	3
Select 24 credit hours, 12 credit hours of which must be at the 3000 level and approved by the Coordinator of Irish Studies		24
Total Credit Hours		42

## Concentration in Irish Studies

To obtain a concentration in Irish Studies in partial fulfillment of the B.A. General degree (i.e., one with Double Arts Concentrations and a minimum of ninety (90) credit hours), a minimum of twenty-four (24) credit hours in IRST is required; also a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00. Further details are available from the coordinator.

## Minor in Irish Studies

The following program constitutes a minor in Irish Studies according to the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts:

- Six (6) credit hours in IRST at the 1000 level
- Plus eighteen (18) credit hours approved by the Coordinator of Irish Studies