HSTAM 276

Celtic Civilizations of the European Middle Ages

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-10:20

Have you ever wondered about bards, druids and pagan religion, Celtic mythology, "Celtic monasticism," heroic literatures and what happens to them in the Christian era, beautifully ornamented Gospel books like the Book of Kells, and the conquest of the Celtic nations of Ireland, Wales, and Scotland by the English? This class focuses entirely on the history and culture of the Celtic-speaking peoples of Europe from the Iron Age to the coming of the Normans to Ireland, Wales, and Scotland in the twelfth century. There are two principal themes to this course: identity and tradition.

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