



SYLLABUS

THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN SOCIETY

Academic year 2025-2026

1. Information about the study program

1.1 University	Babeș-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	The Faculty of Letters
1.3 Department	English Language and Literature
1.4 Field of study	Philology
1.5 Study cycle (BA/MA)	Master's
1.6 Study program/Qualification	Irish Studies/M.A. in Philology
1.7 Enrolment type	Full time

2. Information about the subject

2.1 Course title	The Irish Language in Society (taught in English)	Course code	LME1227/2227
2.2 Course tutor	Conf. dr. Adrian Radu		
2.3 Seminar tutor	Conf. dr. Adrian Radu		
2.4 Year of study	I	2.5 Semester	2
		2.6 Type of assessment	E
		2.7 Course status	Contents DS
			Mandatory DO

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	of which: 3.2 course	1	3.3 seminar/laboratory	2
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	42	of which: 3.5 course	14	3.6 seminar/laboratory	28
Allotted time for individual study (ID) and self-study activities (SA)					108 hrs
Study based on textbook/course manual/recommended reading/personal notes					40
Additional research in the library, by accessing scientific databases, or during field work					40
Preparation for seminars/laboratory classes, essays, portfolios and reports					16
Tutoring					10
Assessment (examinations)					2
Other activities					
3.7 Total hours for individual study	108				
3.8 Total hours per semester	150				
3.9 Number of credits	6				

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1 Curriculum	- BA degree
4.2 Skills	Proficiency in English

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. For delivering lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room with audio-video equipment
5.2. For teaching seminars/laboratory classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room with audio-video equipment

Date of Dean's endorsement
Dean name and signature



6. Acquired specific competences

Professional competences	C1 Adequate use of concepts in the study of general linguistics, theory of literature and universal and comparative literature C2 Efficient written and oral communication in Romanian and in English C4 Synthetic and analytical, as well as aesthetic and cultural analysis and presentation of literary phenomena in the context of Anglo-American reference culture.
Transversal competences	CT1 Using the instruments of linguistics and literary studies in accordance to professional ethics. CT2 Teamwork; interpersonal communication, taking on specific roles. CT3 Setting up an individual project for lifelong training; achieving training by accumulating information, participating in team projects and in institutional and personal development programs.

7. Course objectives (derived from the specific competences acquired)

7.1 General objective of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To study the impact of the presence of Irish language in Irish society To provide practical teaching of the basics of the Irish language
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To familiarize students to different lexical structures of Irish To familiarize students to grammatical peculiarities of Irish Students will study texts in Irish

8. Contents

8.1 Lectures	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Irish as a Celtic Language	Participatory lecture, presentation, demonstration, exemplification, case and text study, debate, dialogue.	
2-3. Irish in Diachronic and Synchronic Perspectives		
4-5. Irish in contemporary Irish society		
6-7. Irish at school and university		
8-9. Irish media in Irish		
10-11. Irish Culture in Irish		
12-13. Irish as badge of Irishness		
8.2 Seminars	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Irish phonetics and spelling rules. Initial mutations and consonantal velarization.	Demonstration, problematization, exemplification, working in pairs and in groups.	
2-3. Ag Bualadh le Daoine. Introducing oneself. Emphatic form of DO and AR. Personal pronouns. The numbers 1-10. The Vocative Case. The verb TÁ.		
4-5. Cúlra agus Áit Chónaithe. Speaking about oneself: residence, nationality. Naming countries. Giving one's address. The Copula IS. The Prepositions AS and I. Emphatic forms of pronouns. The numbers 11-20.		
6-7. An Teaghlach. Speaking about one's family. The preposition AG. Personal numerals. The noun BLIAIN. The possessive adjectives MO and DO.		
8-9. An Teach agus Lóistín. Speaking about one's accommodation and where a house or apartment is located. The simple preposition I(N). Counting things. CEANN.		
11-12. Caitheamh Aimsire. Speaking about one's pastime. Questions and answers in the present tense. The copula IS (2). The prepositions CHUIG and GO DTÍ. Adverbs of frequency.		



13-14. An Saol Laethúil. Speaking about time and the usual activities. Naming various parts of the day. Naming the days of the week. Numbers and time. The present tense and past habitual of the verb ABHAILE and SA BHAILE.		
Final revision		
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9. Validating course contents based on the expectations of epistemic communities, professional associations and of potential employers related to the field of study.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The course content is reflected in a major proportion in the study programs of national and international universities.• The study topics are developed based on the specialized bibliography in the field.• Some components of the lectures and seminars were presented at national and international conferences and symposiums.



10. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 + 10.5 Course + seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General knowledge of the subject and its connection to other disciplines The degree of assimilation and use of specialized language and the proficiency in English The required reading and the capacity to contextualize, analyse and interpret 	Oral/Written Exam Task-sheet portfolio evaluation	Essay + Direct evaluation 75% Tasksheets 25%
10.6 Basic performance standard 1. Knowledge of the main structures, their recognition and proper use; 2. Reading the main texts analysed; 3. Performing exercises; 4. Completing the lexical and grammatical database 5. Using AI tools for generating ideas or discourse is allowed only with the tutor's permission and with explicit acknowledgment. This applies to both class discussions or assessment tasks and examinations. Unauthorized use of AI amounts to plagiarism. According to UBB regulations, plagiarism of any type triggers expulsion from university studies.			

11. SDG Labels (Sustainable Development Goals)

	General label for Sustainable Development

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11.02.2025

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Date of approval:
14.02.2025

Head of Department's name and signature,
Popa Petrar Petronia

Date of Dean's endorsement
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