

# **Southern Regional College, Newry: DIPLOMA IN THE IRISH LANGUAGE**

**Awarding Body: University of Ulster**

**Course Length:** 30 weeks per year over 2 years

Year 1: 6.30 pm - 9 pm Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2: 6.30 pm – 9 pm Monday & Wednesday

Students should be at least 18 years old.

Entry Requirements: See Higher Education Prospectus

About the course: Students must normally have attained a pass in one subject at GCE 'A' Level or equivalent and have passes at GCSE grade C or above or equivalent. Applicants who do not meet these requirements may be considered on individual merit and are encouraged to apply.

**Course Content:** This part-time course represents an exciting opportunity for a wide range of people to study the Irish language from a totally fresh beginning.

The aim of the course is to bring students to a high level of competence in spoken and written Irish by the end of the two-year course. Mature students are particularly welcome.

## **Progression Opportunities:**

Students will be in a position to gain employment in organisations where spoken and written Irish is a requirement. Students may progress to study a BA degree in Irish. The course can also be seen as a free-standing unit in its own right which will open up third level education to a wider audience.

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## **The Programme**

The Diploma in the Irish Language represents an exciting opportunity for a wide range of people to study the Irish language from a completely new beginning. Over the two years you will receive a solid grounding in the key areas of Irish pronunciation, conversation, grammar and reading and writing skills.

On completion, you will be able to display fundamental oral and written communicative skills in Irish, demonstrate knowledge of Irish grammatical structure and be able to read selected items from the literature.

As well as serving as a possible pathway for entry to a BA degree in Irish, the course can be seen as a free-standing unit in its own right which will help open up third level education to a wider audience.

## **Entry Conditions**

You must normally have attained a pass in one subject at GCE 'A' level and five GCSE passes at grades C or above. At the discretion of the Course

Committee, applicants who do not meet these requirements may be considered on their individual merit and are encouraged to apply.

## **Duration and Mode of Attendance**

Part-time study over two years, normally in two blocks of 2.5 hours per week during term-time.

The main forms of teaching are language classes and seminars. There will be no formal examinations in the first year of the part-time course or in the first semester of the full-time course and assessment will be in the form of coursework and short class tests. In the second year of the part-time course and the second semester of the full-time course students will be assessed by both coursework and written examination.

### **What type of student is this programme designed for?**

The programme is aimed primarily at those who have not had the opportunity to study Irish in the past but who would like to acquire key skills in the language. It will also be of interest to those who have studied Irish in the past but who would like a complete refresher course. The programme will start with the basics and build from there. Mature students are particularly welcome.

### **What about fees?**

Applicants to part-time programmes who are in receipt of benefits may be eligible to apply to have their fees waived. Grants are also available.

### **Fees (per year)**

- Tuition - £296.00
- Exam & Reg. Fee - £191.00