Celtic Studies Minor

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The minor in Celtic studies is designed to give students an overview of the way of life of the prehistoric, historic, and contemporary Celtic peoples throughout Europe and the world, emphasizing the "six Celtic nations" of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall (in England), and Brittany (in France) and the Celts of Iberia from the Iron Age to the 21st century. The minor also addresses the Celtic diaspora to places as far-flung in both space and time as ancient Egypt and Appalachia. To learn about Celtic peoples is to explore yet another avenue of what it means to be human.

The Celtic Studies program also offers students the opportunity to participate in Tuath an Ard Tire Ardai: The Celtic Studies Club, which is active in NKU, local, and regional activities. Our program also maintains a Facebook page, which has an international following.

Kentucky is rich in Celtic culture and history. Along with African Americans and German Americans, people of Celtic descent comprise one of the major ethnic groups in the metropolitan area in which NKU is located. NKU’s Celtic Studies program is the only such program in Kentucky. Students are encouraged to participate regardless of background. Each year NKU anthropology faculty presents the Outstanding Student in Celtic Studies Award.

Course Requirements for Minor (21 semester hours)

Required Courses (12 semester hours)
- HIS 100 History of Europe to 1713
- ANT 370 Celtic Europe
- ANT 381 European Archaeology
- ENG 477 Irish Literary Renaissance

Electives - Choose Three (9 semester hours)
- ANT 372 Peasant Societies
- ANT 376 Irish Society through Film
- ANT 394 Topics: Anthropology (if Celtic Studies topic)
- ANT 394 Topics: Anthropology (if Celtic Studies topic)
- ENG 200 Introduction to Literature (if Celtic Studies topic)
- ENG 201 Ideas in Literature (if Celtic Studies topic)
- HIS 353 British History to 1485
- HIS 486 History of Modern Ireland
- HIS 494 Topics: History (if Celtic Studies topic)
- HIS 594 Selected Topics: History (if Celtic Studies topic)
- PHI 394 Topics: Philosophy (if Celtic Studies topic)
- PSC 330 Politics of Europe
- PSC 394 Topics: Politics (if Celtic Studies topic)
- REL 301 Ancient Religions
- Other appropriate courses (with permission, if Celtic Studies emphasis)

For 2-year rotation of anthropology course offerings, see: https://goo.gl/TgW2Ef