



Erasmus+ Short-term Mobility Programme

Maynooth University (Ireland)

19-25 March, 2025

Maynooth University

Maynooth University is located in Ireland's only university town, south west of the capital city Dublin

It has an enrollment of 14,000+ students, which continues to grow

According to the *Times Higher Education* (THE) Young Universities listing, it is ranked among the world's top 100 new universities

Maynooth University

One side of the campus represents the “state” and the other the “church”

St. Patrick’s Pontifical University shares a (green) campus with MU

The co-located universities share their physical plant and resources with one another

Maynooth

The university town of Maynooth is a thriving town, just 25km west of Dublin

The origins of a university in the town go back to the founding of a Catholic seminary in 1795

It combines the intimacy of a small town with the attractions (e.g., pubs, restaurants, etc.) found in a larger urban area

Maynooth Sociology

The oldest sociology department in Ireland

Research/teaching in sociology and politics

Strong international orientation

History of engaged “public sociology”

Overview

- Overarching academic theme: The Politics of Memory
- Two parts: (a) Maynooth University (b), supplemented by online sessions
- Dates: **19-25 March** (in-person) (a), **14/28 March** (online), pre/post) (b)
- Language of instruction: English
- Credits: 5 ECTS credits
- Assessment: essay (about 7 pages)
- Target audience: BA students

The Politics of Memory

One of the defining characteristics of the contemporary moment is the increasing leveraging or 'weaponising' of the past to legitimise social actions, whether this has to do with war, collective mobilisation or politics. Against this background, this course focuses on introducing students to the politics of memory in European societies. What are the different varieties of memory politics? What are the main drivers of the politicisation of memory? What consequences does this have for politics and society? Special emphasis will be placed on acquainting students with the theoretical and empirical literature and understanding this topic within an international comparative framework.

The Politics of Memory

- Introduction to the politics of memory
- Indicative substantive topics: war, collective mobilisation, religion
- Format: in-person teaching, fieldtrips (e.g., Dublin walking tour), volunteer social events (e.g., student society event)
- Teaching will involve short lectures and breakout groups in bespoke sessions, as well as participation in modules in normal university lecture schedule (e.g., social inequalities, EU enlargement)

Sustainable Travel

- Erasmus will cover costs if sustainable modes of transport are chosen for reaching your destination (up to four travel days and some extra costs may be covered, please check with your International Office).
- Some sustainable options for travel between Maynooth and Duisburg include:
 - train and ferry (France-Ireland)
 - long-distance coaches (e.g. Flixbus, Eurolines), via France or UK
 - train and Euro tunnel followed by train and ferry (via UK)