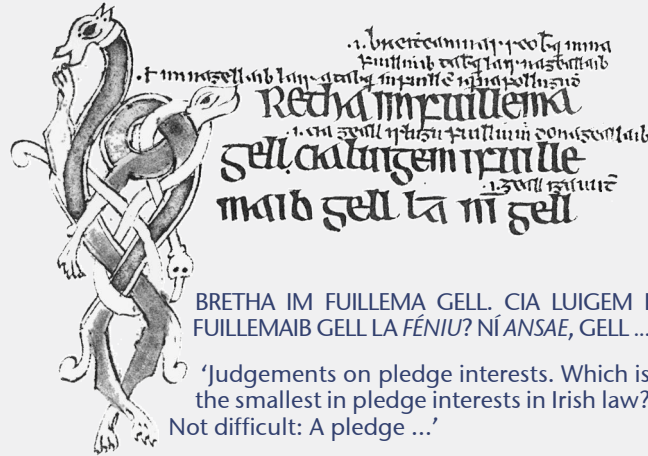


DEPARTMENT OF IRISH AND CELTIC LANGUAGES

The Department of Irish and Celtic Languages is located on campus in the Arts Building (rooms 4055-4063). Its library holds microfilm copies of the Irish Folklore Commission's Collection of Irish Folklore manuscripts. The College's important collections of Irish books and manuscripts are accessible to students, while the National Library of Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy, both housing extensive collections of Irish books and manuscripts, are a short walk away, as is the School of Celtic Studies at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, which regularly runs seminars on Early and Classical Irish texts.

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.i. brethamnas seo berar imna fuillmhib daberar laisna gellaib vel imna gellaib laisa tabar in fuillem iarna follugud.

'This is the legal text regarding the interests paid with the pledges or regarding the pledges with which the interest is paid after they have been neglected.'

From Trinity College manuscript H. 2. 15a



Or do Muredach las ndernad in chros
'A prayer for Muredach, who commissioned the cross'

From the base of the cross of Muredach († 923), at Monasterboice

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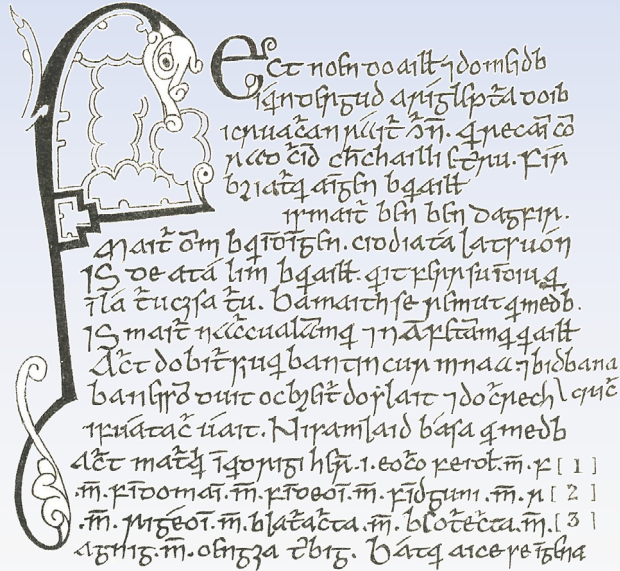


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PG DIP IN OLD IRISH

The 'Postgraduate Diploma in Old Irish' and the 'MPhil in Early Irish' have been running now for over ten years in the Department of Irish and Celtic Languages, Trinity College, Dublin, and have proved very successful. The Postgraduate Diploma is an intensive ab initio course in Old Irish designed for students with a degree in a cognate subject (modern or medieval language, linguistics, archaeology etc.). Its aim is to impart to participants a high level of understanding of the grammatical structures of Old Irish and to bring them to an advanced stage of competence in reading the language. It involves six hours per week of instruction in beginners' Old Irish using both handbooks designed for beginners and original material from the Old Irish glosses and sagas. The course extends over the two semesters (total of 22 weeks instruction) and performance is assessed by formal written examination in May.

The Postgraduate Diploma is designed to prepare beginners in Old Irish for the MPhil in Early Irish.



Fect n-oen do Ailill 7 do Meidb iar ndergud a rígleptha doib i Cruachanráith Chonnacht. Ar-ecaim comrad chind cherchailli eturru. 'Fírbriathar a ingen' bar Ailill, 'is maith ben ben dagfir.' 'Maith omm' bar ind ingen. 'Cid dia tá latsu ón?' 'Is de atá lim' bar Ailill, 'ar it ferr-su indiu quam in lá thucusa thu.' 'Ba maith-se remut ar Medb'...

On one occasion when Ailill and Medb had retired to their royal chamber in Ráith Chrúachan in Connacht a pillow-talk took place. 'It's a true saying,' said Ailill 'that the wife of a good man is well-off.' 'Well-off indeed,' said the woman, 'but why do you say this?' 'This is the reason,' said Ailill; 'you are better-off today than you were on the day I married you.' 'I was well-off before I met you' said Medb ...

The opening lines of Táin Bó Cúailnge from the twelfth-century Book of Leinster (facsimile).

MPHIL IN EARLY IRISH

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The courses run consecutively in alternate years.

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