

SC02 Introduction to Irish Family History **NEW**

This course will run subject to sufficient numbers applying

Family History isn't just about the past: learning about our origins allows people to get down to the granular details of our ancestors' lives. It enables people to construct their own family narrative and their personal identity.

This lecture-only module is taught through a series of eight lectures per term over two terms. The course covers a broad sweep of Irish history (1650s to 1950s), and is deeply rooted in the sources. The focus is on the records generated by churches, central and local government, enterprises, families and individuals; exploring what section of the Irish population is documented in these records, and how to interpret the evidence. Where record collections were destroyed, do any collateral records survive that contain relevant information? The fee includes free access to the largest Irish collection online, www.Findmypast.ie as well as free access to EPIC and the Irish Family History Centre in CHQ. It will also provide support for all participants to construct a simple family history portfolio over sixteen weeks, including creating a family profile; research to collect documentary evidence; building a family tree; and writing a simple report.

Please note: This is a lecture-only course and does not include access to computers on campus. Participants must have access to their own computers at home for follow up clinics and research.

Lecturers: Fiona Fitzsimons & Brian Donovan - Irish Family History Centre (Eneclann).

Fee: €250 for the full course or €125 per term.

Concession €125 for the full course or €75 per term

Start Date: **Tuesday 3 October 2017/ Tuesday 30 January 2018**

Lectures per week: **1**

Time and venue: Tuesdays 6 – 7 p.m. **Room 4050B Arts Building**