### Part A: Subject Component Summary Information

1. **Subject component title:** Irish Studies

2. **Award which the component will contribute to:**
   - ☒ BA (Hons)
   - ☐ BSc (Hons)
   - ☐ Other. Please specify:

3. **Subject Component type:**
   - ☐ Minor (25%)
   - ☒ Joint (50%)
   - ☐ Major (75%)

4. **Credit:**
   - Credit in year 1 (level 4) 60
   - Credit in year 2 (level 5) 60
   - Credit in year 3 (level 6) 60

5. **Date of first intake:** September 2014

6. **Frequency of intake:** Annually

7. **Duration and mode of study:** 3 years, full time

8. **Applicable framework:** Model for non-clinical first degree programmes

   **Framework exemption required:**
   - ☒ No (please go to section 9)
   - ☐ Yes (please provide a brief summary below)

   **Date exemption approved by AQSC:** N/A

9. **Applicable Ordinance:** Ordinance 37 (general ordinance for undergraduate degrees)
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| **10. Faculty:** | Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences |
| **11. Level 2 School/Institute:** | School of Histories, Languages and Cultures |
| **12. Level 1 unit:** | Institute of Irish Studies |
| **13. Campus:** | Main |
| **14. Other contributors from UoL:** | N/A |
| **15. Teaching other than at UoL:** | N/A |
| **16. Director of Studies:** | Dr Clare Downham |
| **17. Board of Studies:** | School of Histories, Languages and Cultures (Academic Quality and Standards Sub-Committee) |
| **18. Board of Examiners:** | School of Histories, Languages and Cultures |
| **19. External Examiner(s):** | New External Examiners to be appointed for 2016/17 |
| Name | Institution | Position |
| **20. Professional, Statutory or Regulatory body:** | N/A |
| **21. QAA Subject benchmark Statements(s):** | Area Studies (2008) |
| **22. Other reference points:** | N/A |
| **23. Fees:** | Standard home EU and international fees for undergraduate programmes |
| **24. Additional costs to the student:** | There are no compulsory costs required for the course, but students may choose to purchase text books or print materials at their discretion. For students who study IRIS102 (optional module) an additional cost of around £120 is required for the field trip. |
### 26. Aims of the subject component

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<td>1</td>
<td>Develop students’ interest in and knowledge of Ireland, its culture, history, politics and arts.</td>
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<td>Positively impact upon the social fabric of the British Isles by producing trained individuals capable of acting as bridges of understanding and conduits of knowledge between the Irish and British cultures.</td>
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<td>Produce graduates equipped to play leading roles in teaching, research, industry and the public services.</td>
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<td>The development of a sense of civic responsibility in the programme will help students have a positive impact on society.</td>
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### 27. Learning Outcomes

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<td>Students will have developed recognition of the multifaceted nature of the field and its complex relationship to other disciplines and interdisciplinary formations.</td>
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<td>Graduates will be adept at working independently in planning, researching and completing a final year dissertation in Irish Studies or their other degree subject.</td>
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**No.** Learning outcomes – Diploma in Higher Education award

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<td>5</td>
<td>All Irish Studies modules at level 5 and 6</td>
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<td>All Irish Studies modules at level 6</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>IRIS310, IRIS400</td>
<td>Full range, from assessed essays, seminar presentations, end of semester exams.</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>The ability to compare and contrast the appropriateness of different disciplinary approaches in an examination of the area studied.</td>
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<td>Skills in the construction of bibliographies, library and internet research skills, proficiency in reading and analysis of texts.</td>
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<td>Read and use materials both incisively and with sensitivity to compare and contrast ideas and concepts found within different disciplinary and geographical contexts.</td>
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<td>Identify and resolve problems.</td>
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5 Communicate ideas with clarity, coherence and persuasiveness.

6 Synthesise information, adopt critical appraisals and develop reasoned argument based on such appraisals.

7 Select and apply appropriate methodologies and theories.

8 Critically reflect upon the scope and limitations of what has been ascertained and understood.

9 Analyse issues proficiently in the light of evidence and argument.

10 Work with a significant amount of independence, demonstrated in self-direction, self-management and intellectual initiative both in learning and studying and in time management.

11 Present materials orally in a clear and effective manner, using audio-visual aids, where appropriate, and answering questions from an audience.

12 Listen effectively and work creatively, flexibly and adaptively with others.

13 Write and think under pressure and meet deadlines.

14 Abilities in the analysis of visual and aural material as a medium for understanding another culture.

15 Learn the Irish language.

16 Undertake a placement in a setting which matches your academic and career interests.

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<td>1</td>
<td>IRIS 102</td>
<td>Learning and research skills designed to give rounded sense of what ‘Irish Studies’ is for level 1 students.</td>
<td>Annotated bibliography; questionnaire and results analysis; end of semester essay.</td>
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<td>IRIS 106</td>
<td>Learning skills with a view to examining the unique nature of Irish culture and language</td>
<td>Oral examination; assessed essay; end of semester written examination.</td>
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<td>HLAC200</td>
<td>Learning, research and transferable employability skills</td>
<td>Class presentation, Wiki based on local fieldwork, week 8 portfolio</td>
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<td>HIST262</td>
<td>Learning, research and transferable employability skills</td>
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<td>Learning, research and transferable employability skills</td>
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<td>IRIS 310, IRIS 400</td>
<td>Employment skills</td>
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<td>IRIS 102, IRIS 106, IRIS 114</td>
<td>Learning and research skills</td>
<td>Assessed essay; written examination; seminar presentations</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>IRIS 106, IRIS 207, IRIS 313 (when available)</td>
<td>Learning and employability skills. (Irish language a requirement for many public service jobs in the Irish republic.)</td>
<td>Oral examinations; seminar presentations; end of semester written examinations</td>
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### 29. Career opportunities:

Students studying this subject enter a wide range of careers, such as journalism, creative media, management, commerce, heritage, administration, research and teaching. Students are qualified to seek employment in Ireland and/or with organizations that are able to make use of their knowledge of Irish culture and society. In order to bolster students’ prospects of employment the Institute of Irish Studies has introduced a competitive process for applying to summer placements in a range of Irish organizations open to level 3 undergraduates. Current placements are available in the John Hewitt International Summer School, Armagh; Yeats International Summer School, Sligo; The National Library of Ireland, Dublin; The Poleglass Community Organisation, Belfast; Co-operation Ireland, Belfast; The Ulster-American Folk Park.

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**Part C: Entrance Requirements**
30. **Academic Requirements:**

For all joint honours (50:50) combinations under Honours Select, the entry requirement is ABB.

The only exception is where both subjects have an entry requirement of BBB, in which case the joint entry (50:50) combination entry requirement will also be BBB.

The entry requirement for Irish Studies is BBB. Further details are available [here](https://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/irish-studies-ba-hons/overview/).

31. **Work experience:**

N/A

32. **Other requirements:**

N/A

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Part D: Subject Component Structure

33. **Subject Component Structure:**

**Year 1** (FHEQ Level 4)

**Semester 1**
30 credits of optional modules in Irish Studies

*Optional modules*

IRIS103 – An Introduction to Irish Writing from Swift to Yeats (15 credits)
IRIS107 – From Civil Rights to Armalites (15 credits)
IRIS109 – Warriors, Witches and Legends: the origins of Ireland (15 credits)

**Semester 2**
30 credits of optional modules in Irish Studies

*Optional modules*

IRIS104 – An Introduction to Irish Writing from Joyce to Heaney (15 credits)
IRIS106 – Foundation Unit in Irish Language (15 credits)
IRIS114 – Ireland’s Battle for Ideas (15 credits)

*Whole session*
IRIS102 – Field Trip to Ireland and Study Methods (30 credits)*

*IRIS102 would represent 15 credits in each semester.

**Year 2** (FHEQ Level 5)

**Semester 1**
30 credits of optional modules in Irish Studies

Optional modules

HIST262 – The Vikings in Britain and Ireland (15 credits)
IRIS203 – Revolutionary Road I: Ireland 1800-1870 (15 credits)
IRIS215 – The Politics of Religion: Conflict and Reconciliation (15 credits)
IRIS219 – ‘A Terrible Beauty’: the life and work of W.B. Yeats (30 credits)
HLAC211 – HLC Volunteering and Experience 1 (15 credits)+

Semester 2
30 credits of optional modules in Irish Studies

Optional modules

IRIS204 – Revolutionary Road II (15 credits)
IRIS220 – The Transformation of Ireland, 1923-2000 (15 credits)
IRIS221 – Irish Fiction (30 credits)
HLAC200 – Living the Global Eighteenth Century (15 credits)
HLAC212 – HLC Volunteering and Experience 2 (15 credits)+

Whole session
POLI240 – Political Violence in the Contemporary World (30 credits)*

*POLI240 would represent 15 credits in each semester.
+Subject to suitable placement being available.

Year 3 (FHEQ Level 6)

Semester 1
30 credits of optional modules in Irish Studies

Optional modules

IRIS305 – The Irish in Nineteenth-Century Britain, USA and Australia (15 credits)
IRIS311 – James Joyce: a writing life (30 credits)
IRIS315 – Troubled Times: the politics of conflict in Northern Ireland, 1960-Present (15 credits)
HIST304 – The Vikings in Ireland (15 credits)
IRIS322 – Global Peace Activism (15 credits)

Semester 2
30 credits of optional modules in Irish Studies

Optional modules

IRIS310 – Dissertation in Irish Studies (30 credits)
IRIS314 – Sexuality, emancipation and repression: Women in Ireland, 1800-1939 (15 credits)
IRIS316 – Understanding the Northern Ireland Conflict (15 credits)
IRIS325 – Transitional (In) Justice (15 credits)
IRIS331 – Late Modernism (30 credits)
IRIS330 – Gender and Irish Law (15 credits)
IRIS335 – Social Justice in a Post-Secular Age (15 credits)
ENVS399 – Ireland: Political, Social and Cultural Geographies (15 credits)
**Whole session**
IRIS400 – Dissertation in Irish Studies (30 credits)*
*IRIS400 would represent 15 credits in each semester.

34. **Industrial placement/work placement/year abroad:**

**Study Abroad**
Study Abroad (outside Europe) and Erasmus (within Europe) exchanges are available at a number of approved partner institutions. Study Abroad placements will be arranged by the relevant departmental Study Abroad Coordinator, who will advise students on suitable module choices within the chosen partner institution in negotiation with the individual student to ensure that they are appropriate to their needs and equate with the training needs of the student’s programme. During the period of Study Abroad, responsibility for supervision will be with the overseas host institution in accordance with their standard practices. Study Abroad most commonly consists of a one or two semesters of study at a partner institution during Year 2, although other forms of arrangement will be considered by negotiation with the relevant Subject Lead. Students will be assessed by the host department using the assignments and methods appropriate to the modules chosen by the visiting student.

**Work Placements**
Students can undertake a 15-credit module (HLAC211 or HLAC212) during Year 2 that provides an opportunity to gain credit for experience gained in a placement with a local business, public sector or voluntary organisation or cultural provider. The placement is related to each student's field of study; the principal element of assessment is a long piece of academic writing which focuses on the aspects of the project relevant to study. Students are supported in the preparation of the essay and the associated portfolio of project-related materials by an academic supervisor with whom they meet regularly.

35. **Liaison between the Level 2 Schools/Institutes involved:**

N/A
36. Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategies:

The great majority of modules involve a combination of lectures and seminars. Lectures generally set the topic in its context, provide material essential to a reading and an understanding of the topic, and raise issues of particular interest and debate. The work begun in lectures is taken further in seminars which offer an opportunity for smaller group work. These classes take a variety of forms designed to encourage student participation and to develop the skills of critical analysis and argument in the close reading of a text or the detailed discussion of a theme, issue or event. Seminars may be based on a range of formative activities such as directed reading, individual student presentations or small groups each working on one aspect of a wider theme. Modules at Level 4 are of a survey nature, giving students the opportunity to sample a wide range of disciplines. At Level 5 students specialize into their areas of strength or preference; greater emphasis is placed on thematic, periodic and generic rubrics within individual subject areas. At Level 6 independent research is emphasized and students have the option of taking on independent research in the form of a dissertation worth 30 credits. Students taking this option receive individual supervision from the appropriate member of staff.

Academic advisors are responsible for meeting personal tutees to guide their academic progress and assist them in their course choices. The learning experience is monitored by the issue of module evaluation questionnaires, which are used to assess student feedback. Reports are compiled by course tutors on these returns, and the questionnaires and reports are, in turn, evaluated by end of year Module Review Boards. Irish Studies, as part of the School of Histories, Languages and Culture operates a scheme of peer observation of teaching to monitor and maintain teaching effectiveness. While the Institute has an open door policy for student visitation, all tutors also keep defined office hours, and students may also contact tutors by arrangement via e-mail.

There is no one standard means of module assessment though the typical module is assessed via one piece of assessed coursework and an end of semester examination. Several modules formally assess seminar performance via a formal oral presentation and award a percentage (usually 10-15%) of the final mark for that performance.

36a. Learning, Teaching and Assessment methods:

Teaching styles:
Lectures
Seminars
One-to-one supervision tutorials (chiefly for level 3 dissertation)
Field Trip (IRIS 102)

Learning support:
VITAL
One-to-one exam and assessed-essay feedback sessions
One-to-one meetings with academic tutors
Assessment methods:
Essays
Annotated bibliography
Oral seminar presentation
Examination
Dissertation (IRIS 310 and 400)

37. Assessment information for students:

Code of Practice on Assessment

The University has a Code of Practice on Assessment which brings together the main institutional policies and rules on assessment. The Code is an authoritative statement of the philosophy and principles underlying all assessment activities and of the University's expectations in relation to how academic subjects design, implement and review assessment strategies for all taught programmes of study.

The Code of Practice includes a number of Appendices which provide more detail on the regulations and rules that govern assessment activity; these include:

- The University marks scale, marking descriptors and qualification descriptors;
- The model for non-clinical first degree programmes;
- The system for classifying three-year, non-clinical, undergraduate degrees;
- The system for classifying four-year, non-clinical, undergraduate degrees that include a year in industry or a year abroad;
- Information about students’ progress, including guidance for students;
- The procedure for assessment appeals;
- Regulations for the conduct of exams;
- The University's policy on making adjustments to exam arrangements for disabled students.
- The code of practice relating to external examining (see also below)
- The Academic Integrity Policy, which covers matters such as plagiarism and collusion and includes guidance for students;
- The policy relating to mitigating circumstances which explains what you should do if you have mitigating circumstances that have affected assessment; and
- The policy on providing students with feedback on assessment.

Please click here to access the Code of Practice on Assessment and its appendices; this link will also give you access to assessment information that is specific to your cohort:

A summary of key assessment information is also available in the ‘Your University’ handbook.

Marking criteria:

Class 1, Grade A+, Mark 91-100

- Worthy of retaining for reference due to its exceptional quality.
- Shows informed originality in ideas, approach or argument.
- With regard to factual content, the answer is perfect and shows superior knowledge and understanding of relevant data/ methodology/ literature with many relevant authors cited by name. Displays evidence of an
exceptional ability to construct an intellectual argument that is perceptive, focused, critical, structured and organised.

- In addition, the answer may be effectively located within a broader interdisciplinary frame of reference.
- Exceptionally well written.

**Class 1, Grade A, Mark 80-89**
- An answer of outstanding quality. Shows a significant degree of originality and is factually near perfect.
- The argument presented is focused, critical, very well structured and organised.
- Displays an outstanding knowledge and understanding of relevant data/methodology/literature, with several relevant authors cited by name.
- Very well written.

**Class 1, Grade A-, Mark 71-80**
- An answer of excellent quality and a degree of originality.
- Shows very good factual knowledge and very good organisation and structure.
- Evidence of an admirable knowledge and understanding of relevant data/methodology/literature, with some relevant authors cited by name.
- Very well written.

**Class 2:I, Grade B+, Mark 67-69**
- An answer of very good quality, although with a lesser degree of originality than a first-class.
- Shows very good factual knowledge and good organisation and structure.
- Evidence of a commendable knowledge and understanding of relevant data/methodology/literature, with a few relevant authors cited by name.
- Also shows considerable evidence of reading beyond the standard texts.
- Well written.

**Class 2:I, Grade B, Mark 63-66**
- An answer of good quality.
- Shows very good factual knowledge, good organisation and structure.
- Displays a competent knowledge and understanding of relevant data/methodology/literature.
- Also shows clear evidence of reading beyond the standard texts. Well written but somewhat lacking in flair and originality.

**Class 2:I, Grade B-, Mark 60-62**
- An answer of some quality.
- Shows good factual knowledge, competent organisation and structure.
- Displays a knowledge and understanding of relevant data/methodology/literature.
- Also shows evidence of reading beyond the standard texts but answer displays little flair or originality and overlooks some relevant points.
- Quite well written.

**Class 2:II, Grade C+, Mark 57-59**
- An answer of above average quality.
- Good evidence of factual knowledge but lacking analysis and subtitles of argument missed.
- Clear organisation and structure. Evidence of a knowledge and basic understanding of topic but appears only to have read the standard texts.
- Overlooks some relevant points but generally free of error.
• Quite well written.

Class 2:II, Grade C, Mark 53-56
• An answer of average quality.
• Somewhat pedestrian treatment of topic with less evidence of factual knowledge than above.
• Weaker organisation and structure. Overlooks numerous relevant points and material presented is largely based on lecture notes.
• Little evidence of reading as well as some conceptual confusion and error.
• Some grammatical errors.

Class 2:II, Grade C-, Mark 50-52
• An answer of below average quality.
• Pedestrian treatment of topic but still displays some evidence of factual knowledge.
• Weak organisation and structure. Overlooks many relevant points and material presented is based only on lecture notes.
• Considerable conceptual confusion, telling errors and omissions.
• Elements of the argument may be irrelevant to the question and the text may be marred by numerous grammatical errors.

Class III, Grade D+, Mark 47-49
• An answer of poor quality. Little evidence of factual knowledge and reading.
• Minimal engagement with question and somewhat brief treatment of the same.
• Poor organisation and structure.
• Overlooks many relevant points and material presented is conceptually shallow or naive. Very telling errors and omissions.
• Significant sections of the argument may be irrelevant to the question and the text may be marred by numerous grammatical errors.

Class III, Grade D, Mark 43-46
• An answer of very poor quality, as above.
• Displays only a basic understanding of a topic/issue but little else.
• Lacking in argument.
• May overlook the question with sparse treatment of the same. Very poor organisation and structure.
• Poor writing style with numerous grammatical errors.

Class III, Grade D-, Mark 40-42
• An answer of very poor quality.
• Displays only a very basic understanding of a topic/issue but little else.
• Wholly lacking in argument with considerable irrelevant material or unfinished script.
• Formless.
• Major factual errors.
• Poor writing style with persistent grammatical errors.

Fail, Grade F+, Mark 35-39
• An inadequate answer that displays a major misunderstanding of topic/issue.
• Displays considerable degree of confusion.
• Possibly short, irrelevant or incomplete answer.
• No attempt at argument.
• Factually very incorrect.
• Often poor English.
Part F: Student Representation And Feedback

38. Student representation and feedback:

A departmental Staff/Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) is established in accordance with the University Code of Practice on Student Representation (a copy of which can be accessed at: http://www.liv.ac.uk/tqsd/pol_strat_cop/cop_on_student_representation.doc)

The SSLC normally meets twice a year. Its membership, terms of reference, and the manner in which it conducts its business conforms to the requirements of the Annex to the Code of Practice on Student Representation. Elections to SSLCs are carried out within the structure determined by the University Student Representation Steering Group, and all students whether studying the subject at 100%, 75%, 50% or 25% will be encouraged to participate. Training is provided by the Guild of Students. Student representation is encouraged on all decision-making committees in the School and participation in these settings are welcomed and appreciated.

Students are also asked to take part in module evaluation exercises, using module evaluation questionnaires (MEQs) to feedback on their experiences of modules. Staff feedback on issues raised and actions taken via lectures, VITAL or other methods (SSLC) and MEQs form a large element of the module review process and Module Review Boards. Other avenues of providing feedback via focus groups, open forums or through the University's quality assurance processes (e.g. Periodic Review or Holistic Review) may take place from time to time and the participation of students in these settings is valued very highly. Students are further encouraged to make use of less formal mechanisms for feedback such as through speaking to relevant members of staff or academic advisors at any time. Formal complaints may be made to the Head of Department, but issues can normally be resolved through informal discussion or the mechanisms noted above at an early stage should any difficulties occur.
Part G: Status Of Professional, Statutory Or Regulatory Body Accreditation

39. Status of Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body Accreditation:

N/A

Part H: Diversity & Equality Of Opportunity And Widening Participation

38. Diversity & Equality of Opportunity and Widening Participation:

The subject component’s design, structure and content are consistent and Comply with the University’s Diversity and Equal Opportunities Policy (http://www.liv.ac.uk/diversity-and-equality/policies/).

Within the Department there is a diverse student population consisting of a wide ethnic mix, home/EU and international students and a number of mature students. The annual subject review (ASR) identifies where there may be particular difficulties placed on a particular group of students allowing for any processes to ensure equality can be put into place.

The Department strives to ensure that all students, whatever their background, have a good range of opportunities to enhance their employability and skills throughout their programme of study.

ANNEX 1

ANNEX OF MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE SUBJECT COMPONENT

Please complete the table below to record modifications made to the Subject Component.

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