

GAELIC FOUNDATIONS: LIVING CULTURES

Learn about life through a Gaelic lens

In partnership with Cape Breton University, this fresh, new program delivers an innovative, broad-based, foundation year meeting first year Arts program requirements. Delivered through the language of English, students will gain a deep understanding of Gaelic culture by focusing on key areas sequentially, from the ancient past to present day. This is an inter-disciplinary program that dives into the depth of culture to provide a better understanding of the wider world and develop well-honed practical skills such as critical-thinking, research, writing, debating, self-directed learning and learning in a group setting.

How does the program work?

- It is a foundational, first year, accredited university program delivered through English and focused on Gaelic culture.
- There are four courses of six weeks each, offered consecutively from September to April with a week's break between each. In parallel, students will complete a first year Gaelic language program running through the year from September to April. In total, students will receive 30 credit hours.
- 6-week courses are delivered in four lectures through the week [Monday to Thursday] with a tutorial session each afternoon designed to discuss themes and ideas arising in lectures and assigned readings.
- Students will be housed at Beinn Mhàbu, a newly renovated campus of Colaisde na Gàidhlig in Mabou, Nova Scotia.
- Students can continue in the BA or BACS program at CBU or seek transfer credits to another university.

Why choose this program?

- Learn in Community: be part of a small, vibrant community while gaining a post-secondary education.
- Upon acceptance, scholarships up to \$10,000 are guaranteed!
- Small Class Sizes: get to know your professors and gain lasting relationships among a close-knit learning cohort.
- Niche Program: one-of-a-kind, special delivery through focused modules.
- Newly renovated campus: Cozy, safe, and historically significant building with all modern amenities in the heart of the village.
- University experience: you will be registered as a full-time CBU student, with all pertinent benefits (Scholarships, Health & Dental plan, Library access, Writing Centre, etc.).
- Gaelic Heartland: Immerse yourself in the only Gàidhealtachd outside of Scotland, where culture still informs everyday life.

Who is suitable for this program?

- This program is ideal for those seeking a richer learning experience, eager for self-growth and strong bonds with peers and community, expanding a decolonized world-view through culture, history, and language.
- It is available for credit. (for students graduating high school or other or for personal development)
- Students wanting to build language skills can continue directly into An Cùrsa Bogaidh, a second year, university level Gaelic language immersion held at Colaisde na Gàidhlig annually in May.

