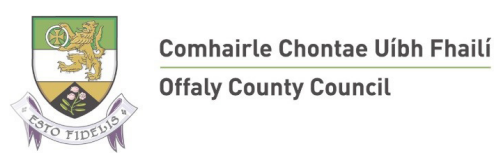




# 2024 Forensic Anthropology: Dead Men Do Tell Tales

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The **'Dead Men do Tell Tales'** program is designed for students from a variety of academic backgrounds with an interest in osteoarchaeology and physical/forensic anthropology. Students will gain practical burial excavation experience (in a controlled staged environment) and have the opportunity to analyse archaeological skeletal remains during laboratory sessions.

This one of a kind course, taught by experts in their field offer two options: an accredited version and a non-accredited version.

The accredited version provides 7.5 ECTS (equivalent to 3-4 US Credit Hours)

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### March Program

Duration: One-week

Academic Credit: 7.5 ECTS

(equivalent to 3-4 US Credit Hours)

Cost: €1,260

Application Deadline: February 16th, 2024

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### June Program

Duration: One-week

Academic Credit: 7.5 ECTS

(equivalent to 3-4 US Credit Hours)

Cost: €1,260

Application Deadline: April 26, 2024

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**IAFS** has partnered with **Maynooth University** to deliver this one-week course in Forensic Anthropology.

Topics covered during lab sessions include: human and comparative osteology; determining sex, approximate age-at-death, living stature, identifying palaeopathological conditions and understanding how these

techniques are used in archaeological and forensic contexts.

The course integrates field excavation and practical laboratory sessions with cultural heritage excursions.

The program is designed to introduce students to a range of techniques used by osteo-archaeologists, archaeologists and

anthropologists during the excavation and analysis of human remains.

The course is taught by some of the foremost archaeological and bioarchaeological experts in Ireland.

You will gain academic credit from our partner Maynooth University. This program carries **7.5 ECTS credits (c. 3 US Credit Hours)**.



*“Attending...Irish Archaeology Field School was one of the best things I’ve ever done. It was an amazing experience and I got the opportunity to learn about something I was interested in. The instructors were knowledgeable about their areas of history and went out of their way to help the students. I absolutely loved every minute of it and I’m so glad that I was able to participate in a field school that made me a better person, student, and future archaeologist”*

Gaile Juknevicius, University of Missouri – Kansas City



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## Course Objectives

- Have an understanding of the burial history and archaeology in Ireland
- Have the skills to confidently and professionally excavate human remains and identify and name the bones of the human skeleton
- Have an awareness of ethical protocols and considerations when handling human skeletal material
- Distinguish human bone from most common animal bones
- Understand skeletal analysis techniques and how to use these to determine sex, age-at-death, and living stature from complete/partial skeletons
- Understand the basics of palaeopathology and skeletal trauma identification
- Understand the practical application of skeletal analysis in archaeological and forensic contexts
- Have a one of a kind cultural experience in Ireland





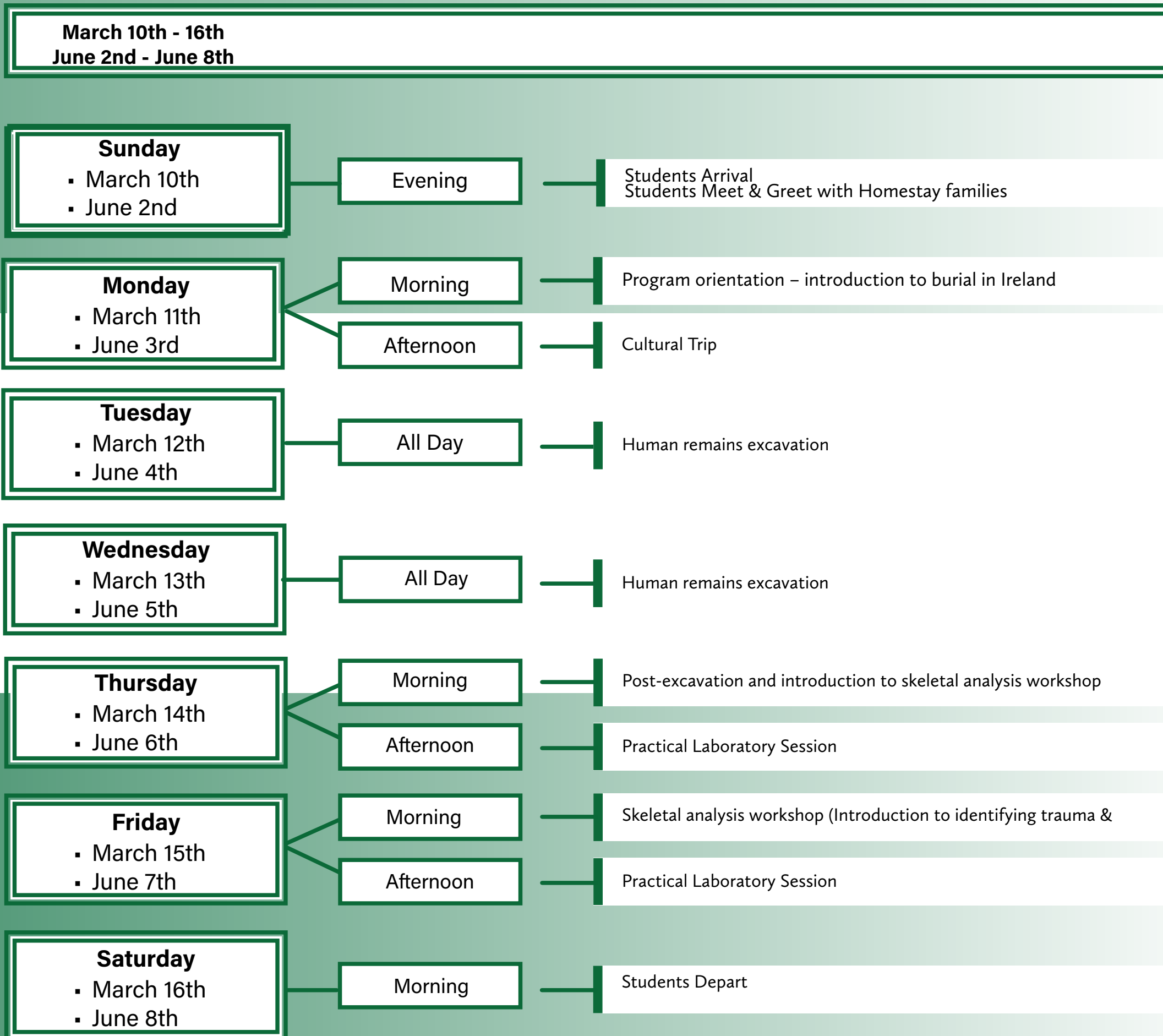
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## Indicative Timetable





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## Prerequisites

There are no academic prerequisites other than a GPA of 2.5 or above, and TOEFL 545 (paper based) or IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent) if English is not your first language. We do require that all applicants list a referee, which we contact before confirming any enrolment. What is required is enthusiasm, a sense of excitement and a readiness to experience a different culture. Students must be willing to engage with the local community, in which they are living, in a professional and respectful manner, both during the official work hours and when 'off duty'.

## Teaching and Learning Methods

Program marks will be allocated during continuous assessment while students are studying with the IAFS.

- Program Participation (50%): students are required to participate in all program activities, including excavation and laboratory work
- Research Paper (50%): students are expected to submit an individual research paper (1,500 - 2,000 words of text plus appropriate in-text citations, illustrations, and bibliography)

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## Why Study with IAFS?

We are Ireland's leading provider of accredited, site-based archaeological research and training.

The ethos of the school is to provide an opportunity for students and enthusiasts of archaeology and anthropology to experience at first hand the excitement of archaeological excavation in a teaching environment.

[or find out more](#)



## Home Stay

Students will be housed in home stay accommodation in Co. Offaly. Our home stay offers students a unique experience to live with local families, and appreciate true home life in provincial Ireland. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily along with a packed lunch. At weekends students are encouraged to avail of their free time and explore Ireland.



*“Overall, my experience(s) with the Irish Archaeology Field School greatly influenced the archaeologist, and person, I am today. I will forever be thankful for the experience, and would encourage anyone who is interested to get attend, or get involved in whatever way possible!”*

Madeline Harris, University College Dublin - Ireland

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## Course Instructors



**Dr. Denis Shine** current research interests lie in the sub-disciplines of medieval archaeology, landscape archaeology, community archaeology, Indigenous Australian archaeology and the historical emergence of identity. He has published extensively locally, nationally and internationally on these topics. Denis joined the Irish Archaeology Field School in 2014 and co-founded the Irish Heritage School in 2016. He is a co-founder and/or course instructor for each of their major research projects in Ferrycarrig, Ferns and Birr.



**Dr Annamaria (Anna)** is a bioarchaeologist, physical anthropologist and field archaeologist. Since 2007 Anna has worked with both academic and commercial teams as field archaeologist and human osteoarchaeologist on sites spanning from the Neolithic to the post-medieval period in Italy, Morocco, Romania, Georgia, UK and the United Arab Emirates. She has trained and lectured in bioarchaeology, physical/forensic anthropology, and archaeological theory and practice at the University



**Dr. Stephen Mandal** is the co-founder and CEO of the Irish Archaeology Field School (2005), the Irish Heritage School (2016), Cultural Tourism Ireland (2010), Dig it Kids (2011) and CRDS Ltd (1997). He co-founded two highly acclaimed community-based research and education projects along with presenting academic and public talks on the projects in Ireland and internationally, including to the Smithsonian Museum and the Archaeological Institute of America. In 2019, he was appointed to the Executive Board of the Discovery Programme, the Center for Irish Archaeological Research.





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