

Course Outline

History of Modern Ireland 1870 to the Present

The course surveys Irish History from the beginning of Home Rule movement, through the War of Independence, the establishment of the Republic of Ireland, to Ireland's role in Europe today.

Though the course is essentially political in its focus, attention is given to social and cultural issues. Considerable attention is given to the history of Northern Ireland, from both the Nationalist and Unionist perspective, and of the present reestablishment of self-autonomy.

Students will be reminded throughout the course of parallel developments in European politics and society. On completion of the course students should have an understanding of the complex forces which have shaped modern Ireland.

The Essential Background: Ireland 1800-1870

The New Departure and the Land War

Home Rule and the Origins of Unionism

Cultural Nationalism

A Deepening Crisis: Ireland 1910-1914

The Rising and its Aftermath; Ireland 1916-1922

Achieving Freedom? Independent Ireland 1922-1948

Abandoning Isolationism, the Post-War Republic of Ireland

Asserting an Identity; Cultural and Religious Issues in Independent Ireland

Northern Ireland 1920-1945, the Consolidation of One-Party Rule

Unionists and the Welfare State 1945-1968, Lost Opportunities?

The End of Stormont, Northern Ireland 1968-1972

'The Troubles' 1969-1998

Emergence of the Irish Economy, The Celtic Tiger 1992-Present

Good Friday Agreement and its Aftermath 1998-Present

Readings

- Tom Bartlett Ireland: A History, Cambridge University Press, 2010
- Paul Bew Enigma: A New Life of Charles Stewart Parnell, Gill & MacMillan, 2011.
- Paul Bew The Making and Remaking of the Good Friday Agreement, The Liffey Press, 2007
- Terence Brown Ireland: A Social and Cultural History, 1922-79, Fontana 1981
- Mary E. Daly A Social and Economic History of Ireland Since 1800. (1981)
- Ronan Fanning Independent Ireland, Helicon 1983
- Ronan Fanning Fatal Path: British Government & Irish Revolution 1910-22, Faber & Faber, 2013
- Ronan Fanning Eamon de Valera: A Will to Power, Faber & Faber, 2015
- Diarmaid Ferriter Judging Dev: A Reassessment of the Life & Legacy of Eamon de Valera, Royal Irish Academy, 2007
- R.F. Foster Modern Ireland, 1600-1972, London 1988
- David Harkness Northern Ireland since 1920, Dublin, Helicon (1983)
- Alvin Jackson Ireland 1798-1998: Politics and War, Blackwell, 1999
- Dermot Keogh Twentieth Century Ireland: Nation and State, Gill and MacMillan, 1994
- J.J. Lee Ireland 1912-1985: Politics and Society, Cambridge University Press 1989
- F.S.L. Lyons Ireland since the Famine, London 1973
- Oliver McDonagh States of Mind two centuries of Anglo-Irish Conflict, 1780-1980. (1983)
- Cormac Ó Gráda A New Economic History of Ireland, 1780-1939, Oxford University Press 1994

Websites

- History Hub (<http://historyhub.ie>)
- Century Ireland (<http://www.rte.ie/centuryireland>)
- Irish Times Digital archive
- Conflict Archive on the Internet (<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk>)

Assessment

Assessment Method	Percentage of Overall Mark
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Midterm Exam	20%
Essay Assignment	40%
End of term Exam	40%