Modern Ireland, 1780 to Present

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This course will explore the history of the Irish nation from 1780 to the present day. Special emphasis will be placed on the evolution of Irish nationalism and Anglo-Irish relations. We will examine how and why Ireland was incorporated into the United Kingdom, the long struggle by Irish nationalists to dissolve that Union, and its enduring legacy in present-day Northern Ireland. In addition to the political background, we will also investigate the social and cultural roots of Irish separatism and Anglo-Irish conflict. We will focus especially on the issue of identity—how the Irish and British people saw themselves and each other. Major topics to be covered include the Great Famine, the Irish Home Rule movement, cultural revival, revolutionary republicanism, and Northern Ireland and "The Troubles" since 1968. In addition to lectures, the course will incorporate traditional and contemporary Irish music, political cartoons, and several films.

Class participation is an integral part of this class. Read the complete assignment before arriving and be prepared to discuss it in class.

Your grade in this course will be based on two essay exams (60%), a 10-12 page research paper (30%), and class participation/response essay (10%). Exam and paper due dates are noted below. Late papers will not be accepted.

Class Website/WebCT: The CourseDen page for this course is accessed via the link on the UWG homepage. There you can access the syllabus, download assignments and exam review sheets, and find additional assigned readings. Students must consult the instructor and receive approval before using any online sources other than the assigned documents in the written assignments.

Research Paper: You must finalize your research topic with me by Oct. 6. Anyone who has not done so by this date will receive a 0 for their paper. No exceptions. The introduction of your paper (3 pages) is due on Nov. 10. The final version of your paper is due Dec. 3.

Your paper should adhere to the Chicago Manual of Style for citations, style, and grammar.

Please note that anyone committing plagiarism in any written assignment will earn an F for the course and may face further disciplinary action. Plagiarism is defined in the University of West Georgia Handbook as “representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own. Direct quotations must be indicated and ideas of another must be appropriately acknowledged.” Please see the UWG’s History Department statement on plagiarism at http://www.westga.edu/~history/plagiarismhtm.htm and the UWG English Department’s guide for avoiding plagiarism at: http://www.westga.edu/~engdept/Plagiarism/index.html.
**Required Reading:**

Alvin Jackson, *Ireland, 1798-1998*
Enda Delaney, *The Curse of Reason*
Michael de Nie, *The Eternal Paddy*
Richard English, *Armed struggle: The History of the IRA*
Readings on CourseDen

**Course Schedule and Assignments:**

- **Week 1** (Aug. 25-27)  Introduction: Ireland and the Uses of History, Ireland
- **Week 2** (Sept. 1-3)  Ireland to 1780 / The 1798 Rebellion and the Act of Union
  Reading: Jackson, 1-27; de Nie, 3-81
- **Week 3** (Sept. 8-10)  “The Great Liberator” and the Masses: Emancipation, Repeal, and Rural Unrest
  Reading: Jackson, 27-68
- **Week 4** (Sept. 15-17)  The Great Famine
  Reading: Jackson, 69-81; Delaney, *The Curse of Reason*; de Nie, 82-143
- **Week 5** (Sept. 22-24)  Legacies of the Famine: Immigration, Memory, and Politics
  Reading: Jackson, 81-86
- **Week 6** (Sept. 29-Oct. 1)  Film – *Out of Ireland*
- **Week 7** (Oct. 6-8)  Gladstone, Land, and the Fenians
  Reading: Jackson, 86-109; de Nie, 144-200

**Deadline for finalizing topic of your research paper** – Oct. 6

**Mid-Term Exam Oct. 8**
Week 8 (Oct. 13-15)  “Ireland Remains Ungovernable” - Parnell, Land War and the “New Departure”
Reading: Jackson, 109-125; de Nie, 201-278

Week 9 (Oct. 20-22)  Home Rule
Reading: Jackson, 125-141

Week 10 (Oct. 27-29)  Identities: Unionism, Irish Ireland, and Invented Traditions
Reading: Jackson, 142-195, 215-244

Week 11 (Nov. 3-5)  The Home Rule Crisis and the Revolutionary Decade
Reading: Jackson, 195-214, 244-274

Week 12 (Nov. 10-12)  Constructing Irelands, 1922-present
Reading: Jackson, 275-317 (ADD)

Research Paper Introduction due Nov. 10

Week 13 (Nov. 17-19)  Destructing Irelands: The Troubles
Reading: Jackson, 335-377, 396-415; English, entire text
On Reserve: Tony Parker, May the Lord in Mercy be Kind to Belfast, 1-29

Week 14 (Nov. 24-26)  Thanksgiving Break

Week 15 (Dec 1-3)  Movie: Bloody Sunday
Reading: Jackson, 317-354, 378-396, 415-417 - MOVE

Research Paper due Dec. 3

Final Exam – Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2-4pm

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