COURSE DETAIL

IRISH SOCIETY AND POLITICS
Country Ireland
Host Institution National University of Ireland, Institute of Public Administration
Program(s) Irish Parliament Internship
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 122
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title IRISH SOCIETY AND POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title IRISH SOC &POLITICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course examines several aspects of Irish culture and how they impact Ireland today; focusing on Irish Society, Irish Politics, Irish Economy, and Ireland and the European Union. The course supports students in their placement in Dail Eireann or Seanad Eireann. Students are expected to interact at a high level while participating in their placement and have a strong knowledge of contemporary issues in Ireland. The politics component introduce participants to the main features of the Irish Political System. Students learn about the legislative, the executive, and the judiciary as well as the electoral and party systems. The society component describes the social, economic, and cultural features of modern Irish society. It highlights the recent changes in Irish society, and provides a grounding in the issues and attitudes of modern Ireland. It looks at the issue of religion, in particular the declining role and influence of the Catholic Church and the shift towards more socially liberal attitudes as reflected in the recent yes vote in the same-sex referendum. It describes the change in demographics within Irish society in the past twenty years, the growing presence of non-nationals within Irish society, and the effect this has had on the country. It also looks at the Irish Travelling community ("Irish Travelers"), the tensions at play between the settled community and Irish Travelers, as well as the issue of racism within Irish society. The culture of everyday life, and the topic of Northern Ireland and the 30 year conflict known as "The Troubles" are also discussed.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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