

## COURSE DETAIL

### GENOCIDE & MASS VIOLENCE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

University College Dublin

**Program(s)**

University College Dublin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History

**UCEAP Course Number**

127

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

GENOCIDE & MASS VIOLENCE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

GENOCIDE IN 20C

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.70

## Course Description

Students engage with the historiography of 20th-century genocide, political violence, warfare, and civil war, as well as reading and viewing a range of primary sources including victim and perpetrator testimonies, trial records, and documentary film. Was the 20th century uniquely violent? If so, why? This course explores the question of genocide and mass violence in the 20th-century world. In this course, students engage with theories of genocide and political violence, and also examine the validity of these explanations for the causes and consequences of mass violence by examining four case studies in depth. Looking at Armenians in the Ottoman Empire in the period of the First World War, Jews on the Eastern Front during the Second World War, Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s, and Rwanda in 1994, students discuss a range of questions: What is the context for these acts of mass violence? Who were the perpetrators of these acts? Who were the victims? Why did they happen at this time and in this place, and not at another time? What was the tipping point between persecution or repression and mass murder? What was the role of belief or ideology? Did the geopolitical situation in each time and place matter? What were the roles of individuals, groups, and the state?

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

HIS32380

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## Host Institution Campus

UC Dublin

## Host Institution Faculty

<b>Host Institution Degree</b>
<b>Host Institution Department</b> History
<b>Course Last Reviewed</b> 2019-2020

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