# **COURSE DETAIL**

## **UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL CHANGE: THE CASE OF IRISH SOCIETY**

## **Country**

Ireland

#### **Host Institution**

Trinity College Dublin

## Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

#### **UCEAP Course Level**

**Upper Division** 

## **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

### **UCEAP Course Number**

173

#### **UCEAP Course Suffix**

#### **UCEAP Official Title**

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## **UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOC CHANGE: IRE SOC

## **UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

#### **UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

#### **Course Description**

For much of the 20th Century, Ireland lagged behind other states in Northern Europe in terms of economic development and average standard of living. Yet in the last decade of the century Ireland's economic fortunes changed dramatically with the advent of the "Celtic Tiger." Ireland experienced rapid economic, social and cultural change over a short period of time that continues to unfold. Rapid population and demographic change and liberalization of social attitudes and values have all contributed to this change. Such changes have reinvigorated debates about what it means to be Irish, the values, lifestyles, and identities associated with such changes and the institutional practices, occupational structures, and the political priorities evident in Irish society. Yet there are continuities that can be traced back in Irish history that underpin and also help explain the dynamics of Irish society. This course utilizes theories of social change to explore what type of society Ireland is. It critically evaluates theories of development that have been used by academics and experts in Ireland to explain Ireland's conversion from a "late modernizer" to a "knowledge society." Finally, it locates Ireland's societal change in the context of Europe and globally.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

SOU33122

#### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

Trinity College Dublin

# **Host Institution Faculty**

# **Host Institution Degree**

# **Host Institution Department**

Sociology

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