

COURSE DETAIL

CHILDHOOD IN MODERN GLOBAL HISTORY

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

137

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CHILDHOOD IN MODERN GLOBAL HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHILDHOOD/GLBL HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

What is childhood? Was it invented? How has the concept of childhood differed in different historical, geographical, and socio-economic contexts? These are the questions that will preoccupy students in this course. Focusing on the 19th and 20th centuries, but with reference to earlier periods, and covering Ireland, Britain, Europe, and the wider world – including colonial settings and China – the class explores how the experience and perception of childhood changed. Students examine the hypothesis that childhood as a time of innocence, development, and play was not a natural category but had to be "invented," and they consider different periods and locations as possible candidates for its invention or adaptation. From child labor and children in war to the children of elites and youth culture, students construct a nuanced picture of male and female childhood.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIU34566

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/history/undergraduate/childhood.php>

Host Institution Campus

Trinity College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

Course Last Reviewed

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