

COURSE DETAIL

THE SEXUAL POLITICS OF MODERN IRELAND

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

158

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE SEXUAL POLITICS OF MODERN IRELAND

UCEAP Transcript Title

SEX POL/MOD IRELAND

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This module explores the role of powerbrokers and stakeholders in the shaping of the sexual politics of modern Ireland. It asks questions about how power was mediated and framed in modern Ireland and why ideas of sex and morality were important. It examines the role of key players, such as the state, the law, the churches/voluntary organizations, campaigners and the media. Central questions considered are: How did concepts regarding sex inform ideas of citizenship in Ireland? How did legislation shape people's sexual relationships and sexual lives? What role did the churches play in the contemporary framing of sexual relationships? How did ideas about sex inform health and welfare policies? How did the law reinforce certain beliefs about sex and sexuality? How and why did a particular narrative about Irish sexual cultural as pathological and harmful emerge? Can we identify key moments of change in the sexual politics of twentieth-century Ireland?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HIU12037

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https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/JF/Sexual_Politics_Ireland.pdf

Host Institution Campus

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History

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