

COURSE DETAIL

FAMINE, LAND AND PEOPLE: IRELAND 1830S-1880S

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History European Studies

UCEAP Course Number

133

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FAMINE, LAND AND PEOPLE: IRELAND 1830S-1880S

UCEAP Transcript Title

FAMINE/IRELAND

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

In the aftermath of the Act of Union with Great Britain, Irish society and its political system was transformed. Change was not immediate however, transformation came slowly. Beginning with Catholic Emancipation and the Ordnance Survey (both dating to 1829) and ending with the onset of the Plan of Campaign (1886) this module explores the relationship between the people and the land on which they lived and labored, and the ways in which they were subject to, and interacted with, the British state. Rural unrest, the tithe war and periodic crises of famine and disease foreshadowed the catastrophe that took place during the Great Famine (1845-52) when the population of the country dropped by over a quarter, from around 8 million to around 6 million. Death and emigration became drivers of change that saw a rise in living standards in the two decades after the Famine ended. Despite this, conflict in the form of the 'Land War' (1879-81) erupted, and thus began the decline of landlordism in Ireland. These decades are crucial in understanding the development of Irish society and politics in the period up until independence in 1921.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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HIU12042

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/history/assets/pdf/ug/25-26/JF/Famine.pdf>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

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