Here is the syllabus I the last time I taught the course. It will be tweaked a bit for this summer, but it provides more than a general idea of what we will do in the course.

HIST 5405

Modern Ireland, 1690-1923
Summer 2011

Course description

This course will focus on revolution, nationalism, and constitutionalism in Ireland from the eighteenth to the early twentieth centuries. We examine the revolutionary republican movements of 1798, 1848, 1867, and 1916 as well as the constitutional agitations headed by Grattan, O'Connell, and Parnell, the roots of Irish social and economic discontent, the Great Famine, and the Land War.

Required Reading

Unless noted otherwise, all books and articles are posted on Blackboard.


Course Requirements

Class participation – 50%
Final Essay – 50% (a 6-8 page paper based on course reading)

Schedule of Meetings

May 31 – Colony or Province?


**June 2 -- Ascendancy Ireland**


**June 7 – Nationalism and Republicanism**


June 9 – Secret Societies and Agrarian Structure


June 14 -- Age of O’Connell


June 16 – Famine


Connell, K. H., ”The Potato in Ireland,” Past and Present, no. 23 (1962): 57-71

Cullen, L. M., "Irish History without the Potato," Past and Present, no. 40 (1968): 72-83


June 18 – Defining the Nation: Young Ireland and the Irish Republican Brotherhood


**June 21 -- Home Rule and Land War**


**June 23 – The Easter Rising**


**June 28 – Irish Revolution**


**June 30 – Papers Due**

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