

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1979-80

| <u>COURSE NO.</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> | <u>INSTRUCTOR</u> |
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| 365 | Revolution and Nationalism in Ireland, 1780 to the Present | Mr. Donnelly |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 365 is partly a response to the considerable interest expressed by students, both majors and non-majors, in the current crisis in Northern Ireland, a contemporary tragedy the roots of which extend at least as far back as the early seventeenth century. While the Northern Ireland crisis will receive considerable attention, the course will also address itself to the transcendent issues raised by Irish political and cultural nationalism: the relationship between nationality and language; the meaning of national art; the utility of recreating a popular culture once it has been largely destroyed; the reconciliation of national independence with supranational political, economic, and cultural trends; and the whole question of what constitutes a separate nationality. In treating the Irish struggle for independence, the course will also provide the basis for a better understanding of twentieth-century anticolonialism. For in many ways Irish separatism furnished a pioneering model for later independence and anti-colonial movements, especially within the British Empire.

LECTURES

Lectures two days per week (TR, 11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M.), supplemented by weekly discussion meetings and/or audio-visual presentations, including films, slides, and music.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

Besides a final exam, there will be either one or two hour exams, depending upon the decision of the students during the first week of class. Those students who take the course for 4 credits will be asked to do a short essay (2,500 words) on some controverted issue relating to the subject matter of the course.

GRADING SYSTEM

If the students decide to have only one hour exam plus the final, the grade for the course will be determined on the following basis: active interest and regular participation in discussion, 15 percent; hour exam, 35 percent; final exam, 50 percent. If, on the other hand, the students decide to have two hour exams plus the final, a number of grading options will be offered, allowing students to determine, within broad limits, how they wish their grade for the course to be determined.

REQUIRED READINGS

Beckett, J. C., The Making of Modern Ireland, 1603-1923 (Alfred A. Knopf, hardcover).

Boulton, David, The UVF, 1966-73: An Anatomy of Loyalist Rebellion (Gill and Macmillan paperback).

Brown, Malcolm, The Politics of Irish Literature: From Thomas Davis to W. B. Yeats (University of Washington paperback).

O'Brien, Conor Cruise, States of Ireland (Vintage paperback).

O Tuathaigh, Gearoid, Ireland before the Famine, 1798-1848 (Gill and Macmillan paperback).

Steward, A. T. Q., The Ulster Crisis (Faber and Faber paperback).

SUGGESTED READING

Donnelly, James S., Jr., Landlord and Tenant in Nineteenth-Century Ireland (Gill and Macmillan paperback).

GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE

| <u>Week</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Required Reading</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| 9/4-9/7 | 1. Eighteenth-Century Ireland | Beckett |
| 9/10-9/14 | 2. The Irish Volunteers and the Constitution of 1782 | Beckett |
| 9/17-9/21 | 3. The United Irishmen, the Rebellion of 1798, and the Union | O Tuathaigh |
| 9/24-9/28 | 4. Catholic Emancipation, Repeal, and Young Ireland | O Tuathaigh; Brown |
| 10/1-10/5 | 5. Fenianism | Brown |
| 10/8-10/12 | 6. The Home Rule Movement under Butt and Parnell | Brown |
| 10/15-10/19 | 7. The Land War, 1879-1903 | Brown |
| 10/22-10/26 | 8. The "Irishing" of Ireland: The Gaelic League, the Gaelic Athletic Association, and the Literary Rival | Brown; O'Brien |
| 10/29-11/2 | 9. The Home Rule Crisis: Ulster Blocks the Way, 1906-14 | Stewart; O'Brien |
| 11/5-11/9 | 10. The Easter Rising and the Sinn Fein Revolution, 1916-21 | O'Brien |

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| 11/12-11/16 | 11. From Free State to Republic: The Ascendency of DeValera | O'Brien |
| 11/19-11/21 | 12. Northern Ireland under Home Rule: Monolithic Unionism and the Siege Mentality | O'Brien |
| 11/26-11/30 | 13. From Reform to Violence: O'Neill, Paisley, and Civil Rights | O'Brien; Boulton |
| 12/3-12/7 | 14. The British Army Intervenes | Boulton |
| 12/10-12/14 | 15. The Extremist Game: The Pro- visional I.R.A. and Loyalist Vigilantes | Boulton |