

COURSE OUTLINE

HIST-215
Celtic Ireland
3 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

The student will be able to describe the history and development of Ireland from the Celtic settlements to the Cromwellian occupation. The student will be able to evaluate the impact and response of native Irish society and culture to Celtic, Christian, Norse, Anglo-Saxon and British influences. Prerequisite: ENGL-121. (3 hours weekly)

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Identify the major geographical features and environmental characteristics of Ireland.
2. Summarize and analyze the character and influences that made up prehistoric and early Celtic society.
3. Evaluate and describe the impact of Christianity on early medieval Ireland and its society.
4. Discuss and analyze the impact of the Viking invasions on medieval Celtic/Gaelic society.
5. Summarize and evaluate the background and impact of the Anglo-Norman invasions on medieval Ireland.
6. Analyze and describe the character and nature of the Anglo-Norman colonization of Ireland.
7. Discuss and evaluate the relationships between native and Anglo-Norman populations of late medieval Ireland.
8. Summarize the re-emergence and resistance of native Gaelic society to Anglo-colonialism.
9. Evaluate and describe the governing policies of the Tudor and Stuart governments in Ireland.
10. Summarize and analyze the policies and actions taken by the English to resubjugate and pacify Catholic and native Ireland in the 17th century.

Major Topics

Unit 1: Irish Antiquity

- Lesson I: Ireland: Geography and Prehistory
- Lesson II: Celtic Ireland
- Lesson III: Christian Ireland: The Age of Saints and Scholars

Unit II: "The Sword Land"

- Lesson I: Ireland in the Viking Age
- Lesson II: The Gaelic Heptarchy
- Lesson III: The Anglo-Norman Epoch
- Lesson IV: Colonial Ireland

Unit III: Saxain, Gaedhil and Gaill

- Lesson I: Gaelic Resurgence and the Geraldine Supremacy
- Lesson II: The Tudor Conquest
- Lesson III: Plantation and Subjugation

Required Texts

T.W. Moody & F.X. Martin, eds., The Course of Irish History (Revised & Enlarged Edition) Mercier Press, 1984.

J. Raftery, ed., The Celts, Mercier Press. (Out of Print. Consult chapters on LRC Reserve.)

A. Cosgrove, Late Medieval Ireland, 1370-1541, Helicon History Series, 1981.

Suggested Texts

N. Canny, From Reformation to Restoration: Ireland 1534-1660, Helicon History Series, 1987.

Format

This course is a writing intensive class, meaning that there are written requirements amounting to at least 2500 words. Short answer identifications, essay questions and perhaps a research paper will be used to determine the final course grade.

Other Course Information:

This course is also a General Elective and Social Science/Liberal Arts Elective.