

Diploma in History, Year 1

HI1110 *Reform, Revolt and Revolution in Early Modern Europe*

At the beginning of the sixteenth century, western Europeans shared a common religious identity as members of the Catholic Church. By 1563, European society had altered irrevocably, with the unity wrought by religious affiliation replaced by an array of conflicting churches and sects. This period, commonly known as the Reformation, was an era of unprecedented change in European history, with enormous and enduring significance for the political and cultural development of Europe. This module will trace the inauspicious beginnings of the Reformation in 1517, when the scholarly monk Martin Luther defied pope and emperor by refusing to retract his criticisms of catholic doctrines and devotions, such as indulgences. It will examine the origins of the protest, asking what longer term political, cultural and social trends contributed to its outbreak, and transformed an isolated intellectual debate into a revolution.

Assessment: Online learning activities, essays and workshop assessments.

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List

- Euan Cameron, *The European Reformation*, 2nd edn (Oxford University Press, 2012)
- Diarmaid MacCulloch, *Reformation: Europe's House Divided, 1490-1700* (Penguin 2004)

HI1111 *Europe in the Age of the French Revolution*

This module introduces students to the political events and social and economic changes in Europe from the eve of the French Revolution to the consolidation of nation-states in the second half of the nineteenth century. It considers how the French Revolution provided Europeans with a model of radical political change at a time of rapid economic change, models which states and people spent the following century either trying to imitate, resist or refashion, as in the case of socialism.

Assessment: Online learning activities and essays.

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List

- John Merriman 2010, *A History of Modern Europe: From the French Revolution to the Present*, *Charles Breunig & Matthew Levinger 2002, *The Norton History of*

Modern Europe: The Revolutionary Era, 1789-1850, 3rd Ed., W.W. Norton New York [ISBN: 978039397860]

- ****If you wish to purchase a text, this is the one to buy; it is available on Amazon new and 2nd hand.***
- John Merriman 2010, A History of Modern Europe: From the French Revolution to the Present, 3rd Ed., W. W. Norton & Company [ISBN: 9780393933857]
- Connelly, Owen. The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era. 3rd ed. London: Thompson Learning, 1999.
- William Doyle, The French Revolution: A very short introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Forrest, Alan. The French Revolution. Oxford: Blackwell, 1995.
- Blanning, T.C.W. The French Revolutionary Wars, 1787-1802. London: Arnold, 1996.

HI1112 *Ireland: A Social and Cultural History, 1850 - Present*

This module will examine the social and cultural history of Ireland from the end of the Great Famine to the present time. Through the prism of social change, it will look at topics such as poverty, institutionalisation, welfare and class. Thematic rather than chronological, it will examine the impact of the Great Famine on land distribution, marriage, gender relations and family life. Similarly, events such as the Land War, the Gaelic Revival and the period of the Irish Revolution will be addressed through an examination of the social and cultural. In the post-independence period, the influence of the Catholic Church, modernisation, urbanisation and globalisation will be addressed

Assessment: Online learning activities, essays and in-class assessments.

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List

- Caitriona Clear, *Social Change and Everyday Life in Ireland 1850-1922*, Manchester; Manchester University Press, 2007. [ISBN: 9780719074370]
- Terence Brown, *Ireland: A Social and Cultural History, 1922-2002* (Harper Perennial, Third edition, 2004)